



Sandkicker

The Newsletter of Sandy Beach Shag Club

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**Need to have something emailed to the Club Members?
Contact Susan Duncan at:**

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Beach Raffle and DJ Megafest Tickets are available for sale!

The August party is August 3rd with DJ Norman Mills. Be ready to party. Also that morning is the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup date. Please help us out. The more the merrier! Remember to please bring snacks for the party!!

Special points of interest:

- General Information
- Shag Lessons
- Fun Monday Tickets
- Sandkicker Megafest Ticket Sales

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Shag Lessons

Group lessons are completed for the summer months. If you are interested in private lessons, please contact us at 828 443 5995. We will resume group lessons in September/October.

John & Robin

Fun Monday Tickets are still available for sale. These tickets generate the money for SOS to pay for Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. Please see Robin to get your tickets and extras to sell. See Robin's article on page 12 of this issue!

Sandkicker Megafest Ticket Sales At A Record Pace!

Our Sandkicker DJ Megafest ticket sales are in full swing and interest is fantastic. If you have not purchased your ticket, please do so now or else you will miss out. This event plans to be the best ever. Remember that this event will be September 1st, which is Labor Day Sunday. We now have three busloads of party participants coming from other shag clubs! This is going to be wonderful, and the Management Team will be making some exciting modifications to our normal set up that will make this the best party every held by SBSC in the Elks Lodge.

A Message From Your President - Dorothy Barrier

I hope the month of July was great for everyone. Grier and I attended the ACSC meeting and the Putting on the Glitz event in Atlanta. Our own Robin Morley did a wonderful job of gathering very useful information about other shag clubs and sharing it with us at the meeting. I came away with a lot of new ideas that I will share with you at our next general meeting. Harmonica John Carpenter entertained us on Saturday night by playing what else but his harmonica. Our shag club should be very proud of these two. They represented us well. Sounds like the many members that went to Sparkle City had a great time. Sure wish I had been there. We have a lot coming up. Remember our next party is this Saturday night, Aug. 3rd. I am so ready for this. It seems like forever since our last party. I would like to encourage all our members to please bring a snack.

Our Sandkicker DJ Megafest is coming up in September. It is not too late to volunteer to help or make a donation for a door prize or the Chinese auction.

We will be having another general meeting soon. I will let you know the time and place well in advance. Please try to attend these meetings. This is your club and you need to be involved in the decision making.

United We Dance
Dorothy Barrier, President, SBSC

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Grier Franklin, Robin Morley, Dorothy Barrier, and John Carpenter at the Summer Workshop in Atlanta, GA hosted by ShagAtlanta



Sandy Beach Shag Club Presents



Sandkicker Megafest III

Dirty Dozen DJs

George Brown
Roy Childress
Steve Coley
Richard Conner
Buck Crumpton
Gene Hensley

Sunday, 9/1/13
3:00 - 11:00

The Elks Lodge
500 Golf Course Rd
Morganton, NC 28655

Donnie Meadows
Norman Mills
Frank Price
Tommy Samole
Rodney Still
Eddie Teeter



Cash Bar Only. Beer, Mixed Drinks & Wine at very reasonable prices!

(For more details contact John Carpenter (803-760-2947))

Your Ticket covers:

Music by 12 great DJ's

Free Line Dance Class

Catered Dinner (6:00 PM - 7:30 PM)

Snacks Provided

Free Shooters Times - TBA

Door Prizes

Non Smoking Event

Large Dance Floor : 30x40 (1200 Sq. Feet)

Half & Half Drawing and Chinese Silent Auction.



Purchase of a ticket for this event includes an associate membership of SBSC.
Advance Tickets \$20.00/Person Limited Tickets at Door \$25.00/Person
Please fill out this information for all participants, on a separate sheet if needed.

Name: _____ # Tickets _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone# _____

____ Please check if you would like to receive a copy of the SBSC Sandkicker news letter.
(Checks Payable to: SBSC) (Tickets will be held at the door.)

