



Rodney Grooms

As a charter member of the Cape Fear Shag Club, Rodney has served in a stellar capacity to ensure stability and continued success since 1988. He served the club at its highest level as 3rd president during the young, tender years and assisted in creating the clubs mission. The mission continues to stand today which in essence is to preserve, promote, and to share the love of the shag dance and its music while enjoying it with others. Rodney's persona is the spirit of the mission. He exhibits strong leadership abilities and loyalty that has been at the heart of the club for 22 years. Rodney has the generosity of a volunteer and work ethics of a true professional. Bursting with style, class, and a friendly demeanor; there is no job that Rodney has not taken on to benefit the club and its members. He and his wife, Roan, make a dynamic duo on and off the dance floor. They collaborate in club activities, teaching dance lessons and performing and competing at shag events that consume tremendous energy and time.

Rodney was active as the representative to ACSC while club president. He has led key committees that the club counts on for success since 1988. He has led the Ways and Means Committee that is the source of extra revenue for club activities in past years. He served on the Social Committee multiple years which plans the events for each monthly meeting, plus other major special events throughout the year. Rodney's positive attitude is from his core being. He is the welcoming face to many new shaggers who are anxious about learning this new dance. He reminds them fondly that we all started with the basic.

Rodney has participated in numerous charitable events for the Cape Fear Museum, Muscular Dystrophy, and danced the "money dance" for Special Olympics. Rodney attends SOS, Mid-Winter and Spring Safari annually. He participates in club events such as Puttin on the Hits and has danced on floats, marched in SOS parades in which the club has won first place several times in the 1990's. It is in his fundamental nature to say yes when it comes to promoting shag. Shag demonstrations at UNCW for dance classes or as dancers for Danny and the Juniors are samples of his volunteerism in the name of shag.

Teaching comes naturally to him and his smoothness is legend. He is a large part of

the success of the Cape Fear Shag Club and its continuing growth in membership and reputation. It is a warm and friendly place to be because of heartfelt members like Rodney Grooms.