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**Born in Greensboro, N. C. on November 2, 1980, Nikki was exposed to the shag at the tender age of 4 at the Bushes in Greensboro, N. C. Her mother taught her the basic at age of 10 and she made her first trip to Duck's at North Myrtle Beach. With the able assistance of Dan Jackson, Betsy Pritchard and Hall of Famer's Susie Beaver, Sharon Phillips and Phil Pritchard, Nikki became a competitive dancer at age 12 and has never stopped. A Non-Pro Champion in 2002, Pro Champion and Overall National Shag Champion in 2005; she has competed on several shag teams including the National Shag Dance Championships Team for 7 years; serving as co-captain in 2005-2006 and captain along with her dance partner Jeff Hargett for 2006-2007. Not only a champion dancer but an excellent student, Nikki has been the recipient of the Beth Mitchell, Dewey Kennedy, Shad Alberty, Hall of Fame, Junior Shag Association and Sandy Coley Memorial Scholarships.**