

SOS Carefree Times

2017 Winter Edition

Merry Christmas!



Don David
2017



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Ken Akin

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ACSC Secretary
Lisa Myers Caveny

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It's also that time of year that is so important in our home shag clubs when the Presidents are encouraging members to take on a leadership role for the upcoming new year. Nominating Committees are searching and seeking out those who have a desire to serve and a heart for service. It is NOT an easy job to be a good leader. One of the greatest challenges is to consider the entire membership in the decisions and directions that are taken within a club, not just one group. I encourage you to get involved, to offer your time and your hidden talents to grow your club and to contribute to those that have a desire to lead. Every leader is made stronger and more effective by surrounding themselves with creative and talented people. Be a part of keeping our dance and lifestyle alive!

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**ABCSDJ's President
Jeff Foster**

Hello Shagger's, I hope everyone enjoyed Fall SOS as much as I did. However, just as each fall SOS ends, our thoughts turn toward cooler weather and the upcoming holidays. With the time change and the cool nights, it is the perfect time of year to head to your favorite shag venue or shag club and dance to some great tunes being played by our association DJ's. It is also a great time to invite new friends out to enjoy the lifestyle that we all love so much. As we look to the next big events at the beach, of course Mid-Winter, but also mark your calendar to join our associations big party of the year "DJ THROWDOWN". For those that have been before, you know what a great time it is. The dates are March 1st, 2nd & 3rd. For more details go to the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's website. On behalf of all our DJ's we hope you will have a great holiday season.

Jeff



**S.O.S.
Janet Harrold**

November 2017, hurricanes have come and gone, hurricane season is over, Thanksgiving was filling, we turned back the clocks, and Fall is finally here after the long, hot summer. Now, we look forward to Christmas, New Year Celebration for 2018, and last but not least SOS Midwinter in Paradise. Fat Harolds, Galleon, OD Resort, OD Arcade & Lounge, Pirates Cove, and Ducks will have all the great entertainment that we all look forward to. I want to THANK ALL advertisers and sponsors for their continued support for SOS and the Carefree Times publication, which keeps this publication in existence for all to enjoy.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!!

Janet

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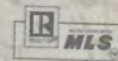
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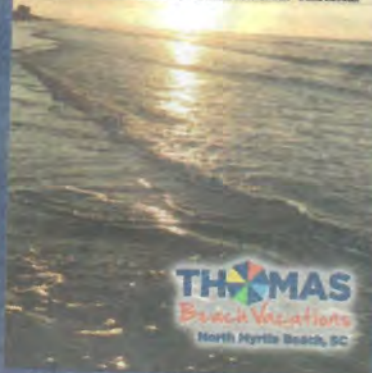
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Friday 1/12

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5-9 Tootie Brown
9-Close Dick Hamrick

