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**Ron Whisenant**

Hello Everyone! Season Greetings! Can you believe that the year is almost over? Before you know it, 2008 will be in the history book, and we will be looking forward to all of the exciting things that 2009 will bring

our way. Let me tell you that 2008 was a good year for SOS, and our membership. We had three terrific parties, Mid Winter, Spring Safari, and Fall Migration. Each of these events had its own highlights, and all of the events were very successful. Our membership grew to top twelve thousand members, and SOS appreciates your loyal support. Your continued support of SOS will help us continue hosting these great events at the lowest possible price for membership.

The Spring Safari parade, and Fall Migrations Fun Sunday, Fun Monday events just keep on growing and getting better with each undertaking. That means more fun for our membership and more value for you membership fee. Make sure that you purchase that 2009 membership. The SOS membership card is a perfect Christmas gift for you friends and family. You can get the 2009 membership card from any of the SOS Beach Clubs.

This is the time of year for caring and giving to others. Please take time, and make an effort to care for those that you love, those that sacrifice for you freedom and safety, and help those that you know that need your help and understanding. It is a time of uncertainty for our country. Let us all pray for Peace on Earth, and Goodwill to all.

I would like to wish each of you and your family a Merry Christmas, and a very Joyous New Year.

*Ron*



*S.O.S. Chairman*  
**Hector Phifer**

Hello Everybody,

Today was a very sad and emotional day for me. Some of you probably already know by that another dear friend of ours had gone over the RAINBOW in a

WHITE AMBULANCE TO HEAVEN. That person was Fred Anders, a former SOS board member, who supported our lifestyle and our dance. He was a true friend and a very gracious person. He was part of our history and a real asset for the future of our lifestyle. I knew Fred before he became an SOS board member, but I never realized that he was such a wise, sincere, and involved person with the ACSC and SOS. He will be greatly missed but will certainly be a welcome addition to our SHADOW DANCING FRIENDS WHO MEET IN ONE OF OUR BEACH CLUBS AT 3 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

Sylvia, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please know that we will there for you if you need us in any way. We love you and hope to see you real soon.

Mid-Winter is just around the corner, and I hope you have your shagging shoes ready for another fun weekend at the beach. It may be cold, but I'm sure the clubs will be ready to warm you up with your favorite beverage and DJ's that will keep you dancing 'til the break of day (well maybe not that late) but at least until they pack up and go home. I hope when you see the owners of our favorite beach clubs you will thank them for helping us keep our music and our dance alive. Without their participation, we could not be together three times a year. We also need to thank the City of North Myrtle Beach for allowing us to block the streets for our Spring Safari parade and bands in the streets during Fall Migration. Again, we could not have these events without their approval.

In closing, I want to congratulate the Fun Monday committee for being awarded "THE EVENT OF THE YEAR" by the CAROLINA BEACH MUSIC AWARDS. This just shows the impact this committee has on the success of our organization. Our hats are off to each one of them. It takes a lot of dedication and hard work to provide us with all the outstanding entertainment they have provided over the years. Keep supporting their efforts by buying tickets. I'll see you at Mid-Winter.

May God bless each of you!

*Hector*

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Without the help of everyone who contributed, this paper would still be Just Another Newsletter. Thank You!!



*A.C.S.C. Chairman*  
**Judy Vick**

Greetings everyone,

The holiday season is upon us and I hope everyone has a happy and safe season.

I look forward to the new year with all that we have to be thankful for. Through the years, the friends that we all have made thru shagging. Bonds that will never be broken. Unique parties that we have all attended and hopefully will do so again this new year.

I hope this season finds you and your families in good health.

We will start our new year off with Mid-Winters at N. Myrtle Beach in January. Remember you must have an SOS card for this. The clubs will be open and everyone will be dusting off their shoes. Try to come for a great week end.

The workshops for 2009 will be in Danville, Va. and Jacksonville, FL. These are two parties you will not want to miss.

See you at the beach and have a great Christmas.

*Judy*



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

"Cold hands, warm heart"....wonder if that applied to "toes" as well. It is very cold here in Ocean Drive and I am organizing a "sun dance" just for all of you for SOS Midwinter!!!

Another year has passed and what a great year 2008 was for SOS! SOS, Fat Harolds, Ducks, OD Arcade & Lounge, Pirates Cover, OD Resort, and all the other venues that make plans especially for all the shaggers continue to keep things fun for all of us. They keep us coming back for more to meet our old friends and meet new ones to make more memories.

I want to thank all the advertisers, all who share articles and photos that make the Carefree Times a special keepsake to read over and over again. Don't forget to patronize the sponsors and advertisers....when making your reservations don't forget to browse the paper for discounts that are offered to you.

Please keep those cards and letters coming and I wish all have a Merry Christmas and the best New Year!!

*Janet*



*ABSCDJ's President*  
**Jessie Griffin**

Greetings from the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's

A Big thanks to the SOS Board and the ACSC for a fantastic Fall SOS. Our Dj's worked overtime keeping the dance floors full resulting in a fun time by all!

Way to go junior shaggers. Those kids make it look so easy and they do it all while having tons of fun. We wish you the best in California.

Our DJ's are getting geared up for SOS Midwinter Classic in January 2009 after kicking off the New Year.

We look forward to seeing you at our 18th Annual DJ Throwdown, held at Ducks & Ducks Too on March 5th- 7th, 2009. Save the date and make your plans now. Our DJ Throwdown Chairman, Steve Baker has put the final plans in place for the bands on Thursday night with the cost being only \$10.00. Friday and Saturday are FREE and we will have 50 plus DJ's from all over the region spinning your favorite tunes. You can check our website at [www.abscdj.com](http://www.abscdj.com) or Ducks website at [www.ducksatoceandrive.com](http://www.ducksatoceandrive.com) for the flyer and all information.

As always, if there is anything your club needs from the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's, you can contact me at [gashagdj@aol.com](mailto:gashagdj@aol.com).

Thanks for your continued support and for hiring our DJ's.

See you at the Beach!

*Jessie*



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## Vickie & Paul Harrison SOS Photographer's

It has been a wonderful opportunity for Paul and I to be able to be the SOS Photographer's. We really enjoy walking the clubs and the streets during SOS and meeting so many "shaggers". Even though I am the Official SOS Photographer, Paul takes pictures when I need a break or if I can't attend an event.. the boy loves taking pictures and I thank him. I work on the collages for the SOS Carefree Times and what a job that is trying to pick out pictures of the good times out of possibly 1,500 pictures. I also put all the pictures in albums that are sent to the SOS website, so if your picture doesn't make it in the Carefree Times be sure to check out [www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com) and take the time to relive those wonderful memories.

