



# Sandkicker

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## News At A Glance

**Join Us for Our November Party  
Saturday, November 17th**

7:30-11:30 p.m.

Morganton Elks Lodge

DJ—Roy Childress

## Adopt a Highway Trash Pickup - December 1

A last highway cleanup for 2012 is scheduled for Saturday, December 1 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!

## Shag Lessons

Beginners II Lessons will be held November 8, 15, 22, and December 13. Lessons begin at 6:30. Please come warm-up and be ready by 6:30. The cost is \$20.

On December 13 at 7:45 Marlene and Gary Barlowe will be teaching a step called the "Mayberry". The cost for this workshop is \$5 per person. Please come and show your support. This will be so much fun!!

## Sunshine Volunteer Needed

Greetings SBSC Members,  
As chairperson of the Membership committee I feel that we need a volunteer to be our "Sunshine". This volunteer would send cards to those in our club who just may need a little "cheering up". The cards and postage of course will be taken care of by SBSC. We have had so much sickness, family deaths, injuries, etc. that I feel a little encouragement would go a long way!!!! Please e-mail me at [rsmorley55@hotmail.com](mailto:rsmorley55@hotmail.com) . We can certainly split this up if we have more than one volunteer. Oh, and fellows you would be in this as well...

"United We Dance"  
Robin

## “SHORT” Stories (Volume 1, Book 2)—by Alan Brown

Last month when we left off the Short's and the Brown's were just starting to learn to shag. It was Debbie's idea to take shag lessons from the Marshall's at the Drexel Community Center, just as it was Gayle's idea to take lessons dragging me with some reluctance, in fact she went without me the 1st time because I had a softball game. (We took lessons from Jim and Judy Mauldin in Hickory) This was just before the start of Sandy Beach Shag Club and a lot of details are pretty fuzzy to me now, but according to trusted sources SBSC opened the doors at the Elks Lodge on May 4th, 1989 to a throng of close to 200 people hungry to shag! We and the Short's were part of that crowd and I remember people were lined up from one end of the Lodge to the other! Ken Michaels, Brenda Biggerstaff and Alan Parks were the initial organizers. Ken and Brenda had already been to an ACSC meeting in '88 to get the details on becoming an official shag club with help from Lake Hickory 'cause they were already formed and many of us had been to their club. Tommy and Barbara Biggerstaff gave a demonstration and started teaching lessons. Anyway, according to Debbie, after they had a couple more lessons under their belt the Short's went to the old Holiday Inn bar where Ken had arranged for shag music on Sunday afternoons (and also many of you may remember we had a mega-pool party probably June or July '89 signing many more members). Anyway, she said they sat there nervously as newbie shaggers do but when Carolina Girls started playing she told Deanes "let's go" and he said "no, no, no, no, no" but she drug him out on that postage stamp sized dance floor and it was on from there on out!! Now, I'm pretty sure Gayle and I were there but I can't swear to it at this time but I remember observing Short and how he danced and others since we were just starting, remember we were just casual friends at this time. Wow, I remember after taking lessons in a private room at the old Ramada that we would go out to Khakis' Bar and I was scared to get on the floor too!

**Back to Short**--point being, that if you had seen him dance then compared to how we remember him now it was amazing. This is how the transformation happened: Not long after we all started having fun and getting comfortable shaggin' Short went on a golf trip to Myrtle and imagine that, he found himself at Fat Harold's. Feeling pretty good about his new found moves he picked out a gal who had some pretty good moves herself and asked her for a dance. During the dance he told her that he was just starting out and when they got done he asked her how he did and she promptly told him; "you dance like a horse.....a stallion in fact!!" Needless to say he was pretty pissed off and vowed to do something about it. When he got home he told Debbie that they were going to seek out professional lessons.....enter the Shad Alberty years. I told you earlier what a competitor Short was and he went after this with a real passion. Shad Alberty was a master, very, very demanding and a real stickler for his way of shagging. It was 4 p.m. every Sunday to West Charlotte and Debbie says that it was

## “SHORT” Stories continued

the only time she remembers Short being "on time, every time". It was 4 years of him giving up his precious football games and golfing that's how dedicated they both were. I remember Deanes telling me that they stayed with just the "basic" for the first whole year of lessons, him wanting to learn steps, but that it really paid off.....Shad knew what he was doing. Shad would tell him, "steps are a dime a dozen, they will come, the basic is the heart and soul of the shag". And he would repeat that to all of us over and over! He taught me a lot over the years but dancing wall-to-wall and keeping in your "slot" especially on a crowded floor are most important. One funny from another golf trip--we were staying with Danny Dobson the pro who always hosted the hospitality suite for the guys on the trip--we got back after golf and started talking shag since Short was taking these expensive lessons from Shad he was trying to tell/show me the Shad basic and the weight shift. So he says, "I can't show you right without holding on so you can feel it", so yea, just as we were arm in arm all the guys come bustin' through the door looking for a cocktail--we took a lot of ribbing for that one!

