



# Sandkicker

The Newsletter of Sandy Beach Shag Club

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**Special points of interest:**

- Need Help!
- Adopt a Highway
- Shag Lessons
- Update on Some Members

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## Your Contribution To Our Future Is Just Around The Corner!

We are getting closer and closer to the end of SBSC's fiscal year. We will be electing new officers soon. The Club needs your support by making a choice to lead SBSC into the future. If you are interested in becoming an officer in the club, please notify John Carpenter as soon as possible. Leadership is important for any social club to succeed. In order for our success to continue, there must be individuals that take on this greatly needed obligation.

## Adopt a Highway Trash Pickup February 4th 2012

A highway cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, February 4th, at 9:30 AM! We will meet in the McDonald's parking lot near the ATM machine. Trash bags, safety vests, gloves (cloth and latex), and pickup tools will be provided. It usually takes about an hour and a half to complete the one-mile cleanup. Call 828-310-6099, if you need additional information! We Need Your Help!

## Shag Lessons!!

We started new Beginners I lessons on January 19th at 6:30pm. Additional dates left are February 2nd, and February 16th. While it is too late to join us for Beginners I, we have had a fantastic turn out for Beginners III, and you can still participate in these lessons on the dates above, at 7:45pm. Each lesson is something new. All activities are at the Morganton Elks Lodge.

## Some News About Fellow Members From Robin Morley

SBSC Member Carole Huffman underwent foot surgery and is home doing well. I chatted with her today, and she had enjoyed spending time with several SBSC members at Glenn Oaks. If you would like to send Carole a card her address is 1031 7th Street NE Hickory, NC 28601.

Just spoke with Judy Boston on the phone and she hopes to be home in a couple of days!! She will be returning to Baptist on the 14th for more chemo. We love Judy and Glenn and they are wonderful SBSC members. Please drop Judy a note or card 6035 Oxford School Road Claremont, NC 28610.

Marlene Barlow continues to recover from her knee surgeries. You can drop her a note at 403 Howard St. SW, Lenoir, NC 28645. Hope to see you dancing soon.

### SBSC Birthdays for February 2012

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

Jeff Morse	2/2
James Black (Jim)	2/2
Michelle Weiner	2/4
Libby Burns	2/5
Jerry Sutherland	2/8
Charles Monahan	2/9
Freddy Rabon	2/9
Patsy Bentley	2/11
Rita Sutherland	2/11
Cindy Hughes	2/14
Brandi Dockery	2/16
Delaney Jessup	2/16
Debra Gurley	2/19
Donnie Sanders	2/20
Phil Carpenter	2/22
Sonny Taylor	2/24
Shirlene Wike	2/25
Jace Ollis	2/26
David Horton	2/26
Nena McNeely (Arlene)	2/28

Looks like there is a great chance that smoking will be banned in public facilities (including restaurants and lounges) in NMB. The "first reading" of a new law has passed. If it passes again in February it will become law. If you would like this to happen, please send a note supporting a ban on smoking to the seven council members. Their email addresses can be found on this page: <http://www.nmb.us/Page.aspx?id>

## Your participation in your Club's Committees is needed!

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Social/Planning: Dorothy Barrier  
 Clean-up: Karen Johnston, James Bentley  
 Adopt-A-Highway: Jim Noggle  
 DJ Committee: Steve Coley  
 Membership: Robin Morley  
 Door: Sam/Annette Smith  
 Food/Hospitality: Shirlene Wike  
 Decorations: Louise Dockery  
 Website: John Carpenter  
 Information/Newsletter: Susan Whisnant/John Carpenter  
 By-Laws: Steve Coley  
 Ticket and SOS Cards: Sanford Clark  
 Parade/Float : Doris Shelton and Ken McFarland

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! Please help us to continue our mission of having one of the best shag clubs anywhere!

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It is extremely important that our success continues. Please consider a position as an officer, board member, newsletter editor, committee chair or member, in the new year. Our Club year begins May 2012. Leadership is needed for our future success!!!