Saturday 1/13

1-5 Danny Navey
5-9 Dick Hamrick
9-Close Betty Brown



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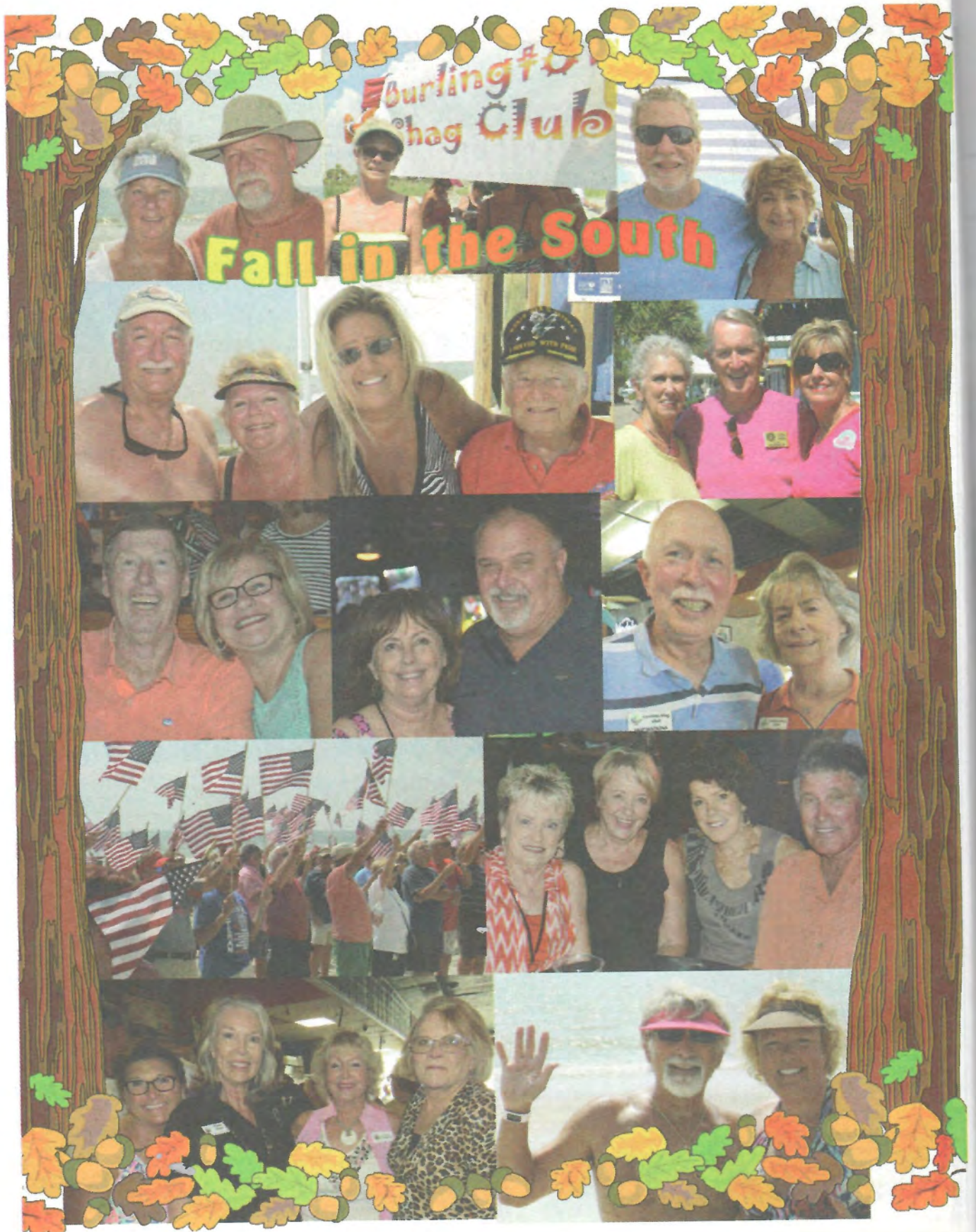
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FRIDAY	
4:00 – 8:30	Steve Coley
4:00 – 5:00	LNSC 30th Anniversary Drink Party*
6:30	BBQ Sandwich Meal
8:30 – 12:00	Donnie Meadows
8:30	LNSC Entertainers
SATURDAY	<i>Dress for an 80's Night!</i>
2:00 – 5:00	Gene Hensley
5:00 – 8:00	Jeff Foster
8:00 – 11:00	Mike Harding
2:00 – 3:00	Dance Workshop
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3:00 – 4:00	Martini Hour*
6:30	Chicken Dinner
8:30	Let's Make a Deal
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Hope you all enjoy your holidays and then we will be ready for our SOS MID-WINTER Break. Contact me if your shag club is having a gathering during Mid-Winter and we would love to "Capture the Memories." The photography team this past year has done an outstanding job, a big thanks goes to Mary Gregory, Lisa Caveny, Gil & Susie Bradley, Judy Baker, and Vickie & Paul Harrison! See you on the dance floor!

THE WATERING HOLE

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The Christmas Season



Oh why can't every day
be like Christmas
Why can't that feeling
go on endlessly
For it everyday could be
just like Christmas
What a wonderful world
this would be.....



"Oh why can't everyday be like Christmas? Why can't this feeling go on endlessly?" These are lyrics from a popular Elvis Christmas song. What profound words they are. And why can't it be this way? Why is it that we seem to care more and show more kindness and affection to our friends, neighbors, and mankind in general at Christmas time only seemingly to let it slip away when the season is over? We're the same people... they're the same people. What happens? Have we been programmed by our parents to believe that Christmas is the only time of year to show those extra feelings? Were they taught the same by their parents? Where did it all start? We've seen countries at war call a truce to celebrate Christmas, and then start firing at one another again as soon as the celebrations have ended. To me that seems crazy.

Christmas is the time of year that most of the world celebrates the birth of Christ. But it is not scriptural. Nowhere in God's word are we instructed to celebrate the birth of the Savior. This was man's idea propagated over centuries from all over the world. And it was not on December 25th. Luke 2:8 says at the time "there were shepherds in the field keeping watch over their flock by night". In that region late December was in harsh winter conditions. The sheep had all been put under cover in early October. Most Biblical scholars believe the birth took place around mid-September, and others believe it was in the spring. However, we are told by Jesus himself to celebrate communion, Luke 22:19, which speaks of His death and resurrection. That was His mission. Before discovering the truth many years ago, I always had this problem of Santa Claus and Jesus competing for the same time slot.

Now I'm not anti-Christmas or a scrooge by any means. I mail out the cards, buy presents for the family, decorate the tree, and enjoy the holiday, which by the way never came into existence until AD 354 and became a holiday in the US in 1870.

