



JACK WITZENFELD (2023)

After joining the VBSC, Jack and his wife Lynn began taking lessons with Ron Bessent (VSHOF, 2016) and then private lessons with Jan Weakley (VSHOF, 1990). He has also taken lessons from VSHOF members Tom & Donna House, Jerry Hardy, Tom Edwards & Marsha Ruth and Kevin & Joan Byrnes, as well such Shag celebrities as Sam & Lisa West and Charley and Jackie.

Jack's accomplishments in a relatively short period are impressive, including:

- He arranged a shag dance with residents of the Bickford of Virginia Beach Assisted Living Facility during 2019 and 2022; as well as the Bickford of Chesapeake Assisted Living Facility in 2022.
- He arranged a Shag Demonstration and Dance at St. Nicholas Carnival, VB, in 2022
- He arranged several Shag Dances at the West Neck Village Hall Recreation Center in 2018 and 2019
- He taught a Promotional Shag Lesson at the Kempsville Recreation Center, July & August, 2022
- He taught VBSC's Beginner's Basic 6-week Shag Class in January, 2022.
- He assisted in teaching the 6-week Beginner Basic Shag Class at Virginia Beach's Kempsville Recreation Center in July and August, 2022

Jack is not only a leader in shag dancing but has the personality that can lead and advise under any condition without being offensive. He does a lot but takes credit for little. He promotes leadership in others. He will take on those jobs that others resist. He and Ron Bessent are currently pursuing the possibility of a Junior Shag Class at the Kempsville Recreation Center.

As VBSC President, there were loose ends that Jack immediately recognized. With the VBSC Board's approval, he sought out and recruited a respected attorney to review all the Club's legal needs. He reviewed all copyright laws and made sure the Club was in compliance. He went to City Hall and obtained a Business License and received an educational exemption from the City of Virginia Beach to avoid paying an admissions tax on the Club's cover charge receipts. He continues to work with Ron Bessent, Dance Committee Chair, and assists in teaching beginner shag lessons. While President, Jack worked well with club DJ, Gary Barnes and Photographer Alan Michaelis to make our Mix and Mingle gatherings fun and rewarding. Jack readily gets involved and can be counted on when needed. Jack, partnering with our current VBSC President, Margie McRae, have made our Club a great place to dance, socialize and enjoy many super events. While Jack's years in the shagging world may not be vast, his involvement and impact have been incredible.