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News At A Glance

**Join us for a Halloween Costume Party on
Saturday, October 13**

7:30-11:30 p.m.

Morganton Elks Lodge

DJ—Norman Mills

Adopt a Highway Trash Pickup - October 6

A highway cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 6 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! Last cleanup of the year is December 1.

Shag Lessons

We will continue Beginner I classes on October 4th, October 18th and October 25th. Lessons will begin at 6:30 pm. Please arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and get warmed up.

Lead and Follow Classes—October 18th and October 25th beginning at 7:45 pm.

Remembering our Friend—Deanes Short

The newsletter staff would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and many friends of Deanes Short. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are fortunate to have many happy memories of Deanes that we will all treasure.

“SHORT” Stories—by Alan Brown

A BFF's perspective of my friend--your friend--our friend--**Deanes G. Short**

We lost a big part of the heart and soul of SBSC on Sept. 17, 2012. I readily agreed to write some words about my best friend and long time cohort but as I sit here typing it is much harder than I thought -- in fact it just sucks :(So many stories, escapades, great times, etc. have either flashed through my head or been recounted to me since the funeral that it is hard to begin to do Deanes justice. So I have decided to write a series of "Short" stories over the next few newsletters. I would also encourage any of you that have a story or anecdote to please share with me by email or post them to the SBSC Facebook site for all to enjoy. I have talked with Robin and John about putting some of these thoughts together for an article in next Spring's SOS Carefree Times paper, so please help and correct my failing memory if need be. Many of you were not able to be at the funeral service so I may repeat some of those stories.

Well here goes!! Now Short really knew how to tell a tale and especially bend the facts more than a little to make it sound good or make me look bad to get a point across. According to him he gave me the name DowntownAlanBrown, that I had been demoted from Uptown but mostly he wished I was Out-of-town! At times we would fight like cats and dogs, if I said white, he would say black, etc. But he would always have my back and vice versa. So I'm gonna stick to the facts. Deanes had a certain passion for life and whatever he was into; sports, shagging, gambling, Carolina Tarheels, like no one I have ever known. I first got a glimpse of the "legend" at the old Nursery ball field because my Dad used to keep score for the City of Morganton fast-pitch league and he sponsored his team---Short's Used Cars. They had been State champs in the '70s but this was in the '80s. Sometime in the late '80s both Deanes and I joined Mimosa Golf Club. We got paired up one day to play by the Pro Danny Dobson (soon to be one of our "rat pack"). We recognized each other but that was about it. As we warmed up on the 1st tee he turned to me and said, "so what are we playing for?" I said "what?" I thought this was for fun! Short says, "well here's \$5 bucks, I'll loan it to you and we'll play for it, I don't like to play unless I got a little somethin goin' on" So I said "ok". Of course Short was a lot better golfer than me but he told me he was just starting out at Mimosa!

That wasn't a lie but I didn't know he had played mucho golf @ Quaker Meadows. Anyway he proceeded to thrash me pretty good on the front nine so I pressed him (that's a new bet) and by the time we finished 18 holes I was pretty frustrated 'cause I owed him \$25!! That was the start of a true friendship though. I learned a valuable lesson to quote him again, "it's not how you play--it's how you bet!" I also started to understand his passion, makeup and enthusiasm--he was loads of fun to be around and we started playing regularly, I vowed to get my \$\$ back! It was at about that same time, around '87-'88 that we started taking shag lessons, Deanes and Debbie in Drexel at the Community Center and Gayle and I in Hickory at Khakis in the old Ramada Inn.....now that's where the fun really started.....to be continued.....I hope.



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

And a Good Time Was Had by All—Lee Wagoner

Those words are often over-used following a big party or family reunion...even after SOS. You could use it to describe this year's Fall Migration and it could be an understatement.

The weather was ideal, not too hot, not too cold. The music and dancing in the clubs was sensational. And the Sandy Beach Shag Club had a great turnout every where...on the dance floor, on the golf course and on the beach. The only damper on the festivities was when we learned of the passing of Deanes Short.

I didn't know Deanes as well as I probably should have. That is my loss. I was in awe of his dancing ability and perhaps envied how smooth his moves were, no matter how complicated. He was, and always will be, a SBSC icon who will be missed and remembered fondly by his friends and the SBSC family. My heartfelt condolences go out to Deanes' family and friends.

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 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*

SOS Fall Migration 2012 and Sandy Beach Shag Club- by John Carpenter

Sandy Beach Shag Club had a very busy SOS Fall Migration at SOS. It began with a great party at Dorothy Barrier and Grier Franklin's house in North Myrtle Beach. We had a great time eating and drinking our favorite beverages. A spontaneous birthday celebration for Debby Buff was held and some played cornhole while others conversed about big plans for the SOS week.

