



United We Dance

MISSION

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.

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News

Upcoming Events:

From Ron Spencer - Hey... to those that call me friend and also those ashamed to admit it...details have finally been worked out with Johnny B for our DJ For The Day on 91.7 FM on Sat **August 2th at 10 AM -1 PM**. I promise to be "boogie crazy". Johnny B says all the music is my choice and you can bet all of it to be "the good stuff". We will have a "Johnny B & Ron's Boogie & Blues Show". We look forward lifting up our great club and friends that we love so much. I can't thank Carole enough for her \$240 donation to Gaston College radio to make this possible.

The next regular party is **Saturday August 2nd** with DJ Jeff Foster. Remember to bring a snack to share. When you bring a snack you will be entered into a drawing for a door prize!

August 31 - DJ Megafest IV! This is one of the biggest and best parties of the year, with a dozen DJs, prizes, raffles, and food food food. Individual registrations are limited, and available at \$25. If you plan to attend, contact John Carpenter soon as they are a certain sellout.

On Saturday, **September 6th** the Sandy Beach Shag Club will have their annual dance demo at 9:30 am at the Pepsi stage. Mark your calendar and come join the fun!

Membership

The cost of party admission for Associate Membership is now \$8. Regular Membership Admission remains \$5. We encourage you to consider becoming a regular member for only \$20.

Dance Lessons

Robin and John will not offer group lessons during the summer, but you can contact them for private group or individual private lessons.

Condolences

Please be in prayer for Sarah Huffman. Her sister, Louise Kidd, lately of Lexington, KY passed away. Many of our local members knew Mrs. Kidd as a local Senior English teacher.

Please remember Sanford Clark following the recent loss of his sister and 1st cousin.

A Message from President Dorothy Barrier



I hope everyone had a wonderful July. I know I certainly did. Grier and I attended the ACSC Summer workshop in Augusta. Our own Robin Morley presented a wonderful program for all the attendees. If you ever

get a chance to attend one of these workshops, I truly encourage you to go. The parties, music, food and collaboration among other shag clubs is well worth the trip.

SBSC does not normally have a monthly party during July, but that does not keep our members from partying. We have a lot of members that attend parties at other shag clubs and we are always blessed to have a wonderful pool party hosted by Elizabeth and Charlie. I would like to give a big thanks to them for opening up their home to our members. Our club also hosted a free hotdog and hamburger meal, along with lots of dancing of course to our members the last Thursday in July.

August is going to be a busy month for SBSC. We have our monthly party on August 2nd. Then our Megafest will be on August 31st. Now is the time to purchase your ticket for this event if you have not already done so. We still need volunteers for snacks, decorating, parking, serving the meal and other jobs. If you have something you want to donate for the Chinese Auction or a door prize, please let me, Alice Smith or Annette Williams know. Look for emails and flyers concerning our big event. A party this big takes a lot of volunteers to make it a success. If you are interested in volunteering your time please let John Carpenter or me know.

SBSC has Fun Monday tickets available. Please purchase a ticket. These are only

\$10.00 and the money goes to fund all the festivities for Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. Anything that is left over goes to a charitable children's organization.

I want to give a big shout out to James Noggle and Gary Barlow. They have served on the SBSC board for the last two years and have served our club well. I want to personally thank them for all they have done for our club and please, let them know how much they have been appreciated. Both of their terms have expired, but I know they will continue to be a very important part of SBSC. Our newly elected board members are Libby Burns and Sanford Clark. Like the board members before them, Libby and Sanford work hard for our club. We are very blessed at Sandy Beach to have such hard working members.

Please remember Sanford Clark and Georgia Cates in your prayers. Sanford recently lost his sister and Georgia has to have surgery. We are doing a sunshine basket for Georgia and Jim. Once she has surgery, they will have to stay in Durham for a couple of weeks. Gift cards to restaurants, cash, books, magazines, and anything else you think may make their stay a little easier will be appreciated. Contact me if you have something you would like to donate and I will get it to them.

I want to thank everyone that works hard for our club. We have the greatest club around, not just in the number of members, but in the great way we all work together for the good of the club.

See you on the Dance Floor,

Dorothy Barrier

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Junior Shaggers

The vision of the future of the Carolina Shag

by John Carpenter

In mid-July Robin and I went to North Myrtle Beach for Junior SOS. This was our second year in a row to attend this amazing event. We went this year to volunteer our services and to learn how to properly teach the younger shaggers of our world, the junior shaggers.

