



JOE MITCHELL (2013)

Joe will tell you he can't recall when he first started dancing; but probably at sock hops that were so popular when folks his age were in their teens. By the late 1980's, Rosalie (his wife, VSHOF, 2013) and Joe decided that learning to dance together might have some merit as a social outlet. They started out with Country Western and ended up in the early 1990's finding their groove with Carolina Shag. They took lessons, attended functions, met new people, and got involved in the community of Shaggers. As time progressed, their expertise, their circle of shag dancing friends, as well as their involvement, grew by leaps and bounds. They support three local shag clubs with membership and attendance at local shag activities regularly.

Joe is, and has been, a member of the Virginia Beach Shag Club (VBSC) since 1998, the Boogie on The Bay (BOTB) Shag Club since 2007, and the Colonial Shag Club (CSC) since 1995. He has been a constant participant in "Bash" events, picnics, lessons, weekly mix 'n mingles, and monthly Sunday Socials. He maintained the VBSC's web page for over seven years, and was the editor for their newsletter, the "Beach Breeze", for four years. He maintained the CSC's web page for 21 years and was the editor of their newsletter, the "Colonial Crier", for two years. He has served on the CSC Board in the capacity of Corresponding Secretary and Director at Large on multiple occasions. Both Rosalie and Joe have served on the CSC's Nominations Committee and supported their highly successful "Shaggin' on the Riverwalk" function in Yorktown, VA for ten years.

Joe was inducted into the VSHOF in 2013 and immediately established the VSHOF's webpage and has maintained it ever since. He was elected to the VSHOF Board of Directors in 2014 and chaired the Membership Committee for ten years and the Bylaws Committee for nine years.