



STEVE BOOTH (2002)

Originally from Richmond VA, Steve began shagging in 1992, and has been highly visible in promoting and preserving Carolina Shag, through club activities, teaching, and competitive dancing; and as the talented Master of Ceremonies for both the annual National Living Legends Weekend and the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame events in Virginia Beach. As a competitive dancer, Steve placed in various dance competitions, including:

- 1st in the Open Shag Division at Swing Fling, 2000,
- 1st at Memories CSA Amateur Division contest (Atlantic Beach, NC), 2001,
- 1st at the VA Beach Music Festival, 2003 in the Masters Division, and
- numerous top 4 finishes in CSA Amateur Division.

Steve is also a gifted writer, and has shared this talent through articles featured in several shag publications on the various aspects of Rhythm & Blues, "Beach" music and shag dancers. His personal interviews with the legendary Harry Driver and Gene Laughter, and an article on the National Living Legends event were significant contributions to Shagger Magazine.

Steve has been an instructor for the Richmond and Northern Virginia Shag Clubs, as well as teaching Carolina Shag for the Fairfax County Department of Recreation. He has performed exhibition dances and taught many classes outside of the shag club, bringing his smooth styling and authentic beach music to the attention of a totally new and admiring audience, thereby helping to bring new dancers into the shag world. Steve has also worked with juniors who are interested in learning to Shag, and is a favorite dance partner of many ladies of all ages.