I had the fantastic opportunity of staying with Ellen Taylor, one of the most iconic names in shag dancing. She is a wonderful dancer and instructor and has a foundation devoted to Junior Shaggers called the Ellen Taylor Foundation. One of the notable projects her organization runs is the Shoe Program. The Shoe Program collects gently worn shoes (and some brand new) and gives them away to any of the juniors that would like to have them. It is an opportunity to have very nice dancing shoes for many younger dancers that might not be able to afford them. I volunteered to help pick up the shoes and get them ready for when the youngsters from ages 5 thru 20 arrived for the event. The girls and guys shoes took up two good sized rooms. The rooms were staffed for the entire event. In order to be able to get some of the really smaller sizes, they put some of the shoes up for sale to adults so that the money could be used for purchasing new shoes for the kids with much smaller feet. This was a very clever idea in my opinion.

While I wanted to share the information about the Ellen Taylor Foundation and also the Shoe Program, my real reason for writing this article is to talk a bit about having a junior shag program at SBSC. We don't at this time have a dedicated program. Robin and I have been discussing this and would like to see if there is

an interest in getting some members of the club to help teach children and younger adults our great dance. Many of us have grandchildren or know others that have children that might like to learn our state dance. At some point, we would bring in some of the younger instructors possibly to do some workshops with our students. There is nothing better than to have your own age mentors inspiring you to emulate their style and youthfulness.

Eventually, we would like to encourage those aspiring students that would have the desire, to go to Junior SOS and learn from the best of the best. All the instructors at Junior SOS are the top pros in our dance with a number of the top younger dancers and competitors in our shag dance world. The instruction is free! Our instruction would be free as well. You would not have to be a great dancer to help us. We can make a huge impact on the young people in our town and our surrounding area.

So, with that being said, please let me know if this is something that would interest you. We have the facility and the desire, but we need the involvement of a good number of people that would like to see this opportunity become a reality.

John Carpenter



August Birthdays

Joe Bentley	8/4
Vickie Houser	8/4
Harry Green	8/5
Debbie Dale	8/7
Bill MacLeod	8/7
Gary Barlow	8/8
John Little	8/9
Susan Martin	8/10
Kelle Love	8/11
Helen Aylor	8/13
Scott Love	8/14
Alice Smith	8/15
Marlene Barlow	8/16
John Carpenter	8/22
Nancy Gordon	8/22
Annette Smith	8/23
Bill Hardin	8/24
Steve Smith	8/28
Charlene Carpenter	8/31

Community Service

2014 Adopt -A-Highway Cleanup

The next highway cleanup will be:

Saturday, August 2

The alternate date will be Saturday, August 9

Saturday, October 4

The alternate date will be Saturday October 11

Saturday, December 6

The alternate date will be Saturday December 13

We meet in the McDonald's parking lot on Carbon City Rd. (Rt. 70) near the ATM machine. Trash bags, safety vests, gloves, and pickup tools are provided. It usually takes about an hour and a half to complete the cleanup. For additional information, call Jim Noggle, (828) 310-6099

Party Information

All Regular Parties are held at the Morganton Elks Lodge
500 Golf Course Road, Morganton, NC

Members \$5, Guests \$8

7:30pm until 11:30pm

Wonderful Snacks, cash bar, and DJ. All in a smoke free environment. For more details contact:
johnccarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com

All members are encouraged to donate a snack. For this, you will be entered in a drawing for a door prize or free admission to the next party. Please bring a serving dish too. Sample items are: peanuts, chips/dip, cookies/brownies, Cheetos, pretzels, pickles/olives, dips, etc. Also, All members are asked to help with the clean-up at the end of the party by clearing your table and putting trash in the correct recycling bins.

The Music..The Dance..A Personal View #9

Cow Chili vs Animal Chili

by Ron Spencer



I have looked for years in shagging publications for individuals that have the courage to not only attack but fix major shag club issues that divide. Mama told me I was born fix'in stuff. Being a humble man with humble courage, I not only will attack but fix a major problem that is harming Sandy Beach Shag Club. I would never gossip or call names, but also being a nice man, I will from time to time throw hints for fixation(is that a word)? We know shaggers love to eat and drink lots of water, Kool Aid, Pepsi's and Hi-C's. We have had dances and meetings where HD's and HB's were served. Volunteers normally bring slaw and chili with other stuff. There has been back door talk of chili being brought with a odd smell, color and especially a thick film of grease on top.