Please mail application and payment (Deadline: 8/18/13):

Attn: John Carpenter, 100 Smith Street, Morganton NC 28655

Area Hotels: Hampton Inn, Quality Inn, Comfort Inn, & Others within 5 miles

A Piece of the Puzzle: 6 Incredible Days - By John Carpenter

It is called Junior SOS. This past July 16th through the 21st was an event that will help to change the world of shag. For six days and nights, a large gathering of the youth of our country, assembled with a common purpose. That purpose is to learn the dance we all love, the Carolina Shag. They come from many states, and many cities. They range in age from about 6 years of age to age 20, although the website, www.juniorshaggers.com, indicates that anyone under the age of 21 is eligible. Their motto is, "The future of Shag Dancing lies in the hearts and feet of our Juniors". For \$10 a person, they receive the best Shag dance instruction from the best instructors in the Shag world. The likes of Sam and Lisa West, and Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee and many other very talented teachers, donate their time to insure the future of our dance will not be lost due to the aging out of our more senior participants. The real mission is to help with the puzzle. The puzzle is, "How do we preserve the Carolina Shag?". There is no doubt, this event represents a very important piece to the puzzle.

The dance lessons start off immediately. Classes are broken down into levels of ability as there are many "new" students that are entering into the dance with students returning from years past. Short kids and tall kids are all mixed in together and they are all taught and encouraged to dance with everyone, no matter the age or size differential. After all, this is what social dancing is all about. There are activities that are not necessarily dance related including ice cream socials, gatherings on the beach, a visit to Myrtle Manor, a Senior Center, and going to see bands at night such as *The Band of Oz*.

The most remarkable event that goes on throughout the time in North Myrtle Beach at the Ocean Drive Resort is the Jack and Jill contest. This is divided by Junior I and Junior II, and novice and advanced. I think the cutoff for novice was 14 years old. What a sight to see little tiny boys and girls dancing with some much taller partners, but able to hold their own and do a great job with the shag. They had preliminaries each day with the finals culminating on Saturday night when the Grand Finale was held. It was a spectacle to behold each day as the Jack and Jill contest would go from O.D. Resort, to Fat Harolds, O.D. Pavilion, Ducks, and Swillies. Each club had its own atmosphere, and the kids had plenty of opportunity to dance with each other. For those that might not know, the Jack and Jill is a contest that you dance with a randomly chosen partner. The object is to do the best job of leading and following that you can, to impress the judges and move on to the next round. When the kids were selected to go to the finals, they were given red wristbands. This was a prized possession and bragging rights for anyone that wore one.

There was also a special day when the Junior Shaggers of 1999, now considered "Keepers Of The Dance", opened a time capsule at the newly opened North Myrtle Beach Area Historic Museum (*see photo on page 5*). Many of the then junior shaggers, most of them highly decorated competitive shag dancers now, were in attendance while they opened the items that had been stowed away since 1999. The current junior shaggers were in awe of not only their former junior shaggers, but of the shag exhibit complete with a mural of many very famous shag competitors over the years, and many other artifacts.

***"Ask not what your Shag Club can do for you,
but rather what you can do for your Shag Club"***

A Piece of the Puzzle: 6 Incredible Days - continued

Saturday afternoon and night were filled with so many fun activities, but especially the handicap dance and then later that night, the finals of the Jack and Jill contest. The handicap dance is one in which there is an instructor and a student. The students are chosen randomly from the gathering of junior shaggers. The couples have to wear funny and strange outfits purposely meant to impede the dancers ability to shag. It is very much fun to watch! The finals of the Jack and Jill demonstrated the fantastic talent of the junior shaggers, some of whom were dancing in the finals and it was their first time participating in Junior SOS. Our own Libby Burns had brought her granddaughter Ashley to Junior SOS, and Ashley was doing very well. Unfortunately, Libby received word that her mother had passed away and had to leave for home.

