



DAVE SAWYER (2020)

David Sawyer is an active and respected member of the Virginia shag community. David learned shag dancing at the Virginia Beach Shag Club (VBSC). He later got involved with Boogie on the Bay Shag Club (BOTB, Portsmouth, VA), and also with Colonial Shag Club (CSC, Newport News, VA). Being a member of three local shag clubs, David has participated in numerous shag demonstrations, has been on a local TV station to demonstrate and talk about the dance, and was a part of a dance team to raise money for the Two Left Feet Foundation. He loves promoting the shag. Dave and his wife, Sandra (i.e. Sandra Alford (VSHOF, 2019)), won a shag contest in the Fall of 2017 at the Bodacious Bazaar in Hampton, VA.

He has volunteered many hours to raise funds for his clubs, such as selling beverages and food at Tidewater area music festivals and other shag functions. He has been an integral part of the BOTB's annual event, "Shaggers' at Heart Bash" (as well as at other special functions), assisting with planning, decorating, and floor installation and removal. He was the original planner for the popular mixer, "Shaggin Bingo", which has become a must do for anyone attending the "Bash".

David and Sandra started out a few years ago as VBSC substitute Shag instructors and became regular house instructors for several years. They have taught the basic shag steps to many students in Virginia Beach. They now instruct regularly for the CSC, teaching both beginner and beyond basic steps, with some intermediate steps thrown in along the way.

David loves the intricate footwork of shag, and he is always practicing to perfect his steps. He loves to share shag dancing and can often be found in a corner at various functions helping a fellow dancer work on a step or a new dancer with the basic steps, male or female. He definitely has a smooth style and is a wonder to watch on the dance floor.