Whatever has caused people to have these special feelings at Christmas time over the years is wonderful. Would it not be even more so if these same feelings were to last on...*"what a wonderful world this would be!"*

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What is your website supposed to be?

It is the eyes and information highway of the "goings on" in your Association. Just remember the website is not just for Shaggers, there are also countless people that look in to see what is going on in your association. For example: In the month of September 2017 alone, we had 21,000 unique visitors come to our site for 39,000 visits and 1,705,000 actual hits. This is why it is so important for you as members of the Association should send in your local Shag Club Party information to me as the webmaster so I can get them posted on our Shagdance Website ASAP. Just a short paragraph is all you need and if you want, you can also include a flyer with more information and I will attach it to the paragraph. Remember a Website is only as good as the information that is on it and it is also so important that the information is current. As your webmaster, I will always make it my priority to get all your information uploaded very quickly. Thanks for the opportunity to be your Webmaster. Mary Gregory



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Lauren Fotay & Paul Blackwelder

PRO Contest

- 1st PLACE
Scott Campbell & Nikki Kontoulas
- 2nd PLACE
Kyler Byrum & Autumn Jones
- 3rd PLACE
William & Lani Greene
- 4th PLACE
Steve Baloc & Jade Bannen
- 5th PLACE
Bill & Brenda Barber

Smoothies Contest

- 1st PLACE
Dennis & Frankie Johnson
- 2nd PLACE
Darrell Gaither & Karen Nausbaum
- 3rd PLACE
Charles Dew & Jackie Akinson
- 4th PLACE
Dewayne Riverbark & Tricia Drew
- 5th PLACE
Sheldon Reznick & Kat Escoto



Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall of Fame

The Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall of Fame held our annual Induction party at Lynn's Dance Club in Charlotte, NC, Saturday, November 18, 2017.

We are so pleased to welcome these deserving individuals who have contributed so much to the dance into the Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall of Fame. The proceeds from tonight's event are used to support the Hall Of Fame Foundation, Beth Mitchell Scholarship and the Ellen Taylor Foundation.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Randy Rowland, the King of Charlotte, was his usual entertaining self, recalling great stories from his Groucho's days. Someone remarked that it was worth the price of admission just to come hear Randy and it truly was.

Hall of Fame deejay, Butch Metcalf, was spot-on with his music selections. It's such a pleasure to hear the music we love and have a deejay that knows what dancers want to hear. If you looked around the club, people were standing around singing and we knew all the words. "It don't get no betta than this." Good friends, good music, and a good dance floor.

We appreciate each one of you and we know some of you came from great distances and we know the effort and expense you went to. Charlotte, Greensboro, Greenville, SC, Columbia, SC the beach, and other cities were all represented. If we didn't get to say to you personally, we want you to know we love all of you and are so grateful you came. The proceeds from our events are used entirely to help others and we hope you take pride knowing your attendance had far reaching affects.

Please continue to support Tom Bare and Lynn's Dance Club, which just received the Appreciation Award from Carolina Beach Music Awards. Mark your calendar for June 9, 2018 and November 19, 2018 and plan to come to next year's Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall Of Fame Announcement and Induction Party at Lynn's. You're always welcome here! We're family!

Kindest regards,
Johnny Church, President
Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall Of Fame



The 2017 Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall Of Fame inductees above: Tommy Beacham for Johnnie Beacham Posthumous, Sammie Benton, Sharon Tatlock, Mike Honeycutt, Pat Lovelace, Margaret Lovelace, Jerry Daugherty, Gerry Hamilton, Linda Hagemeyer, Dick Hagemeyer and Krystal Bravo and not pictured Kyler Byrum.

Female

Linda Hagemeyer
Gerry Hamilton
Margaret Lovelace
Sharon Tatlock

Male

Jerry Daugherty
Dick Hagemeyer
Mike Honeycutt
Pat Lovelace

Youngbloods

Krystal Bravo
Kyler Byrum

Honorary

Sammie Benton

Posthumous

Johnnie Beacham





Thirsty's & Thirsty's 2... *from the first, to the last*

In the summer of 1992, Buzz and Dana Sawyer, Thurston and Linda Reeder had an idea to open a true beach club that had the atmosphere of the legendary ones of the past. A few months later, on October 9, 1992, "Thirsty's" opened its doors with a party to celebrate Kenneth Carter's 50th birthday.

Open 7 days a week, a jukebox loaded with R&B, Blues & Beach music, dj's playing all the old and new songs every weekend ~ meaning, the club was a place built for shaggers by shaggers. From the instant you walked in you knew that you had found a fine place to meet friends, swap lies and DANCE!

