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# Sandkicker

Newsletter of the Sandy Beach Shag Club  
Morganton, NC

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

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## 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

### SOS Cards

2014 SOS cards are available for sale! See Dorothy Barrier! \$30 if you buy from the club, \$35 otherwise.

### Upcoming Events:

The next party is February 15th. The theme is "Puttin' on the Glitz." Remember to bring a snack to share. When you bring a snack you can be entered into a drawing for a door prize!

Mark your calendar for the March Mini-Megafest on March 8. We will host 12 new DJ's for your entertainment, who are new to our scene. More details will follow but we expect to have a great evening of fun!

### Dance Lessons

Line dance lessons are scheduled for Feb 6 and 20. Beginning Shag and Shag II is scheduled for Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 20 and 27. Contact Susan Duncan or Robin Morley for details.

### In Memoriam

Deanes Short was a tremendous inspiration to our organization. In his memory, Sandy Beach will request a paver, which will include our logo, to be added to the Walk of Fame at North Myrtle Beach. If you would like to donate to help purchases this worthy recognition, please contact William Honeycutt for information and details.

### Attention Associate Members:

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 \$20. See John Carpenter or Robin Morley for regular membership applications.



## A Message from President Dorothy Barrier

I don't know about you all, but I am sure glad that January is gone. The cold dreary weather has really given me a bad case of cabin fever. However, we did manage to keep the dance floors hot. We had a great party in January and I really appreciate all that helped with this event. The decorations were great as usual and our chili cook off was a huge success. Grier and I went to MidWinter Boogie at the beach and I along with John and Robin attended the ACSC/SOS meeting. We had a huge turnout for our general meeting on Jan. 30th. If you have never attended a general meeting, please plan to do so in the future. This is your club and everyone has a voice. On Jan. 31st 56 of us took a bus to the Rock Hill Shag Club Winter Party. We all had a wonderful time and I want to thank Sanford Clark and John Carpenter for getting this together for us.

Our February party will be held on Feb. 14th with Eddie Anderson as DJ. This will be our Putting on the Glitz party. I ask that all members please bring a snack. Also, I want to remind you to please clean you table when you get ready to leave the party. It takes a lot of preparation for these parties and the cleanup is just as important.

Our March party will be our mini megafest and there will be more info to come on this.

I want to personally thank everyone that has supported me in this first year as your president. I hope that you will continue to support me and the current officers in this next year. The first year is always a learning curve for a new president. The support and guidance of our past president, John Carpenter has been wonderful. Thank you John. I am looking forward to a new year and please know that I am always available to everyone and if you have a problem with me, please come to me. I love Sandy Beach Shag Club and all our members. We are known as the friendliest shag club around. We also rank #10 in membership. We are a strong club and it is because of you our members.

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### Sandy Beach Officers

President	Dorothy Barrier
Vice President	Robin Little
Secretary	Susan Duncan
Treasurer	Leah Turner
Members-at-Large:	
	Jim Noggle
	Gary Barlow
Past President	John Carpenter

### Partner with Morganton

Vocal group 'The Tams' will be appearing at COMMA in Morganton on March 13. Proceeds from this event will benefit the NCSD Foundation (North Carolina School for the Deaf) and help to fund a new residential facility for the school. Sandy Beach has the opportunity to help and have a fun time at this event. The plan is to cover the orchestra pit with a dance floor in case anyone just can't sit still! For more information about tickets contact Dorothy Barrier.

# The Family of Shag

by John Carpenter

Thursday the 30th of January marked a crossroads in the history of Sandy Beach Shag Club. To those of you that attended the business meeting at the Elks Lodge, you know what I mean. Without belaboring the point, I want to share with you some really important things on which I hope that you will all reflect.

As I often discuss, Sandy Beach Shag Club is a family. And like all families, we don't always agree. The key is to always keep the doors of communication open. Listening is the most successful negotiating tool in our tool box.

Here is a list of items that were presented by parliamentarian John Gilstrap, ACSC Vice President, that I want to share with you. These were presented at the Mid-Winter Meeting at North Myrtle Beach, but bear repeating. They not only serve to help keep a meeting orderly, but also serve to keep our lives orderly. Our family at SBSC is based as much on love as it is on dancing. Please always remember that I love each and every one of you even though I may not always agree with you. And that is how families are. So read the items below, store this information, and love your family!:

- Everyone participate, no one dominate
- Share the airtime
- Listen to understand
- Listen for the future to emerge
- One speaker at a time
- Seek unity (not separation)
- Disagree without being disagreeable
- Share your experience (not others)
- Speak honestly
- Stay open to new ways of doing things

All ideas are valid  
Critique ideas, not  
people

Listen from the "We"  
but speak from  
the "I"

