



Sandkicker

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News At A Glance

**Join Us for Our December Party—“Deck the Halls”
Saturday, December 15th**

7:30-11:30 p.m.

Morganton Elks Lodge

DJ—Steve Coley

(see Page 2 for details)

Shag Lessons

Beginners II Lessons will continue on December 13. Lessons begin at 6:30. Please come warm-up and be ready by 6:30.

Also, on December 13 at 7:45pm, Marlene and Gary Barlow will be teaching a mirror step called the “Mayberry”. This is a new step for our Christmas Party on December 15th. The cost for this workshop is \$5 per person. Please come and show your support. This will be so much fun!!

Sunshine Volunteer Needed

Greetings SBSC Members,

Thank you to Mary Webb and Gary Barlow for agreeing to assist with the Sunshine Committee. We could use some additional volunteers. The volunteers will send cards to those in our club who just may need a little "cheering up". The cards and postage of course will be provided by SBSC. We have had so much sickness, family deaths, injuries, etc. that I feel a little encouragement would go a long way!!!! Please e-mail me at rsmorley55@hotmail.com . We will split this up with our additional volunteers. Oh, and gentlemen you are welcome to join us as well.

"United We Dance"

Robin

Upcoming Party Plans—Teresa Wilson

Sandy Beach Shag Club Social Committee met Tuesday night at Friday Friends Restaurant. In attendance were Robin Little, Libby Burns, John Carpenter and Teresa Wilson. Plans were finalized for the December dance party with the theme being “Deck the Halls”. Wow . . . this sounds stuffy and so formal and that is not us! So LETS TALK. Deck yourselves out, get your dancing shoes ready and we’re going to have a great Christmas Party. A wonderful dinner is being served, after we will work that off to the sounds provided by our own Steve Coley. Ladies get ready for another “Lady Soul Train Dance” (This is when all the ladies will form 4 lines, like two of the “soul train” lines and strut your stuff two by two down a line) After we finally figured the process out last dance, this was lots of fun. Save some cash for the 50/50 drawing Sandee liked the last one. Here is a break down of the ticket prices: **50/50 Ticket price: 1 Ticket \$1.00 7 Tickets \$5.00 18 Tickets \$10.00 40 Tickets \$ 20.00**

The “**Hot Murl A & Chili B**” party will be coming up January 12. What does this mean? Dust off your chili recipes and get ready for a COOK OFF. Prize money, of course: 1st Place \$ 75.00 2nd Place \$50.00 and 3rd Place \$25.00. We will also raffle off “Last Dance” an autographed book by Dr. Phil Sawyer. Murl Augustine will be our DJ that night. Murl is best known for playing to large crowds at the O.D. Arcade and the porch parties.

February, we have events for the month of Love. “Putting on the Ritz” themed party, we’re looking at wine and chocolate. Yum! And a members special event “Come Roll with Us” Sunday, February 10, 2013 (To be held at Mimosa Lanes, bowling, dancing, and food ~ 3 P.M. until 7 P.M.)

We have more churning around in our heads. How does an Oyster Roast sound, or a road trip. Want to have some input? Contact Robin Little (email robin.little@yahoo.com or call [828-302-1675](tel:828-302-1675)) or me, email spinal_gal@yahoo.com or call [828-430-0573](tel:828-430-0573)) and we will put your ideas on the table too.

United We Dance,
Teresa Wilson

If their feet aren't
in the right place,
at least their
hearts are.

*Christian M.
Chensvold*

“SHORT” Stories (Volume I, Book 3)—“My 1st New Car” by Alan Brown

I'm not sure I will always go in progression but we left off last time in the early '90's after Sandkicker II. It wouldn't be right not to mention that Sandkicker II ('91) was the debut of a certain young lady destined for fame in the SBSC and the shag world with the initials RSM (since she's not using her now married name!). I first caught sight of her on Friday night on the back deck of Judge's, she looked good, maybe a little clueless and when we danced she tried to lead.....but we did go on to be pretty "close" friends therefore she got to know Short and Debbie very well--which also lead to more SS's (Short Stories).

