



*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.

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## News

### Upcoming Events:

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

Sunday **September 7** marks the next Deck Party at Friday Friends. Stop in and enjoy some outdoor fun from 4-8 pm.

### 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 be starting up shag dance lessons soon. Lessons are held at the Elks Lodge. The Fall schedule is as follows:

Sept 25th 6:30pm and 7:45pm

Oct 2nd

Oct 9th

Oct 16th

Beginners I at 6:30pm, and Beginners III at 7:45pm.

Beginners III is Elements of Shag, pivots, basic variation patterns. You can also contact Robin or John for private group or individual private lessons.

### Fun Monday Tickets

Time is growing short for you to purchase Fun Monday tickets. This is our way of supporting all the activities of Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. We will have tickets available at each and every event prior to SOS, and I hope you win the \$7,500 first prize!!

## A Message from President Dorothy Barrier



September has arrived and we all know what that means - Cooler weather, football, and of course SOS. I know that Sandy Beach Shag club has a lot of members that attend this event, but if you are one of the few that has never

attended, this is a party you don't want to miss.

Along with Fun Sunday and Fun Monday there are parties everywhere. We will be having our Long Island Ice Tea party at Pirates Cove on Thursday, Sept, 18th from 5:30 till 7:30. This is free to our members. Along with pitchers of Long Island Ice Tea, we will also have pitchers of Electric Lemonade and Margaritas. Betty Brown will be our DJ for this event.

Grier and I have always hosted a gathering at our house on the first weekend of SOS, but because of a certain wedding of two of our members we have changed this to the second Saturday, Sept. 20th at our house from 4:00 till. We provide snacks and mixers, but we ask that you bring your drink of choice. Our address is 916C Edge Drive, North Myrtle Beach.

We have had another very successful Megafest and I want to personally thank everyone that helped to pull off an event of this size. I cannot tell you how proud I am of this club. We really do come together for the good

of our organization. The Chinese Auction donations and door prizes were incredible. I cannot stress enough how thankful I am for all of you.

SBSC will be participating in the Morganton Festival on Sept. 6th by putting on an exhibition of our dancing skills. Please try to attend this. This really helps to showcase our club and also gets people interested in what we are all about. We are all ambassadors of SBSC.

On September 7th we will have our deck party at Friday Friends. Then it is off to SOS. September is going to be a busy fun-filled month for our club and I look forward to seeing all of you at our events.

Remember, this is your club and your input and participation is very important to keeping our club going strong. We have the best club around and it is because of all of you. I am so humbled and proud to be a part of this wonderful club and please, if you have any concerns, do not hesitate to come to me. My door is always open.

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### Sandy Beach Officers

President	Dorothy Barrier
Vice President	Robin Little
Secretary	Susan Duncan
Treasurer	Leah Turner
Members-at-Large:	
	Libby Burns
	Sanford Clark
Past President	John Carpenter

## Will You Be the Future of SBSC?

by John Carpenter

Not to beat a dead horse, but welcome to Sandy Beach Shag Club 2, Inc. Yes that is our official name. Why? That is because our first version did not survive. By the time you read this article, our Megafest Party will have come and gone. It was started because the old Sandy Beach Shag Club had a Sandkicker party and I along with others, wanted to make sure that the Sandkicker would live on in at least some fashion.

I say this because I want to plant a seed with some of you. We need new leaders in our club all the time. The club needs people that have a love for what we do and don't mind doing it without much praise for their passion. As Ron Spencer eloquently says in his article

this month, the pay isn't very good. Ok, it is non-existent.

We all do not want to see a reoccurrence of what happened in 2000 when we lost our club. While things can always look great on the surface, clubs are a house of cards and without our cultivating leaders perpetually, we will grow stale and potentially die. Consider taking on a role in the club and start by being active in our committee system. I promise you will enjoy it.



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### 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)
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Membership:	John Carpenter, Robin Morley (johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.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!

