



## **Eddie Baker**

**As an active member of the Cape Fear Shag Club since the mid-nineties, Eddie has continuously served the club. He was a member of the By-Laws Committee, an inaugural member of the Hall of Fame Committee, and chaired the Social and Ways and Means Committee's during a growth period for the club. He served as a two-term President of the club for the years of 2002 & 2003 and actively supports the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs. He promotes fellowship and active participation among the shag community.**

**While serving as president, he encouraged our club to visit other shag clubs and invited sister clubs to join us at our home venue. His friendliness while often volunteering to be a dance partner to those in need is a testament to his inclusiveness.**

**Eddie became an active member of the Association of Shag Club DJ's in 2008. This affiliation gave him the opportunity to spin tunes across North and South Carolina. His love for beach bands and music led him to organizing and assisting with release parties, numerous shag contests that grew in notoriety and other Cape Fear region community events. The Azalea Festival, Riverfest, the Spot Festival and the 50th anniversary of the mooring of the USS North Carolina in Wilmington are examples of major beach and shag events that Eddie has spear-headed.**

**The Shag Contest was noted as the " Favorite Event of the Azalea Festival in 2011 " by WWAY. Shaggin' on the Coast, an event that ran from 1999-2001 was an effort led by Eddie to raise money for the NC Special Olympics while also providing dancing enjoyment for shaggers. Service and volunteerism have been a part of Eddie's life. Club members and others were inspired to serve as volunteers with him, by his example.**

**Eddie's contributions include providing for some, their first look at the Carolina Shag. Special events he organized also served to further promote a love for the dance, its music and people. His passion led to his nomination and selection for this prestigious award.**