Paul and I grew up and went to school together in Charlotte, NC. Shagging has always been a important part of our life. We started shaggin' together at the sock hops in junior high school and we loved it so much. We had our 40th anniversary this year and still love the shagging way of life and beach music.

Many people have asked or wondered why I wear "leg braces" so I wanted to let you all know. I have a form of Muscular Dystrophy called Charcot Marie Tooth Disease causing a deterioration of muscles in my legs and feet. It is not going to keep me down, I have too much fun and love for life for that to happen. Years ago my doctor told me that I was going to have to deal with what God had dealt me and enjoy my life...that was one of the best things he could have ever said to me. So when I had to "retire" my shag shoes I wrote the following poem I wanted to share with you:

### My Shag Shoes

I have great memories without a doubt,  
That I shagged until my shoes wore out.  
The scuffs, the holes and every scratch  
Show there wasn't a dance I wouldn't catch.  
The strap would break and I'd get a pin  
And I'd fix it fast so I could dance again.  
My gold shag shoes made me light as air,  
Shaggin' and turning without a care.  
They gave me more than just happy feet.  
They would carry me to the friends I'd meet.  
I cherish my shoes and can't throw them away,  
The memories are there for me every day.  
I can't dance as much as I did before  
But my love is still on that dance floor.  
My shag shoes and I will never part,  
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Twelve local celebrities will dance to a record of their choice with a professional shagger who has taught and practiced with them for twelve hours. Their dance will be judged by five professional shag judges for fifty percent of their score. The other fifty

percent is by audience applause. The bragging rights winner will join previous winners Martha Hunn of WBTW Television (2007) and Scott Early Myrtle Beach High Schools head football coach (2008).

*The "Stars" of 2009 will include:*

**Melanie Bennett** – Coastal Carolina Universities number one football fan and wife of the first runner-up of "Shagging with the Stars" David Bennett. Her partner will be **Charlie Womble**.

**Danner Evans** – Evening news anchor for NBC's Channel 10 (WMBF) as well as a Kanas native new to our area. Her partner will be **Jeff Hargett**.

**Joe Goodwin** – AKA "Coach Goody" – Reality show runner-up on "The Pros vs Joes" and motivational speaker as well as teacher. His partner will be **Jackie McGee**.

**Barbara Graham** – "Mrs. South Carolina" (2007) and finalist in last year's Mrs. America pageant. Her partner will be **Trae Anderson**

**Wayne Gray** – Myrtle Beach City Councilman, Tidewater Bank and former Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board. His partner will be **Mandy Holt**.

**North Johnson** – Manager of the league winning Myrtle Beach Pelicans this year. His partner will be **Mary Lynn Myrick**.

**Jon Konkel** – Contestant on this years "The Bachelorette" (ABC) and General Manager of Springmaid Beach. His partner will be **Donna Hosaflook**.

**Dr. Jennifer Merritt** – An ophthalmologist, she and her husband Dr. Jay Merritt welcomed a baby girl to the family this year. Her partner will be **Rusty Hosaflook**.

**Grant Turner** – AKA Ricky Mogel – Comedian with the "Alabama Theater's show "One" and motivational speaker. His partner will be **Nikki Kontoulas**.





Another highlight of that evening will be a group of professional entertainers in a number by award-winning choreographer, Sandra Adams. The group that is scheduled to participate includes: Jeremy Woodard, currently in Broadway's "Rock of Ages"; Mike Curtis, Carolina Opry's "All That" and "America's Got Talent" runner-up; Andrew Rannells, "Jersey Boys" touring company; Aaron Burr, winner of ABC's "Good Morning America's" best dancer; Megan Daniels, Carolina Opry's featured dancer; Jessica Rock, New York City Rockette; Michael Sokolik, finalist in the 2008 Memphis "Elvis" contest and Cameron Adams, Veteran of our Broadway musicals, currently rehearsing "Shrek".



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PHIL  
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The beer was brought out in large buckets of ice—eight to ten bottles to a bucket. Every seat on the porch was taken. Tees emblazoned with "WE ARE PORCH PEOPLE" were everywhere. Murl stood tall on a platform on the North end of the old ski ball emporium. Instead of barefoot pre-teens with quarters for the much smaller than regulation pool tables, well healed long time S.O.S. veterans sang and beat old Salvation Army tambourines or shook rhythm gourds—anything to make some kind of musical noise. This outdoor crowd on the last Saturday afternoon of Fall Migration '08 was really into it..

Murl was soon joined by Elaine, much loved and totally committed owner of one of everybody's favorite S.O.S. clubs who led the festivities with more songs and whooplah. And who could ever forget Bobby Smith, renown basso profundo of the Poor Soul's whose total command of the lowest base voice outside of the Metropolitan Opera shook even the sand dunes at low tide. The three of them put on quite a show. Scheduled to end at five o'clock, not one soul (no pun intended) left until well after seven. As I sat there with my "blue hand bud", my mind went back to those magic nights at Fanny's Beach Club when Bobby and his Charlotte group laid us low with some of the most enjoyable and danceable beach music ever heard.

I accepted with great honor, a toast offered by Elaine: "You have sure made a lot of people happy" she shouted to the cheers of everybody there. With tearful eye I remembered that day now long ago when we made the Arcade a part of S.O.S. Now her fried flounder lunch on Friday and barbecue on Saturday are festival favorites. The Arcade is headquarters for many of the local OD Shaggers as well as those from CSRA, Twisters, Lake Norman, and many others. While the party raged on the deck, the shaggers on the inside floor kept the place rocking as Redney Still and Mike Pheps served up the music. Inside the bar, hard core sports fans watched college football.

Later in the afternoon, or earlier in the evening, I retired to our room in the hotel for some much needed rest before I struck out for the last Saturday night of S.O.S. '08.