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Still some tickets left!—> C.S.R.A. Shag Club road trip. The dates are March 16-18th. We would love for you to join us.

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Next General Membership Meeting date: *February 19th*. Most likely at the Elks Lodge (Sunday) at 6:30pm.

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*"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  
 Light Snacks, cash bar, and DJ  
 All in a smoke free environment

For more details contact: [johnthomas@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

#### SBSC Party Dates for 2012

February 11th-Frank Price  
 March 24th- Gene Sistare  
 April (no party)  
 May 12th-Gene Hensley  
 June 16th-Tommy Samole  
 July 21st-Buck Crumpton  
 August (no party)  
 September 1st (tentative)  
 October 13th-Norman Mills  
 November 17th-Roy Childress  
 December 15th-Steve Coley

#### SBSC Deck Party Dates for 2012

Not determined at this time

## **The next ACSC Summer Workshop will be July 13 - 15, 2012**

Each July the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs gathers its members for a weekend of information sharing & planning. Much of the work of the ACSC is handled during this working weekend. However, you know what happens when a group of shaggers get together. Someone brings some music. Everyone has their dance shoes. The next thing you know there is a major party going on. Now you have a picture of the Summer Workshop. Lots of shaggers. Lots of work. One massive party. The information below will assist you in making your way to the workshop.

**July 13 - 15, 2012**  
**ACSC 2012 Summer Workshop**  
**Hosted by First Coast Shag Club in Jacksonville, FL**

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### **Interested in writing a column or an article for the Newsletter?**

The Sandkicker staff invite you to be a contributor to our Newsletter. If you would like to start a column, or contribute articles to the newsletter, this will be greatly welcomed. There are many interesting facts in our Shag World that our readers would enjoy. If you have ideas that you think would be good, please let us know what you are thinking. We certainly look forward to hearing from you.

Please email Susan Whisnant or John Carpenter  
Please welcome contributing editor: Gary Barlow who will provide periodic contributions.

**Area Happenings-Check out what is happening around us!**

Two great websites for Shag Dance Information: [www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com) and [www.shagtour.com](http://www.shagtour.com)

**Next Monthly SBSC Party February 11th, 2012**

Our January 21st party features DJ Frank Price. See you there!!!

[www.sandybeachshagclub.com](http://www.sandybeachshagclub.com) -

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**Boone Shag Club**

[www.booneshagclub.com](http://www.booneshagclub.com)

The Boone Shag Club meets Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Meadowbrook Inn in Blowing Rock.

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**Lake Hickory Shag Club**

[www.lakehickoryshagclub.com](http://www.lakehickoryshagclub.com)

Next party: Saturday, Feb 18th

7:30-11:30 VFW Hickory

DJ Ed Waltrip

\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

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Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

[www.brushymountainshagclub.com](http://www.brushymountainshagclub.com)

T. H. U. S. February 2012 - By Gary Barlow contributing editor for The Sandkicker



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

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

Christian M.  
Chensvold

When was your first exposure to the Shag? Whether it be the dance or music, I would be interested in knowing. My first introduction was in 1964, on a side trip to Myrtle Beach. We, my uncle and cousins, would venture on our annual trip to Myrtle Beach and stay a couple of nights at the beach and head back early Monday morning to the Darlington's Labor Day Race. As you can see shagging was second to racing in my mind until that faithful Labor Day weekend that I strolled into the Magic Attic Pavilion. The Pavilion was the place to be for a teenager to escape Mom and Dad's watchful eye while at the beach. A lot of Beatles and Rock and Roll music was being played such as Hard Day's Night, Little Old Lady From Pasadena, and Rag Doll. Most of the dancers were rock and rollers. A line dance called the Bus Stop was done quite frequently. The Stroll, a mixer dance that was very popular at the time, got the crowd on their feet. I jumped right into the cool activities. You would see two or three couples take over the dance floor when the DeeJay would play some beach tunes like Under The Boardwalk, which was 13<sup>th</sup> on the top twenty list in 1964. The other beach music that attracted the good dancers was I Like It like That and People Say. The last two songs were 19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> on the play list. I have often wondered the identities of those couples. Could they have been Jo Jo Puttman, Charlie Wobble and Jackie McGee, Ellen Taylor or possible our own Will Honeycutt or Deanes and Debbie Short? They sure made an impression me!

