



United We Dance

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 regular party is **Saturday August 2nd** with DJ Frank Price. Remember to bring a snack to share. When you bring a snack you will be entered into a drawing for a door prize!

Sunday, July 20th is the annual pool party at Charles Bridges and Elizabeth Ferguson's home in Claremont. Details to follow.

August 31 - DJ Megafest IV! This is one of the biggest and best parties of the year, with several DJs, prizes, raffles, and food food food. Individual registrations are **limited**, and available at \$25. If you plan to attend, contact John Carpenter soon as they are a certain sellout.

On **Saturday, September 6th** the Sandy Beach Shag Club will have their annual dance demo at 9:30 am at the Pepsi stage. Mark your calendar and come join the fun!

Membership

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 only \$20.

Dance Lessons

Robin and John will not offer group lessons during the summer, but you can contact them for private group or individual private lessons.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy goes to Robin and Randy Bivins on the loss of Robin's mother and aunt. If you would like to send a card, their mailing address is: 639 East Sanders Rd., Shelby, NC 28150

A Message from President Dorothy Barrier



I hope everyone is having a great summer. I know I sure am. Sandy Beach Shag Club is still going strong even though it is vacation season.

Our June party was a huge success. Many thanks to all

those that decorated and all those that brought snacks. We are so blessed to have such great members that work for our club. We do not have a party scheduled for July since this is the height of vacation season, but we are working on a date for a Thursday night party near the end of the month. This is will be a free party for all and SBSC will furnish the food.

Megafest will soon be here and we need volunteers. Please contact either John Carpenter or myself if you would like to help. It takes a lot of work to put on a party the size of our megafest. We need help with decorating, with the snack table, with door prizes, etc. Our first meeting for the Megafest was Thursday June 26. If you will be able to help on a committee be sure to contact me.

I do have Fun Monday tickets for sale. They are \$10.00 each. Please try to purchase a ticket. The proceeds help pay for all the Fun Sunday and Fun Monday events. These are free events and we certainly want to keep it that way. The top money prize is \$7500.00 to a lucky ticket holder. Any money that is left from the sale of these tickets goes to a charitable children's organization. I truly encourage all club members to purchase a ticket.

On a more somber note, my prayers and condolences go out to Robin and Randy Bivens and to John Carpenter. Robin just recently lost her mother and her aunt. John lost his stepfather. Please let them know you are thinking about them.

I hope everyone has safe and fun Fourth of July. See you soon.

Dance like there is no tomorrow.

Dorothy Barrier

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	Jim Noggle
	Gary Barlow
Past President	John Carpenter

The Sandkicker DJ Megafest IV Party Is Going To Be The Best Ever

by John Carpenter

Our 2012 edition of the Sandkicker DJ Megafest was nominated for the Cammy award for "Best Shag Club Party". This year's 2014 party is going to be truly the best ever. On June 26th the first meeting was held regarding the party and we have come up with some great ideas to make the party even more spectacular than it has been before. We will be serving the food differently with a great menu that will hopefully involve lemon chicken. We will cut back on seating to allow a better flow to the dance floor. There will be more stand-up areas to allow for better socializing of the participants.

Our DJ slate is set. We have the following committed to attending: Eddie Anderson, Roy Childress, Steve Coley, Buck Crumpton, Mike Harding, Gene Hensley, Roger Holcomb, Norman Mills, Frank Price, Tommy Samole, Rodney Still, and Eddie Teeter. Mike Harding won his slot by winning the mini-megafest contest that was previously held. Everything will be ready to go on August 31st, Labor Day Sunday.

Here is the deal. Regular members are going to get first selection of registration. They can send in their checks starting July 1st and ending on July 7th (addressed to me: John Carpenter, 100 Smith St., Morganton NC 28655) for guaranteed seats. All requests for regular membership registration must be postmarked prior to July 8th to be guaranteed seats. On July

8th, all other seats requests will be honored until our available seats are gone. This number will be reduced from our 350 seats last year. We have decided to limit the registration number to 325 seats (regular and associate). Seats will be \$25 per person.