Ever since the beginning, I have enjoyed walking and visiting the clubs as much as any other aspect of the event. There is so much to see—so many people you know and love—so many hugs, so many great dancers, so much good cold beer—some observations:

- \*The crowds at Duck's and Fat Harold's. Not going to change. We could sign up ten more ballrooms and you still would have trouble just walking through these two clubs.
- \*The white rocking chairs on Duck's little stoop. By far the best place to see and be seen.
- \*The view of the beach and the ocean from high atop the roof of the Pirate's Cove.
- \*Ice Cream on Main Street...Two parlors—dozens of flavors.
- \*Bone happy men and women in their fifties and up enjoying what carefree evenings at the beach are all about.
- \*The trams and vans taking people home safely after a night in the clubs. We take care of our own. An occasional police car cruises by.

Back at the hotel—after midnight. One last stop by the OD Cafe and on to the room. This is no place to watch TV. I sit and gaze into the deep dark of the night on the ocean, listen to the waves I cannot see, hear the sound of voices from the pool area, and music and laughter from all over. **Nothing will ever be like it.**



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# SHORE HAVEN

David V. Smith

*This is the first in a series of true stories about Myrtle Beach and Ocean Drive during the fifties.*

The 1950's were a special time for those of us who were fortunate enough to spend our summers at the beach. We were young, bursting with hope and energy, and it was our time to shine. This would be my second full summer at Myrtle Beach, and I was just coming into my own as an up and coming young jitterbug. In my world, being labled a jitterbug was an honor and a privilege. The title carried a certain mystique and prestige.

In order to qualify as an authentic jitterbug, you first had to be a dancer. Sleepy Timmerman had taught me a few steps and I had learned a few more on my own. I could keep time and pivot, so my foundation was sound. I was a fairly typical seventeen year old, a little clumsy, with hardly enough common sense to walk and whistle at the same time. I was also jobless and homeless, both of which were rather common predicaments for jitterbugs in those days, sneaking by on my wits and the generosity of others. Like many other young jitterbugs, I was dependant on house parties to stay above water, and telling the girls that I was a life guard on temporary leave of absence because of a back problem. I, like countless others, was sleeping on the floor at "Slick" Willie Cato's Twin Taverns, just south of the pavilion, in a room that was rented and paid for by someone else.

Those of us who had been sneaking in and out of Twin Taverns rent were being forced by necessity to find more permanent housing. "Slick" Willy had grown sick and tired of half the jitterbug population staying at his place without paying, and he had begun threatening jail for anyone caught doing so. A lot of the jitterbugs were staying at Ma Megan's place. I had hoped to get a room there but she was all filled up. Everyone wanted to stay with Ma in those days, because she was a special person who loved and understood young people. Besides, her rates were probably the lowest on the beach. I was tired of sleeping on floors and in the back seats of cars, and I had finally decided to get a room, perhaps even a job, if necessary. I could not afford to pay in advance, but that was a minor detail that could be dealt with when I was called upon to do so. By then, I might even have raised some money.

Dave Moorhead had recently bought an old, two story house on North Ocean Boulevard, just south of the Ocean Forest Hotel, and the word was out that he was renting rooms. I didn't know Dave personally, but I knew who he was and had seen him from time to time around the pavilion. Dave was a senior at Clemson, and he looked and acted like your typical college guy. He was also a cheerleader, which seemed a little odd, but he was also a serious, dedicated individual who parked cars and waited tables to earn and save as much money as he could during the summer months.

Dave liked to think of himself as a jitterbug and made every effort to pass himself off as one. During those brief moments that he allowed himself for fun and relaxation, he enjoyed showing up at the pavilion, looking cool in his tailor-made pants and high-shined loafers, ready to talk trash and try his luck on the dance floor. Unfortunately, when he opened his mouth his tongue betrayed his facade. The regular beach boys were far too sophisticated to buy into Dave's routine, so he was forced to perform his act for the more naïve high school and college girls in the house party set.

Toby Long and I agreed to get a place together, and Moorhead's house seemed to be our best bet. We had grown up together in Greenville, and we knew each other well enough to share a room without any problems. Like myself, Toby was at the beach primarily to dance, drink, and chase women. Unlike myself, he had a regular job. He worked for



Jackie Thompson, taking pictures at the pavilion photo stand. That's right, the same Jackie Thompson who is now a well known photographer.

We cleaned up a little and thumbed up the boulevard to talk with Dave. We caught a ride with a couple of tourists who were staying at the Ocean Forest Hotel, and they dropped us off directly in front of the house. We stood for a long moment at the edge of the drive, staring up at the old, two story structure with peeling white paint sitting well away from the road. There were no trees, no shrubbery, just a few patches of dead grass scattered here and there across the spacious front yard. Protruding from the ground beside the gravel drive was a crudely painted sign that read "SHORE HAVEN" in crooked, black letters. We knew right away that we had found our home away from home.

The front steps squeaked noisily as we ascended them to the porch. A couple of worn, wooden rockers sat next to the front door, facing the street. There was no doorbell, so I banged away at the screen door.

"I'm coming," said a voice from inside. Then Dave Moorhead was standing in the doorway flashing his toothiest, most professional smile. It was likely the same smile he used on tourists to secure those big tips when he was parking cars. "What can I do for you guys?" he asked.

"I'm David and this is Toby," I said. "We're interested in renting a room."

"Well, I just happen to have one available," he said, offering his hand. His handshake was firm, businesslike. "I'm Dave Moorhead. Where are you guys from?"

"We're from Greenville," I said. "We'll be here until after Labor Day."

"You guys probably know Bill Davis," Dave said. "He moved in a couple of days ago."

Hell, everybody knew Bill Davis. Bill might well have been the oldest lifeguard ever to work the beach. He was in his mid-thirties, with a full head of grey hair that he sometimes dyed black with a product his friends jokingly called "Color Back". Although we had often seen Bill around Greenville and the beach, we knew him by reputation only. He was quite a bit older than us, so we did not run in his circles. Bill was reputed to be a mean-spirited drunk who was quick to start fights when he got loaded. He was handicapped by a chronic case of asthma, so he was rendered helplessly short-winded whenever he exerted himself. Needless to say, when his fights lasted longer than a minute or two, he usually got his ass kicked. It presented quite a problem for him.

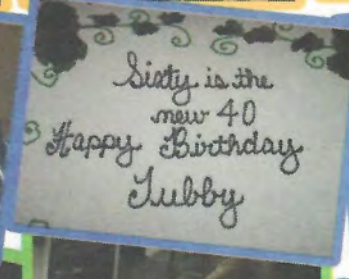
"Yeah, we know Bill," I said. Toby nodded. "Hell, everybody on the beach knows Bill."

