



## **VICKI TEDESCO (2007)**

Vickie began her shagging around 1990 when she and her husband, after seeing shagging being performed at an outdoor festival, became interested in that style of dance. She took private lessons, but found what she was being taught was not the Carolina style of shag. Having been told about the Richmond Shag Club, she joined in 1990 and learned the Carolina Shag. From that point on, she excelled in her shagging and her involvement in the club, and the promotion of it in the community.

Vicki and husband Ralph were the third couple from Virginia to become competitive Pro dancers in the Competitive Shag Association (CSA). Along the way, they accumulated many 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placements in the many competitions in which they participated. In addition, she (and Ralph) successfully competed in numerous other events, including:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team, Club Image "Shaggers Cup", Rocky Mount, NC, 1994 & 1995
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team, Club Faces Inter-Club Shag Open, Dunn, NC, 1997
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (w/ partner Bill Barber) 2007 Senior Pro Division, National Shag Dance Championship, North Myrtle Beach, SC
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place (w/ partner Bill Barber) 2007 Masters Division, USA Grand Nationals Dance Championships, Atlanta, GA
- Competed in the USA Carolina Classic Division, the USA Grand National Dance Championships
- Competed on both Virginia Shag Dance Teams (2004, 2006) in the team divisions of the National Shag Dance Championship (Myrtle Beach, SC), the East Coast Swing Dance Championship (Washington DC) and the USA Grand Nationals Dance Championships
- Competed on the "Boogie Woogie Kings" Pro team in the team divisions of the National Shag Dance Championships (Myrtle Beach, SC), the USA Grand Nationals Dance Championships and the Liberty Swing Dance Championships (New York, NY).
- Competed several times in the Virginia Beach May Beach Festival shag competition
- Competed and demonstrated in numerous other local and regional events

Vicki has been a strong supporter of the Junior Shaggers. She developed junior shag classes through the Chesterfield County public school system. In addition, she was actively involved and volunteered during Junior S.O.S. held annually at North Myrtle Beach, SC. Her proudest accomplishment was teaching her daughter, Amanda, how to shag and promoting Amanda's involvement in competitive shagging. This resulted in Amanda's placing 1<sup>st</sup> in both the Junior I and II divisions (with different partners) in the National Shag Dance Championships held in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Amanda was also on the National Shag Dance Team for two years. Obviously, Amanda's involvement required an active participation of her mom for a number of years not only for Amanda, but also in the events Amanda attended.