



United We Dance

Sandkicker

Newsletter of the Sandy Beach Shag Club
Morganton, NC

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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.

For any information, go online to www.sandybeachshagclub.com or contact John Carpenter: johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com

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News

Upcoming Events:

The next Sandy Beach Dance Party is scheduled for **February 7th** with DJ Tommy Samole.

March 7th will be DJ Throwdown at North Myrtle Beach.

SOS Cards

We still have SOS cards. Please do not wait until the last minute! Cards are \$30 each. Please send me a self-addressed stamped envelope and check payable to SBSC to Robin Morley 100 Smith Street Morganton, NC 29655.

Dance Lessons

Robin Morley and John Carpenter have started a fresh set of Beginners 1 and Beginners 2 lessons at the Elks Lodge Thursday January 29th. 6:30pm for Beginners 1 and 7:45pm for Beginners 2. Additional dates are February 5, 12, and 26th. Learn our State dance!

Beginners 2 will teach you to be a much smoother shagger with basic variations and new patterns. You must be or become a member of SBSC to take Beginners 2. We will have applications available for current non-regular members. Come at least 15 minutes early to register. You are welcome as our guests to purchase beverages in the Elks bar.

Time to think about SOS!

The parade float design is underway! Construction is running a little behind schedule. Help is needed to construct the float to have it ready for the April 25th SOS parade. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Robin Little (robin.little@yahoo.com) ASAP! Thanks in advance!

A Message from President Dorothy Barrier



I hope everyone is having a good start to the New Year. We had a great party in January. The weather was cold, but the dance floor was hot. I for one am looking forward to warmer weather.

We have a lot of upcoming events. We have our Valentines Party on Feb. 7th. We will have several DJ's at our March Mini-Megafest and then comes SOS in April. It will be here before we know it. We will have a float in the SOS parade and we will need a lot of volunteers to help get this ready. Be on the lookout for dates and times that we will be working on the float.

I attended the SBSC winter workshop at North Myrtle Beach in January. This was the same weekend as Mid-Winter Boogie and Sandy Beach Shag club was well represented with members dancing the day and night away.

I have ordered some club business cards that have our dance dates on them. If you are interested in getting some of these to give out, just let me know and I will get them to you. I have also put a notebook together that has flyers for upcoming events in the shag world to

keep you informed of all that is happening around us. I encourage each of you to attend some of the other shag clubs. They are great at supporting us.

Please remember to bring snacks to our parties and if you are interested in helping with our parties in any way let me know. We can always use volunteers for decorating, clean up and working the door.

If you have any ideas on how to make our club an even bigger success, please let me or one of the board members know. We are open to new ideas.

Once again, I want to thank all of you that volunteer your time to help our club and those of you that attend our parties. We have the best venue around for our dances.

I will see you in February. Stay warm and safe and dance like there is no tomorrow.

Dorothy Barrier

President, Sandy Beach Shag Club

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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

How Can We Interest Younger Members?

by John Carpenter

Back when our dance the Carolina Shag began, the dancers were young kids, many of them living at the beach. The music and lifestyle have continued on but the numbers of younger dancers have not significantly increased. One of the best programs in our shag world today is the Junior Shag Program. It is truly one of the very best programs in any dance style for young children through age 20. Unfortunately, most of these young dancers do not immediately matriculate into our lifestyle as they have to deal with their life changes, college, marriage, children, responsibility! The late twenty-year-olds through the late forties represent an age range that we have not been able to reach in substantial numbers.

Things start to pick up for the fifty year old age range, and SBSC numbers reflect this trend. So what can we do? One idea is to start some sort of program that gets both younger people, their parents and/or grandparents, to learn and participate in shag dancing, together. This would encourage families to participate together and to give parents more time spent with their children and participating in fun activities. Dancing is a low cost activity when you compare it to other forms of having fun. Hopefully, we can attempt this concept at Sandy Beach Shag Club. The key will be volunteers that will be willing to participate in teaching our dance. This will take more than just a couple of people to make successful. We need to reach out to the area schools to see what interest there would be. We need to check with any of our children living in the area that have their own children to see if we can generate interest. We too, need to see if we can become involved in building the number of younger dancers. Just watch the younger dancers on YouTube. Go to YouTube and type in Jeremy Webb and Kayla Henley or Cody

Edwards and Chase Forrester. Watch what they can do! Shag dancing by younger people is an absolutely beautiful and athletic dance. The music of today's generation in many instances is very suitable for shagging. At the same time we can expose them to the music we dance to. We have found out the junior shag dancers truly love the music and feel a special bond to the old classics. They can enjoy both worlds.