## Community Service

### 2014 Adopt -A-Highway Cleanup

The next highway cleanup will be:

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,

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### DJ's...A Shag Necessity

by Lee Wagoner

Not long ago I was at a shag dance and a friend of mine complained that the DJ wasn't playing very good music. Knowing that not everyone is going to enjoy every song, I asked him if he had requested a song and the perhaps the DJ hadn't gotten around to playing it yet. Turns out the friend had not requested a song and I told him that if the DJ isn't playing what you want to hear, it's your fault for not making a request.

My friend gave me a strange look and then realized where I was coming from. Virtually every DJ I've ever heard will play requests, knowing that if he plays what the audience wants to hear, the crowd will be on the dance floor. Only once in my shagging life have I ever had a DJ refuse to play a request (in this case any request) and it has colored my feelings about this one guy for a couple of years. If he was playing in my basement, I probably wouldn't walk downstairs to hear him.

### September Birthdays

David Land	9/2
Ron Spencer	9/2
Diane Ebert	9/3
Teresa Wilson	9/3
Bill Millman	9/4
Libby Sears	9/4
Annette Clontz	9/9
Wanda MacLeod	9/12
Carolyn Parks	9/12
Steve Coley	9/13
Joseph Few	9/15
Debby Buff	9/16
Becky Elliott	9/16
Cindy Carswell	9/17
Karen Arndt	9/19
Michael Glasscock	9/19
Robert Bentley	9/22
Lola Weikel	9/26
Don McMullin	9/27
David Gray	9/28
Debbie Hardin	9/29
Candace McGuire	9/29
Phil Bolick	9/30

I know over a dozen DJ's on a first name basis, will travel 50-60 miles (one way) to hear them and know that they will play as many requests as they can get. In my opinion, they are first class. Any DJ who will not play requests perhaps ought to be looking for something else to do on Friday and Saturday nights.

Having so many of my favorite DJ's at Sandy Beach's DJ Megafest is like heaven for me, even better than SOS since I don't have to go in and out of various clubs at different times in order to see them. And I know that if I make a request, it will like be played soon and will get me on the dance floor.

So, the next time you're at a shag club and the music doesn't quite suit your taste, don't complain about it. Get up your nerve and walk up to the DJ and request your favorite song. It could be the start of a great evening.



## The Music..The Dance..A Personal View #10

by Ron Spencer



I can't hardly believe this is my 10th article and I still have a job. In most situations where I involve myself, by now I would be fired, banned, ostracized, cussed out or at least run off by now.

Normally if allowed to still be a part of

"whatever" and show up, I am immediately sent to "time out" corner. Well...maybe not quite that bad but fun to laugh and think about. This grumpy ole man is so thankful for my Sandy Beach friends. The friendship really becomes an important part of life. Is Sandy Beach perfect? Shoot no, never will be nor should we expect it to be. Will we always have some problems? Yes always. Our only perfection will be when we step to "the other side." Many of you are, as I am; you have been a part of volunteer organizations, clubs and church related ministries most of your adult life. I will address a lighter side but want to share something that helps me.

Many things stand out about volunteer organizations but two things I have seen that is a crossover of all organizations. The first is...there will only be a few that does the major work but all will enjoy the benefits. That will never change, that's just the way it is. Praise for your work is a great thing but don't expect it. That should not be the motivation.

We hear it in all organizations that people quit because no one appreciates them. I know a MAN who died for all but only a few appreciated HIM. HE didn't die for a good word but died because HE loved us. Praise if it comes will be temporary. I led an organization and helped raise money for 25 years before a project was completed. Many questions were raised by

people for years if it was the right thing to do. In the early years, there was a lot of praise but eventually it stopped. When it was completed, it was just worth everything.

The second thing that I see of all volunteer organizations is the same major problem Jesus addressed in Matthew chapter 5. It would be a great exercise for all to read the whole chapter, not getting caught up in the details but looking for the "spirit of the law" versus "the letter of the law".

Every year at SOS I hear the grumblings of clubs and our shag association. The old timers, the ones that began SOS, the "we don't support them because they don't support us" crowd. "We never did it that way" crowd. When we begin to think that a law is more important than a person, we have begun to lose something. Jesus said to go ahead and pull their cart out of the ditch on the Sabbath, the person was more important than the law. We really need to be careful about "the way it needs to be". Shag clubs have shut down because of "rules". Yes, there needs to be laws that govern a club but we must remember this is only a social dance club. Love and consideration should rule a club, I think Sandy Beach is about as close as I've seen but we could be better. I am so thankful for those that have taken leadership positions; I know the pay is not that good.

