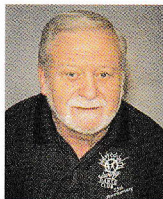


Your 2024 American Bop Association DJ's & Dance Instructors



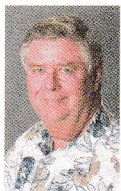
BUD WATERS PRESIDENT AMERICAN BOP ASSOCIATION Bud has been DJing for over 45 years with the last 15-20 years at St. Louis Swing Dances and dance events all over the country. He's the past President of the West County Swing Dance Club, and currently the President of the Moolah Shrine Swing Dance Club whose objective is to raise money exclusively for the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. After having served as Treasurer for the American Bop Association for 4 years. Bud is the current President of the ABA. "I have big shoes to fill. The past Presidents and particularly, Gary Chaney have been an inspiration. I look forward to helping the American Bop Association grow and offer even more to our members"

MIKE & DEBBE LAPINA TAMPA BAY BEACH CLUB Debbe and Mike have been dancing together for about 35 years. Their dancing hobby started in ballroom at Arthur Murray Dance Studio in the early 80's. In 1992 they became members of Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club. They began teaching for the club in 1995, and are still actively involved in the dance lesson program. Over the past 15 years they have had the pleasure of performing and teaching their blended ballroom/swing style at several dance conventions throughout the country. In September 2005 they had the honor of being inducted into the American Bop Association's Hall of Fame.



MICKEY SALOMON NASHVILLE, TN Mickey Salomon is a native Tennessean, born in Memphis, now residing in Nashville. He's been dancing since he was 12 years old and deejaying for over 30 years. Mickey has DJ'd for the Nashville Swing Dance Club, Nashville Shags, The Nashville Westies, Nashville Dance Club, Music City Bop Club and The Nashville BeBop Association. Mickey is currently Treasurer of The National Association of R&B DJ's, a member of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's, owns and operates All Occasion Productions, a middle Tennessee DJ service. He produced and directed a weekly 30 minute television show "Dance Around Nashville" for over 20 years. During Covid and currently, he has hosted "Music by Mickey" on ZOOM every Sunday afternoon. Mickey has deejayed aboard Princess Cruise Lines for the American Bop Association for over 16 years. He teaches swing dance and DJs for swing events and other festive occasions. In 2013 the ABA presented Mickey the George Baer Award for his contributions to and continuing support of the ABA. Mickey has been happily married to Sylvia for over 50 years. They have two married sons and two beautiful granddaughters.

STEVE & KATHY DAY R & B SHAG CLUB Kathy & Steve have been married for 38 yrs. Met on the dance floor and Shaggin for 18 years. From Boiling Springs S.C., 1996 Grand National Team Champions, Pro Level Shaggers. Members of R&B Shag Club Hall of Fame, Honorary members of the Cincinnati Bop Club, and American Bop Association Hall of Fame. Dance, demo and teach for many dance clubs & cruises, we dance on Land and SEA! Just Gotta Dance! We are Living Legends & Married 48 years



GARY P. JONES JACKSONVILLE, FL BOP, SHAG, SWING DJ Gary is a native of Florida, born and raised in Jacksonville. He is a member of National Association of R&B DJ's and the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's. DJ'ing over 27 years. Gary regularly DJ's for First Coast Shag Club, Florida Boppers, Inc. & the local Moose Lodge Jacksonville. Gary has played at many Park n' Parties all over America, Jacksonville, Daytona, Savannah, Cincinnati, Little Rock, Nashville, St. Louis, Louisville & every ABA cruise since 2014. You will find Gary in the DJ booth or on the dance floor with his love Susan. Gary's other hobbies include woodworking and computers.

JUDY WATERS MOOLAH SHRINE SWING DANCE CLUB Judy Has been dancing all of her life and took up DJing in 2019. For more than 9 years Judy has served on the board of the South Side Imperial Swing Dance Club, St. Louis, and President for 3 years. Currently, Judy is the ABA Representative to American Bop Association for the Moolah Shrine Swing Dance Club. Judy served on the Midwest Swing Dance Federation board for several years. She is an excellent dance instructor, having taught for nearly every dance club in the St. Louis area and has donated time teaching at private charitable events to promote swing dance.



"BIGFISH" CALHOUN, KINGSPORT, TN. BigFish has been deejaying for about 30 years in 12 states from Chicago, IL south to Orlando, FL and North Myrtle Beach, SC west to Little Rock, AR. Home base for BigFish is Kingsport, TN. His home shag club is Mountain Empire Shag Society, and his ABA home dance club is Choo Choo Shag Club. He plays primarily for shag, swing, bop, and oldies events, and has been a house DJ for 27 years at OD Arcade & Lounge in North Myrtle Beach. He is a member of the National Association of R&B DJs and the Association of Beach & Shag Club DJs. He also received the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs "Shagging Icon" award in 2008. He and his wife and best friend, Debbie, have been married for 53 years and are still going strong. They have a daughter and son-in-law, a son and daughter-in-law, a granddaughter, and a Boston Terrier. They are very proud of all of them. He loves to joke and pull pranks, but he always knows "what goes around comes around". He says the good Lord put him here to make people laugh...with him...and at him. He doesn't care which as long as you're having fun. Don't take him seriously if he picks on you because he's just clowning around and he likes you too. He retired in 2015 after a 25-year stint being the physician information system administrator for a seven hospital health system in East Tennessee, and believe it or not, they all had a good time. Retirement really suits him, and he sees no job in his future. The nickname "BigFish" came about in 1994 as a result of him eating a seafood platter for two and not knowing it until after he finished eating.

