



United We Dance

Sandkicker

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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

Congratulations!

Our own John Carpenter was recently announced as a recipient of the Icon Award. It is an award given to shag members who go above the call of duty to promote the shag dance and shag world. They are people who are a positive role model for shag members, and are honored for their many contributions over time. This recognition is presented to only 5 people each year by the ACSC. We are fortunate to have such an inspiring force in our club!

2014 SOS cards are available for sale! See Dorothy Barrier! \$30 if you buy from the club, \$35 otherwise.

Upcoming Events:

The next party is March 8. This is the Mini-Megafest and will feature several new and upcoming DJs for our entertainment. This should be a fun time. The theme is Mardi Gras and will be handled as a regular dance party. No advance tickets are necessary. Remember to bring a snack to share. When you bring a snack you will be entered into a drawing for a door prize!

Dance Lessons

Beginning Shag and Shag II began on Feb. 27. The next dates are Mar. 6, 20 and April 3. Beginner I at 6:30; Beginner II at 7:45. Contact Susan Duncan or Robin Morley for details. Please arrive early to register.

SBSC Members,

Monica Tolin is looking for someone to share a room at SOS. She has a room at OD Beach and Golf Resort. Home of the Spanish Galleon. It is for Friday and Saturday nights. April 11-13. If you are interested, please contact her at 828-403-4140.

In Memoriam

With deep sympathy I report the passing of Dorothy (Dot) Pope Noggle. She is the mother of Jim Noggle. Please extend your thoughts and prayers to Jim and his family during this difficult time. Condolences may be sent to: 6727 Lakeview Terrace, Hickory, NC 28601-9489



A Message from President Dorothy Barrier

Spring is just around the corner and hopefully warmer weather is on the way.

However Sandy Beach Shag Club is on fire as usual. We had a wonderful Putting on the Glitz party in February. The decorations looked beautiful. A huge thanks to John and Robin Little, Leah Turner, James Bentley and Mike Carlisle for braving the snow and coming out and doing our decorating. Also I want to thank Teresa Wilson and Alice Smith for the finishing touches. Sandy Beach Shag Club has the best and most dedicated members around. Please let these folks know how much you appreciate the decorations.

At the February party we started giving away a free admission to our next party if you bring a snack. There were some great snacks and I want to personally thank all that brought something to snack on. Congratulations to Carson Swanson for winning a free admission to our next party. We will continue to do this with our upcoming parties.

Our next party is March 8th. This will be our mini megafest, showcasing several DJ's that we have never had the pleasure of playing at our parties. Our theme will be Mardi Gras. This should be another great party and I look forward to seeing everyone and as always, please bring a snack.

I am attending the Winter Workshop in Columbia, S.C. on Feb. 21, 22, and 23. I will share what I have learned with you during our next meeting. Our own Robin Morley will be one of the keynote speakers and she always has a good program lined up.

The float for spring SOS is underway and we can always use volunteers to help work on this. If you would like to donate some of your time and talents, please contact Robin Little and let her know.

Speaking of Spring SOS, It will be here soon. If you have never been to an SOS, you just don't know what you are missing! It is so much fun. I still have some SOS cards available so contact me if you are in need of one. Also, I understand there is something else going on in North Myrtle Beach at the same time as SOS, so you need to make your room reservations as soon as possible.

As always, if you have any ideas to improve our club, or if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call. We have the BEST club around and it is because of our members.

United We Dance,

Dorothy Barrier

President Sandy Beach Shag Club

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

Election News

The Nominating Committee for the upcoming 2014 Officer and Board Member elections includes:

Sanford Clark
James Bentley
Teresa Wilson

If you are interested in becoming an officer or board member, or if you would like to nominate someone, please contact any of the individuals above.

ACSC Workshops - A Must Attend!

by John Carpenter

The best parties in the shag world happen at the Winter and Summer Workshops. At Sandy Beach Shag Club we try to give you valuable information so that you can broaden your horizons and enjoy experiences that you have not yet enjoyed. If you have a shag bucket list, you really should put this on your list. I have just returned from one of the best ACSC workshops that I have ever attended. This was put on by the Palmetto Shag Club in Columbia. Their Southern Comfort party on May 30th and 31st will be a very close replica of this Workshop and I highly encourage you to quickly get your tickets and book your hotel room if you would like to go.

