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MISSION

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Upcoming Events:

SBSC party in February. February 17th with DJ Lamar Walker.

Jim Quick & the Coastline Band are coming to the Morganton Elks Lodge March 9 & 10. Tables must be reserved and are going quickly. See Pages 7-8 for complete information.

Adopt a Highway. February 3rd 9:30 @McDonalds. Let's honor and support our unsung hero, Jim Noggle by joining him on Saturday for highway cleanup.

Dance Lessons:

John and Robin will resume dance lessons on March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th. We will do a Beginners I and a combination Beginners 2 & 3. We will keep the later fun and with as much new material as we can. Lessons for both sessions will be \$20 for a 4 lesson set. Our lessons go from 6:30pm until 7:30pm for Beginners I. For the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th lesson of Beginners I, we include an additional 30 minute session (at 6pm) that is to help anyone and everyone that attends by going over the material of the previous lesson and giving you a chance to practice and work out any problems you might have. Beginners I lessons are free to anyone that is a Regular member of the club that has taken Beginners I from us before. Use this as a confidence builder, a way to practice, and a warm up to take Beginners 2/3. Beginners 2/3 starts at 7:45pm and goes until 8:45pm. We invite anyone to stick around afterwards to practice for awhile. Our goal is to have fun while giving you the confidence to social dance and have a smooth style.

Susan Duncan plans to teach Cruisin' and Love's Gonna Make It (Blurred Lines) next Thursday, Feb. 1st starting at 6:30 pm at the lodge. Both will be taught as a single's dance on the 1st. Neil Carroll and Susan will teach both as couple's dances during another class if there is interest. The couple's class will be much easier if dancers know these line dances prior to that class. It will make working together with a partner less complicated. Susan also plans to teach a class on Feb. 8th at 6:30 pm. Open to everyone. No charge!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT By Jim Black

January 2018, can you believe it, I must be having fun because time is sure going by fast. January is a slow month for us because of no dance and getting over the December rush.

Susan Duncan and I represented Sandy Beach at Mid-Winter, and I am still amazed and proud of how many people know about us and have so many great things to say about us. The subject matter for this Mid-Winter was Insurance and the question is "Do we need it?" We will be looking into this and will report our findings hopefully in the near future. One very important thing coming up is the election of Board Members. A nominating committee will be formed to give us names for potential officers with an election to be held at our April meeting. General membership meetings will be held Thursdays, February 22nd and April 5th. The meetings will start at 7 PM. Both meetings are important and we need your participation and input.

I would like to once again thank Betty and John Fike for taking on the job of editors of our newsletter "The Sandkicker". It is so great to see new members jump right in and ask "What can I do to help?" and then take on such a large and important job. Thanks Betty and John!!!

Also, we should give a special thanks to Candace McGuire for doing such a fine job as editor of the "Sandkicker". She has done a fantastic job and deserves our appreciation.

I still have 45 tickets for SOS and will continue to sell them up to our meeting on April 5th. You will still be able to buy tickets at the beach but instead of \$30 they will be \$35, so save some money and get yours now while the getting is good.

We also have been asked to sell tickets to help support Junior Shaggers by the South Strand Shag Club in Pawley's Island. The tickets are \$10, and the drawing is to be held April 28, 2018 and you do not have to be present to win. You could win a week (September 15-22) at a 3 bedroom, 3 bath condo on the ocean front. I will have a limited number of tickets to sell at our February dance if you are interested.





Carolina Shag Dance and Taking Lessons by John Carpenter

Hello my fellow friends and shag club members, associates members, and those that happen upon our newsletter. I thought I would write a short article about taking Carolina Shag Dance lessons.

As most of you know, Robin and I have been involved in teaching lessons on behalf of Sandy Beach Shag Club for quite some time now. Frankly, it is an honor to do so. It always is a joy when I watch many of our former and present students dancing at our parties or at other club parties. We are all very fortunate to have this dance we call the Carolina Shag! As you all know, I have discussed in other articles the many benefits that being associated with this dance, has brought to all of us. Marriages, friendships, caring, kindness, sharing both the good and tough times together, and most notably, the love and joy we have for each other. However, there is this other aspect of it all that is important too. It is the dance! Dancing has been practiced socially most likely since civilization began. Dancing is both an art form and a means of socially expressing one's self. Long before we became exposed to Shag Dancing, we were exposed to other forms of dancing as well. Some of us begin this journey more ready than others. Some have musical backgrounds and have the confidence in playing, hearing, and feeling music. Some of us learn quickly and have minds that grasp new information quickly. For some of us, this just doesn't happen! Having been one of the later, I have always had great empathy for those that share my own challenges. The great news is that this can be overcome with patience and a willingness to keep trying.