It was during that first year of "basic only" that Deanes became the 2nd Pres. of SBSC '90-'91, taking over from Ken Michaels. Thursday nights were still packed out at the Elks, Tommy still teaching lessons plus DJ'n, we would pay \$1 at the door to help pay Tommy and for rent on the hall. '90 was also the year of our 1st Sandkicker, I think it was a one day event on Saturday at the Elks. Alan Parks told me that Bob Ledford (Debbie's brother) who was Pres. after Short came up with the name Sandkicker. Back then all ACSC clubs got \$300 reimbursed if they held a two day "event" so by the next year with the Short's fully immersed in the shag world via Alberty, we had a two day event, Friday night at Judges on the back decks and Sat at the Elks. This was big people. Short got Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee (now good friends) to come stay with them for the weekend and teach a workshop on Saturday. Shad and his wife Brenda came along with several other pro shagger couples, Charlie and Linda Reece, Rick and Maureen Little plus others who were taking lessons from Shad. We had a golf outing for the guys at Mimosa Saturday morning . and I was fortunate enough to get to play in the foursome with Shad, Short and Charlie Reece and get to know them somewhat.....we had a great weekend!

So the Short's were immersed, continuing on with lessons they entered their first contest in '92 in Greensboro at Thirsty's Bar and won the non-pro division leading to more contests. By then SOS and Mid-Winter were regular events and Short and I started going on more golf outings--surprise, surprise--at the "Beach" which will lead to more.....Short Stories!

\*\*\*\*Writers note!\*\*\*\* Short was not in the 1989 movie "The Shag" (Les Harbison knows a lot about it though). Deanes did invest in another shag movie that his dog Skipper was supposed to be in, but that was a sore subject! On the positive side, sometime in the mid '90s while he was at his peak the lady that told him that he danced like a horse came up and asked Deanes for a dance--she didn't remember but he sure did! Again, if any of you readers have historical info or corrections please let me know, we are also trying to get an accurate history of the club pieced together.....hopefully I'll see you on the hardwood.....ta, ta for now.

## Tripping—Lee Wagoner

How many of you have responded in a positive manner to the phrase, “Who’s up for a road trip?” If you haven’t, you should consider doing so.

A couple of weeks ago, our Illustrious Leader John, sent out an e-mail mentioning a visit to the Mountain Shag Club in Asheville on a Tuesday night. Six of us took up his challenge and made our way up the mountain for what we hoped would be an evening of fun and dancing. We were not disappointed.

Chris, Mike, Debby, Robin, Pam and I escorted John and found ourselves surrounded by friendly, smiling faces and a great DJ spinning some danciful tunes. Sandy Beach is known as a friendly place, but these folks could give us a run for our money. The only disappointment to the evening was that we eventually had to go home.

Consider taking a “shagging road trip”, whether it’s to North Wilkesboro, Hickory, Statesville, Asheville, Shelby, Boone or anyone of the shag clubs that are not too far from Sandy Beach. I promise you’ll have a great time, hear some fantastic beach music and make some exciting new friends in the process.

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## SOS 2013 Cards—Robin Morley

2013 SOS Cards are now for sale. I would love to get these sold and money returned. The cost is \$30. SOS Cards make great Christmas and Birthday gifts. Please e-mail me at [rsmorley55@hotmail.com](mailto:rsmorley55@hotmail.com) or call me at 828 443-5995. You will need a 2013 card for Mid-winter. If you plan on purchasing cards for someone else, I will need name, address, and phone number. The reason for the information is the mailing of the “Care Free Times”.

If you have never been to SOS and plan to go in 2013 you will need a card to enter the SOS Sponsored Clubs. The card is good for Mid-Winter, Spring Safari, and Fall Migration.

Please make checks payable to Sandy Beach Shag Club!!!!

Thanks,  
Robin Morley

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

*Christian M.  
Chensvold*

**SBSC Birthdays for November**

Judy Boston	11/1
R. Dean Wilson	11/4
Wayne Harris	11/7
Alan Brown	11/8
Ronnie Greene	11/11
Mark Deal	11/12
Sandee Wheeler	11/15
Christopher Byrd	11/18
Carl Duncan	11/24
Gary Renegar	11/28
Meryl Taulbee	11/30

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

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

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: Dorothy Barrier  
 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!

**Welcome New Members**

Wilma Bailey	10/25
Gary Baldwin	10/25
Susan Sizemore	10/25
Patricia "Pat" Ward	10/18
Jennifer "Elaine" Calveria	10/04
Sherry Crews	10/04
Mitzi McAfee	10/04
Mary "Marylda" Webb	10/04
Anita Helton	09/10
Charles Helton	09/10
Donna Traub	09/04
Mark Deal	09/03
Rita Deal	09/03
Michael Burns	08/12
Claudia Summers	08/09
Jason Summers	08/09

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

## 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

November 17th-Roy Childress

December 15th-Steve Coley

## Mark Your Calendars 2013 Party Dates

January 12

February 16

March 23

May 18

June 29

August 3

September 1

October 26

November 16

December 14



## 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 7:00-9:30 in the  
Meadowbrook Inn in Blowing Rock.

No cover for members.

Nonmembers first 2 visits are free, then \$5 cover.

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### **Lake Hickory Shag Club**

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

Next party: Saturday, November 10th

7:30-11:30 VFW Hickory

DJ Jerry Burrage

\$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 and fourth Friday of every month.

November 9th—DJ Roy Childress

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)

Next Party: Saturday, November 10th

8:00-11:00 N. Wilkesboro Elks Lodge

DJ Roy Childress

\$5 members and \$7 guests

**SANDY BEACH  
SHAG CLUB**

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

Find us on [www.sandybeachshagclub.com](http://www.sandybeachshagclub.com) or on **Facebook**. Just type Sandy Beach Shag Club in the search box.

**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)**

*President: John Carpenter*

*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***

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