



JOE WEBB

Joe is a native of St. Mary's Co., MD, but grew up in Norfolk, and started dancing the "jitterbug" at VA Beach's Peppermint Beach Club in 1964. His other dance "hangouts" in the early years included Blakely's (Chesapeake, VA) and The Banc, (Norfolk, VA). Later, he (and his wife) became active country-western dancers in 1996.

In 2006, his wife encouraged him to join her taking Shag lessons with the Boogie on the Bay Shag Club. From those first lessons, his early jitterbug "dance fever" was re-kindled. He became immersed in learning this new dance, joining and actively volunteering for several Tidewater shag clubs, and even taking the plunge into the competitive shag scene, participating in shag contests in Virginia, Myrtle Beach, SC, and Charlotte and Atlantic Beach, NC.

Joe's service to his adopted shag community has been impressive, doing anything and everything to support his local club, including fund-raising, prospecting for vendors and venues, selling SOS passes and Fun Monday tickets, volunteering at the welcome table, helping out as a dance instructor and serving on refreshments and clean-up committees. He has served on the BOTB Board as President and Vice President and currently serves on the VBSC Board.

Asked what Shag has meant to him, he said: *"My involvement with shagging and the shag community has provided me with the opportunity to travel and experience different shagging venues from Virginia to Florida and everywhere in between. It has enabled me to learn many shag steps & style along the way, as well as meet lots of interesting and fun people with whom we (with his wife) share mutual feelings of joy for shagging... my only regret, is that I wasn't introduced to the Shag world sooner."* He credits his love for shag, motivating him to go dancing 2-3 times per week throughout Tidewater, for *"helping him continue living a life of enjoyment, while providing a fun way to keep physically fit."*