Shag must be taught. It is nearly impossible to learn the Carolina Shag from simply watching. When I was living in South Carolina full-time, I was exposed to the Carolina Shag everywhere I went. I watched the couples move about on the dance floor, with that signature accordion look, but I could never figure out how to do the steps properly. So, I faked it. I must say that in hindsight, I did a terrible job. The only way to truly learn the Carolina Shag is with lessons. This dance has changed over the years. Where once we had an 8 count, we now have a 6 count, and pretty much everyone now teaches it this way.

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One of the things that have happened is that our Carolina Shag dance has become more standardized over the years. The great teaching professionals have worked together, to some degree, to come up with a more standardized way to teach the Shag basic steps. This has filtered down to the local areas as most of the local instructors have taken many lessons from these top pros in North Myrtle Beach. Another thing that has happened is the Shag instructors have gotten better at teaching and having a higher standard of excellence in their methods and proficiency.

The greatest lesson I learned early on was that no one really cares or is critical of your dancing when you are a Beginner. You have all heard the expression "Dance Like Nobody's Watching!" Well, if you are a Beginner, the reality of it is that no one really is. That all changes if you get pretty good, but for most new students, you have plenty of time before you need to feel nervous about people watching.

If you haven't had a lesson lately, find instructors that mesh with your personality and learn some new things. It feels good to add to your repertoire of dance style and steps. Most of us don't plan to compete or go on to become professional dancers, but it is still nice to feel confident about your dancing. Shag Dance Lessons are still a great bargain. Try pricing the cost for Ballroom lessons.

There is nothing more precious than joy! Dancing is joy! Please feel free to join us for more joy!

Lifetime Member Nominations

Nominations for Lifetime Membership will be due very soon. You can print one off the website. Please nominate a candidate for this prestigious award. Keep in mind that this is a service award. The Lifetime Membership award is given to a regular member whose service to the club goes beyond the normal activities of the club, and demonstrates an outstanding dedication to SBSC.

Our past recipients of this award are:

Deanes Short ~ 2008

Robin Morley ~ 2008

Susan Whisnant ~ 2009

Marie Young ~ 2010

Louise Dockery ~ 2011

John Carpenter ~ 2012

Robin Little ~ 2013

Steve Coley ~ 2014

Sanford Clark ~ 2015

Mike Carlisle ~ 2016

Alice Smith ~ 2017 ??? ~ 2018

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 11:00pm Wonderful Snacks, cash bar, and DJ All in a smoke free environment



For more details contact: Jim Black: Blac I 778@bellsouth.net

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 2018 Party Dates

Jan - no party
Feb 17, 2018 Lamar Walker
March 17, 2018 Tommy Samole and Roger Holcomb
April - no party
May 19, 2018 Johnny B
June 16, 2018 Buck Crumpton
July 21, 2018 Gene Hensley
August - No party
Sept Megafest
Oct 20, 2018 Donnie Meadows
November 17, 2018 Mike McDaniels
Dec 15, 2018 Steve Coley and Richard Conner

Mark Your Calendars With These Dates And Plan Accordingly!

Deck Party Dates

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

See you in 2018, none scheduled yet!

SBSC Birthdays for February

James Black (Jim) Jeff Morse Perry Craver Pat Hicks Michelle Weiner	2-Feb 2-Feb 3-Feb 3-Feb 4-Feb 5-Feb
Perry Craver Pat Hicks Michelle Weiner	3-Feb 3-Feb 4-Feb
Pat Hicks Michelle Weiner	3-Feb 4-Feb
Michelle Weiner	4-Feb
	5-Feb
Libby Burns	
Chris Anderson	6-Feb
Steve Foster	6-Feb
Cathy Marlow	8-Feb
Hazel Williamson	8-Feb
Charles Monahan	9-Feb
Freddy Rabon	9-Feb
Brian Gilliam	14-Feb
Roy Keller	14-Feb
Susan Stephens	16-Feb
Sheila Young	16-Feb
Lucy Corning	19-Feb
Debra Gurley	19-Feb
Dot Penwell	19-Feb
Michael Burris	20-Feb
Mike Butler	20-Feb
Donnie Sanders	20-Feb
Mike Anderson	21-Feb
Trula Baker	22-Feb
Evanna Bush	22-Feb
Phil Carpenter	22-Feb
Patricia (Patsy) Gray	25-Feb
David Horton	26-Feb
Jace Ollis	26-Feb

