



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:

On **Tuesday, June 10th**, all SBSC dancers are invited to the State Teachers Retirement Picnic at Catawba Meadows, shelter #3 for a demonstration of the Carolina Shag from 4pm until 9pm. This will include a meal for those of you that can attend. Contact Sam Smith for additional information, and please let John Carpenter know by email if you can join us.

Our next General Membership meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 12th** at 6:30pm at the Elks Lodge. All members are encouraged to attend.

The next regular party is **Saturday June 14th** with DJ Billy Waldrep. Remember to bring a snack to share. When you bring a snack you will be entered into a drawing for a door prize!

The next Deck Party is **Sunday, June 22** at Friday Friends, from 4pm - 8pm. There is no admission charge and you need not bring a snack.

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

Membership

It is time to **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP** for 2014. The \$20 dues bring you so many discounts and benefits throughout the year and helps the club continue its effort to support shag. A final invoice will be sent on June 1 to members who have not paid their renewal dues by May 31, 2014. You may mail your dues, complete with your name and address to: SBSC C/O John Carpenter, 100 Smith Street, Morganton, NC 28655

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.



**A Message from
President Dorothy Barrier**

Another month has come and gone. The Sandkicker Megafest and Fall SOS will be here before we know it.

May was a very successful month for Sandy Beach Shag Club. We started off with a kicking deck party at Friday Friends with Frank Price as our DJ. At this party SBSC made a \$240.00 donation to WSGE for their spring fundraiser. In doing this we get to hear our own Steve Coley as DJ for a day. I will try to let everyone know when to tune in for this. As most of you know, WSGE plays wonderful beach and shag music on the weekends. If you haven't tuned in to this station it is FM 91.7 on your dial.

Speaking of Steve Coley, I would like to congratulate him for being named our 2014 Honorary Lifetime Member. To get this honor you must be a member of SBSC for at least 5 years and you must work for the club. Steve has done both. He has been our DJ on numerous occasions and he along with James Bentley, are our DJ committee. These two are the ones that line our DJs up for our monthly parties and our deck parties. Steve is always there to lend a hand when we need help and we are very fortunate to have Steve and of course his lovely wife Arlene as very active members of our shag club.

Our May Re-up party was a huge success. I want to personally thank everyone for all the wonderful food that was brought to this party.

SBSC will be holding a free party with free food on a Thursday night in the near future. I know that we do not have a party scheduled in July, so that may be the time to do it.

Our next general meeting will be on June 12th at 6:30 at the Morganton Elks Lodge. I do hope everyone can attend. This is your club and your input needs to be heard. I am fairly certain that Susan Duncan will be having line dance lessons afterwards. The meeting should not last long, but we do need to start working on our Sandkicker Megafest soon, so we will need some volunteers.

We will also decide a date for our free Thursday night party and install 2 new board members. Jim Noggle and Gary Barlow have both served 2 years and their terms are up. They have both done an excellent job while serving on the board and I want to thank them for all they have done for Sandy Beach Shag Club. When you see them, please tell them how much you appreciate their service.

Don't forget, the next party is June 14th at the Elks Club and our next deck party is June 22 at Friday Friends. Please remember that I am always open for new ideas and we can always use volunteers. I know that it is easy to just come to a party and have a good time, but it does take a lot of work to have parties like we do. If you are interested in volunteering please give me, Robin Little or John Carpenter a call and I feel sure that we can find something for you do.

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

2014 Grand National Dance Championships

by John Carpenter

On Memorial Day weekend, Robin and I went to Atlanta for the 2014 Grand National Dance Championships (GNDC) in Atlanta, GA. I wanted to write this article to give members of SBSC, and anyone else that might read this article, an opportunity to take part of something that I believe is very important to our culture of dancing, and of course our culture of the Carolina Shag.

We all make bucket lists to some degree, of those things that we would like to do or to accomplish in our lives. For many of you, learning to shag was one of them.

The event starts Thursday night at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel in Atlanta. It is a very beautiful venue and has lots of places within a short walk to eat and to shop. The one thing for spectators at the GNDC is that there is plenty of time to check out the surrounding area if you choose. This event showcases the Swing and the Shag. There is also a Cabaret event that is exciting and entertaining. To say the least, it is a very athletic event.

You will learn a great deal about how the culture of shag differs from swing dancing. The shag has one of the best junior programs that you can find. At this event there were 22 couples of our youth in the Junior Shag I and Junior Shag II divisions. The dancing was the best I have ever seen, from top to bottom, in these groups. It was phenomenal.