When we reached the top of the stairs, we were standing in a hallway with bedrooms on either side and a bathroom at the far end. "This is Bill's room," said Dave, pointing toward the open doorway to the left of the stairs. "The larger room across the hall is still available."

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**We were young, bursting with hope and energy, and it was our time to shine...**

# Great Memories



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The rectangular shaped room was rather large, with worn linoleum flooring, two single beds, an old chest of drawers, and a severely worn rocking chair exactly like the two on the front porch. Two large windows opened on to a gradually sloping roof that spread across the front of the house and overlooked the yard. The windows provided an excellent view of the street, and a partial view of the ocean through the space between the buildings across the road. I immediately recognized the advantage of being able to step right through the windows on to the roof. It was an ideal spot for sun bathing, listening to n chicks were going to love it.

"We don't have much money, so we said. "How much per month for the two o

"Ten bucks each," said Dave, smiling. from the start. I expect you guys to hav apart. I've got no time to play nursemaid

"No need to worry," I replied, givin "We drink a little beer, but we're cool ab

"We'll treat it like home," added Tob "Good enough," said Dave. "I'll let

expect the rent on time. It goes toward t

"That's it, then," I said. Toby nodde his approval. "I guess we'll move in tomorrow."

Toby had his share of the rent in pocket, but I was going to have to come up with mine. We agreed that the quickest way to raise it would be through the old, reliable jail-bail scam. That evening, we worked our way through the pavilion, hand-picking individuals and telling them that we were raising money to get Jo-Jo Putnam out of jail. We said that if he didn't make bail that night, he would have to do thirty days on the dreaded Horry County chain gang.

We raised eighteen dollars in less than fifteen minutes. We actually felt that we had done our good deed for the day because those who contributed felt real good about themselves for having helped poor Jo-Jo avoid thirty days at hard labor. They had no way of knowing that he was safe at home in Greenville at the time. It was a quick, easy hustle, and there were always those who were ready and willing to help a jitterbug in distress. Jo-Jo's problems with the police were common knowledge, so his bail fund, real or imaginary, was a sure way to raise some quick money. You could not use this scam often and, when you did, you had to be absolutely positive that your designated prisoner was nowhere near the beach when you pulled it off.

By noon the next day we were paid up for a month and all moved in. That evening, as we were dressing to go out, we heard a car pull into the driveway. Doors slammed shut and a mixture of muffled laughter and inaudible conversation drifted up from outside the house. The front door opened, closed, and the voices grew louder and more distinct as they moved along the downstairs hallway and onto the stairs.

Suddenly, a tanned face framed by two bloodshot eyes was peering into our bedroom, Bill Davis stood in our doorway, wearing only a bathing suit and a life guard whistle, and he was obviously feeling no pain. A case of Budweiser was snugly secured beneath his right arm. There were a couple of guys standing behind him in the hallway, but I could see nothing more than a vague outline of their heads and shoulders in the

dim light.

"Hey, I know you guys," said Bill, his voice hoarse and gravelly. "You boys are from Greenville." He pointed a tanned, crooked finger directly at me. "You played basketball for Greenville High. You guys went undefeated." He said it as if he was letting me in on a secret I had not yet been told.

"That's right," I said. "I didn't know you were a fan."

"I'm not," he said. "But it was all people talked about for weeks. Anyway, I'm Bill Davis and this is Harry Driver and Cecil Corbett. Harry will be staying here when he's in town."

I recognized Driver the second he stepped into the light. Harry was one of my idols, so I can't deny that I was totally unprepared for this unexpected honor. There he was, the king himself, standing directly in front of me, a smile on his face and his hand reaching out to grasp mine. I prayed he could not feel me trembling as we shook hands.

"Nice meeting you guys," Harry said nonchalantly, shaking first my hand, then Toby's. His self-assured smile left little doubt that he was accustomed to people being somewhat awed by his presence. I can't speak for Toby, but I was overwhelmed. Harry exuded a distinct air of confidence, but it did not come off as intentional. It flowed from him quite naturally, through no conscious effort on his part, as if he had no more control over the power of his persona than he did breathing in and out. He was clean cut, well spoken, and impeccably well-dressed. He was also rated by many as the smoothest dancer ever to strut his stuff at Myrtle Beach. Hell, he was the king, numero

uno among the jitterbugs.

"What're you kids up to?" said Cecil. He was probably in his mid-twenties, dark haired and a little pudgy around the middle. A toothpick dangled loosely from the corner of his mouth. "Looks like you're on your way out." He was cool and soft-spoken, the kind of guy that made you feel comfortable right away. "You'll be glad to know some new house parties just rolled in. There'll be fresh meat in the market tonight."

In those days, house parties were vital to the survival of us jitterbugs. They provided us with group benefits that were not readily available elsewhere. They also afforded us the luxury of falling in love with a different honey every week or so. Week after week, they came rolling in to Myrtle Beach from all over the South to sun their smooth bodies and release the tension and frustrations they had built up during the school year. They came from large cities, small towns, high schools and colleges alike to unwind and enjoy themselves in ways that would be damaging to their reputations back home. Here, at the beach, they felt free to open up and be themselves, and we were the beneficiaries of this newfound freedom.

Whenever a new house party rolled in, a few of us would often form a welcoming committee and pay the girls a visit. This gave us an opportunity to check out the fresh crop, evaluate them by looks, intelligence, sense of humor, and conversational skills, and perhaps cut a good one out of the herd before the other guys on the beach got to

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**BEST SOS SPIRIT**

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them. Once you paired up with one, you were automatically entitled to all of the benefits that came with her. Those benefits included romance, free food, free drink, a place to hang out, perhaps even a little extra spending money. The girl and the perks were yours for the taking.

Sunday was the usual day for both the arrival and departure of house parties. For us it was a special day filled with emotion. On Sunday afternoons we would exchange promises and sad farewells with the girls who were departing. On Sunday evenings, in that time-space between departures and arrivals, we usually gathered at the empty pavilion. I can still recall standing on the beach, staring out at the dark Atlantic, my head filled with memories of the sweet young thing with whom I had so recently shared so much fun and intimacy. By now she was safe at home and, though we had both solemnly promised to call and write, it was highly unlikely that we would ever be together again.