What makes these parties so special is the clubs are showcasing their shag club, and pull out all the stops to make sure that the 90+ clubs in attendance are duly impressed with what they have to offer. Palmetto Shag Club went all out and did an outstanding job of their attention to detail and making sure every aspect was well planned and well thought out. They had the best hospitality suite I have ever seen. Their room was a little smaller than our Elks Lodge room, with a nice dance floor, anything you wanted to drink for free, and some fantastic food, great DJ's and just about the highest energy I have ever witnessed at an event. The hotel has a special deal every day with free drinks for a couple of hours at happy hour. You literally could drink for free from 2:30pm until 7pm. They had a dinner on Saturday, and free breakfasts (full breakfasts) every morning. The party was held in the main ballroom with a gigantic dance floor and great DJ's. They had everything that you would want in a party. Large 50/50 raffles, a wagon full of booze you could win, and people from every shag club up and down the east coast.

There is also the business of ACSC being conducted. My favorite business meeting is at the Winter Workshop because there is a great

deal going on. Robin Morley in her capacity of Vice Chairman of the ACSC is responsible for the education portion of the meeting. All of you would be so proud of what Robin puts together to assist all the presidents in helping their clubs to be more successful. They always have the elections for SOS Board seats at this meeting. This meeting, there were three seats up for elections. Helen Still, Ronnie Gregory, and Susan Harrell, were elected. Following the elections, they announce the ACSC Shag Icons. Shag Icons are selected each year by past Shag Icons that evaluate nominations that come from individual shag clubs. They are assessed on 8 areas of criteria and are scored by the selection committee independently of each other. The top five people are awarded this wonderful honor. The actual awards are presented at Spring SOS, during the business meeting. There is an Icon reception that is held and each winner is presented to all the past Icons at that time. The winners this year are Ken Aiken, CSRA, Joan Byrnes, Richmond Shag Club, John Carpenter, Sandy Beach Shag Club, Joan Kimbo, Burlington Shag Club, and Sandra Strader, Danville Shag Club.

You meet so many people, and the networking is a phenomenal way to promote Sandy Beach Shag Club. Everyone is so kind and so receptive to meeting new friends. You see all of your neighbor shag clubs there and it is such a great opportunity to catch up with everyone. I cannot recommend this more! So great ready to go to a Workshop. The next one is in Augusta, July 11th thru the 14th hosted by C.S.R.A. They really know how to put on a party too!



March Birthdays

Leigh Mazaleski.....	3/2
Bill Barbour.....	3/7
Benett Brittain.....	3/7
Jim Cates	3/9
Elizabeth Ferguson.....	3/9
Mitzi McAfee.....	3/9
Rita Deal.....	3/11
Leisha Kayga.....	3/11
Finn Hassing.....	3/14
James Hoffman.....	3/15
Dawn Rabon.....	3/17
Scott Rogers.....	3/17
Deborah Few.....	3/19
Jay Mazaleski.....	3/20
Ginger Dickinson.....	3/23
Patricia "Patti" Ragland.....	3/23
Susan Whisnant.....	3/26
Charles Bridges.....	3/27
Tim Crotts.....	3/27
Bill Scherpereel.....	3/28
Gene Hensley.....	3/31

Community Service

2014 Adopt -A-Highway Cleanup

Make a small effort for your community, your club, and yourself!

Saturday, April 5

The alternate date will be Saturday, April 12

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 (scoley913@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)
Decorations:	Teresa Wilson (spinal_gal@yahoo.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)
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 #4

by Ron Spencer



I know everyone, hundreds, even thousands, have been waiting for this article as I address the subject "Selfish Ole Men/Boy Candy/Hero's On The Dance Floor".

First I want to congratulate a few Sandy Beacher's. Our bus trip to Rock Hill was definitely different for me. We are really proud of Neil and Susan for the great shag exhibition in front of several hundred people as they represented a certain age group. You can ask them what age that was.

Harry and Mary equally did a great job of leading the "love train" around and around the building. Harry had a great high-5 for anyone willing. You folks make us proud.