Now on to something a little lighter. Thanks to all for your support and kind words for the radio broadcast. Carole told me that I said in the dedication to her father that he was 98 instead of 94. I didn't mean to make him sound old but she said Arthur laughed. I guess what impressed me the most was the ones that said they were not fans of boogie & blues but they enjoyed all 3 hours. It was so much fun. Thanks again to Carole for the show.

We had the joy of spending several days at North Myrtle recently. Carole educated me on the groupie gangs. I know that no one reading this is "that" but she said they exist. We had the privilege of hearing The Entertainers at Club 2001. We had table next to about 8-10 ladies that followed this group around. This is something they shared and they were all very attractive ladies. I'm not sure they were slobbering but were major excited. It seemed they preferred to stand in front of the band and drool all night than anything else. Amazing! Carole began to educate me on what she thought, I was amazed at that. Hopefully she was wrong but I seen stuff like this when Elvis was alive. The Entertainers had a phenomenal show. Shagging Shirley should have been there.

We also saw the Shakers at Old Soldiers Reunion. I met many friends I hadn't seen since high school. I saw some in our class of 1964. We are having our 50th reunion this coming November. Being a younger member of Sandy Beach, I know most of you reading this have already had your 50th. Amazing how some

have changed very little and others were completely unrecognizable.

John Little will be at the reunion with his cutie. Some actually had the nerve to embarrass me in front of Carole telling her how I always seem to have "trouble stirred up". Probably was my cousin. I wish I could snap my fingers in front of you now because that is how fast these 50 years seem. Maybe you know the feeling.

August has probably been one of my busiest months in years; I have not taken the time to address something very special to me about the connection of music. Next month we will be thinking about the music and dance you love, the connections it has brought you. Most of us are very passionate about our music, some of us go back to the early years of elementary school as I have previously addressed. Why is this so?

I got to go get ready for Mega Fest...I need tire black, shoe polish, hair spray, a can of starch and toe nail polish. Please buy some half and half tickets from me. Everything expressed is my opinion and only A Personal View.

### **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: [johnncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com](mailto:johnncarpenter@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.

## Area Clubs and Happenings

Check out what is happening around us! Please visit each club's website for more info.

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### Boone Shag Club

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

Saturday, September 27, 2014 with  
DJ Betty Brown

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

### Lake Hickory Shag Club

PO Box 1271, Hickory, NC 28603-1271

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Dance parties held at - VFW 1615 12th  
Street Dr. NW, Hickory, NC

\$5 Members ~ \$7 Guests - Juniors \$3

Members Drawing – \$25 cash prize

Guest Drawing for free membership

Party starts at 7:30 until 11:30 pm

### 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.

September 12 with Roy Childress

September 26 with Chigger Woods

8:00-11:00; \$5 Members and \$7 Guests

### Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

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

Saturday, October 4, 2014 with  
DJ Norman Mills

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

N. Wilkesboro Elks Lodge

\$5 members and \$7 guests

### 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

### Shelby Shag Club:

Shelby, NC

335 E. College Ave. Shelby, NC

\$3 members and \$6 guests

### Two great websites for Shag Dance Information:

[www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com),

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

## **Mark Your Calendars**

### **2014 Party Dates**

October 11th Saturday – DJs Gene Hensley and Tommy Samole

November 15th Saturday – DJ Betty Brown

December 13th Saturday - DJ Buck Crumpton

### **Dates for 2015 parties**

Dates for 2015 parties have been set. DJ's are being lined up for fun and all that needs to be added is YOU! Be sure to note these dates and plan accordingly!

January 10th

February 7th

March 7th

April is open-no party

May 9th

June 13th

July is open-no party

August 1st

September 6th, Sunday, DJ Megafest

October 3rd

November 14th

December 12th

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### **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