This in and of itself is part of the message. It was the youth of the 50's and 60's that started this wonderful dance along the Grand Strand. We are "Stranders" because of them. They danced to their music in those days which was the music of youth. I am sure the parents of these young people did not necessarily support their music choice. We have to give thought to this concept as our youth wants to dance to the music they love and shag will have to evolve so that the youth and the old guard can come to common ground. From death we have life, and as we "Baby Boomers" age out, we will give way to the wishes and desires of those that will take the reins of decision making about this dance. There are more keys to the puzzle, but this key is one of the brightest, and most spectacular you will ever see. I encourage you to take your children or grandchildren to this wonderful event and celebrate life, the life of the dance, the life of the Carolina Shag.



The former Junior Shaggers from 1999, who placed objects in the time capsule (in the corner) prepare to open it in the North Myrtle Beach Area Area Historic Museum. Surrounding them are the Junior Shaggers, parents and instructors.

A Message From Ron Spencer

**Editors Note: I was asked to include this in the newsletter. It is very kind!*

Hey John and Robin, Carole and I received our summer issue of the newsletter. We were amazed that Sandy Beach was all over it. The article on Harmonica John and Robin's article and other contributions were awesome. We are so proud of you we can't hardly stand it. There are reasons people from the shag world are taking notice of our club. I know maybe you and some others, even Hillary would say "it takes a village". I get all that.

I tend to agree with who I believe is the greatest pastor, coach, author, teacher in America, Dr. John Maxwell. He is excellent on leadership and has taken many churches of 50 people, in a few short years, thousands of people were showing up. I have followed him for 15 years and read his monthly articles in Success magazine. He states "everything rises and falls on the leader, yes everything". It's the same principle for a church, Sunday school class, boy or girl scout troop and even a shag club. If the organization fails, it's the leaders fault, if it has success, the leader should get the credit. I have personally seen this work in my life on both ends, if there is something I lead and it fails, it's my fault. We all could be better people by learning these Godly principles. I highly recommend anything he has put into print or audio. There are 2 types of people in life...givers and takers. Most are takers, that's just the way it is and always will be.

John and Robin, you have chosen to be givers and many, many are blessed by your talents and goodness. You continually look for ways to bless people through the Sandy Beach Shag Club. I'm sure you volunteer other ways but this is how I know you. If any of us have ever led any type of volunteer organization, we should know that is the toughest job in the world, leading a group of volunteers. If we have not lead from the top, we don't have a clue. I don't know how we could do it justice but will say it with love and appreciation "thank you".

May God truly bless you as you continually bless others.

Ron

PS...if possible, would you pass this along to be in next newsletter. Thanks

A Message From Libby Burns

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all of you who were there for me during the loss of my Mother. It filled my heart with joy and tears for the love my shag club showed by coming to the service, receiving, cards and phone calls during a time when I really needed your support. I can't imagine my life without my Sandy Beach Shag Club family. You guys are very dear to my heart.

I love you all...
Libby Burns

A Passion for The Shag By Lee Wagoner

We, along with a great crowd from Sandy Beach, spent the last weekend of July in Spartanburg, SC at the Sparkle City Party. We had a great time with some old friends, some new friends and meeting some new and interesting people.

If all these new friends are to be believed, we have about 6 new big parties we have to attend in the next 12 months. While the earnest invites to these parties were impressive, what struck me the most was how passionate each of these new friends were about their club's party.

There was no denigrating other parties, just intense feelings and explanations on why we should attend their particular party. Two women from Jacksonville, FL promised to dance with me, someone from Columbia promised to get me into all the best hospitality rooms and the person from Cincinnati told me that I would never, ever forget bopping in the Queen City. Each one was certain their party was the best and each spoke passionately about why we should attend.