Not to be specific or cause more problems, there are many...many, probably 68% of club members are named Libby at Sandy Beach. They all look fresh, have white teeth, smell good and are handsome or gorgeous and good cooks. I counted 24 of our club members at the last dance that were men and named Libby. Grover said he counted 25 1/2, one man hadn't grown much. Some believe this major current chili problem has arrived as some are questioning the animal variety used for chili. Some would say ketchup and chili powder in the recipe covers the taste of any animal. That is true of every animal except a possum. Possum is the only animal that doesn't taste like chicken; it taste like grease and smells skunkie. I learned up on that in 7 years of animal science at Newton Conover High School.

Not being specific because I don't like trouble makers, one of the many... many 68%-ers brought a bowl of chili. I dug my spoon through the grease in the bowl of chili for my HD. It seemed as I got down in there and finally touched the chili, something in the bowl grinned and snapped back at me. It could have been a heavenly vision of warning. Being a humble man with extreme wisdom, I recognized a possum spirit or a demon spirit influencing me as to what it was. This is my life time guarantee to the club, if you ever see me bring chili, be assured it will always be cow chili.

Thanks to all for my cow chili support. Everything above is not my fault, it's the fault of a 68%-er. Thank God for wisdom; let the congregation say "Amen"!

Now...on to things maybe less, but probably is of more importance. My last month's article raised at least my eyebrow. I saw one of my Link-er-ton buddies, Gerald at a recent dance with Rick. Rick, who is defeating cancer looked so good. Gerald was questioning my last article information about the basic. He asked me why I was talking about him. I said "Gerald, I was talking about me, but hey, if the dance shoe fits, wear it with me." I love you Gerald, good to see you...you sexy ole man. At least I found 1 person that reads my article other than Carole and Barlow. Carole pre-reads to make sure I don't use cuss words. Barlow just loves crazy. Again, the basic is not my favorite step but my most important step. There is an interesting thing I have noticed for years...something that those of us that love the shag dance but maybe never considered about the dance floor.

Carole and I along with other friends recently enjoyed Coastline with Jim Quick at The Landing in Mooresville. I have to say they were the best I have heard them in several years. Classic beach band concerts have never

been a favorite of mine because I like to dance at a shag-able dance tempo. Many shaggers don't go to dance concerts because many beach bands play the music much faster than even their recordings. We all should have recognized that on our bus trip to Rock Hill. Quick played some great shag dance music, one after the other. I had to congratulate Jan in her Quickett signed T-Shirt. Great job Jan, proud you stick with "best entertainer of year award", Mr Quick.

My interest is this; if you attend any beach band concert with a dance floor, expect to see all kinds of dancing on the floor. We even see it at times in our clubs. Winning friends or potential club members and influencing people is always about praising them, not criticism. I may have criticized. When I did, I was wrong and out of order. I have heard individuals(not at S. Beach) tell others that were not shagging that the dance in attendance was a shag dance. It was actually fun joining Jan, Wayne and the other Quicketts and crazies as we stood in front of the band hollering, waving and probably slobbering all over ourselves as crazies do. Only half the crowd were die hard shaggers. I trust we at Sandy Beach will always continue to invite and accept everyone on our dance floor except maybe those who insist carrying their beverage everywhere they go. Even then, there is a kind considerate way to handle it. We don't want "them" to fall and get hurt...right?

We are either attracters or detractors of people, there are no tweeners. It's the same for any shag club. It attracts or detracts and it is based not on the dance, DJ's and music...but the people. Attitude is just everything. "Me" can be a ugly word, "ours" is beautiful. God help us all to continue building not necessarily a big club but a strong club with love and

consideration. Club numbers of any club have never impressed me, consideration does. Clubs have personalities. If we do the right thing with right motives, people will come...lots of people will come. I never get tired of my music but sometimes I do get tired of dancing. God help me personally if I ever get tired of meeting and enjoying not just old but new friends. We were born to grow in HIM and be attracters in all that HE made good.

Being nice is a learned skill and later a decision. We all were born kicking and screaming. A little later we were all selfish and whining when mother wasn't always on time with everything we wanted. I hope we all have had proper nice-ness training and also make a conscious decision to be the best we can be at nice-ness. I personally like to meet people that have a good sense of humor and can laugh at themselves. We hear a lot about dance floor etiquette. I would personally sum up my belief in all dance floor and club etiquette..."be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" Ephesians 4:32. He laid down HIS life that we could be this way. WHOW!