The Masters division (over age 45) and the Carolina Classic, are two of the most popular divisions. Another popular division is the team dancing division. This year showcased to junior shag teams. There are Jack and Jill contests, Pro-Am contests, and all kinds of contests to

watch during the time you are there. There are lessons on shag and swing, and there is a costume party that this year featured the "Roaring 20's". You know who was prepared for that event! This was in honor of GNDC celebrating their 20th anniversary.

Our shag culture is like no other. The friendship and closeness, the family caring and the desire to be able to share our dance and culture is so prevalent in this setting. You walk among our national champions, you dance beside them during social dancing, you meet them and get to talk with them just like any other shaggers you might meet. It is an experience like no other.

The event is sponsored by Michael and LeAnn Norris, National Shag Dance Champions many times over. It is assisted by Shag Atlanta who provides hospitality and do a number of duties as volunteers. There are many sponsors, donors, and volunteers that make the event happen.

It is always on Memorial Day weekend. It will always be an event that I will try to attend as long as God is willing. I encourage you to consider getting a group together and come with us. It is quite a party as well as a gathering of the best dancers in the country. You will learn so much about the swing and the shag and how they really fit together well and provide a great opportunity to learn from each other and each other's culture.



June Birthdays

Dianne Rowe	6/1
Melissa Arrington	6/3
Rebecca Dickinson	6/5
Martha Cartee	6/6
Denise Rust	6/7
Pat Hensley	6/8
Terrie Melton	6/8
Steve Baker	6/10
Janice Fox	6/12
Dean Friesland	6/13
James Holder	6/13
Joyce M. Leddy	6/15
Becky Ward	6/16
Sharon Church	6/18
Kenneth McFarland	6/19
Mike Boyd	6/21
Diana Cross	6/22
Cindy Robinson	6/24
Gayle Brown	6/25
Wilford Sloan	6/25
Joyce Sutton	6/25
Carol Austin	6/30
Kit Jones	6/30
Carson Swanson	6/30
Steve Valentine	6/30

Community Service

2014 Adopt -A-Highway Cleanup

The next highway cleanup will be:

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)
DJ Cmmittee:	Steve Coley, James Bentley (slcoley913@yahoo.com)
Membership:	John Carpenter, Robin Morley (johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com)
Door:	Sam Smith, Annette Smith (samueal@bellsouth.net)
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!

The Music..The Dance..A Personal View #7

by Ron Spencer



front of her friends and publically thank her for the recent gift to me. Carole and I support WSGE 91.7 radio. At this year's fund drive, she called in a donation and purchased "DJ for the day" for yours truly. Blew me out of the water even though I knew she has "big money." Details are being worked out and I will be on the radio for approximately four hours on a Saturday with a DJ friend. I will have my playlist and I'm sure you know what it will be...yep, the good stuff. Being quiet and shy as I am, I can't wait. I hope I can think of something to say. I will let Susan know so she can get it out to all that may want to tune in. I'm sure Sandy Beach will be discussed on Carole's money time. Ya'll better behave.

As I am about to share some music favorites, a few good women friends from Sandy Beach have told me..."Ron"...they like to call me Ron..."all your Boogie & Blues(B&B) music sounds alike". In my humble wisdom, my response was "I like butter pecan ice cream too and could eat it at every meal". Now isn't that just genius? Somebody write that down for memory. I could never, nor do I want to be a DJ, I'm too prejudiced. No beach bands, no classic beach songs, no boardwalk or sand in my shoes songs, no more Carolina girls...only ole Chicago women, no white people singing (maybe on piano or harmonica). As one of my favorite DJ says "if they ain't dead yet, I won't play it". Maybe I'm not that bad but you get the picture. I searched my music and it is tough to

pick a list of top 10 songs, also the "whys." I will also pick my favorite artists and favorite band. I will start with #10 and finish with my #1 favorite B&B dance song.

#10- "If That's Your Girl" - Boyd Gilmore-1910-1976, best sounding out of tune piano

#9- "Jenny Lee" - Mojo Blues Band - since 1977, a great band from Austria, saw them at Club 2001 at the beach years ago, no bad music from this great band

#8- "Bury You In A Paper Sack" - Snooky Pryor - blues legend, loved by many DJ's and shaggers, great soloist and fill in with other great B&B artist and bands, many hits

#7- "I Can't Think" - Band of Oz - my favorite beach band shag song, can't help it

#6- "Give and Take a Little" -B.B. & The Blues Shacks, just found it, awesome forever

#5- "Going Down Geneva" - Van Morrison(Carole's favorite), great dance song and artist from Ireland, our most danced too song

#4- "Mojo Boogie" (or 20 more that sound the same, love butter pecan) - Henry Gray, no teeth at 89 but still performing. He gums his singing, I love this great blues legend, he played at Pirates Cove in 2009. Unique boogie piano, love his style & passion, been playing the boogie 7 decades, many great hits. My hero at boogie longevity. When I grow up, I want to be just like Henry.