I've seen this sort of passion in a bunch of Sandy Beachers, folks who go out of their way to welcome guests, talk up our parties and socials and encourage folks to come to the DJ Megafest. In a little over a month, we have a great chance to show how passionate we are about our club and our big party. Take this chance to show your passion for shagging and Sandy Beach. It's not too late to volunteer to help. See John, Dorothy or one of the other club leaders and show that you are willing to be passionate about OUR PARTY!!!



Lee Wagoner, a Man's man!



SBSC Members and friends at the R&B Shag Club's Sparkle City Party

SBSC Birthdays for August

George Green	8/1
Mendy Donnelly	8/2
Scotty Donnelly	8/2
Joe Bentley	8/4
Harry Green	8/5
Debbie Dale	8/7
Gary Barlow	8/8
John Little	8/9
Walt Church	8/12
Alice Smith	8/15
Marlene Barlow	8/16
Debbie Short	8/20
John Carpenter	8/22
Nancy Gordon	8/22
Annette Smith	8/23
Steve Smith	8/28
Charlene Carpenter	8/31

2013 Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

We will meet on the first Saturday of the month at 9:30am that a cleanup is scheduled. We will meet on the second Saturday, if the cleanup has to be rescheduled because of bad weather.

We will meet in the McDonald's parking lot near the ATM machine. Trash bags, safety vests, gloves, and pickup tools will be provided. It usually takes about an hour and a half to complete the cleanup. Call Jim Noggle, (828) [310-6099](tel:310-6099), if you need additional information.

Cleanup Date	Alternate Date
August 3	August 10
October 5	October 12
December 7	December 14

Your participation in your Club's Committees is needed!

Social/Planning: Contact Dorothy Barrier
 Clean-up: James Bentley
 Adopt-A-Highway: Jim Noggle
 DJ Committee: Steve Coley
 Membership: John Carpenter and Robin Morley
 Door: Sam/Annette Smith
 Food/Hospitality: Contact Dorothy Barrier
 Decorations: Teresa Wilson
 Website: John Carpenter
 Information/Newsletter: John Carpenter
 By-Laws: Steve Coley
 Tickets and SOS Cards: Robin Morley
 Parade/Float :Robin Little

If you haven't already done so, you can send an email to Dorothy Barrier to select the committee you would like to serve on. It takes a village. Please help us to continue our mission of having one of the best shag clubs anywhere! Note: Dorothy's email address will be changing to: dorothybarrier@sandybeachshagclub.com. This change should take place shortly.



Our mark on the world is as fleeting as the tide washed sands. But it sure is fun to make your mark.

Party Information

All Parties are held at the Morganton Elks Lodge, 500 Golf Course Road, Morganton, NC Members \$5 Guests \$7
7:30pm until 11:30pm
Wonderful Snacks, cash bar, and DJ
All in a smoke free environment



For more details contact: johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com

All members are encouraged to donate a snack. Please bring a serving dish too. Sample items are: peanuts, chips/dip, cookies/brownies, Cheetos, pretzels, pickles/olives etc. Also, All members are asked to help with the clean-up at the end of the party by putting trash in the correct recycling bins.

Mark Your Calendars 2013 Party Dates

August 3—Norman Mills
September 1 —Sandkicker DJ Megafest
October 26—Tommy Samole
November 16—Betty Brown
December 14—Frank Price & Steve Coley

Deck Party Dates

Deck parties are held on Sunday afternoons at Friday Friends from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

September 29th
October 13th

New SBSC Party Dates for 2014-DJs have not been determined yet

This is the final set of dates for 2014, note changes made in red.

January 11th, Saturday

February 15th Saturday

March 8th Saturday

May 10th Saturday

June 14th Saturday

August 2nd Saturday

August 30 Saturday, August 31st Sunday– Plans are being made for a two day party. More later!

October 11th Saturday

November 15th Saturday

December 13th Saturday— Please Mark Your Calendars With These Dates And Plan Accordingly!