Even as I experienced the ache of my recent loss, a sweet expectancy was steadily building within the depths of me. The new house parties should be rolling in right about now. As I stared into the darkness, I could not help wondering what new and exciting pleasures fate held in store for me. The thought process itself was somewhat mystical in nature. What would the next one be like? Would she be short or tall? Blonde or brunette? Intelligent, witty, or perhaps both? These were interesting thoughts, but they made little difference. She would be fresh and new and, for a short while, she would be mine.

It is important to understand that the girls who made up these house parties were usually more than happy to provide us jitterbugs with all of the free food and drink we could consume. Because we were young and cocky, there were those among us who liked to think of ourselves as real hustlers. Looking back, most of the girls allowed us to believe that we were hustling them, because they were smart enough to know we wanted it that way. Truthfully, they gave of themselves and their belongings quite willingly. They realized that we had little, and they had more than enough to share. I knew several guys who ate nearly every meal, all summer long, at various house parties as they came and went. Many of us got all or part of our rent money from the girls we were hanging with at the time. They actually took great delight in helping us with our financial problems. They usually had plenty of spending money, and they could only buy so many tee-shirts and postcards.

I apologize for having gotten carried away on this lengthy explanation of the house party and the role it played in our daily struggle for survival, but many of us simply could not have made it without them. Besides, rarely do those people who write about their beach experiences even mention house parties or their importance in the life of the jitterbug. I can't even imagine what life at the beach would have been like without them.

I was telling you about the time when Toby Long and I first met Bill Davis, Harry Driver, and Cecil Corbett. I didn't expect them to hang around, but they surprised me by making themselves comfortable and passing out the beer. As we sat there, drinking Bill's brew, Bill and

Harry did most of the talking. Both Toby and I were still sort of stunned by the overall event, so we spoke only when spoken to. I felt privileged just to be in the same room with these guys.

Bill took off on a cutting spree, slicing Harry and Cecil into small pieces with his sharp wit. He accused Harry of being a dirt farmer, referring to his hometown of Dunn as a nasty little "hole in the road" with no electricity and no indoor plumbing. He then cut into Cecil, picking on his tobacco background, accusing him of having oral sex with a mule and predicting that he would never get the shit off of his shoes or the dirt out from under his fingernails. He took it easy on Toby and me by limiting his attack on us to a few minor insults.

Harry and Cecil merely laughed off the abuse Bill kept pouring on them, returning the favor with insulting remarks about the "Color Back" on Bill's hair, his age (they said that he was already life guarding at the beach when Columbus discovered America), and his poor physical condition. They asked him why he wasn't using his wheelchair? Had he taken his Geritol yet today? Was he still having sex with his mother? Were his Social Security checks arriving on time? The cuts were coming so fast, so furiously, that I could hardly take them all in. Yet, the laughter left no doubt that each insult was delivered with love and good humor. They had obviously played this game many times before. It had probably developed into a comfortable routine for them, considering the many hours they had likely spent entertaining others with their barbs. The verbal "cut" (sharp-tongued insult) was quite popular in those days, and these guys could hammer you with insults and make you love every word.

Knowing Harry and Bill paid high dividends. They introduced us to Charley Boone, Nelson Burton, "Big Burt" and a number of other beach personalities. Sleepy Timmerman, Jo-Jo Putnam, Irving Montgomery, and David Michael were from our home town of Greenville, so we had known them for many years. Irving introduced us to several of his good friends including Jimmy Dinger, a cool, classy jitterbug

who dressed beautifully and always seemed to be with the most beautiful women on the beach. Jimmy was always one of my role models. He was patient with our youth and impetuosity, and he remains a good friend to this day. It didn't really occur to me at the time how simply knowing these guys could benefit us in so many ways. I felt privileged just to talk with them, learn from them, and be able to consider them my friends.

Although I never gave much thought to social status, there were a good many people on the beach who did. Your position in the beach social order was greatly determined by who you knew, how well you danced, and the entertainment value of your bullshit. I quickly learned that your position could also be raised by having a few of the more popular jitterbugs address you by your first name, kid around with you in public, or say positive things about you to the right people. For example, Bill Davis dropped a word on the guys who worked at the pavilion food concessions and, from that day forward, neither Toby nor I ever again had to pay for a meal there.

Yes, life got easier once word got out that we were living in the same

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house with Bill and Harry. We often found ourselves being pulled into the "who do you know" game and, because we were fortunate enough to know the "right people", we definitely had an advantage over those who were not so lucky. We began to notice a subtle but positive change in the respect shown to us by our contemporaries. People who had hardly noticed us before suddenly seemed anxious to become our friends. We preferred not to think of ourselves as ordinary and undeserving but, we had no illusions about the whys and wherefores of our newfound popularity. We owed it all to Bill, Harry and the others.

The younger girls were especially impressed by who you knew, and we could hardly resist using this to our advantage. We became quite adept at dropping the appropriate name whenever and wherever it benefited us to do so. You had to be careful how and when you used a name in order for it to be effective. For instance, it was totally uncool to blurt out the names of all of your more influential friends in one sentence. Such outbursts made you look like a stupid, young punk who was tossing names around just to make yourself look better. However, when offered casually, a certain name could often put you at a decided advantage. For example, I might say to a female that I was trying to impress, "Driver mentioned us going up to Ocean Drive tonight, but I told him I would rather be with you." If her reply was an excited, "Oh, do you mean Harry Driver?" the door automatically opened for all sorts of possibilities. On the other hand, if she asked you who you were talking about, there was no harm done but you had wasted your time. Our friends actually got a kick out of our using their names and, more often than not, the right name, properly used, could greatly benefit a young jitterbug.

Another way in which we benefited from our friendship with those older, more experienced jitterbugs was by memorizing and using certain of their most colorful and reliable bullshit. We were eager to emulate all of their moves and quick-witted sayings, and the effect this had on women was incredible. We learned when and how to deliver lines like, "Do you know what would really look good on you?" The reply would be, "No, what?" The answer, of course is, "me." You might also say, "If I said you had a beautiful body, would you hold it against me?" Then there were the other little quips such as, "If I could have children, I would marry me," or "It's only fair that I should warn you. I never let anyone kiss me on the first date." The high school and college girls loved stuff like this.

In no time, Shore Haven gained a reputation around the beach as a great place to party. Naturally, someone painted over the "S" in Shore Haven, making our sign read "Hore Haven" instead. Although they were hardly ever there, Harry Driver and Bill Davis still called Shore Haven home, so lots of people came to the house hoping to party with them. Since I was out of work, it was not unusual for me to have my own little parties at the house nearly every afternoon. The girls brought the sandwiches, the guys brought the brew, and we passed the afternoons sitting on the roof, a little "Four Freshmen" or "Dave Brubeck" drifting through the open windows, while we soaked up the rays and drank cold beer until the sun went down.

