



# Susie Beaver 2003

## SUSIE BEAVER

Born in Salisbury, NC August 19, 1946  
Professional Full-Time Carolina Shag Instructor  
Learned to "fast dance" (Shag) in 1954 at age 8 at the Pavilion, Ocean Drive, SC

**Danced:** As a teenager, in high school & college at the Original PAD, Sonny's, The Pavilion at OD & Myrtle Beach; Granite Lake, Granite Quarry, NC; Recreation Centers in Salisbury and Statesville, NC; The Cellar & B&G, Charlotte, NC. In later years at The Bushes, Greensboro, NC; Red's Beach Club, Kinston, NC; Elliott's Nest, Raleigh, NC; Fat Harold's & Fat Jack's Beach Clubs, OD & Randy's Beach Club, Salisbury, NC.

**Teaching:** Started to teach Carolina Shag part-time while employed by North Carolina Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. 1973-1976

Began & continue to teach Shag full-time since 1977 for groups, private students, workshops, shag clubs, social & competitive instruction for adult and junior Shaggers throughout USA from New York City, Boston, Washington, DC, VA, NC, SC, GA, TX, NJ, FL, & on cruise ships

Instructor/Coach of National Shag Dance Champions & Competitors since 1983

**Organized:** Owner of 1<sup>st</sup> Shag Dance Studio...Susie Beaver "Studio of Shaggers" in High Point & Greensboro, NC

President/Founder of Shaggers, LTD. USA "Shag Explosion" producing the 1<sup>st</sup> Inland "Pull In, Park & Party" shag weekends 1985-1996

Director and Choreographer of 1<sup>st</sup> Synchronized Shag Team..."Shag America" & the Junior Shag Team of America

Active supporter shag dance through efforts in many, many charity events especially for "kids".

**Competition:** 1973 began & continue to compete in PRO Division & judge contest for SPA & CSA  
1985 National Dance Festival Finalist, Houston, TX  
1988 National Shag Dance Championships 2<sup>nd</sup> Place PRO Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall  
1995 & 1997 SOS Grand National Dance Championships, Atlanta, GA  
1996 First "Shag" Division "American Swing Dance Championships, New York, NY

**Member of:** Junior Shag Association  
Competitive Shaggers Association  
Association of Carolina Shag Clubs, Associate Member  
Many, many Shag, Bop, Swing Dance Clubs

**Inductee:** 1997 National Living Legends of Dance  
2003 Sand Flea Living Legend Association