Moving on, now with the Short's *immersed* in the Shad Albery world, competitions, etc. Deanes the used car salesman, had to step up his image as well as his dancing, a notch. In '91 Lexus introduced the SC 400 Coupe. He told me, "I've never owned a new car in all my life and I ordered one!" This is when his love affair with Lexus started and it never stopped. In fact, there is a new (used) 2010, 430 sitting in his garage now, (since he wrecked his last 430 Coupe in the Spring). Coincidentally, about the time he took delivery of his precious new "baby" we were scheduled to go on a golf trip to Charleston so Short said he would drive. Well, I'll never forget him pulling into my garage that day, I came out with a few hang-ups and a suitcase but there wasn't even hardly a place for me to sit in that car! Thankfully we were to caravan with Danny Dobson and he was taking our clubs, we re-arranged and got going. Short let me drive since he wanted to show me "what this baby can do!" and we took off down I-40. Well at about Old Mountain Road he looked back and said, "where's Dobson?" Then looking at the speedometer shouted, "you're doing 100mph!" Wow, that baby really would fly, I couldn't even feel it as we were talking and I think Deanes might have been nursing a Miller Lite but I would never drink and drive! We pulled off and waited on Dobson 'cause cell phones weren't that common then and eventually made it to Isle of Palms.

Now since it was a golf trip for us then you know there also had to be some shagging on the docket. In fact, now that I think about it this is where I had my weight-shift lesson that I mentioned last month. This was Spring '92, shaggin' was probably even more important than golf. We had that Lexus all over Charleston hunting up shag joints, the Holiday Inn on Folly Beach was a hot spot, I think it was the Islanders Shag Club that had a club house out that way in an old store front, but the hot spot that still is buzzin' to this day is JB Pivots Beach and Shag club now run by Harriett Grady-Thomas on Hwy 17. We hit that place hard, Short knew people there even then so we were well accepted and had a blast -- closing the place down! So, if you're ever in Charleston check Pivots out--you won't be disappointed.

“SHORT” Stories continued

In the spirit of Christmas let's fast forward to 2010. One Friday night a bunch of us were having dinner at the Elks and we had our Angel Tree up in the bar and I was promoting this project. Short had told me that he would get some at an earlier meeting so I turned the "screw" a little and said he should take about four (\$100 worth).

He dodged me some and asked, "well how many did you get?" I said, "some but thinking about more since we had lots that hadn't been taken." He stalled me again so I turned the screw a little harder and he finally said, "damn it, if you'll leave me alone I'll match whatever you buy tonight." So, unbeknownst to him I went around and got money for \$250 worth real quick, went back over pulled it out and said, "ok, I've already got my 4 but I'm gonna get this \$250 more...pay up!" Ha, that was one of the few times I ever got-over on Short, he was a tough negotiator.

By the way, this year Angels are \$30 and Barry still has plenty at the bar, so plan on helping out Homes for Hearts kids when you come to our big SBSC Christmas Party on the 15th.....you can do it for the "Spirit" of Deanes!! (He'll be haunting me after this.)

Thanks to all that have commented or written back, wishing you all a Merry Christmas! Catch me at downtownalanbrown@hotmail.com

A Message From The President

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday season. I hope you get to spend some quality time with family and that you have a wonderful New Year's celebration. At Sandy Beach Shag Club, our goal is to provide an opportunity to have fun doing what we like best, socializing and dancing the Carolina Shag. I hope to see you often in 2013, as we have a great year in store for everyone.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

John Carpenter



Keep on Dancing —Lee Wagoner

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We certainly did at our house, shared with family and some friends. There were a lot of things we expressed thanks for, including the Sandy Beach Shag Club and the opportunities we have to share our passion for shagging.

Recently we went to hear a band play in Newton, NC. And I observed something that really amazed me, and it wasn't the band, though they were very good. I was impressed by all the people who were dancing, including two people in particular. It wasn't their dancing style or smooth moves that caught my attention. It was their ages.

It seems that these two dancers are a couple of 90 year old sisters who attend dances at the venue every Friday night. And they don't just get up and dance once in a while, if the band is playing, they are dancing. The only time I saw them sit was when the band was taking a break.

I had the chance to talk briefly with these lovely ladies and asked why they were out dancing at an age where most folks are extremely sedentary. Their response was that dancing helped them have fun and having fun helped keep them young.

SOS 2013 Cards—Robin Morley

2013 SOS Cards are still for sale. I would love to get these sold and money returned. The cost is \$30. SOS Cards make great Christmas and Birthday gifts. Please e-mail me at rsmorley55@hotmail.com or call me at 828 443-5995. You will need a 2013 card for Mid-winter. If you plan on purchasing cards for someone else, I will need name, address, and phone number. The reason for the information is the mailing of the "Care Free Times".

If you have never been to SOS and plan to go in 2013 you will need a card to enter the SOS Sponsored Clubs. The card is good for Mid-Winter, Spring Safari, and Fall Migration.