Weekends, however, were always open house time. We made sure the word got around that anyone and everyone was invited to Shore Haven on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to dance, drink, and get crazy. We provided the site and the sounds, but we relied on our guests for the food and alcohol. After a couple of these weekends, the regulars knew exactly what to bring.

It was not unusual for nearly a hundred crazies to show up at our get-togethers. They began rolling in shortly past noon, and by two o'clock the house and grounds were overflowing with jitterbugs. Boogie music blasted from the open windows, and couples boogied on the porch and inside the house. Anyone who didn't or couldn't boogie sat in the yard or out on the roof. We took a no nonsense approach to drinking, so we always had more than enough booze to go around. We mixed multiple fifths of grain alcohol with either grape or grapefruit juice, deposited the mixture in gallon jugs and passed them around. We sometimes consumed six or eight gallons of this liquid dynamite in a single day.

By four or five o'clock, most everyone was either passed out or roaring drunk and totally unmanageable. Unsuspecting motorists, driving by on Ocean Boulevard, often slowed or stopped to gawk in stunned disbelief at the absurdly wild scene unfolding before them. Never before had they witnessed so many half naked, drunk and disorderly young people bunched together in one place. Invariably, this innocent intrusion angered a few of the drunker jitterbugs, and they were quick to demonstrate their resentment by shaking their fists, yelling profanities, and/or hurling household objects at the departing cars, as they escaped to safer, more normal surroundings.

I recall one particular afternoon gathering that got completely out of hand. Toby, Beaver Greenway (Greenville), Sleepy Timmerman, (Greenville), Bill Wingate (Columbia), Leon Wynn (Durham), Bob McCain (Hickory), myself and our respective lady friends got together at the house to share a quiet little party. We had plenty of beer, good music, and the girls had prepared and brought plenty of food. By the time everyone arrived, however, Toby had already gotten shit-faced and was sprawled out shirtless in a rocking chair, sound asleep.

Toby had a very large cyst in the center of his chest, directly between his nipples. Beaver and I were aware of it and were quick to point it out to everyone else. Someone grabbed a ballpoint pen and drew a circle around the cyst, converting it into a bulls eye, and then surrounded it with larger circles that extended from armpit to armpit and neck to navel.

A little later, while everyone was having lunch, Beaver got the urge to test Toby's bulls eye by tossing a baked bean at it. The bean landed above and to the left of his right nipple and tumbled into his lap. Toby never even twitched. He continued to lie there, mouth gaped open, the target on his chest inviting the rest of us to try our luck. Beaver drew an imaginary line approximately ten feet from where Toby lay. No one was allowed to go past the line when tossing a bean at the target. We were all laughing uproariously as each of us took his or her turn. Within minutes, Toby's chest and abdomen were covered with beans and stains. Still, he slept soundly on, oblivious to the indignity he was suffering.

Sleepy was upset that the beans were too small and too slippery, far too difficult to grip for throwing. Beaver, always willing to help a friend in need, suggested that he try throwing several beans at once. Then Leon handed him a jar of dill pickle chips and suggested he give them a try. Naturally, everyone picked up on this and, within minutes, everyone was throwing handfuls of food at Toby's target. The onslaught continued until Toby's lean body was literally covered with food.

Suddenly he stirred. He made a low, grunting sound, opened one eye, and changed position in the chair. Normal people, guilty of having just battered a friend with food, would have run when he awakened. Not this crowd. We continued the onslaught with added fervor, pelting poor Toby with any and all food items within reach. He attempted to rise but was unable to do so. There was no way he could shield himself from the barrage of food and, at the same time, free himself from the seat of the



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rocker. I had just smeared a large glob of mayonnaise on a piece of bread. In a burst of spontaneity, I slapped the bread firmly onto Toby's naked back.

Toby sprang up from the chair fighting mad. Still drunk, he was stumbling around, reaching out for something to swing or throw at me. This allowed me a small head start, so I hurried down the stairs and out into the front yard. Toby was right behind me, bursting through the front doorway, a large, glass fishbowl held high above his head. As I ran down toward the street, I felt something whiz past my right ear. The fishbowl struck the side of a passing car, exploding into a shower of glass. The car squealed to a stop, and its driver vaulted from his seat and onto the street. His sunburned face twisted into an angry scowl as he examined the dent in his door.

Toby stumbled toward the man, glared fiercely at him and yelled, "I did it, you son-of-a-bitch! Want to make something of it?"

The man looked up, his eyes fixed uncertainly on this walking, talking garbage heap approaching him from the yard. Who could guess what was running through his mind as he eyed this bizarre apparition? Could this be the unfortunate victim of a food store bombing? Or perhaps the lone survivor of a family picnic turned violent? We will never know what he thought he saw, but he decided not to pursue it. He probably figured that something this strange might well be equally as dangerous. He shook his head, got back in his car and drove quickly away without uttering so much as a word.

Our friends all applauded as the car sped quickly away. As we headed back toward the house, I noticed that the slice of bread was still mayonnaised securely to Toby's back.

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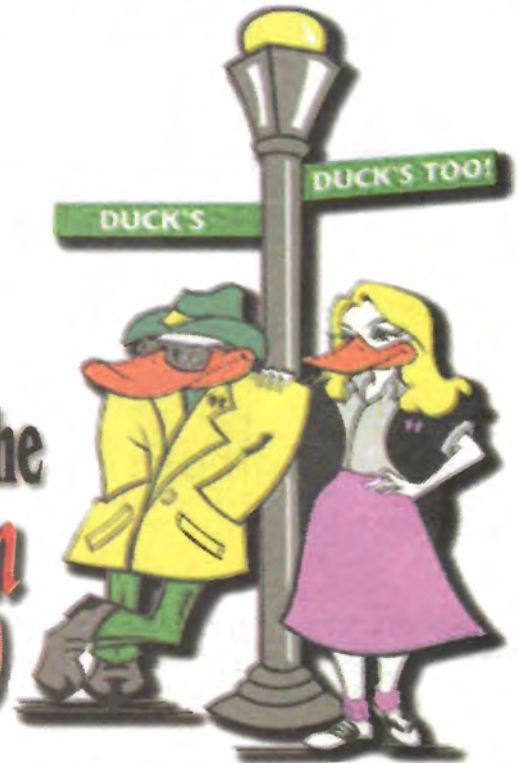
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## DUCK'S

**Tuesday, December 30**

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DJ Jim Rose • Free Food & Drink Specials

**Wednesday, December 31**

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Ed Timberlake and John Smith, 8pm 'til 3am

Champagne Toast at Midnight • Free Breakfast

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\*\*\*OTHER DJs DURING THE DAY\*\*\*

**Thursday, January 1**

NOON-1 NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCHEON (NYE Ticket Holders Only)

THE BOOGER BROS. - Ed Timberlake & John Smith

\*\*\*OTHER DJs DURING THE DAY\*\*\*

**Friday, January 2**

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\*\*\*OTHER DJs DURING THE DAY\*\*\*

**Saturday, January 3**

THE BOOGER BROS.