Let's fast forward to 1984. I was never exposed to any Shag dancing like I had seen in 1964. Marlene and I got into country western dancing which included two stepping, 6 count swing and the waltz. When we did go to the beach we would visit the Beach Wagon. Sure enough, later in the evening the country western dancers would tire out and here would come the beach people as we called them, doing their shagging. They were not a friendly group and would not offer to show you their steps, it was really a big turn off.

Let's move on to 97'. We were tired of driving each weekend to Knoxville, Chattanooga, Raleigh and Charlotte just to two step. Guess What? The Shag was still going strong. Marlene and I took shag lessons. She got it, I didn't. The lessons were taught 123 456 kick ball change, unlike today. I still had the desire and wanted to get involved in something unlike disco and country western that had fizzled out. I had an ideal what shagging was about but still no real interest in that world.

A beach trip to Cherry Grove in 2007 took us by chance to Fat Harold's. This was a Sunday night following the close of the Fall SOS week. One couple, still hanging on couldn't get enough of shagging. They were nice enough to explain the culture and love of the dance. That done it for me! I was determined to learn the shag. In December of that year I was fortunate to be at Godfrey's (a shag hangout) in Hickory. We were there to learn the Continental, a line dance for a March of Dimes fundraiser. On the advice of Marlene's co-worker, Jim Noggle, we were introduced to Robin Morley to teach us the steps. She did so with great enthusiasm and invited us to the upcoming Sandy Beach Christmas party. After taking beginner lessons three times the rest is history.

Would you please share your first exposure to the shag with us to be included in the newsletter? You can email Gary Barlow at [barlow55@charter.net](mailto:barlow55@charter.net) or John Carpenter at [johnthomas@hotmail.com](mailto:johnthomas@hotmail.com)

**DANCE LIKE THERE IS NO TOMORROW**

### SBSC Litter Pick Up Schedule:

Here's the schedule thru Dec. 2012. We will meet at 9:30 each Saturday. The alternate pickup schedule, in the event of bad weather, is the following Saturday. We meet in the parking lot near McDonald's restaurant. Trash bags, gloves (cloth & latex), safety vests, and pickup tools are provided. Call Jim Noggle 828-310-6099 if you need more information

Saturday, February 4, 2012...Alternate: Sat., Feb. 11

Saturday, April 7, 2012...Alternate: Sat., April 14

Saturday, June 2, 2012...Alternate: Sat., June 9

Saturday, August 4, 2012...Alternate: Sat., August 11

Saturday, October 6, 2012...Alternate: Sat., October 13

Saturday, December 1, 2012...Alternate: Sat., December 8

### **2012 SOS Cards Continue to be available for Sale. Time is Running Out!**

Please contact Robin Morley for your new SOS cards. Since they are also available online for \$35, once our supply of cards runs out for this year, that will be the last of the cards that you can purchase from SBSC at the discount cost of \$30. So, do not delay and get your cards now! They will be used for all events after January 1st, 2012.

### **ACSC WINTER WORKSHOP February 24 - 26, 2012**

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**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](http://www.sandybeachshagclub.com) or contact the President, John Carpenter: [john-thomas@hotmail.com](mailto:john-thomas@hotmail.com)**

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*VP: Shirlene Wike*

*Secretary: Susan Whisnant*

*Treasurers: Marie Young, Scott  
Rogers, and Leah Turner*

*Member-at-large: Jim Noggle*

*Former President: Arlene Coley*

***Sandy Beach Shag Club***

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United We Dance