Pat and Don Elliott Ringoes, NJ

Current club: Hunterdon Flutterwheels

Former club: Fantastic Bears (former Saucon

Squares and Rounds)

[Information from telephone interview]

How did you start square dancing?



Don had gone to an open house at Warren Wheelers and they sent him to Hunterdon Flutterwheels. Pat knew Peg Bailey's son from work and had told him she loved square dancing as a child. (He wasn't a square dancer.) He said that his parents' club needed helpers at square dance lessons to take the place of those who couldn't dance, and Pat agreed to be a partner for a single man – Don!

What year did you meet? 1987 And marry? 1992

They wore square dance outfits for the wedding and Dalt Young called squares for the reception.

Circumstances of your meeting and dating?

Don picked up Pat to go square dancing and took her back home. Sometimes they did things together on weekends, and they got comfortable with each other. "I guess we can get along; we should get married!" It just clicked after a while.

Favorite square dance memories?

They enjoyed special dances in Pennsylvania with callers doing skits. A bad memory was when Dalt Young died at a New Year's Eve dance.

Anything else?

The way Ted Knauss and Dalt Young got along like brothers reminds me of Dennis Reardon and Jim Snyder.