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I grew up in an eastern tobacco town, Smithfield, North Carolina. I can't remember exactly when, why, or where I became involved in this lifestyle, but I also can't remember not being involved in this lifestyle. In my earlier years, I identified this dance as the "Basic", and later knew it as the "Shag".

At a fairly young age in my life, I was introduced to the game of pool and quite a few years later I started playing golf. I became pretty competitive in both. Traveling to different towns playing matches and tournaments, I would always make time and seek out the local shag clubs. A couple easily recalled include "Bushes" in Greensboro, N.C., and the "Circle Fountain" in Florence, S.C.

Through the years I definitely did my share of partying and dancing at all the inland clubs and the clubs all up and down the east coast. I met a tremendous amount of lifetime friends that I still enjoy partaking with.

Becoming a part of the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame has been a complete surprise.

Thanks to all that had anything to do with getting me here.

WHAT A RIDE!