Thirsty's hosted two charity mixed doubles contests, the HOFF in January and the Bunk Leach in July, both benefitting the Hall of Fame Foundation. At these contests and other events/parties, the fellowship that brought everyone together made it a "dance party" rather than a "dance contest." Thirsty's became the home of the Greater Triad Shag Club where they supported the charity contests and also held many events at the club. Some of the bands that played once in awhile were The Tams, Showmen, Chairmen of the Board, Embers, Big Joe & the Dynaflows, Hot Nuts and the Drifters.

Due to the efforts of Thurston and Linda, on September 28, 1995, The Guilford County Board of Commissioners passed a Resolution recognizing the dance known as the "Shag" as the official dance of Guilford County.

Thirsty's Beach Club closed its doors on January 31, 1999 but the "dance steps" continued...

After missing the club business for almost 3 years, Linda and Thurston found a lot, built a building and, along with Derek and Lindsey Mosier, opened "Thirsty's 2" on June 7, 2002. The people came from everywhere ~ over 1,000 joined the club the first two weekends. Sunday's brought shaggers from Charlotte, Raleigh, Roanoke with the crowds at 300+ enjoying the new venue, seeing old friends and making new ones.

At first, country bands played every Friday night but soon were replaced by the Beach bands. The club won several CAMMY awards for its contribution to the Beach Music Industry.

The club hosted many charity contests but the two biggest were the Beth Mitchell Scholarship Fund and the Bunk Leach Mixed Doubles. The Greater Triad Shag Club continued to call Thirsty's 2 their home club where they held several contests and parties through the years.

With mixed emotions, Thirsty's 2 closed its doors on September 30, 2017 after 15+ years of the "Best in Beach, Blues & Boogie." In parting, we hope we have given each person who walked through our doors a place to dance, listen to the music and enjoy the comradery of everyone around them. The greatest gift we have ever received were the people we met and the friends we made.

Thank you for ALL the Memories!
Thurston and Linda



New Year Extravaganza



New Years DJ Schedule

Friday, December 29

Terry McPhail	2-6
Murl Augustine	6-10
Bill Farmer	10 until

Saturday, December 30

Bill Farmer	12-5
Terry McPhail	5-9
Larry Calhoun	9 until

Sunday~New Year's Eve

Terry McPhail	12-5
Larry Calhoun	5-9
Murl Augustine	9 until



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Murl Augustine
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NEW YEAR!!!

2018 SOS Mid-Winter Schedule

Thursday, January 11

Terry McPhail	12-5
Mike Harding	5-9
Steve Coley	9 'til

Friday, January 12

Terry McPhail	12-5
Murl Augustine	5-9
Larry Calhoun	9 'til

Saturday, January 13

Murl Augustine	12-5
Larry Calhoun	5-9
Mike Harding	9 'til

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New Year's Celebration

- Wednesday 12/27
7-C Jimmy Buffkin
- Thursday 12/28
1-5 Gary Bass
2-6 Jim Quick & Coastline
5-9 Jay Kinlaw
9-Close David Harris
- Friday 12/29
1-5 Gary Bass
2-6 The Entertainers
5-9 Jay Kinlaw
9-Close Jimmy Buffkin-Front
7-Close Jim Rose-Back
- Saturday, 12/30
1-5 Gary Bass
2-6 Blackwater R&B
5-9 David Harris
9-Close Jay Kinlaw-Front
7-Close Rommie Tyndall-Back
- Sunday, 12/31
1-7 DJ Miss Ethel
5-7 CLUB CLOSED
7-Close Jimmy Buffkin-Front
7-Close Betty Brown-Back
- Monday, 1/1
12-Close Jay Kinlaw

SOS Mid-Winter 2018 Front Back

- Wednesday, January 10
7-C Jimmy Buffkin
- Thursday, January 11
1-5 Gary Bass
2-6 Jim Quick & Coastline
5-9 Jay Kinlaw
9-C David Harris Ken Jones (7-C)
- Friday, January 12
1-5 Gary Bass Kitty Earles
2-6 The Entertainers
5-9 Ken Jones Larry Edwards
9-C Jimmy Buffkin Norman Mills
- Saturday, January 13
1-5 Gary Bass Kitty Earles
2-6 Fantastic Shakers
5-9 David Harris Rommie Tyndall
9-C Jay Kinlaw Claude Collins
- Sunday, January 14
2-7 Gary Bass
7-2 Jimmy Buffkin

Shag Workshop~Judy Duke Friday & Saturday 10am

Schedule subject to change



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THE EMBERS

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FRI. DEC. 29
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Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame 2017



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BEACH SHAGGERS NATIONAL HALL OF FAME 2017 INDUCTION

By: Janet Harrold Photos by: Monty Lee

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!