\*\*\*OTHER DJs DURING THE DAY\*\*\*

## DUCK'S TOO

**Wednesday, December 31**

NEW YEAR'S EVE - THE FABULOUS BLUES BROTHERS

Butch Metcalf & Steve Baker

**Thursday, January 1**

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**Friday, January 2**

Butch Metcalf

**Saturday, January 3**

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Butch Metcalf & Steve Baker

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## Mid-Winter 2009

### Duck's

**Wednesday, January 14, 2009**

**"Pre-Mid-Winter Jump Start Party"**

Free Food & Drink Specials

DJ Jim Rose 8pm-2am

**Thursday, January 15, 2009**

Eddie Teeter 12-5

Bill Harper 5-10

Booger Bros. 10-3

**Friday, January 16, 2009**

Bill Harper 12-5

Larry Edwards 5-10

Booger Bros. 10-3

**Saturday, January 17, 2009**

Larry Edwards 12-5

Billy Waldrep 5-10

Booger Bros. 10-3

### Duck's Too

**Thursday, January 15, 2009**

Jerry Burrage 5-10

Butch Metcalf 10-3

**Friday, January 16, 2009**

Jim Rose 12-5

Craig Jennings 5-10

The Blues Bros. 10-3

**Saturday, January 17, 2009**

Craig Jennings 12-5

Steve Baker 5-10

Butch Metcalf 10-2

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Dec 20 - Ducks Christmas Party

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## Mid-Winter DJ Schedule

Thursday • 1/15

Larry Calhoun 4-9pm  
Tommy Samole 9-close

Thursday • 1/16

Mike Harding 12-5pm  
Larry Calhoun 5-9pm  
Murl Augustine 9-close

Saturday • 1/17

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Murl Augustine 9-close



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~ Ellen

# Fat Harold's Beach Club



## New Year's Package

**Saturday, December 27**

Club opens at Noon  
Holiday Band 9-1

**Sunday, December 28**

Club opens at Noon  
Coastline Band 9-1

**Monday, December 29**

Club opens at 12 Noon  
Band of Oz 9-1

**Tuesday, December 30**

Club opens at 12 Noon  
Fantastic Shakers 9-1

**Wednesday, December 31**

Club opens at 12 Noon until 5 PM  
Closed from 5PM until 7PM for cleanup and  
Preparation for party. (For ticket holders only)  
Re-open 7PM for party & bringing in the  
New Year

**Thursday, January 1**

Club opens at 12 Noon for traditional lunch  
DJs from 12 Noon until close.

## Mid-Winter 2009

**Wednesday, January 14, 2009**

Mid Winter Kick Off Party  
8 PM - Hot Dogs & Chili Beans  
"What a way to start a party!"

**Thursday, January 15, 2009**

Craig Woolard Band 9-1

**Friday, January 16, 2009**

Coastline Band 1-5

**Saturday, January 17, 2009**

Sea Cruz 1-5

**Sunday, January 18, 2009**

Holiday Band 9-1

DJs will be playing  
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January 15-18

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## WHERE IT CAME FROM THE GRIFFIN CLAN

Bill Young



Wanna learn to Shag? It's easy. All you gotta do is run down to your favorite Shag joint and find your local, board certified Shag instructor/guru. Two or three weeks of lessons and you'll know a couple of hundred steps and you'll be ready to jump in your first Shag contest. **WRONG!** It used to be a little harder than this several years ago. There were some real good dancers in the 40's, 50's, and 60' that never had a lesson in their lives. Let's take a look at some of these early Shaggers and see how they began.

Let's start with a family of Shaggers from Beaulaville, N.C., the Griffins. Big sister Suzie is first. Suzie learned to do The Jitterbug at Atlantic Beach N.C. around 1946 when her parents decided that their daughter needed to carry on the family tradition. Suzie drifted over to the Shag in the early 50's cause all of her teenage friends were doing it.

How her younger brother, Bobby, became a Shagger is another chapter to the story. One night, coming home from a night of dancing Suzie was involved in a bad automobile accident. The wreck left Suzie with two



severely broken legs and a long period of rehabilitation. Her doctors told her she might not ever walk again. **WRONG!** She had to spend about a year in bed but she not only walked, she eventually began to Shag again. While she rehabbed someone had to stay at home to take care of her. Little brother Bobby was thirteen years old then and he volunteered to stay with Suzie so he wouldn't have to work on the family farm. Suzie decided to pass the time by teaching Bobby to

Shag. So, using two finger on each hand she taught Bobby The Basic. By the time Suzie was ready to dance again Bobby was ready to join his big sister on the dance floors around Eastern N.C.

In the summer of 1957 some older guys drug me into the old Atlantic Beach Pavilion and I got hooked. Throughout high school and college I was a regular at the Pavilion. I also hung out at Hillview in snow Hill Faison, Bayview, Melody Park in Wilson and any nearby armory that was having a dance. Suzie and Bobby seemed to be at each of these places whenever I was there. Beaulaville is close to Atlantic Beach and Suzie told me once that they used to spend seven nights a week in the summer at the Pavilion.

Several years ago Suzie was involve in yet another wreck and again suffered a broken leg. This time surgery was required to insert a steel rod in her leg. Bobby was also involved in a automobile accident resulting in a broken back. These guys can dance, but I never said they were good drivers. In June of 2008 Bobby underwent by-pass surgery. Suzie and Bobby also had a older brother who passed away on a dance floor years ago. They have a nephew, Andy, who also Shags. Bobby and his wife Kate have a daughter, Holly, who with her husband Jason Cagle compete regularly in shag contests. They are also members of The National Shag Dance Team. In October of 2007 Suzie and Kate were inducted into The Shaggers Hall Of Fame at Ocean Drive. In October of 2008 Bobby was inducted into The Shaggers Hall Of Fame at Ocean Drive.

