



Carrol Cox (2025)

Our next inductee has shown exceptional dedication to the beach music world as a longtime member of the Carolina Beach Music Academy and his local shag club in Richmond which he joined in 2010.

He volunteered with the RSC's Ways and Means Committee for 8 years, the last 2 of which as its Chair, while concurrently serving on the RSC Board. He also served on 2 RSC fund-raising committees, namely: the Brunswick Stew Committee (for 10 years, making and selling Brunswick Stew) and the Sausage Committee (for 3 years, making, packaging and selling pork sausage).

Over a 6-year period he volunteered to support the RSC's annual "Boogie on the James" weekend, helping to put down and take up the dance floor, serving as "free pour" bartender, working the party's registration desk, and selling 50/50 and "Barrow of Booze" raffle tickets as well as RSC-branded merchandise. Additionally, he was a significant contributor of top-shelf liquor to enrich the "Barrow of Booze" collection raffled off at the event. Over the many years since he joined the RSC, he was frequently seen working the registration desk on club night, collecting the cover charge, signing up new members, directing beginner shag class attendees, and answering questions.

As an avid golfer, he was an active member of and, in 2010, chaired the RSC Golf Tournament Committee, which organizes a major fund-raising event for the Club's designated charity, Camp Fantastic (a summer camp for children with or in remission from cancer). For several years, he helped bring the event to his home golf club and facilitated negotiations to enhance the event both for the players' enjoyment and the benefit of the charity cause. Additionally, he and his wife (VSHOF member Lisa Cox) were members of the RSC golf team in 2016 that won the ACSC team golf championship at SOS.

He began "shagging" in 1994, and in 2012 the RSC recognized he and his wife as the "Most Improved Couple". He has been an active volunteer dance partner to support the Club's shag lesson program. He and his wife served as alternates for the RSC dance team. They have represented the shag club giving shag demonstrations at nursing homes and at other events. In 2017, they entered the RSC "Shag to Brag" contest, winning a quarterly qualifying contest and placing second overall in the final contest for the quarterly winners.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused the closure of the RSC's weekly dance venue. Once it was safe for groups to gather again, and the RSC's regular venue had not yet re-opened; he made arrangements with his own country club to use their party room for offering shag classes and provide a place for Club members to dance. He and his wife have attended and supported several out-of-town Shag Clubs for their annual parties and events for many years, including: Boogie on the Bay's "Shaggers at Heart" party, the Battlefield Boogie Club's "Cannonball Run", the Beckley Area Shag Club's "Hanger Party", etc. He truly embodies the RSC's purpose statement: "...to promote the Carolina Shag dance, and associated music and line dances in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States and to provide for its members opportunities to associate with others who enjoy Carolina Shag dancing."