



STEVA WILLIAMS (2014)

Steva Williams started dancing at the early age of 12 when visiting her grandmother's home in Kinston, NC. Turning on the radio, she would go in the back bedroom, grab the bedpost or doorknob, and practice dance steps to that good ole beach music of the 60's. In high school and college, while frequenting the Jolly Knave in Atlantic Beach, NC and the Embers Club both in Raleigh and Atlantic Beach, she watched in awe! That's when she fell in love with SHAG Dancing! Some of her favorite bands to dance to are The Embers, Drifters, Tams and Bill Deal and the Rhondels.

In 1995, Steva joined the Virginia Beach Shag Club where she met and married the love of her life, Bill Williams (VSHOF, 2014). They danced at The Round Room, Stepping Out, Country World and anywhere else there was Shagging going on. Over the years, Steva has taught Shag lessons at Steppin' Out and the Upper Deck plus classes in Smithfield and Suffolk.

Together with her husband Bill, she won the Non-Pro division at the 2000 Beach Music Festival in Virginia Beach. Also, they participated in a fund raiser video for Junior Shaggers in Tidewater.

Steva is a strong advocate for all shaggers and enjoys teaching young and old how to dance. She enjoys traveling to shag events and representing VBSC. She has participated in Shag Exhibitions and Instruction at various events throughout Tidewater, including:

- National Chamber of Commerce annual meeting at Nauticus
- NATO
- VA Assoc. of PE Teachers, Williamsburg, VA
- Norfolk Collegiate School Fundraiser
- Professional Woman's League
- Founders Inn Church Group
- Granby High School Reunion
- River City Shag Club fundraiser for Woman's Shelter in Elizabeth City, NC
- Joe's Job for VBSC Beach Bash
- Home and Craft Show at the Pavilion
- Business Women's League of Tidewater

Steva's most rewarding experience in shag was when she helped teach for fellow shaggers fund raiser when they lost everything during hurricane Floyd in Rocky Mount, NC.

Steva was elected by the VSHOF membership in 2023 to a two year term on the VSHOF Board of Directors.