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The Newsletter of Sandy Beach Shag Club

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## News At A Glance

Sandy Beach Shag Club Presents:  
**Red, White, and Blue Party**

Saturday, July 21st, 7:30pm until 11:30pm  
Elks Lodge, Morganton, NC

Wonderful Snacks, Cash Bar, and DJ  
Members \$5 Guests \$7

## Adopt a Highway Trash Pickup August 4, 2012

A highway cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, August 4 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 Jim Noggle 828-310-6099, if you need additional information! We Need Your Help! Rain date is August 11. Future cleanup dates are October 6 and December 1.

## Shag Lessons

We have completed all shag lessons for the summer. We will resume with Beginners I in September.

## Second Annual DJ Throwdown

**Save the Date—Sunday, September 2, 2012**

Our biggest event of the year, DJ Throwdown, is just around the corner. The party is from 3:30-11:00 pm and will include 12 DJs, a line dance lesson, fantastic food, games and much more. Look for more information in the August newsletter. We encourage all SBSC members to help us make this event a huge success.

### SBSC Birthdays for July 2012

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

Sanford T.Clark	7/1
Eddie Hicks	7/1
Deanes Short	7/2
Judy Glasscock	7/3
Steve Killian	7/6
Donnie Robinson	7/8
Lori Condrey	7/10
Susan Lehn	7/11
Doris Shelton	7/12
Grier Franklin	7/15
Susan Duncan	7/17
Georgia Cates	7/21
Frank (Lee) Denton	7/25
Allen Gurley	7/28
Crystal Smith-Cooper	7/28
Bo Hensley	7/29
Carollyn Pruet	7/30
Kimmie Rogers	7/30
Marvin Yokum	7/30

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

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

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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: Shirlene Wike  
 Decorations: Teresa Wilson  
 Website: John Carpenter  
 Information/Newsletter: Susan Whisnant/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! 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!!!

The excitement that you see does not just happen. We make it happen. The more of us that are part of the team, the easier it is to happen.

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### 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](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

July 21st-Buck Crumpton

August (no party)

September 2nd

October 13th-Norman Mills

November 17th-Roy Childress

December 15th-Steve Coley

#### SBSC Deck Party Dates for 2012

September 30, 2012

October 21, 2012



## **A Word from Teresa Wilson...**

To: Mike Carlisle, Jim Noggle, Dean Wilson, John Carpenter, Loretta Moses, Alice Smith, Susan Duncan, Dawn Rabon and Robin Morley

From setting up and arranging tables to polishing the final details in the décor, you guys are one amazing volunteer group! The time you put in to help me decorate was an incredibly generous gift to me and Sandy Beach Shag Club. The positive feedback we've received from those who attended was awesome. Everyone seemed to have had a fabulous time that evening, even if our numbers were smaller than usual. The grand success of this party is due in large part to you and your efforts. Thank you for sharing your energy, talents and time.

Teresa Wilson

## **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.

**\*\*Note– This is a great party too and it would be great to have some SBSC people there! Also, our own Robin Morley is running for Vice-Chairman of ACSC and this will be determined at the Workshop on July 14th at the business meeting.**

**July 13 - 15, 2012**

**ACSC 2012 Summer Workshop  
Hosted by First Coast Shag Club in Jacksonville, FL**

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### **From the Newsletter Staff:**

Lee Wagoner, Debbie Kiracofe, Kimmie Rogers, Scott Rogers and John Carpenter are all working to create the monthly newsletters. We need your help! If you would like to contribute an article, or even start a column, any help would be greatly welcomed. Also, if you have ideas of things you would like to see in our newsletter, please share them with us. We look forward to hearing from you. Please email John Carpenter at [johnthomas@hotmail.com](mailto:johnthomas@hotmail.com).

**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)

**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, July 28th  
7:30-11:30 VFW Hickory  
DJ Norman Mills  
\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

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**Statesville Shag Club**

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

The Statesville Shag Club dances at the VFW Post 2031 in Statesville the second (July 13) and fourth (July 27) Friday of every month. On July 13th our very own, Gary and Marlene Barlow, will be teaching the shag step, "Slow and Easy" at the dance.

8:00-11:00  
\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

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**Brushy Mountain Shag Club:**

North Wilkesboro, NC

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

BMSC is hosting a Luau & Tiki Party on July 14 with DJ Roy Childress at the Elks Lodge in N. Wilkesboro from 8pm until 11pm.

\$5 members and \$7 guests

## My First Time -by Lee Wagoner



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

After having some conversations with some members of our club, I thought I would share my recollections of my first time.

I was 15, rather mature looking for my age, and was at the beach on a family vacation. My older sister and I somehow wrangled our way into the Spanish Galleon and there I met the girl who would be my first. We talked for a while and then hit the dance floor. What happened next would change my life.

After a song or two, she leaned over and whispered in my ear... "you really don't know how to shag, do you?" I had to confess, with honesty being the best policy, an emphatic "No". She laughed and said for me not to worry, she'd teach me a basic step or two and I'd be good to go. She showed me the basic step and how to do a female turn and soon I was, in my mind, a dancing fool. Those two steps allowed me to dance with a number of girls that night and have a great time. But over time, I forgot them.

