



STEPHANIE HOCKADAY (2020)

Stephanie started taking shag lessons in Powhatan County in 2007 with husband, Kendall, at a Adult Education Class taught by Jane Renger and Doug Strother (VSHOF, 2023 & 2019, respectively). After completing the initial series of classes, they decided they wanted to continue shagging and to learn more than just the basics. Together they started taking lessons at Visions (home of the Richmond Shag Club (RSC)) and fell in love with the "Shag". They both have come a long way since that time, becoming instructors themselves. They have supported the RSC and worked tirelessly for the club in any capacity they could. Stephanie's service to the RSC and the Shag community at large has been extensive, as outlined below:

- 2018 - RSC Board of Directors Vice-President
- 2018 - Director at Large, Dance Committee Chair
- 2017 - RSC Board of Directors - Ways and Means Chair
- 2014 - 2015 Served on the Social Committee
- 2008 - Voted as RSC "Most Improved Shag Couple" (with husband, Kendall)
- Teaches basic and intermediate classes at the RSC on a four-week schedule
- Teaches line dance lessons for the RSC
- Teaches Shag Jams (advanced lessons) for the RSC.
- Taught beginner & intermediate classes, Monday night, in Crewe, Virginia for 6 years.
- Has taught shag classes at several venues, including The Highlands Country Club
- Competed in the Eno Beach CSA Newcomer Division and placed fifth
- Competed in the O.D. Arcade's SOS Rookies' Revenge shag contest in 2009 and 2015
- Has been instrumental in planning and assisting with a variety of Club social activities, from a bus trip to the May Beach Festival in Virginia Beach, summer pool parties, Sunday socials, the RSC's Brunswick Stew and charity golf tournament fund-raisers,
- Has attended several of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) meetings representing the RSC President.
- Member of multiple Virginia shag clubs.

As an ambassador of the Shag, she has participated in shag demonstrations in response to requests made to the RSC and at local events such as the Ashland Street Party, Relay for life in Powhatan and the Farmer's Market in Farmville. While in Australia for her son's wedding and in the Dominican Republic on vacation she introduced the shag to extended family, friends, and numerous tourists.

She has had a long-time interest in the Junior Shag effort that has been reflected in her (and Kendall's) support over the years, including providing financially support to the Central Virginia Junior Shaggers' organization, the Shad Alberty Junior Shaggers Contest and the Ellen Taylor Foundation for Junior Shaggers. She has also helped at several events and donated shag shoes for junior shaggers.

Stephanie continues to take private and group lessons to improve her dancing. She enjoys traveling to other shag clubs and meeting other shaggers, some of whom have become lifelong friends. Stephanie continues to learn about the history of shag and strongly believes in preserving its uniqueness. She says that she does not remember what life was really like before becoming actively involved in the Shag world. For her, it's not just a hobby, it is (as they say) a "lifestyle."