Last year we had over 550 requests for seats. Please understand that we will sell out very fast this year. If you have a desire to bring a bus to our event, please contact me ASAP, and I will do what I can to reserve your seats. All registration requests are non-refundable this year. You can transfer your registration to someone else but it will not be valid until we receive the information that is required on the necessary form. The registration form will be available on our website starting July 8th for all associate members and those who will become associate members. We will only need the names of those regular members who have registered as mentioned above, that will commence July 1st. If you have any questions, you can email me at johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com, or call me at 803 760 2947.

We hope you will be one of the fortunate people to register for the party this year!

July Birthdays

Sanford T.Clark	7/1
Eddie Hicks	7/1
Debbie "Deb" McGinnis	7/1
Lane Allman	7/2
DeEtta Gentry	7/2
Judy Glasscock	7/3
Robert (Bob) Baker	7/4
Steve Hurd	7/6
Steve Killian	7/6
Tim Long	7/8
Linda Ouzts	7/8
Donnie Robinson	7/8
James "Don" McGinnis	7/9
Lori Condrey	7/10
Susan Monahan	7/11
Doris Shelton	7/12
Neil Carroll	7/15
Grier Franklin	7/15
Janet Spann	7/15
Keith Ollis	7/16
Susan Duncan	7/17
Kathy Hall	7/17
Hannah Owen	7/17
Dot McCoig	7/19
Cheryl Goossens	7/20
Diane Millman	7/20
Pam Penley	7/20
Ray Penley	7/20
Georgia Cates	7/21
Michael Morris	7/24
Darlene Duzan	7/27
Crystal Smith-Cooper	7/28
Allen Gurley	7/28
Bo Hensley	7/29
Carollyn Pruett	7/30
Kimmie Rogers	7/30
Marvin Yokum	7/30
Becky Chappell	7/31

Community Service

2014 Adopt -A-Highway Cleanup

The next highway cleanup will be:

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

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:
johnccarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com

All members are encouraged to donate a snack. For this, you will be entered in a drawing for a door prize or free admission to the next party. 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.

The Music..The Dance..A Personal View #8

Amazing Bush Women with No Crown

by Ron Spencer



Man...what a fabulous past month. Lots of great boogie music has come my way. My hobby is adding and enjoying my boogie library. To clear up an issue from last month's newsletter, I don't sell music, I share music...greater benefits.

Now...the sub title. Carole, her son and our 2 granddaughters spent 4 days at Hilton Head. We take our girls every year to the beach, most of the times North Myrtle. Hilton Head to me is nothing more than ole rich golfers, nothing wrong with golf or rich but it's not me. There wasn't a boogie song or shagging within 100 miles. How depressing.

What made the trip a great trip was a gorgeous Royal little blonde by the name of Carole who spent most of her time in the bushes without a Crown...you figure the Crown. Miniature golf turned out was nothing more than "hey, where's Carole"? Yep, she's in the bushes over and over looking for a ball, but no Crown. You really have to be special to lose golf balls from tee to cup in 5-10 yards.

We all road bikes. Again, the question was "hey, where's Carole?". After multiple trips going back up the trail, yep...there she was laying in the bushes at least twice but no Crown. Carole is a gorgeous great classy lady and great shagger. She's also a very good caring person. Outdoor sportsmen...not!! I love you honey but stay on the dance floor with or without a Crown.

Congratulations to our senior DJ for the outstanding performance on the radio with Frank Price. I sit through it all with pen and paper getting great B&B music. Thanks Steve, you make us all proud and we love you.

This month I want to maybe help with an issue the same way I personally fixed the golfer problem at spring SOS... article #5. As always, expect me to say what I think most people are thinking but don't say it. I just say it anyway because I'm not very smart about a lot of stuff. Hey, it's dancing to music, not Armageddon.

The biggest problem I have seen and the biggest problem many of us have with the dance we love is "we just can't do a dad gum basic". I love what Gary Barlow has said in past articles...Sept 2013, Aug 2013 and especially June 2013. I am sorry to embarrass him but this is some of the greatest information I have read on shagging for average ordinary folk like most of us.

For those wanting to better your dance, I suggest you read and re-read as I have. Gary and Marlene re-took the basic from Charlie and Jackie and he spoke about "re-charging the basic". Thanks Gary for great information...we miss it and love you. Gary spoke about Jackie "pointing out arm movement".

One of the first old shag lesson tapes I bought was Charlie and Jackie teaching the basic with no arm movement. Charlie said the arm and hand needs to be positioned like your hand on a fence post...meaning...quit pumping like we are pumping water out of a well. You want to be a great shagger, turn on some boogie in your home alone. Place your hand on something stationary waist high and do the basic for hours.