As I hesitate...I want to congratulate Carole as she attempted to lead the Sandy Beach choir on our bus trip back. As everyone tried to sleep, Carole...in her wisdom, knew what everyone really needed; a pre-mature rendition of her favorite Easter beach song, Here Comes Peter Cotton Tail. I didn't quite understand the sudden eruption of song and emotion. The only thing I could figure out, it had to be "the love of the bunny". That classy lady is still looking for the bunny and really makes us proud.

Now..who are these "Selfish Ole Men/Boy Candy/Hero's On The Dance Floor". My wife of 29 years passed away in 1994. I know many of you can relate to what I am saying whether it was the death or separation for whatever reason of a spouse, best friend, a strong relationship, etc. We did limited dancing for over 20-some years as we built a family, a business, were heavily involved in church and ministry.

After a time, my friend Barry Withers said I needed to "get out of the house". Barry took me to Lake Hickory Shag Club and along with my daughter, we took lessons from Harold and Helen Beaver. I don't think I lived a sheltered life but eventually saw a culture and some amazing things I didn't know existed....thus my sub title...S O M/B C/H O T D F.

Being refreshed in the basic step, I started going to some dances with friends. One in particular was a shocker...Fall Cyclone in Mooresville. With over 1000 people there, I saw a ratio of 1 man to 2-4 women. A familiar shag song says it all, *Wall to Wall* by Johnnie Taylor.

A man goes to a dance club on ladies night, he saw something he really liked. The women were standing wall to wall and back to back. A redneck friend calls it "a buffet". Different reasons for this and I will give mine as "a personal view".

Many of the women I describe are divorced/relationship breakup or death of spouse. Statistics say a woman, depending on your statistics source, has around 5 years longer to live than a man.

The next reason could be fixed. These are the "Selfish Ole Men." I have heard so many women say: "Claude says he has 2 left feet and will never do it", "Elmer is always too tired by the weekend", "Charlie's hobby is golf and that leaves me out", "Barney is laying on the sofa drunk again, cleaning his shotgun", "Cletus is watching Howdy Doody reruns sucking Miller Light out of a can", "I can't get Jungle Jim off the computer, he's watching porn"...excuses, excuses, excuses.

They are nothing more or less than "Selfish Ole Men". You tell-em I said that. There are things in life that he can be cut off from if he don't get over it. Women control stuff and all the money in the world. A smart man

told me that one time.

Now ladies...if you got a man that likes to get on the dance floor just like you, always talking about where to dance on the weekends, already got tickets for Spring Safari, he can't wait to read Ron Spencer's next article in Sandy Beach Newsletter....you got "Boy Candy".

All women by nature love "Boy Candy". They can be old, wrinklie and fat like me or young and slim like Andy, we all are "Boy Candy". You better treat him like a king, wash and powder his precious dancing feet. If you are like Carole, while you down there, go ahead and paint his toe nails. Thanks Carole.

Be sure to keep his 2 tone Bass Boot dance shoes shined, no black polish on the white, starch his shirts and pants, iron his underwear. "Boy Candy" is worth it. You are welcome ladies for the excellent advise.

Who are the Heroes On The Dance Floor? We see them at every dance. Sometimes they are the ladies but by vast majority they are men. These are individuals that come and just sit and observe. They love their partner so much and are so caring, they want them to enjoy the dancing. Many have health issues, hip or knee problems, and some are the people

that have 2 left feet....but they come anyway.

Sometimes they get up for a slow dance because that's all they got. It's never the flashy shaggers or the pro's. They are the people I just described. We all should make a special effort to greet these individuals when they show up, tell them how glad we are to see them.

I hope Sandy Beach will always be known as a friendly club. We need to work harder on this than anything else on the agenda. I challenge everyone to not only meet but have a conversation with some new people every time we get together. We must treat all, yes, all people good.

A special thank you to Candice McGuire and her new job of putting this newsletter together. She did an outstanding job last month. We enjoyed meeting her and her partner, Larry, and sharing their love of the "good stuff". Thanks again Candace!

Everything expressed is just a grumpy ole man giving "A Personal View".

(Thanks for the kind words Ron. -Ed.-)

Jim Cates would like to remind everyone of the Annual Birthday Benefit for the House of Refuge and Options on Friday, March 7th. The party is from 5:30- 10 PM at Catawba Valley Brewing Company.