Fast forward to about four years ago. Strapped for an idea for a Christmas present for my wife, I told her I would take her dancing at least once a month, figuring that since she was into line dancing, that was what we would be doing. A friend of ours, who was a Sandy Beach member, took us to a monthly dance party. A chance to remember those steps learned so many years ago. But time had erased the memories and I looked really klutzy in comparison to those on the dance floor around me. I didn't even have on the right kind of shoes. I told my wife that if we were going to do this, we needed some formal training. Lessons ensued, classes taken and now I feel as if I've forgotten more than I've learned. And I hope I'm a better dancer, too. All because of that "First Time".

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

*Christian M.  
Chensvold*

And for those who thought this was about something different, get your minds out of the gutter. We're here to talk about dancing.

## My journey continued... by Kimmie Rogers

We saw the poster about shag lessons at the Elk Lodge in Hickory. We decided to give it a try. We both were unsure of what to expect and neither of us had any prior experience with dance lessons. Bobby Brown and Carol Huffman were the instructors. They were patient with all of us. These classes were popular and the people were definitely friendly. We learned the basic first and then just kept adding steps. It was so much fun and when we got to the point we could actually dance without counting. What an accomplishment! We took the lessons several times and then reached a point that we wanted to find a regular place to perform our steps to music. We wanted to be members of a shag club where we could dance on a consistent basis.

At the time we searched, there was not an active shag club in Hickory. We were told about the shag lessons at the Elk Lodge in Morganton. We took Beginners I with Robin and John. There were many friendly faces of friends who had been at our previous lessons in Hickory. The one thing I realized very quickly is that the shag world includes many friendly folks who never want to stop learning new steps. Just after a few lessons we knew we wanted to belong to this club called Sandy Beach Shag Club. Oh what a smart choice we made. Becoming a member of Sandy Beach has value.

For only \$20 bucks a year we get the following:

- \$5 admission to our monthly party at the Elks Lodge in lieu of \$7 for guests, this party includes great food, great music with a well-known DJ and wonderful friends. We have 9 regular parties x \$2 monthly savings equals \$18 in annual savings each year.
- Free deck parties at Friday Friends at least 4 times a year with great music and a wonderful DJ. Sandy Beach does not charge for this and they allow guests. I do believe this benefit is worth at least \$20 each year.
- Sandy Beach Shag Club has a tea party at SOS in the fall each year. My husband and I had at least three cocktails each, so I am allowing \$20 in savings each for this benefit if you consider cost plus tip.
- We have an awesome Christmas party each year. This includes a full meal to each member. I consider this benefit to be at least a \$20 savings per individual.
- Can anyone remember any our road trips with The Sandy Beach Shag Club? I remember a wonderful trip to Shelton Vineyards where we tasted wine and listened to a wonderful live concert on the lawn. They even picked us up in Hickory and delivered us back safely. I know just the tickets to a concert at Shelton are at least \$25 each.
- Oh yes, as a member of Sandy Beach Shag Club you may take Beginner I class as many times as you wish for free. Add at least \$20 for this benefit as most of us have taken Beginner I more than once, including me and Scott.
- Another item is we have great fellow members who teach line dancing many times each year. This is another item which can certainly add value to our membership. I give it at least a \$25 value at bare minimum.
- We also have visited the homes of fellow members where we have become closer in friendships and enjoyed ourselves and this dance.

**SANDY BEACH  
SHAG CLUB**

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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: [johnthomas@hotmail.com](mailto: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*

***Sandy Beach Shag Club***

***UWD***

United We Dance

I would like to introduce myself and my new company to everyone in Sandy Beach Shag Club and the Morganton Elks Lodge. My name is Herman Taylor and I worked in construction most of my adult life. I was a superintendent with Hickory Const. Co. until the



recent economic downturn. My wife is Susan Taylor and she is a retired Burke Co. school teacher. We have been members of SBSC for nearly two years, and I recently became a member of Morganton Elks lodge. I have spent the past 2 years training for and preparing to start my new travel agency as a semi-retirement venture to supplement my income and provide travel opportunities for my wife and I to enjoy. Taylor Made Travel llc is a full service travel agency that I run out of my home. My training and coursework was through AAA Carolinas and consisted of four separate courses (Travel career development, Exploring the World, How to start a home based business, Cruising- guide to the cruising industry). The next step was the National Tap test furnished by The Travel Institute. I completed my coursework with AAA with a Destination Specialist course on the Caribbean. I am proud to say I received scores near 100% on all tests and exams. I am continuing my training with many of the industry suppliers, to date I have completed courses with Disney Cruise, Disney World, Disney Adventures, Carnival Cruise lines, Royal Caribbean Cruises, Sandals Resorts with numerous certificates from each. Taylor Made Travel specializes in Cruises(Caribbean, Alaska & Hawaii, Mediterranean & European, South & Central American, Australia & South Pacific), Cruise-tours(Alaska & Europe), Caribbean vacations(all-inclusive resorts & Exotic secluded destinations-private islands) , destination weddings and honeymoons( groups & private), group travel, river cruises to Europe and Asia, rail packages, adventure tours, Beach rentals( oceanfront condos and homes), hotels and resorts worldwide, Gatlinburg and Branson packages and much more. Any type vacation anywhere in the world, I would love to help you, your family and friends with all your travel plans!!

WE TURN VACATION DREAMS INTO LIFELONG PRECIOUS MEMORIES!!!



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