I will not be pumped by a partner. I will hold the hand still and fight for "still" if I need too. Lady, if I'm pumping water on the dance floor, you need to stop me. The hands are to remain still, not up to the neck or dragging the ground but "as resting on a fence post" according to Charlie and Jackie. We want to look cool? Hey teammates, let's keep our hands

still. Please re-read Gary's June 2013 article...excellent.

Amazing how we want to learn new steps but we have not learned the most important step...the basic. We may, as many have, took lessons and want to move on but have moved away from the basic. I have, as many have, been all over the floor thinking I am cool but eventually learning I was only cool in my own mind.

Shad Alberty, one of the old time greatest shaggers told Deanes Short that he needed to spend a year on the basic before moving forward in the dance. Shad taught many great dancers including Deanes and Debbie Short. They were maybe the best shaggers ever from Sandy Beach in their day. If we have to fight over a step on the floor with any partner, someone has a problem.

To me...cool is a great basic. A great basic is also staying in our slot. We have heard this 1000's of times. Carole is constantly correcting me as I need it. By the way, don't be offended even if they are seldom wrong. Hey teammates...let's grow up...it's only a dad gum dance, not an Al-Qaeda attack. We all have a certain amount of space, we don't own the floor.

Practice doing the basic in an area the size of a basic card table, that's our slot. If you and your partner have special steps you have learned, maybe a little more area but not much. It seems the more fun I have, the wider my slot gets. Stop it Ron!!

Another key, the shag is from the knee down. You may have a great tush(is that a word?) and want to jerk, wiggle, strut, shake, rattle and roll. We probably could impress more at the Hickory Tavern. Do I always do the right thing, heck no, but if I want to look cool, I know what I must do, a great basic.

For me personally, one of the funniest things I see on the dance floor is the "birthday dance". Everyone shows up for it including the birthday-e and the friends that wants to honor the birthday-e. What is funny, actually ridiculous are we men that think we need to show the lady, if birthday-e, every step we know in 15 seconds to the lady that don't have a clue what we're doing.

Key lesson shagging men...we ain't as cool as we think we are. Get over it. Do a great basic for the birthday dance with maybe a male or female turn only and be thankful and happy for the birthday-e. We are only impressing ourselves if otherwise. If we want to perform, do it with the one that is comfortable with you.

If no lady is comfortable, go back to the basic again and again and master it. Hey guys, let's be a great basic-er. Same for the ladies. It is virtually impossible to teach the pivot if we can't do a great basic. I suggest if we can't pivot, first...again...first have an instructor look at our basic. Every step we do must have a silent count to it until we can do it. Don't be embarrassed if we have been shagging since our youth as I have and still need help as I do. Even if we are great "prayer warriors", we are instructed in II Chronicles to humble ourselves and pray. That is the sign of greatness...only my opinion. And you know what? If none of this getting better at dancing interests you and this information is not important to you, that is also alright!

In life's bigger picture, this is small stuff. In spite of what we all think or may say, life is much bigger than shag culture. This message is for those of us that want to improve our dance and can also laugh at ourselves trying. More coming next month about this phenomenal dance we do and the great culture we enjoy. Everything expressed is only my opinion and 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.

Boone Shag Club

www.booneshagclub.com

Saturday, July 26, 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

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

Statesville Shag Club

<http://statesvilleslag.com>

The Statesville Shag Club dances at the
VFW Post 2031 in Statesville the second and
fourth Friday of every month.

July 11 with Billy Waldrep

July 25 with Butch Metcalf

8:00-11:00

\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

Shelby Shag Club:

Shelby, NC

July 18

335 E. College Ave. Shelby, NC

\$3 members and \$6 guests

Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

www.brushymountainshagclub.com

Saturday, July 12, 2014

8:00p-11:00p with Billy Waldrep

N. Wilkesboro Elks Lodge

\$5 members and \$7 guests

Two great websites for Shag Dance Information:

www.shagdance.com,

www.shagtour.com

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)
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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!

Mark Your Calendars

2014 Party Dates

August 2nd Saturday – DJ Frank Price
August 31st Sunday – DJ Megafest IV
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:

Sept 7 - SOS Kickoff

Oct 5