The party will feature DJ Downtown Alan Brown, Almost Vintage Band and Chris Cates and the Master Plan with special guest legendary blues guitarist The Mug. There is no admission charge. Donations and canned goods will be accepted. Great warm up for the Sandy Beach Party on the 8th at the Elk's Lodge.

.Partnering with Morganton

Vocal group 'The Tams' will be appearing at COMMA in Morganton on March 13. Proceeds from this event will benefit the NCSD Foundation (North Carolina School for the Deaf) and help to fund a new residential facility for the school. Sandy Beach has the opportunity to help and have a fun time at this event. This is an opportunity to serve the community and support the music we love. VIP tickets are available, contact Dorothy Barrier for details.

Cruising

By Lee Wagoner

We and some friends did a Shag Cruise in February that was outstanding. Sam and Lisa West taught us several fairly easy steps and we had a wonderful time shagging on the high seas. Joe Brown from South Carolina put this together and did a super job. We had lots of fun, lots of dancing and made some great new friends.

Now is the time to start planning for the big parties that will be coming up this year. Sparkle City in Spartanburg is definitely worth checking out along with the Fall Bash in Johnson City, though tickets are getting scarce for that event.

And don't forget that SOS is just around the corner. Be sure to get your SOS cards early and to book your rooms. After all this

cold, snowyweather, you are sure to want to feel the sun shining on your face and the sand in your shoes .

And now here are some beach tunes shuffling on my iPod.

Picture of Your—Boyzone

Sexual Religion—Rod Stewart

Since I've Been Loving You—

Alexander O'Neal

I Want A Love—Johnny Taylor

Love Come Knocking—Percy Sledge

Keep on Dancing.

SBSC Members,

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of those that have written to me, called me and posted on Facebook. Sandy Beach Shag Club was awarded this past weekend with an Icon Award. Everything we do, we do as a team. I am happy to accept this award on behalf of the club. That is a Good Thing!

The Great Thing is the attention to SBSC that we have been getting by all the things we do as a team. Our floats have been and will continue to be fantastic. Our parties are some of the best in the shag world, and our people are spoken about at every event that I attend, in glowing terms.

The Things to come are the Mini Megafest, the float at Spring SOS, and Megafest at the end of August. Oh, and don't forget we have Deck parties about to start, Spring SOS, parties every month except April and September, and hopefully we will get the inaugural Deanes Short Memorial Golf Tournament going shortly.

So, I want everyone to get ready to do some great things, have some great fun, and enjoy our dance, the music, and our lifestyle.

By the way, we have 301, members today and we start dance lessons Thursday night at the Elks Lodge. Tell your friends, and come to either Beginners I or Beginners II. There will be a new Sandkicker Newsletter coming soon. Tell Candace McGuire how much you appreciate her hard work on the newsletter!!

See you soon, and thank you again.

John Carpenter

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 March 22, 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 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://statesvilleshag.com>

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

March 14 with DJ Eddie Anderson

March 28 with DJ Kyle Beam

8:00-11:00

\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

Shelby Shag Club:

Shelby, NC

None scheduled for Feb. at this time

335 E. College Ave. Shelby, NC

\$3 members and \$6 guests

Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

www.brushymountainshagclub.com

N. Wilkesboro Elks Lodge.

Buffet available 5:30 - 7 in the Elks dining
room. Dessert and snacks by members.

\$5 members and \$7 guests

Three great websites for Shag Dance Information:

www.shagdance.com,

www.shagtour.com

www.keepshaggin.com/newsletter.html

Find us on Facebook!

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

Band of OZ

Statesville Shag Club

This event is on Saturday, April 19th. It is Easter weekend!

Tickets are available, but do not hesitate as this event may sell out quickly. If you are interested please contact Jerry Souther at 704-902-3606 or 704-872-1411. Call him first before sending money!!!! Make checks out to : *Twisted Oak* and

Mail checks to: Jerry Souther, 316 Scotts Creek Rd. Statesville, NC 28625

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

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

January 11th, Saturday – Djs Roy Childress and Eddie Teeter

February 15th Saturday – Eddie Anderson

March 8th Saturday – Mini Megafest Planned, DJ's TBA

May 10th Saturday - DJ Murl Augustine

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:

Mar 30 - SOS Kickoff

May 4

June 22

Sept 7 - SOS Kickoff

Oct 5