October 14, 2017, celebrated the 35th year of the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame Inductions held at the Spanish Galleon in the Ocean Drive Resort, N. Myrtle Beach, SC. Each inductee's framed photo/bio since the beginning of this organization is displayed in the hallways of the OD Resort for everyone to view.

Maureen Little, Vice President, and Wanda Yow, Secretary introduced each new inductee. Each inductee had many accolades in their acceptance speeches which always bring tears and laughter. Two of the criteria for being nominated are "knowing how to shag and love of the dance" and each showed off their unique styles of the dance. After all, those two things along with the music are the things that have kept everyone together to cultivate friendships throughout the years.

Bob Myrick, Chairman of the Keepers of the Dance, introduced the 2017 inductees which are Rod Hager, Kristen Floyd Clardy, and Ricky Ward. Each accepted their award and danced. Each Keepers framed photo/bio is located in the back room of Fat Harolds Beach Club (Keepers Korner). The Keepers of the Dance shag contest in February 2018 will be held at Fat Harolds. Preliminary round on Friday, February 9, and the final round on Saturday, February 10.

www.keepersofthedance.com

www.beachshaggersnationalhalloffame.com

Keepers of the Dance



Kristen Floyd
Rod Hager
Ricky Ward

2017 Female Inductees

Jean Hall Bryland
Dana Sawyer
Betsy Pritchard
Debbie Pace

2016 Male Inductees

Tommy Hamrick
A.C. Williams
Monty Simpson
Danny Johnson





2017 Carolina Beach Music Awards



Female Vocalist
Rhonda McDaniel

Male Vocalist
Craig Woolard

Rising Star
James Michael Brown Band

Song of the Year
"Should Have Been Loving You"
Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot

Group Album of the Year
"Blackwater Rhythm & Blues"
Blackwater Rhythm & Blues Band

Solo Album of the Year
"Life In The Key Of Lesa"
Lesla Hudson

Entertainer of The Year
Jim Quick

Smoothie of the Year
"The Last Thing on My Mind"
Rick Strickland

Compilation Album of the Year
"Carolina Shag VI"
Sisbro

FM Radio DJ
Pat Patterson
WPCC 96.5 FM Clinton, SC

AM Radio DJ
Elizabeth Carlene
WLWL 770 AM
Rockingham, NC

Syndicated Radio Show
"On The Beach
with Charlie Brown"
Charlie Brown

National Dance Song
"24K Magic"
Bruno Mars

Group of the Year
Band of Oz

Club (Bill Griffin Award)
OD Pavilion, NMB

Show Club
Duck's Beach Club
North Myrtle Beach, SC

Event of the Year
Ocean Drive Beach
Music Festival
N. Myrtle Beach, SC

Shad Alberty Award
Sam West & Leslie Jennings

FM Radio Station
WSGE 91.7FM Dallas, NC

AM Radio Station
WNCT 1070 AM
Greenville, NC

Club/Mobile DJ
John Barkley

Producer
Rick Strickland
"Life in The Key Of Lesa CD"

Engineer
Rick Strickland
"Life in The Key Of Lesa CD"

Collaboration or Duo
"We Are Beach Music"
Multiple Artist

Song Writer(s)
Rick Strickland
"The Last Thing on My Mind"

Michael Branch Award
Pat Patterson

Instrumentalist
Hugh "Tuff" Blanton - Bass
Jim Quick & Coastline

Live Production Award
John Brady, Band of Oz

Internet DJ
Ray Scott, Riptide Radio
Internet Radio Show Award
"Salt, Sand & Sea" Ray Scott

Internet Radio Station
Riptideradio.com

Shag Club Event
Cabin Fever Throwdown
Raleigh Shag Club

Radio Show Of The Year
"Surf Top 20 Countdown"
Ted Bell - WVCO 94.9 FM

Concert Series Of The Year
Music On Main (Horseshoe)
N. Myrtle Beach, SC

Industry Appreciation
The Landing
Sherrills Ford, NC
Bo Gilbert

CBMA Appreciation
Tom Bare - Lynn's Dance Club
David & Debbie Grubb
Bob Graves

Fans of the Year
Catherine Richards (Granny)

Amateur Shag Contest
Karen Allen & Artie Caruso

Hall of Fame Inductees
Butch Barnes
Dino Fair
Bobby Nantz
Rick Strickland
Jimmy Hall
Sugar Creek
Gary Smith
Posthumous:
Allen Toussaint
Marshall Sehorn
Arthur Prysock
Red Prysock, Ben E. King
The Checkers

General Johnson Lifetime
Achievement: Hack Bartley



Show Club Duck's



"Dancin' Down The Hall"

by Pat Hicks and Susan Roberts

Susan Roberts and Steve Harris began dating in July of 2016, but had known each other forever. They both lived in Millers Creek, NC and their homes were across the street from each other on Green Acres Road. From the start, Susan knew she had a keeper in Steve. She soon learned that Steve was willing to do whatever it took to make her happy. When it came to Susan, Steve Harris didn't have the word **NO** in his vocabulary. He never denied her wishes. It is evident this was a strong relationship!

