

## Tory Robinette Miller

Our newest inductee into the Va Junior Shaggers Hall of Fame began her rise to champion junior shagger through her parents' attendance of the Fairfax County Carolina Shag classes taught by Janis Grimes and Steve Booth. When her parents were informed by the instructors that they coached junior shaggers pro bono, and that the Northern Va Shag Club had an active Junior Program, her parents were all in. And so began the story of junior champion Tory Robinette, at age 9, in the year 2000.

With continued coaching from Janis and Steve, she and her brother, Ben, competed in 2001 at the National Shag Dance Championships. Soon after, she partnered with Justin Postin, whom she met at The National Shag Dance Competition.

With further advanced competitive coaching from Jac and Erin White, Justin and Tory competed at the highest levels in the National Shag Dance Championships in North Myrtle Beach, SC, the Grand National Dance Championships in Atlanta, Ga, the US Open dance competition in California and many other competitions from 2002 to 2010.

Justin and Tory took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the National Shag Dance Championships in Junior 1 division in 2003, 2005, 2006, and placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the Grand Nationals as Junior 2 dancers in 2009. They were also members of the Junior Shag Dance Team from 2008-2010.

Tory is now married with 2 children, June and Marshall, and teaches Latin in Loudoun County, Virginia.