Area Happenings-Check out what is happening around us!

Three great websites for Shag Dance Information:

www.shagdance.com , www.shagtour.com, also you can go to www.keepshaggin.com/newsletter.html by Sam Lail

Area Clubs—please visit each club's website for more info.

Boone Shag Club

www.booneshagclub.com

The Boone Shag Club meets Tuesdays 7:00-9:30 in the Meadowbrook Inn in Blowing Rock.
\$3 members and \$5 guests

Statesville Shag Club

www.statesvilleshag.com

The Statesville Shag Club dances at the VFW Post 2031 in Statesville the second and fourth Friday of every month.

Friday, August 9th—Frank Price

**Friday, August 24th—DJs Gene Hensley and Gene Sistaire—
SUMMER SIZZLER PARTY**

8:00-11:00

\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

www.brushymountainshagclub.com

Saturday, August 3rd

DJ Gene Hensley— Tenth Anniversary Celebration

8:00-11:00 N. Wilkesboro Elks Lodge

\$5 members and \$7 guests

T.H.U.S- by Gary Barlow

Thanks for reading my “The Heck You Say”. For the last two months I have written about the need for lessons, both basic and intermediate. Last month I gave the mental and medicinal benefits of shag dancing. This month I want to share with you what many students and experienced dancers have shared with me about what they expect from the instructors and dance class. I received many one word responses like patience, fun, practice time etc. etc. I am going to put the dancers remarks in a story vernacular to maybe help the instructors adapt to the student’s needs.

Ok instructors, we students only want a few basic moves and good technique to help strengthen our self-confidence. We want a relaxed atmosphere to learn in. If the instructor comes to class with a plan even if it gets changed a bit, it helps the student to know what is going to be taught. Start the class with a demonstration. Then half way through the lesson demonstrate the move one more time. We get so wrapped up in learning a move or correcting a mistake that we sometimes forget what we are supposed to be learning. Please have patience with us. Give equal time to both male and females, don’t assume the woman will easily pick up the step and don’t assume the man can be told he is doing well and all of a sudden he will miraculously be doing the step. Make sure the instructions reflect the correct outcome.

If I get totally lost move me over to an advanced student or helper, so I won’t feel like I’m holding up the class. Move me back before the class is over so I will not be embarrassed to return for next week’s class. Keep it fun! Point out my improvements! Teach slowly with lots of repetitions! Allow more time after the lessons to practice with music. Don’t be hesitant to ask if we have had fun or did we learn anything. You have me for an hour, don’t talk me to sleep. Don’t use your verbal skills to do the work of physical instructions. Most of us learn better by doing than listening. Remember, I as a dance student, have a memory span of only a few seconds. Use it for the benefit of the dance class.

We want to thank the instructors for their time and efforts to make our dance enjoyable. Thank you for your drive to preserve and enhance the shag culture.



Gary Barlow

Ticket Sales for The Beach Raffle, and Fun Monday

SBSC Members,

I hope you all are having a great summer. We have lots of new members in our club and wanted to share information about our two tickets sales that we now have currently in progress.

Let's start with the SBSC Beach Raffle. This is our third giveaway over the last six years and it has been very successful. The tickets are \$10 dollars each and the drawing will take place at the Megafest Party. I ask each of you to please help us sell tickets by either purchasing yourself or selling tickets to others. If you share a ticket with another please include both names on the ticket. We currently have thirty members that have tickets to be sold. Tickets will be available at our party on Aug 3 and at the Megafest Party. Let's make this a very successful fundraiser for SBSC.

Secondly, we also have SOS Fun Monday Raffle tickets for sale. I am sharing information taken from www.shagdance.com about Fun Monday ticket sales. The ACSC/SOS board request that each shag club participate in this drawing and each club receives 100 tickets to be sold at \$10 dollars each. If you share a ticket please include both names.

