



## **Lloyd Bowden**

Lloyd Bowden is an original and is treasured for this quality by the Cape Fear Shag Club and many others not affiliated with the club and notable in the shagging community. As a club volunteer and leader he has brought our mission to life for many. He truly loves the shag dance, its music and what we call the culture and world of the dance itself. On many levels Lloyd has worked to preserve, promote and share his and Debbie's love of dancing as a couple to compliment their personal life and on a greater scale to offer opportunity to others in the shagging community to join in the often shag- party atmosphere. He is upbeat, positive and friendly. Lloyd has a generous, caring spirit and an eclectic love of life. He is turbo-charged when it comes to learning shag steps, going to various beach music venues and taking his friends or posse, along for a fun time!

Lloyd joined the Cape Fear Shag Club in 2000 and since that time he and Debbie have faithfully followed the shag club to its many meeting places. He and Debbie have been regular dancers at The Ramada, Shanty's, Shanty's II, Bab's, Arab Shrine Club and up and down the East Coast of North and South Carolina. They have taken many lessons from various shag instructors including Fran Reed; the late Skipper Duke and former wife, Judy, Jan Piner, Roger Johnson, Alice Henderson, Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee, Michael Norris, Phil Turner, Brad White, plus more. All instructors have been a part of the joy that shag has brought to Lloyd and Debbie.

Lloyd quickly became known for his innovative annual birthday bash with a band held either in February or March, an event that had two-fold benefits, a celebration of his birthday while fund raising to assist in special causes. Over the years the proceeds have supported Katrina survivors and the American Red Cross, club members or their family members in need of assistance, the treasury of The Cape Fear Shag Club, the Women of Hope and funds to support the high costs of sponsoring Shag Contests during the N.C. Azalea Festival. He is known for his sell-out events and good times. Lloyd helps where help is needed. He loaned Craig Woolard a moving truck for a month to transport the band's equipment while Craig's signature truck was in the shop. He sought club support to move the Cape Fear Shag Club meetings to the Arab Shrine Club at no cost to the club in 2013.

Lloyd chairs the Music Committee that secures deejays for the club's monthly meetings. He is an advocate for other committees and supports and encourages the leadership of the club. He sponsors tables, events and donates his time and love for the dance by participating in club and regional functions like Puttin on the Hits, SOS, demonstration dances, attends festivals and concerts that showcase shag and supports the Carolina Beach Shag Dance Contests and Beach Music Awards. Lloyd is full of spirit and personality and unbridled love of shagging and is the 2014 Cape Fear Shag Club famer.