So, in the near future, be prepared to help with getting younger folks into our shag world. We can have another classification of members to include those too young to qualify for regular membership and have special events for this group. This is absolutely necessary in order for us to pass our wonderful dance down to future generation and guarantee that long after we are gone, the dance halls will echo from the sound of shag music. Several shag clubs already have some type of program in place for younger dancers. The future will be in good hands if we create an environment for younger shaggers to learn, have fun, and thrive.



Hickory Sunrise Rotary 2nd Annual Rotary Jam

Jamming at the Beach

February 14th, 2015 | 7 pm to 11 pm

Presentation by *Junior Shaggers* Music Featuring *The Fantastic Shakers*

The Crossing at Hollar Mill
883 Highland Ave SE | Hickory, NC 28602

For more information, to purchase tickets or to donate to the silent auction, please contact Bob Steiger @ AutoFitness Center
Phone (828) 303-0057
www.HickorySunriseRotary.org

Ticket Price \$30 / person
includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, silent auction.

Proceeds to benefit Education Scholarship Fund

Sponsored by **BB&T**

Community Service

2015 Adopt -A-Highway Cleanup

Highway cleanup is only 6 times a year and a great way to get some exercise. It is not difficult, and all materials are provided.

2015 Adopt-A-Highway Schedule:

- Saturday, February 7 -
Alternate will be Saturday, February 14
- Saturday, April 4 -
Alternate will be Saturday, April 11
- Saturday, June 6 -
Alternate will be Saturday, June 13
- Saturday, August 1 -
Alternate will be Saturday, August 8
- Saturday, October 3 -
Alternate will be Saturday, October 10
- Saturday, December 5 -
Alternate will be Saturday, December 12

We meet at 9:30 am 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

February Birthdays

James Black (Jim)	2/2
Jeff Morse	2/2
Perry Craver	2/3
Michelle Weiner	2/4
Libby Burns	2/5
Cheryl Ann Gantt	2/5
Kimberly Nance	2/5
Al Woodward	2/7
Cathy Marlow	2/8
Mike Self	2/8
Hazel Williamson	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
Donnie Sanders	2/20
Trula Baker	2/22
Evanna Bush	2/22
Phil Carpenter	2/22
Camille Rockett	2/24
David Horton	2/26
Jace Ollis	2/26

Dates for 2015 parties

Dates for 2015 parties have been set. DJ's are being lined up for fun and all that needs to be added is YOU! Be sure to note these dates and plan accordingly!

February 7 - Tommy Samole
March 14 - Mini Megafest
April - No Party Scheduled
May 9 - Norman Mills
June 13 - Gene Hensley
July - No Party Scheduled

August 8 - Jeff Foster
September 6 = Megafest (Sunday, Labor Day Weekend)
October 3 - Frank Price
November 14 - Roger Holcomb
December 12 - Mike Harding

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

June 27th – Boogie to Boone
with Sam West

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

Lake Hickory Shag Club

lakehickoryshagclub.com

shaggers@lakehickoryshagclub.com

February 21 - with DJ Billy Waldrep
7:30 until 11:30 pm

VFW 1615 12th Street Dr. NW, Hickory

\$5 Members ~ \$7 Guests - Juniors \$3

Statesville Shag Club

<http://statesvilleshag.com>

The Statesville Shag Club dances at the
VFW Post 2031 in Statesville.

February 13 - Re-Up Spaghetti dinner with
DJ Frank Price

8:00-11:00; FREE to paid members,
\$5 Guests

Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

www.brushymountainshagclub.com

February 21- DJ Norman Mills
8:00p-11:00pm

Elks Lodge, 100 Finley Ave.,
N. Wilkesboro

\$5 members and \$7 guests

Rutherfordton County Shag Club:

Rutherfordton, NC

First Friday of each month with DJ
Mike McDaniel

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

Rumor Has It - A Wine Bar

211 N. Main St. Rutherfordton, NC

\$0 members and \$5 guests

Shelby Shag Club:

Shelby, NC

335 E. College Ave. Shelby, NC

\$3 members and \$6 guests

Two great websites for Shag Dance Information:

www.shagdance.com,

www.shagtour.com

Find us on Facebook!

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



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 Barrier 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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Membership: John Carpenter, Robin Morley
(johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com)
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Food/Hospitality: Dorothy Barrier (dorothybarrier@sandybeachshagclub.com)
Website: John Carpenter (johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com)
Information/Correspondence: Susan Duncan (susanduncan@sandybeachshagclub.com)
Fun Monday Tickets and SOS Cards: Dorothy Barrier (dorothybarrier@sandybeachshagclub.com)
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!

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

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, 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.