Steve retired after 36 years in law enforcement and was enjoying his time with Susan. They went to outdoor Concerts on the Deck where they heard about shag lessons and knew they wanted and needed to be on the dance floor.

As Susan and Steve began to enjoy learning the Carolina Shag, and loving it, they heard about SOS.

They purchased their first SOS cards and the magic began. Oh, to have seen their faces the first time they walked into one of the clubs on Ocean Drive and saw thousands of happy feet on the dance floor. This was livin' the dream!

Susan and Steve partied with the best of the crowds at Fall Migration. Enjoying each day in paradise, strolling on the beach, writing their names in the sand, taking pictures and dancing! Steve soon decided the OD Pavilion was his favorite place.

They spent 4 wonderfully, glorious days at SOS, arriving on Saturday, leaving Tuesday. They decided without a doubt they would return to SOS.

On Wednesday, the next day, Steve was accidentally killed as he was crossing the road going to Susan's house. He was struck by a car driven by a young woman, 21 years old, who was charged with driving reckless while impaired. A needless, senseless death. A tragedy for more than one family. Heartache! Love found and nurtured, then lost in a split second.

Susan remembers Steve as a kind and generous man and says when she hugged him, he would tell her, "**Girl, put both of those arms around me**". He always wanted a full, warm and long hug. She remembers each night they were together, he would say "**Let's slow dance down the hall**" – almost every night he would hold her in his arms and dance. Steve's favorite dessert was any kind of pie, Susan says he was a "pie-man". His favorite song was **Makin' Me Look Good Again** by Drake White.

Susan Roberts indeed, made Steve Harris look good. They took a chance on life and didn't miss **the dance**.



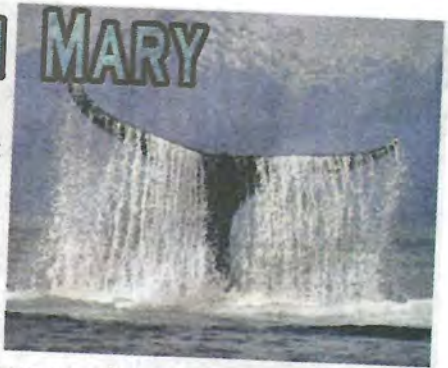


ON THE WATER WITH MARY

By Mary Gregory



Here we are in Alaska on the SOS at Sea V Cruise with a lot of shaggers, board members and Cruise Planners Staff on the Cruise Ship "Celebrity Millennium". We are all breath taken with all of natures beauty and natural resources that



surround us. What a beautiful place to visit and be with friends. If you have ever been on a cruise there are many things to do on the ship and off, it is just too much to mention all of them. The greatest highlights was associating with our friends and dancing with our fellow shaggers and giving us all the opportunity to expose our dance and music to others who were quite interested about the shag and what it was all about. The Shag parties that we had on board were just wonderful. The hard work of the Cruise Committee and Cruise Planners Staff organizing this event was outstanding. We saw so many things Brown Bears, Steller Sea Lions, Whales (Humpback and Orca), Dall's Porpoise, Harbor Seals, Sitka Black-Tailed Deer, Sea Birds, Shore Birds, Salmon, Bald Eagles, Ice Glaciers and lots of Mountains. How beautiful and natural they all were. But the greatest sight that we saw was a bunch of people who greatly cared for each other having a great time together laughing and dancing and most of all being a great ambassador for our lifestyle and dance. We were all moved by what we saw in Alaska and how we as Americans should be so lucky that we live in a country that sometimes is not always so perfect but have so many great qualities and people to be thankful for. I hope you plan on going on the next SOS At Sea VI Cruise, because it is more than a cruise --- it's an adventure that you surely will not want to miss!

Thanks again to the SOS At Sea Committee and Cruise Planners Staff for such an outstanding job of organizing this wonderful event. See you on the next cruise. Until we see you at the next party, love what you do, keep smiling, dancing and having a great time.



2017 Fun Sunday





Sandy Beach Shag Club Sandkicker Megafest VII

September 4, 2011 kicked off a party that has become one of the best one day parties in our shag world. The name of the party at that time was called the DJ Throwdown Sandkicker Megafest. It had to be changed as the DJ Association has a copyright on the name DJ Throwdown, so it was shortened to Sandkicker DJ Megafest two years later.

