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Born in High Point, N. C. on July 5, 1966, Chris started shagging at the age of 14 and became one of the original SPA "Junior Shaggers", competing during the years of 1980 – 1984. What he lacked in natural talent, Chris made up in style. After working with "Cadillac" Jack Smith, he won first place at The Bushes Beach Club in Greensboro, N. C. and at Fatboy's in Rockingham, N. C. He competed in the Junior Division of the first National Shag Dance Championships and was also a featured dancer in the movie "Shag". Chris's teachers and greatest inspirations were Shad Alberty, Jack Smith, Charles Gurley, Milton Nowell, Sam McIntosh, and his mother, Judy. Chris sometimes misses the competition, but the one thing he doesn't miss are those double knit, tight fitting "Boogie Britches".