2018 Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

February 3, 2018 - Rain date Feb.10 April 7, 2018 - Rain date Apr. 14 June 2, 2018 - Rain date Jun. 9 August 4, 2018 - Rain date Aug. 11 October 6, 2018 - Rain date Oct. 13 December 1, 2018 - Rain date Dec. 8



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, if you need additional information.

Your participation in your Club's Committees is needed!

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 Jim Black (blac 1778@bellsouth.net) for more information about participating in these events and activities:

Social/Planning: Arlene Coley, Sanford Clark, James

Bentley

Clean-up: Mike Carlisle

Adopt-A-Highway: Jim Noggle- Chairman

DI Committee: James Bentley

Membership: John Carpenter, Joyce Kincaid

Door: Sam/Annette Smith

Food/Hospitality: Wilma Black, Trula Baker, Janice Fox

Decorations: Robin Little, Alice Smith
Website: John Carpenter, Webmaster

Information/Correspondence: Susan Duncan, John Carpenter

Newsletter: Betty Fike, John Carpenter

By-Laws: Wayne Harris

Fun Monday Tickets and SOS Cards: Jim Black Parade/Float: Robin Little-Chairman SBSC Sandkicker DJ Megafest Co-chairs:

John Carpenter & Sanford Clark

Facebook Adminstrator: John Carpenter

Help us to continue to have one of the best shag clubs anywhere!



Thanks to:
Myra's Catering of
Valdese, NC
For Providing BBQ!



This is going to be a fantastic event!

JTC Productions

Friday and Saturday March 9 & 10, 2018

Two Special Performances With Jim Quick And the Coastline Band. Some special treats in store. Friday- DJ Steve Coley will play from 7pm until 8pm. and during breaks. Jim Quick will begin at 8pm. until 11pm. Saturday- afternoon performance starting at 4pm and going until 7pm. See right side of flyer for all the purchasing details. SEE TABLE MAP!

Quick's been touring the Southeast US for more than 15 years, playing nearly 300 shows per year, and has released more than 11 albums including his newest, DOWN SOUTH. Known for his all-out performances and deliberate, off-the-cuff wisecracks, Jim has been a gracious recipient of the Carolina Music Awards "Entertainer Of The Year Award" - nine times.

500 Golf Course Road Morganton, NC Info:

To see Tables available copy link below right!

Contact John Carpenter: 803-760 2947

Email: johnthomas@hotmail.com

* The Elks Veterans program provides entertainment, food, and friendship to our hospitalized veterans in Asheville, NC. The Backpack program provides food on weekends to underprivileged in local schools. 100% profit of your contributions good to these wonderful programs that we as Elks provide as volunteers to the community!

Sponsored by the Morganton Elks Lodge #1852

*A Fundraiser for the Veteran's Outreach Program and Backpack Buddies!

Full Cash Bar, Food available for purchase Friday night. Saturday afternoon BBQ available for \$5/plate at 3Pm.

Tickets (wristbands):

Elite Level: Sponsor Table of 6= \$250 -Table is good for both nights and sponsor will receive 6 wristbands for Friday and 6 for Saturday. Can be used at sponsors discretion.

Club Level: Sponsor Table of 6= \$120 - Table good for one night either Friday or Saturday.

General Admission: \$15 at tables in the

First Come First Serve For All Levels Upon Payment!