Please make checks payable to Sandy Beach Shag Club!!!!

Thanks,
Robin Morley

Shag Gypsies-On The Road For Fun—John Carpenter

One of the greatest aspects of the Carolina Shag is that there are so many shag clubs within a relatively short distance. Couple that with the fact I have a house outside of Columbia, SC, where there is another grouping of great shag clubs, the supply of dance venues, is quite vast. I am part of a movement in shag that I will call shag gypsies. Being a shag gypsy has not only given me the opportunity to dance and meet many people from many clubs, but it has also given me great insight on how other clubs run their operations and the things that they do to have more successful and fun clubs. In 2012, Robin and I have been to many clubs that sponsor our favorite dance. By my count, we have been to 28 clubs, in 6 states. We have been to a number of large two day parties, and some wonderful one day parties. Two of the best places to go are the Winter and Summer Workshops, hosted by ACSC clubs. They are always held at great places to dance, and have many great activities, dance lessons, and good food.

I have put many miles on both my truck and my car. It has been worth every moment and every mile. We meet so many kind and caring people. The great family we have at Sandy Beach Shag Club, extends far outside the walls of the Elks Lodge in Morganton. The theory of giving, which basically states that the more you give the more you receive in return, is borne out by the swelling numbers of shaggers from all parts of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and West Virginia, that have come to our parties and events.

I highly recommend that we all become shag gypsies to some degree, as you will meet so many new friends, and if you go with a large number of your own club members, you can have the best of both worlds, home and away. In the upcoming months, I think it would be fun to plan another excursion to a land far away where gypsies roam in search of yet another fun and exciting place to dance. Y'all are welcome to join me. —John Carpenter



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

SBSC Birthdays for December

Mary McNew	12/6
Michael DeWitt	12/8
Laura Aycock	12/9
Susan Gray	12/11
Charles "Tommy" Helton	12/12
Ramona Duncan	12/13
Terry Griffin	12/13
Janet Forester	12/14
Pam Wagoner	12/15
Ruby Webb	12/15
William Honeycutt	12/19
Debbie Whitworth	12/22
Harold Willis	12/24
Pam Hicks	12/26
Sam Aycock	12/28

You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely. –Ogden Nash

2013 Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

We will meet on the first Saturday of the month 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
February 2	February 9
April 6	April 13
June 1	June 8
August 3	August 10
October 5	October 12
December 7	December 14

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

Party Information

All Parties are held at the Morganton Elks Lodge.
 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:
johnthomas@hotmail.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

January 12
February 16
March 23
May 18
June 29
August 3
September 1
October 26
November 16
December 14



Your participation in your Club's Committees is needed!

Social/Planning: Dorothy Barrier
 Clean-up: James Bentley
 Adopt-A-Highway: Jim Noggle
 DJ Committee: Steve Coley
 Membership: Robin Morley
 Door: Sam/Annette Smith
 Food/Hospitality: Dorothy Barrier
 Decorations: Teresa Wilson
 Website: John Carpenter
 Information/Newsletter: Debbie Dale/
 John Carpenter
 By-Laws: Steve Coley
 Tickets and SOS Cards: Sanford Clark
 and Scott Rogers
 Parade/Float : Doris Shelton, Ken
 McFarland and Robin Little

If you haven't already done so, you can send an email to John Carpenter to select the committee you would like to serve on. It takes a village!

Area Happenings-Check out what is happening around us!

Two great websites for Shag Dance Information: www.shagdance.com
and www.shagtour.com

Boone Shag Club

www.booneshagclub.com

The Boone Shag Club meets Tuesdays 7:00-9:30 in the
Meadowbrook Inn in Blowing Rock.

No cover for members.

Nonmembers first 2 visits are free, then \$5 cover.

Lake Hickory Shag Club

www.lakehickoryshagclub.com

Next party: Saturday, December 8th

7:30-11:30 VFW Hickory

DJ Norman Mills

\$5 Members and \$7 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.

December 14th Christmas Party

DJ Gene Hensley

8:00-11:00

\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

www.brushymountainshagclub.com

Christmas Party: Saturday, December 8th

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

DJ Steve Coley

New Year's Eve Party: Monday, December 31st

8:00-12:01 DJ Gene Hensley

\$5 members and \$7 guests

**SANDY BEACH
SHAG CLUB**

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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 President, John Carpenter: johnthomas@hotmail.com

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VP: Dorothy Barrier

Secretary: Susan Duncan

*Treasurers: Scott Rogers, and Leah
Turner*

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

Former President: Arlene Coley

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