Both Fun Sunday & Fun Monday offer you the chance to have a great time during your stay at North Myrtle Beach. But one of the greatest things about these events is known to very few people. They are both funded solely by sales of Fun Monday raffle tickets. That's right. There is no admission charge! How great is that? Two fun filled days. Dozens of great musicians. Thousands of people & more excitement than you can imagine.

To make the most of your Fun Sunday & Fun Monday experience come prepared. Make sure you have a chair, a hat, and clothes appropriate for the weather. We'll be outside all day, so don't forget your sunblock. Please do not bring umbrellas as they present a danger to others in a big crowd & block the view of other guests.

Please keep one thing in mind though. We need your help. We can't pay for the party without your help. You can pitch in by either buying or selling Fun Monday raffle tickets. If you will help us with this, you get more than just the satisfaction of making a great party possible. You get the chance to cash in big! That's right. If you are the lucky holder of the winning ticket in the raffle you could go home with \$7,500! You also get the joy of helping people in need. Any proceeds that remain after the event expenses are paid are donated to charity. Both the SOS charitable fund & Caring for Kids of Horry County have benefited from the Fun Monday Raffle. So, help us, help yourself, & help the needy. Join in the excitement of the Fun Monday Raffle!

Thanks so much for your continued support of Sandy Beach Shag Club and keeping our dance the "Carolina Shag" alive and well.