Check us out on Facebook Morganton Elks Lodge Table map:

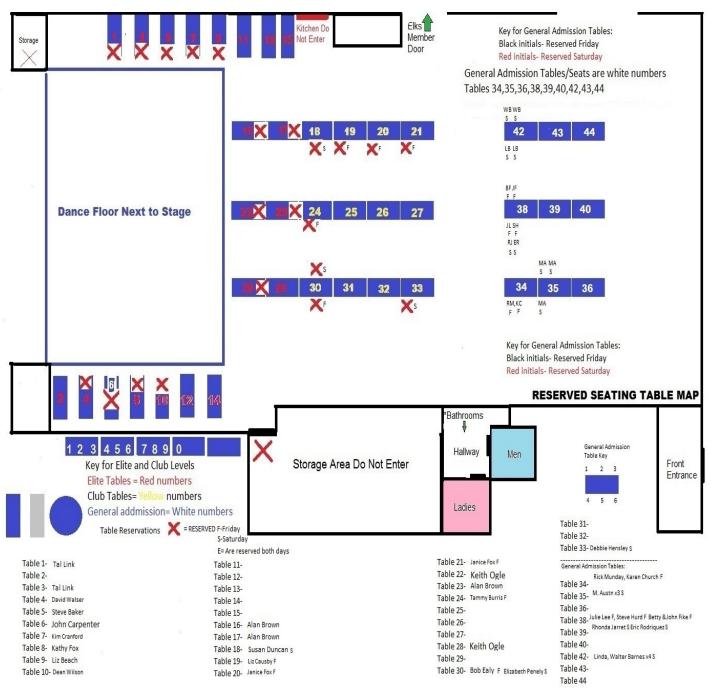
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Here is the link for sandybeachshagclub.com

http://www.sandybeachshagclub.com/JimQuickandCoastlineBandElksEventHelpPage.htm

This is the help page to make it easy to reserve a table for the Jim Quick weekend event on March 9th and 10th. We still have great seats and tables left. This is for a great cause. If you are supportive of our Veterans and needy children, then this is a great way to have a great time while helping these two wonderful causes. This event is sponsored by the Morganton Elks Lodge and is being produced by John Carpenter.







2018 SOS Dates

AprilApril 20-29 Spring Safari



July

July 13-15 Summer Workshop Hosted by ENO Beach Shag Club at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham, NC

July 17-22 Junior SOS

September September 14-23 - Fall Migration









Area Happenings-Check out what is happening around us!

Two great websites for Shag Dance Information:

www.shagdance.com, and www.shagtour.com

Area Clubs—please visit each club's website for more info. Boone Shag Club

www.booneshagclub.com

The Boone Shag Club meets Tuesdays 7:30 at the Boone Moose Lodge

607 Deerfield Rd. Boone, NC

\$3 members and \$7 guests

Statesville Shag Club

http://statesvilleshag.com

The Statesville Shag Club dances once a month at the VFW Post 2031 139 Jordan Lane, Statesville.

February party is Saturday 2/17/18, 7:00—11:00 (Re-up party)

DJ Robbie Leggett

\$5 Members and \$8 Guests

Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

www.brushymountainshagclub.com

Saturday, February 10 ~ 7:30—10:30
DJ "Big Daddy" George Ward
Holiday Inn Express, 1700 Winkler Street, Wilkesboro, NC 28697
\$5 members and \$8 guests

Rutherfordton County Shag Club:

Forest City, NC

Friday, February 2nd ~ 7:30
DJ Mike McDaniel
2270 US 74-A Bypass, Forest City, NC
No cover charge

Party is at "The Shak" located at the Tri City Mall between Belk and Ollie's at 2270 US 74-A Bypass, Forest City. Free intermediate shag step taught at 6:45. Music starts at 7:30. Full restaurant and bar menu.

Shelby Shaggers:

Shelby, NC

Dance lesson at 7:00 8:00-11:00 pm 613 E. Gold Street, Kings Mountain, NC \$5 members and \$8 guests

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

Lake Hickory Shag Club

lakehickoryshagclub.com shaggers@lakehickoryshagclub.com Saturday, February 3rd - DJ Billy Waldrep 7:00 until 11:00 pm VFW 1615 12th Street Dr. NW, Hickory \$5 Members ~ \$8 Guests ~ Juniors \$3

Gaston Shaggers:

Gaston Shaggers Official Facebook Page Saturday, February 10 Valentine's Party DJ Ron Teague

Free Shag Step @ 7:00 6:30 - 11:00 Absher Flowers VFW, 3250 W Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC \$5 members and \$8 guests

If you know of any member that has had an accident, surgery, family death, etc. please take the time and send Joyce Kincaid an email. She will gladly get a card in the mail. Our club family is very large and sometimes the right person doesn't get the information so please just take a moment and let Joyce know. Her email is macmarch2001@yahoo.com.

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Robin Little

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