Sandy Beach Shag Club holds this party annually and it has always been on Labor Day Sunday. The name Sandkicker comes from the old two day version of the party which was created under the management of the old Sandy Beach Shag Club. Sadly, our club disbanded in 1999-2000, and did not exist until it was reformed in 2003-2004. It took until 2010, when I became president of the club, to think about having a new event that would be a very special event and in its own way, would commemorate the old Sandkicker party. The new party was born. Its signature was 12 DJs all playing on one day. We called them the "Dirty Dozen DJs". The name Sandy Beach Shag Club and the Sandkicker moniker have a history of their own. Prior to the old SBSC club being formed, there was a group of young men and women that would take their boats out onto Lake James which is to the west of Morganton, and find refuge for listening to music, shagging, and partying, on a small stretch of beach that was called Sandy Beach. A number of this group went on to form the first Sandy Beach Shag Club, affectionately named after that beach they so enjoyed in the summertime.

Every year we try to add something special to make the party even better. There are many neighboring clubs in our part of western North Carolina. We do have a good sized membership which is currently around 250 members. We have borrowed the best ideas from other shag clubs whose parties we have attended. From Smoky Mountain Shag Club, we started using Table Hosts. From Charleston Area Shag Society we incorporated the concept of themed Chinese Auction baskets. From Boogie on the Bay we created our own form of Shag Bingo!

This year we started a main theme of making our party Singles Friendly. Some of our single guests gave me some great suggestions that we put into place this past year. We are going to continue making the event even more singles friendly as we truly hope to have an environment where the single men and women feel special.

We have been fortunate to sell out every year except our very first year. We have as many as 60 volunteers that do a fantastic job putting on this event. As all of you who are members of your own club know, it takes a village to put on successful events.

I do hope that at some point you will come to Morganton, NC and be a part of our special brand of event. As I continue to visit many of your club's parties, I will be looking to find the great things that you do that may end up being incorporated into one of our next Sandkicker DJ Megafests. If you do decide to join us, register early because we will sell out!

By: John Carpenter





Fun
EOS
Monday



A fixture at nearly every monthly Fayetteville Area Shag Association (FASA) membership meeting and party, Ray McLaurin is always ready to dance and exudes the charm that defines the phrase "he's a true Southern gentleman". Ray McLaurin is "all that" and, not a bag of chips, but a bag of peanuts dropped into a Coca Cola.

In 2016 FASA hosted a Competitive Shaggers Association (CSA) dance contest. This event, coincidentally, was held on the same day as Ray's 85th birthday. He recounted with glee that it was the "best birthday ever" because he was spotlighted doing the birthday dance with many old friends and new that night. So, what could we do to top that? Ray is our oldest active member. He's loved and appreciated. He's a top-notch kind of guy! We decided to dedicate the August party to his 86th birthday and pull out all the stops.

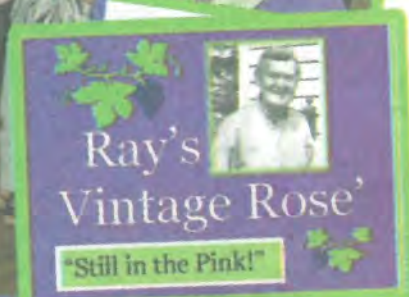
A fun display of photos of Ray from childhood and as an adult were displayed. Many of our members first met Ray when he joined FASA in 2004 and was a wee lad of 73 so it was fun to see him as an even younger boy, as a high school senior and member of the U. S. Air Force!

One of the evening's features was a "Trivia Contest" where ten multiple choice questions tested everyone's knowledge of all things "Ray". Questions such as: Where was Ray born (at home)? What is his cat's name (Georgia)? What does Ray take time for every afternoon (Cocktails!)? The winner, FASA member Ann Searcy, took home a bottle of champagne by correctly answering 8 out of 10 questions. SOS Board Member (and FASA Past President) Dwayne Baggett also won a bottle of bubbly for coming closest to guessing the number of wine corks in a bottle.

It was music to our ears when Ray said it was the "best birthday party he had in his entire life". Our FASA family had a wonderful time planning an 86th Birthday Party for a wonderful man.

By Kathi Baloyot
Fayetteville Area Shag Association

Never Too Old to Dance!



Parade Talk

IT'S PARADE TIME!!!!

The 24th Annual SOS Spring Safari Parade will be on April 28th 2018 at 1pm and it's time to talk with your Shag Club Members about attending. If you are a smaller club, you could join a larger club to make it easier to participate. This takes a group effort to make it the best it can be and we are all in this together!!

Visit the SOS website: www.shagdance.com and click on the Parade Icon on the left of the page. All of the contact information, float rental companies and the Parade Entry Form is posted on there for your convenience.

PARADE CATEGORIES:

BEST SHAG THEME

This entry must be related to our dance, the music, or our laid back lifestyle.

MOST ORIGINAL

From sane to insane this entry does not have to be related to our dance, music, etc.