#3- "Mary Jane" - The Mannish Boys...I love this great dance song especially when the harmonica kicks in, I want to scream, effect sable (if that's a word), it's sooooo good. I will take this one to the grave with me. This California band has recorded hundreds of songs; this is the only one I like. Funny that for months I thought the harmonica was calling a women named Mary Jane. Someone told me the harmonica was calling for weed... too much time in the cave.

My last 2 and favorites are off of one of the greatest B&B albums in my opinion... Super Harps II, recorded in 2001. There are 5 great songs out of 13 on album, this is where my top 2 came from. The artists are 4 of the best, all are legends, don't get no better...Carey Bell (1936-2007), Lazy Lester, Raful Neal (1936-2004), Snooky Pryor (1936-2006). The deceased performed to the very end of their lives.

Lazy Lester, singing the lead, is my #2 song. I love this 81 year old legend who like Henry Gray, is still performing and blowing a great harmonica. His singing is so lazy, you almost have to pull the words out of his mouth, I love it.

My #1 song is a combination of all 4 great legends putting it together with Carey Bell singing the lead...I love this song so much. All 10 of my actions and reactions from last newsletter takes place when I play it. It causes me to be dangerous and almost illegal when this song is playing. Perfect balance of piano and harmonica.

#2- "I Hear You Knockin" - Carey Bell, Lazy Lester, Raful Neal, Snooky Pryor

#1- "What My Mama Told Me" - Carey Bell, Lazy Lester, Raful Neal, Snooky Pryor

This great music must be played loud or it won't work. Turn it up DJ's like Pirates Cove.

My favorite classic beach music band has to be The Tams. I grew up dancing to their music in the 60's and saw Joe Pope & Tams couple times at Park Center, Charlotte. "Laugh It Off" was and is a great shag song. My favorite Joe Pope Tams song is "It's All Right You're Just In Love" from 1964. It is romantically smokin hot. I think the first time I heard it as a teenager; I fell in love 4 times in one night. All 4 eventually dropped me. The Joe Pope Tams were really great. The band is still having

success with Lil' Redd, credited with having the fastest feet in show business. We saw them at Ducks and Thoroughbreds several years ago, not the Joe Pope Tams but still a good show band.

I buy most all my music from iTunes. Sometimes a nice person will share one with me. It amazes me how some people get 1000's of songs at one time. I heard a DJ on the radio couple weeks ago state he just got 5,000 songs and was going through them. I enjoy the hunt. Most songs have a tag with other artist attached. I start looking and have found an amazing amount of music this way. My good DJ friend Steve has shown me how to adjust the computer speed of songs with a purchased down loaded MP3 tempo changer. I know little about purchasing music and the mechanics of shortening the song and the speed but I would be glad to help anyone with what I know.

I burn a lot of CD's and am willing to share my music. I wish more would join my "Burn 5, Share The Love Club". Anytime anyone gives you a song or CD or a down load, dad-gum-it, burn 5 and share with someone else. If some of you have copies of my CD's and haven't shared, shame...shame on you. I think it might be spiritual.

If you would like some of my top 10, shoot me a email...ns935@yahoo.com and I will see what I can do. I don't text, Facebook, tweet, tweeter, scream or holler nor any that other crappie techie stuff. Since I'm on a roll, don't walk in my house looking at your phone. If I forget, just cuss me. Share it and don't ask me to join nothing. I've joined Jesus and Sandy Beach and that's enough. I love Him. Amen! Some dance music makes me sleepy and some makes me go crazy. I like it all. Everything shared is only my redneck opinion because I'm just a grumpy ole opinionated man and this is A Personal View. Be Blessed!

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, June 28, 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.

June 13 with JR. Norfleet

June 27 with Ed Timberlake

8:00-11:00

\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

June 14 - Second Annual Hospice Golf
Tournament. Visit their Web site for more
information.

Shelby Shag Club:

Shelby, NC

June 20 - Dick Hamrick

335 E. College Ave. Shelby, NC

\$3 members and \$6 guests

Two great websites for Shag Dance Information:

www.shagdance.com,

www.shagtour.com

Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

www.brushymountainshagclub.com

Saturday, June 8, 2014

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

N. Wilkesboro Elks Lodge

\$5 members and \$7 guests

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 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

2014 Party Dates

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:

June 22

Sept 7 - SOS Kickoff

Oct 5