Robin Morley



Ticket Sales for The Beach Raffle and Fun Sunday



FUN SUNDAY

September 15, 2013

1 PM TO 5 PM

1st Avenue, Beside the OD Arcade



The Pieces of Eight



Nelson Curry & Klass Band Brothers

*Come be a part
of the Best Party
Weekend of the Year*

SPONSORS FOR FUN SUNDAY & FUN MONDAY
The Shoe Center

NO COOLERS PERMITTED

Ticket Sales for The Beach Raffle, and Fun Monday

FUN MONDAY

September 16, 2013

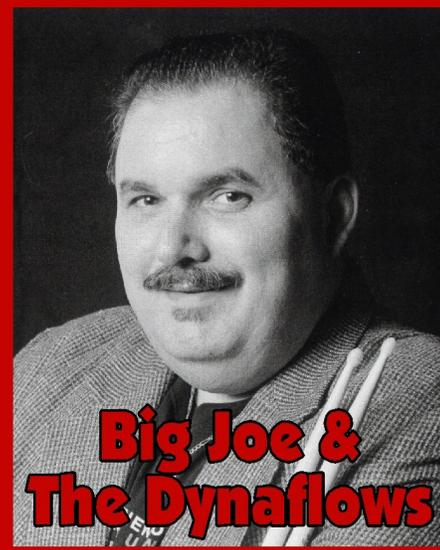
12 PM TO 5:30 PM Main Street OD



The Craig Woolard Band



THE FANTASTIC SHAKERS



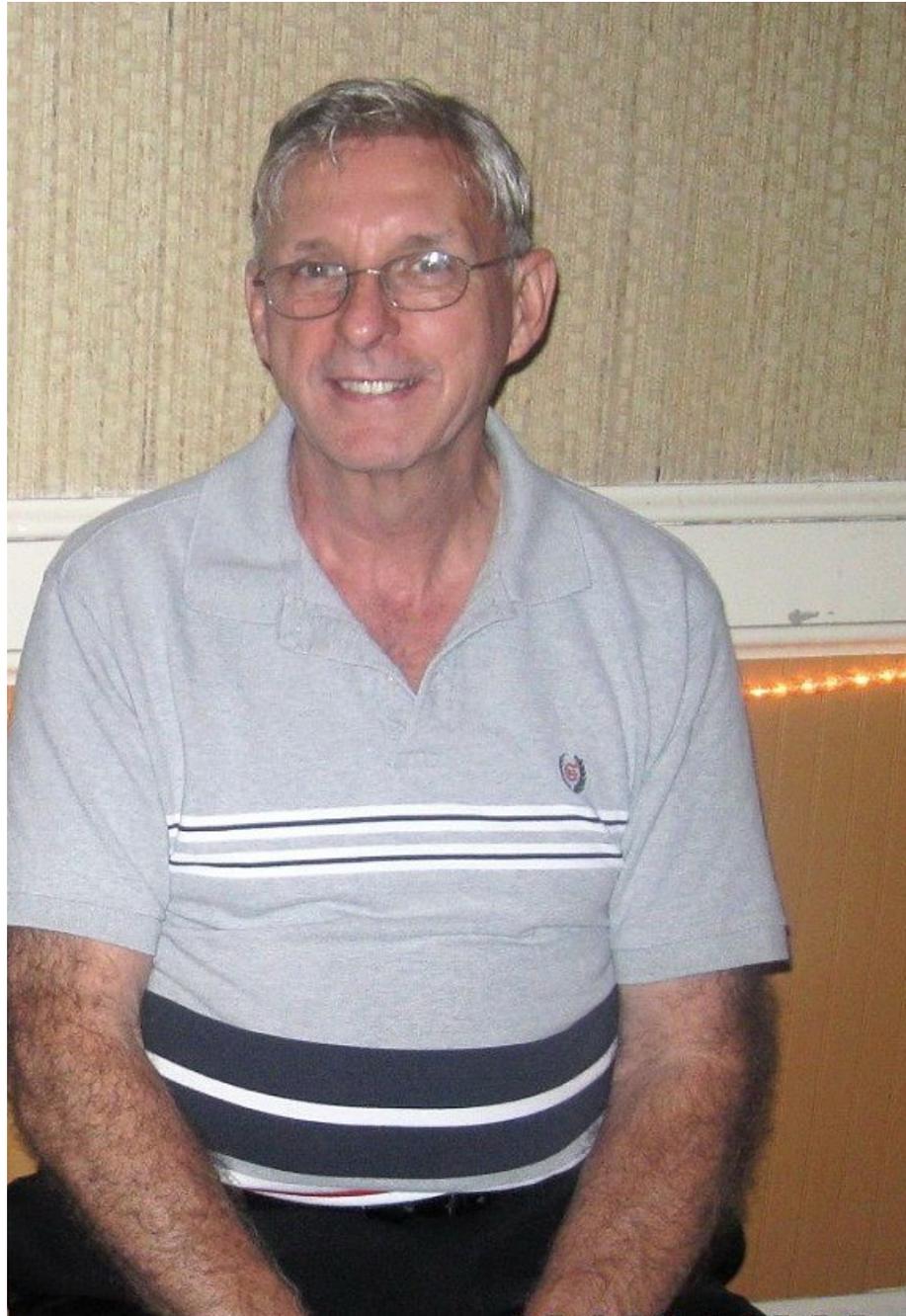
Big Joe & The DynafloWS

SOS FUN MONDAY DRAWING

1st Ticket Drawn	\$7,500	4th Ticket Drawn	\$500
2nd Ticket Drawn	\$2,000	5th Ticket Drawn	\$250
3rd Ticket Drawn	\$1,000		

NO COOLERS PERMITTED

In Memory



Jim Brittain

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Find us on www.sandybeachshagclub.com or on **Facebook**. Just type Sandy Beach Shag Club in the search box.

Sandy Beach Shag Club is a non-profit social dance club that promotes the Carolina Shag Dance. Our mission is the bringing together people of like minds with the goal to preserve the Carolina Shag Dance and the music to which we dance. We are members of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs. For any information, go online to www.sandybeachshagclub.com or contact the John Carpenter: johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com

President: Dorothy Barrier

VP: Robin Little

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Treasurer: Leah Turner

***Members-at-large: Jim Noggle
and Gary Barlow***

Former President: John Carpenter

Sandy Beach Shag Club

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