I am thankful and love every Libby I know and I also have felt a little bit silly lately. Do you ever feel a little silly? I hope you do. If you don't, try laughing at yourself some time, it relieves stress. By the time this newsletter is received, I will have been on 91.7 FM radio or soon to be. Either way...I know it's going to be a blast and thankful for the opportunity. It would be an honor if you would join me. Everything expressed is my opinion and hopefully the good stuff is your opinion as well, it's definitely A Personal View.

Find us on Facebook!

Just type Sandy Beach Shag Club in the search box. We also have a photo albums page.

Area Clubs and Happenings

Check out what is happening around us! Please visit each club's website for more info.

Boone Shag Club

www.booneshagclub.com

Saturday, August 23, 2014

7:30p-10:30p, Shut-up and Dance!

Moose Lodge #1805, 607 Deerfield Rd.,
Boone, NC. Bring your favorite snacks and
enjoy a variety of music and dancing with us!

Moose Members - \$3.00, Guests - \$5.00

Rutherfordton Area Shag Club:

Forest City, NC

First Friday of each month
with DJ Mike McDaniel

8:00 -11:00 . Free basic shag class at 7.

Forest City Diner

146 E. Main St. Forest City, NC

\$0 members and \$5 guests

Statesville Shag Club

<http://statesvilleshag.com>

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

August 8 with Roger Holcumb

August 23 with Murl Augustine
& Larry Calhoun

8:00-11:00; \$5 Members and \$7 Guests

Shelby Shag Club:

Shelby, NC

Aug 15, with Tommy Samole

335 E. College Ave. Shelby, NC

\$3 members and \$6 guests

Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

www.brushymountainshagclub.com

Saturday, August 16, 2014

8:00p-11:00p with Billy Waldrep

N. Wilkesboro Elks Lodge

\$5 members and \$7 guests

Two great websites for Shag Dance Information:

www.shagdance.com,

www.shagtour.com

Statesville Shag Club

Hello fellow shaggers, Statesville is having our annual **Summer Sizzler party** on Saturday August 23.

I hope you have that date open for a great time with us. We have a large dance floor and plenty of tables and chairs for everyone at our local VFW club. We are a BYOB club, but you can bring your own favorite libation if you wish. We will have a hot dog lunch on Saturday and then a catered meal at dinner. We will have lots of other snacks and deserts. We have a half & half drawing. We will be having a silent auction to benefit Hospice.

We have Maggie Weathers coming to teach a line dance and Ashley & Tobitha Stewart coming to teach some shag steps. Murl Augustine and Larry " Big Fish " Calhoun will play for us.

Please try to get your registrations in to us right away so we will know how many people to plan for. Thanks for all you do to keep the Shag alive.

Jim Horton

The Heart and Soul of Our Club

Participation in your club's committees is a fun way to meet new friends and contribute to the health of our club. Contact these Committee Chairs or president Dorothy Bairrier for more information about participating in these events and activities.

Social/Planning:	Robin Little, Dorothy Barrier (robin.little@yahoo.com)
Clean -up:	James Bentley (bentley.jamesa@yahoo.com)
Adopt-A-Highway:	Jim Noggle (nogbog44@yahoo.com)
DJ Cmmittee:	Steve Coley, James Bentley (slcoley913@yahoo.com)
Membership:	John Carpenter, Robin Morley (johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com)
Door:	Sam Smith, Annette Smith (samueal@bellsouth.net)
Food/Hospitality:	Dorothy Barrier (dorothybarrier@sandybeachshagclub.com)
Website:	John Carpenter (johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com)
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Decorations/Parade/Float :	Robin Little (robin.little@yahoo.com)

It takes a village. Help us to continue to have one of the best shag clubs anywhere!

Mark Your Calendars

2014 Party Dates

August 2nd Saturday – DJ Jeff Foster
August 31st Sunday – DJ Megafest IV
October 11th Saturday – DJs Gene Hensley and Tommy Samole
November 15th Saturday – DJ Betty Brown
December 13th Saturday - DJ Buck Crumpton

Mark Your Calendars With These Dates And Plan Accordingly!

Sandy Beach Officers

President	Dorothy Barrier
Vice President	Robin Little
Secretary	Susan Duncan
Treasurer	Leah Turner
Members-at-Large:	Libby Burns
	Sanford Clark
Past President	John Carpenter

Deck parties

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

Admission is free. Dates are:

Sept 7 - SOS Kickoff
Oct 5