



Lou Smith

Recognized as a long-time volunteer leader in the Cape Fear Shag Club with a willingness to serve and assist in many capacities, Lou has exemplified the promotion, preservation and true love of the Shag dance and its music. He was born with God-given rhythm, a winning smile, friendly persona and dancing feet. Lou gives credit to his parents for his initial love of dancing. They were dancers at the Lumina during its golden years and Lou continued that legacy until it closed. He and his brother, Robert, enjoy lively line dancing, side by side. Lou and his wife, Pat, joyfully have served the club as a team.

Lou's first shag lessons were in 1988 but took hold under the instruction of Fran Reed and Larry Knowles at Chantilly's in 1990. He has never stopped dancing! Fran named a step after Lou based on his love of and ability to Shag. He enjoyed practicing with various partners and competing locally from 1990-95 at the Ice House, the Hilton and at Carolina Beach. He has followed the club to numerous venues and has been loyal in his support; being a steadfast member and leader.

Lou is known as a great asset to our club because of his vision, leadership abilities and long-term service. He has served twice as President in anniversary years; 2008, our 20th and 2013, our 25th year. His membership goal in 2008 was met to surpass 200 members. From fundraising efforts, the club purchased our first phone tree equipment which greatly improved communication. Lou has chaired the Hall of Fame Committee since its inception in 2009. Lou has honorably served as club Treasurer and Sergeant-at-arms for two-year terms and is known for his impeccable integrity. He has contributed to our clubs stability by serving on committees such as Nominations, By-laws, Social, Ways and Means and always has the club's mission in his heart and mind.

Lou actively supports SOS, ACSC, club events, fundraising efforts and community shag events. Lou strives to be inclusive, friendly and to build shag camaraderie within the club and the community-at-large. He has given countless hours of unwavering service, pure love of the dance and its music for our club.