Our first Captain's Choice Tournament was a huge success. The foursome of Bish and Kay Ballard, June and Richard McGee, won the tournament at 4 under par. Longest drive was Alicia Simpson, for the ladies and John Carpenter for the men. Closest to the pin was Perry Craver, our friend from the Salisbury area. Thanks go out to Wayne and Jan Hefner for providing goodie bags and helping to set up the event. The event was held at Possum Trot Golf Course and prizes were awarded to the winners. We had 20 golfers in the event! Following golf, Sandy Beach Shag Club went out on the beach to defend the SBSC/CSRA traveling trophy in the four man Cornhole Tournament. It was a very exciting event. SBSC lost the first two matches. The first matches pitted the number one and two player against CSRA's number one and two. Next was the number one and four players playing each other. SBSC came storming back and won both matches. With the competition tied, we went to our tie breaking criteria to determine the victors. Each team chose their best two players and they went head to head, best out of three games. SBSC's John Carpenter and Steve Coley won handily in the final match winning the first two games and taking home the trophy. Much praise should go to Mike Carlisle and Mike Phillips for representing SBSC as our other two players. I was proud to bring the Trophy back to Morganton, NC.

We had our tea party at OD Arcade on Thursday and it was a great success with many friends coming to join the festivities. We did the twist for Sanford who donated \$100 towards our drinks, and Club Savoy was played and danced to, in honor of Deanes Short. Arlene and Steve Coley worked hard providing the pitchers! Many of our club members joined in to make sure our party went smoothly.

On the Monday night after we had learned of Deanes' passing, many of SBSC's members and friends went to Fat Harolds, Deanes' favorite place to dance, and we danced a dance in his honor following a tribute by Carlton Vinson and John Carpenter. The floor and Fat Harolds was packed with people who had come by to honor our friend, Deanes Short.

I know that every shag club believes it has the best club. I believe that while other shaggers have great clubs, some with many more members than we have, none have a club where the members care so much about each other. You can feel it at our parties, and you can feel it when we travel to North Myrtle Beach, SC. Where ever we are, whatever we are doing, there is a love of each other and a joy for life. That love made SOS Fall Migration the very best it could be, even under difficult times.

~Rest In Peace, Teach The Angels To Dance, I Love You Deanes Short!~

SBSC Birthdays for October

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

Steven Arndt	10/1
Barbara Shukis	10/2
Robin Morley	10/3
Richard Price	10/3
Lela Duke	10/4
Debbie Hensley	10/4
Debbie Friesland	10/7
Peggy Connelly	10/10
Pete Pender	10/12
Janine Brothers	10/12
Renee' Gilbert	10/13
Jo Edge	10/16
Maria Young	10/16
Jack Edge	10/17
June McGee	10/21
Jan Hefner	10/23
Susan Taylor	10/25
James Bentley	10/27
Connie Yokum	10/27
Karen Clark	10/29
Robin Little	10/29

“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!

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!

From the Newsletter Staff:

Lee Wagoner, Debbie Kiracofe, Kimmie Rogers, Scott Rogers, Gary Barlow 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.

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

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

October 13th-Norman Mills
Costume Party

November 17th-Roy Childress

December 15th-Steve Coley

**Our last Deck Party of 2012 will
 be Sunday, October 21st at
 Friday Friends.**

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
and www.shagtour.com

Boone Shag Club

www.booneshagclub.com

The Boone Shag Club meets Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the
Meadowbrook Inn in Blowing Rock.

Lake Hickory Shag Club

www.lakehickoryshagclub.com

Next party: Saturday, October 20th
7:30-11:30 VFW Hickory
DJ Butch Metcalf
\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

Statesville Shag Club

www.statesvilleshag.com

The Statesville Shag Club dances at the VFW Post 2031 in
Statesville the second and fourth Friday of every month.
October 12th—DJ Norman Mills
October 26th—DJ Gene Sistare
8:00-11:00
\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

www.brushymountainshagclub.com

BMSC is hosting a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 13th with
DJ Frank Price at the Elks Lodge in N. Wilkesboro from 8pm until
11pm. \$5 members and \$7 guests

T.H.U.S.—by Gary Barlow

Dammit! I wasn't ready for the sad news that one of our clubs most iconic shaggers had passed. I was hobbling on an injured foot thru the crowd at SOS on Fun Monday. Really I wasn't having all that much fun anyway when I came in contact with Jim Noggle and Barbara. They broke the sad news to me of Deanes Short's passing. All the missed opportunities started to flood my mind that I had wanted to quiz Deanes about. I had heard he was in the 1989 movie "THE SHAG", never got to verify that with him. I had heard from reliable sources he was responsible for the wooden portion of the floor being installed at the club. He served two terms as President of the club, a member of a championship soft ball team, an Elk Club officer, Vietnam Marine veteran, and a recipient of a purple heart. He and Debbie were shag instructors. OMG! Where did he get the time to practice his dance steps? He was so sharp, so smooth on the dance floor. I was in awe of this man. I would just walk past him on the dance floor hoping some of his expertise would materialize on me. NEVER HAPPENED! He shared a step with me one evening where he would do a basic, wiggle the toe portion of his shoes then lean back on his heels. Guess what he called this move? THE TARHEEL. Yes he loved his Tarheels. He never failed to compliment me on an article I had done in the Carefree Times about Sandy Beach Shag Club. If you were a friend of the club, he was your friend. I can guarantee you one thing; God is going to have his hands full if he does allow Deanes to have a small part of heaven for shagging, for he will turn it into one heck of a party.

**SANDY BEACH
SHAG CLUB**

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In Memory Of Our Dear Friend
Deanes Short 7/2/46 ~ 9/17/12

Find us on 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 or contact the President, John Carpenter: 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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United We Dance