Respect each  
others' thinking  
and value their  
contributions



Be aware of meaningless abstraction

Treat everything you hear as an  
opportunity to learn and grow

Challenge cherished beliefs

With transformation, expect anxiety

Staying on schedule is everyone's  
responsibility; honor time limits

Be brief and meaningful when voicing  
your opinion

Speak your truth, without blame or  
judgment

Be intrigued by the difference you hear

Allow ever voice to be heard

Let go of the outcome

Ask "what's possible?" not "what's  
wrong"? Keep asking

Listen with care instead of "building your  
story"

Seek common ground and  
understanding (not problems and  
conflict)

Stay out of the weeds and the swamps

Listen for the future to emerge

## February Birthdays

James Black (Jim)	2/2
Jeff Morse	2/2
Michelle Weiner	2/4
Libby Burns	2/5
Cheryl Ann Gantt	2/5
Kimberly Nance	2/5
Cathy Marlow	2/8
Jerry Sutherland	2/8
Charles Monahan	2/9
Freddy Rabon	2/9
Patsy Bentley	2/11
Rita Sutherland	2/11
Mary "Marylda" Webb	2/13
Brian Gilliam	2/14
Roy Keller	2/14
Marty Chenard	2/15
Kim Suddreth	2/15
Jennifer "Elaine" Claveria	2/17
Debra Gurley	2/19
Trula Baker	2/22
Evanna Bush	2/22
Phil Carpenter	2/22
Shirlene Wike	2/25
Jace Ollis	2/26
Allen Goodson	2/29

## Community Service

### 2014 Adopt -A-Highway Cleanup

Saturday, February 1.

The alternate date will be Saturday, February 8

Saturday, April 5

The alternate date will be Saturday, April 12

Saturday, June 7

The alternate date will be Saturday, June 14

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

## 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)
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Decorations:	Teresa Wilson (spinal_gal@yahoo.com)
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It takes a village. Help us to continue to have one of the best shag clubs anywhere!

## The Music..The Dance..A Personal View #3

by Ron Spencer



Most of us have recognized Sandy Beach attempts to fall in line with nonprofit regulation so that our club will not be taxed as "for profit" for dance attendees. Attendees pay as members or associate members.

That being said, I am a member of The National Writers Union and I have requested special writer's benefits from the Sandy Beach board. All I want is fully funded 403 B retirement benefits and 4 pair of Bass Boot(made in Spain, metal tab on bottom) retirement shoes. I want 4 pair annually, 2 pair for spring retirement meeting and 2 pair for fall meeting. The board can purchase these for me at The Shoe Center at the beach. It's only the right thing to do. At my age, I really need the benefits, especially the shoes. Grumpy ole men can't help it and it's not my fault. I hope this is not just "loose air in my head" that causes me to ask for stuff like this. I also hope I don't get fired.

I can't wait until next month's newsletter to write # 4. I have had something on my mind a long time. I think my sub-title will be..Selfish Ole Men/Boy Candy/Hero's On The Dance Floor. It will all tie together. This idea is worth \$1000's....well, maybe only to me.

I hope everyone had a great New Year...if we judge the new year cross over by fun, I had a perfect 10, it was awesome. For the past couple years Carole, friends and I spent several days at North Myrtle Beach. Will somebody please ask Joyce Kincaid if "new year's communal love was in the air at the beach"? This year Spanish Galleon had a 4 night New Years band special for \$25 a person for all 4 nights...unbelievable. We saw 4 of the best beach/show bands in the business...Jim Quick & Coastline, The Entertainers, Band of Oz,

Fantastic Shakers. Personally I am not a big fan of beach bands as many other shaggers are not. The main reason is most bands play a faster tempo for a show than their recordings, thus, too fast of a shag tempo. They also provide a mix of other types of music for folks that enjoy the "monkey jerking stuff", etc. Some time older shag women with heavy makeup just stand on the dance floor drooling(refer to footnote) and waving at the band as they blow their horns and shake their booty. A wet floor and leather bottom shoes is not good. I guess that is not necessarily a bad thing because there is a lot of diversity of taste in our culture. Good for some but many of your "die hard shaggers" never show up. I like it for special events as this past New Years and some of our older lady friends with heavy makeup enjoy the drooling. For me...and only a personal view... I would love to see an old style Chicago or Louisiana night club open in the North Myrtle Beach area. The music played and if the artist came, would be the old black men and ladies only playing "The Good Stuff". In the past couple years at SOS, it seems to me at Pirates Cove later in the evenings, it is expected of DJ's to only play the boogie and blues. That old wooden building, the floors and walls actually vibrate that great boogie woogie blues sound. Around 11 PM, some pro shaggers always show up for fun. More later on this subject...I got a little excited and off track.

