

Phillip started as a bopper and frequented the places where the best fast dancers around Richmond could be found: Moore's Lake, Lakeview, the Peppermint Lounge, the Satellite, and the Sheik. He also ventured to Virginia Beach to practice his craft at the Top Hat, the Peppermint Beach Club and Steppin' Out.

The early 90's saw him converting to Shag, and he really hit his stride. As a member of the Richmond Shag Club for more than 20 years, he has been a teacher, co-chair of the golf tournament, and every other fundraising event the Richmond Club sponsored. Well known for his ability for heavy lifting, he has worked on the dance floor committee for the club's annual Boogie on the James event for many, many years.

But it all goes back to the dance, his love of teaching and his encyclopedic memory for shag steps and routines. He has taught whenever asked and is a popular partner on shag floors from Central Virginia to Ocean Drive.