SHAGGING TROOPS

Anything goes!

BEST CLUB VEHICLE

Drive, drag, push, or pull!

On April 20th 2018 we will begin giving the clues 3 times a day for the "Mystery Grand Marshal Contest" which is hosted by 94.9 The Surf every year.

The SOS Parade Theme will be announced at the Mid-Winter Workshop but please feel free contact me anytime if you need help or have any questions!!

Donnie Schultz

SOS Parade Chairman



Donnie & Wendy Schultz





CSA 2017 Labor Day Shag Contest



Photos By:
Monty Lee



Fat Harold's 2017 Labor Day CSA Shag Contest Results:



Amateur Division

- 1st: Tae Bowden & Jewel Pradier
- 2nd: Clay & Cheryl Parker
- 3rd: Tony & Page Payne
- 4th: Jason & Merinda Swaim
- 5th: Tony Wolter & Barbara Smith
- 6th: Don & Audrey Borja



Novice Division

- 1st: Alex Longest & Ashton Cox
- 2nd: Bryan & Kim Renn
- 3rd: John & Tina Phillips
- 4th: Danny Scott & Susan Welch
- 5th: Danny & Linda Long
- 6th: Patrick & Haley Rogers



Senior Pro Division

- 1st: Craig Guy & Jane Jacobs
- 2nd: Bill & Brenda Barber
- 3rd: Archer & Pat Joyce



Pro Division

- 1st: Brennar Goree & Autumn Jones
- 2nd: Kyler Byrum & Krystal Bravo
- 3rd: Cody Edwards & Chase Forrester
- 4th: Scott Campbell & Nikki Kontoulas
- 5th: Jay Rollins & Tobitha Stewart
- 6th: Ashley Stewart & Mandy Holt Roberts
- 7th: Steve Balok & Jada Bannen
- 8th: Gene Pope & Kayla Henley

photos by: Monty Lee



Third Annual Junior Cyclone Coming March 23-25, 2018

By Mike Rink

There is no better way to perpetuate our music and dance than to share it with younger generations, and that is the goal of the Junior Cyclone. As the biggest inland shag event for juniors, this three-day event is ready to take a giant leap forward in March of 2018. To do that, YOUR support is needed.

The Junior Cyclone has been well-attended by juniors from multiple states. DJ's Larry Edwards, Butch Metcalf, Jeff Foster and Tripp Turner have played some great music. The Junior Shag Dance Team has participated (and performed), as have members of Shagtime 2 And The Wee Baby Blues. Instructors Ashley and Tobitha Stewart, Archer and Pat Joyce, Mike and Debbie Pace, Judy Duke and Brennar Goree as well as Kyler Byrum, Sydney Kemble-West, Kayla Henley and others have shared their expertise with attendees. Matt Free and others have done great jobs giving a history of our dance. Larry Edwards has shared a lot of information about shag music with the juniors. Plus, Larry, Alan Stokes and yours truly have also conducted classes on how to play, download, copy and edit music on various electronic devices. We've had games, competitions, drawing contests, a photo booth and much more, too.



The 2018 Junior Cyclone will be bigger and better. We're making a conscious effort to offer a better variety of instruction for all skill levels, and more activities to keep everyone more engaged. Plus, we're counting on some of YOU to share your input and a little of your effort. C'mon parents. C'mon instructors. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Get involved and also help us get more kids to this event!

Competitors and more skilled juniors... we especially want YOU to help out at the Junior Cyclone. Spend a little time helping teach a class, working the concession room, doing 1-on-1 instruction or other tasks and we will have something special for you. There will be a FREE party at George Pappas Victory Lanes on Saturday afternoon just for the helpers! We've got more plans, too, so get in touch with us ASAP and let us know how YOU can help make the Junior Cyclone better.



*Keepers of the Dance... this is a special shout out to ask YOU to be part of the 2018 Junior Cyclone by helping teach some of the classes and encouraging some of the juniors to become better dancers. In fact, anything you can do will be a greatly appreciated.

As before, food and drink will be available on premises all weekend at very reasonable prices. Hotdogs, bags of chips, slices of pizza, canned drinks, bottles of water, boxes of popcorn, snow cones, candy bars, bags of cookies and other goodies are all a mere \$1 each. Plus, we're looking at doing BBQ or some other options this year.

This event is designed for those under age 21. But adults are welcome to participate in the activities with their juniors! So make your plans now to be at the old Mooresville Skating Rink on March 23-25, 2018. The host hotel is The Fairfield Inn & Suites at I-77, exit 36. (704-663-6100). Ask for the special, Junior Cyclone group rate (\$94).

Remember, ANYONE who is willing to help with any part of the event next March is encouraged to contact me as soon as possible at TSC@GoShagging.com. Thank you!!!

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