As far as beach bands, The Entertainers are fast becoming a great # 1 band. We will enjoy them at the Moose Lodge in Belmont later in February if any interest. Formed in 1980, Earl "The Pearl" Dawkins and band were unbelievable at the Galleon. A main reason for their greatness is they now have Bo Schronce's Fantastic Shakers former main man..Jim Stoudemire. He is such a great talent singing, horns, personality, etc, he would elevate any band to another level. Carole says he is also a

great hugger. In my opinion and others, The Shakers have lost "something" that for many years made them the best. I think it was the loss of Jim. I have also heard his drummer may be leaving. We certainly also miss William's son Preston Honeycutt, a great sound man for The Shakers for many years. I think Jim Quick is also a great entertainer with raw talent to excite a crowd....and a favorite to many special ladies like Jan, but without Jim Quick, there is no Coastline. By the way, Quick has a fan club I guess for ladies. The fans are called Quicketts. You pay a fee, get a Quickett T shirt and you get to rub his beard twice a year, at spring and fall SOS. Jan looks awesome in her T shirt, the only problem is a little brown spot that is very obvious. She said it was American Honey. Being a simple man, I'm not sure if the honey dripped off a biscuit or came out of a sippy cup. Jan...we just love you to death. Let us know, Carole's got a Tide Stick.

A personal view of mine, Carole and others, The Band of Oz continually is the # 1 all around beach band, great horns, all instruments and singers are tight. One of my all time top 10 dance songs is I Can't Think by Oz....perfect shag song that is "beachie" but always jumps in my feet when I hear it. We are very fortunate at Sandy Beach for the opportunity to hear them at Rock Hill on our bus trip. I sooooo..look forward to it. When playing at shag clubs, they especially are more sensitive to the shag dance tempo. Our thanks to all our outstanding Sandy Beach leaders that make these type club events possible.

My pick for the best "shag dance band" is The Holiday Band from Burlington. The different times we have danced to a live show, their shag

music not only is great but always the perfect dance tempo. In closing.....what is this "magic dance tempo"? I turned to my friend, my hero, my mentor....a really good man, in fact a good Hitman, Mr Steve Coley, Sandy Beach Club senior DJ. We love you Steve. The best thing about Steve is his pretty arm candy that loves him so. Man...that sounds like a great song lyric. The perfect tempo according to Steve and other DJ's is 120 counts per minute, he has actually counted it. He didn't confess this but knowing Arlene's willness to help, she thumped the bald spot on top of his head 120 times in one minute while they listened to Lazy Lesters hit I Hear You Knockin. This is a perfect tempo shag song, it also kind of makes you want to thump. Thanks Steve and Arlene for your contributions to our club and culture.

Again, I can't hardly wait to write article # 4, I'm tempted now but I must muzzle. Everyone has observed what I am about to say in the "shag world" but maybe didn't know what to say or ask. For me, it's fun to say what I think other people think, I think. I will try next month.

Footnote: educated information...by definition, drooling is unintentional spillage of saliva from the mouth, it can occur with any condition that impairs neuromuscular control of the muscles. Great shag information, I hope this helps, you're welcome. Everything expressed is just a grumpy ole man giving 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.

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### Boone Shag Club

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

Saturday, February 22, 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

### 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.

February 8 with DJ Steve Coley (Valentine  
Dance)

February 22 with DJ Roy Childress

8:00-11:00

\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

### Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

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

Saturday, February 8, 2014

8:00p-11:00p with Buck Crumpton

N. Wilkesboro Elks Lodge

\$5 members and \$7 guests

### 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

### Shelby Shag Club:

Shelby, NC

None scheduled for Feb. at this time

335 E. College Ave. Shelby, NC

\$3 members and \$6 guests

### Three great websites for Shag Dance Information:

[www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com),

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

[www.keepshaggin.com/newsletter.html](http://www.keepshaggin.com/newsletter.html)

## **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:  
[johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com](mailto: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.

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## **Mark Your Calendars**

### **2014 Party Dates**

January 11th, Saturday – Djs Roy Childress and Eddie Teeter

February 15th Saturday – Eddie Anderson

March 8th Saturday – Mini Megafest Planned, DJ's TBA

May 10th Saturday - DJ Murl Augustine

June 14th Saturday - DJ Billy Waldrep

August 2nd Saturday – DJ Frank Price

August 30 Saturday, August 31st Sunday – Megafest To Be Determined

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!

### **Deck parties**

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

Admission is free. Dates are:

Mar 30 - SOS Kickoff

May 4

June 22

Sept 7 - SOS Kickoff

Oct 5