At S.O.S. the entire Griffin Clan can often be found on the dance floors at The O.D. Pavilion, Harold's, and Duck's. And none of them has ever taken a Shag lesson.

# Shad Alberty Memorial Winter Classic

**Saturday, January 17, 2009 - Mid-Winter Weekend**  
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# SAM WEST WORKSHOPS AT MIDWINTER

## **At the OD Resort Ballroom**

**Friday, January 16**

- 12:30 - Male Leads and Female Steps**
- 2:00 - Together Steps**

**Saturday, January 17**

- 12:30 - Rotations and Turns**
- 2:00 - Together Steps**

**Sunday, January 18**

- 12:30 - Lead and Follow Combination**
- 2:00 - 6-Count Steps for Males and Females**

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Janet Harrold

October 11, 2008...celebrated the 26th year of the Shaggers Hall of Fame Induction. The induction was held in the Ballroom at the Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort in North Myrtle Beach, SC...some say Ocean Drive is where all the dance we now all "shag" began !!

Bob Myrick, Chairman of Keepers of the Dance, introduced the 2008 inductees, Trae Anderson, N.Myrtle Beach and Leann Best Norris, Cayce, NC. Trae and Leann will be inducted at Ducks Beach Club on February 21, 2009 during the Ducks SPA contest weekend. Their framed photos and bios will be displayed at Ducks along with all the previous inductees.

Sam McIntosh, Hall of Fame President, and Wanda Yow, Secretary/Treasurer, did their usual great introduction of new inductees. Each inductee had many accolades in their acceptance speeches which this year seem to bring tears among the crowd and the inductees..there seem to be such a closeness in the room. A few had notes to refer to so they would remember everything and everyone that they have shared all their memories with. The inductees framed photo and bio will be displayed with all the previous inductees in the halls of the OD Resort.

A special thanks to Chick Hedrick, CEO for keeping this organization alive for all of us to enjoy special memories with new and old friends throughout the years.

**2008 Female Inductees:**

- Carole Leckie- N.Myrtle Beach, SC
- Shelia McGarity-N.Myrtle Beach, SC
- Cindy Simmons-Myrtle Beach, SC
- Linda Walker-Charleston, SC



Carol Leckie

**2008 Male Inductees:**

- Jerry Burrage-N.Myrtle Beach, SC
- Bobby Griffin-Beulaville, NC
- Jet Jackson-Winston-Salem, NC
- Ham McGarity-N.Myrtle Beach,SC



Bill & Sharli Drew

**Charlie Boone Memorial Inductees:**

- Bill & Sharli Drew



Cindy Simmons



Jerry Burrage



Linda Walker



Bobby Griffin



Jet Jackson



Ham & Sheila McGarity



Trae Anderson & Leann Norris



Sam McIntosh & Wanda Yow



Bob Myrick & Wanda Yow

## The Neighbor's Wash

Not that we hang our laundry outdoors all that much anymore, still there is a good lesson in this little story.....

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean", she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap".

Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?"

The husband said, "I got up this morning and cleaned our windows".

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

*Author Unknown*

*Provided by: Betsy McClain*



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*Sheila & Kelly Wright*

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A special thanks to Susan Trexler and the many entertainers that helped with our fashion show

during 2008 Spring Safari. Coming on Tuesday, 2009 Spring Safari, we will again host out "5th Annual Funky Fashion Show". We get the front room at Fat Harolds because thanks to you we have outgrown the back deck. Great food, door prizes, the best entertainment and models on the beach. Don't miss this show, Blonde Fashion.

Our exclusive design for the men's silk shirt was a huge success....thanks to the male shaggers for helping the Blondes bring to you something just for men. We hope to have ready by



Fall SOS another unique design to give you something to look forward to.

The "new Blonde deck" was so much fun and excitement to share with everyone. We want to thank everyone who came by to join Jerry Holt's live remote or just to sit and enjoy the rocking chairs. Back by popular demand...we will have the "Out of Towners" once again during 2009 Spring Safari performing on the new Blonde Deck. So much fun, so little time!!

To show our Blonde Appreciation to all our shagger friends we are looking forward to offering wine tasting, Bleached Blonde Chili, and free gifts with purchase every afternoon during SOS Midwinter. Please join us for a afternoon of blonde fun!! We had a wonderful year and when we sometimes think things couldn't get better, they do. There were so many new faces this year, makes me believe our shagging community continues to grow leaps and bounds every year. We lost a very special friend in 2008, Patty Craig...we miss you!!



# MEET THE JUNIOR SHAG DANCE TEAM



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All are competitive junior shag dancers successful in their own rights have gathered together and created a Junior Formation Shag Dance Team. Without the love, support and encouragement of the Shag Community, the endeavors of these young shaggers would not be possible.

They have been busy raising money since September for their travel to California by selling DVD's (A collection of 36 competitive dances performed by the team members and others at the USA Grand Nationals and US Open Swing Dance Championships.) Selling G.R.I.T.S. (Girls/Guys Really In To Shag) t-shirts. Both can be ordered from the teams website: [www.jrshagdanceteam.com](http://www.jrshagdanceteam.com). They have danced for dollars at Ducks, Fat Harolds, TJ's in Raleigh, Thirsty's and many area shag clubs. Individuals have donated money as well. To ALL, we thank you.

For more information on how you can help the Junior Shag Dance Team, contact Captain Brennar Goree at [bgore004@odu.edu](mailto:bgore004@odu.edu). Allow us to thank you in advance for your support of Junior Shag, no matter where or how. Remember, the future of Shag lies in the feet and hearts of our Juniors!



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# Thirsty's 2

Linda Reeder

## WALL OF FAME

On September 27, 2008, Thirsty's 2 hosted the 12th year of the Wall of Fame induction ceremonies. The purpose of the Wall of Fame is to recognize those people in our area that has contributed to the music and the dance.

The Wall committee selects those people, nominated by their peers, which meet certain criteria. They should have strong ties to the Triad area with boundaries from Salisbury, Asheboro, Raleigh and the NC/VA line. They are selected from three categories: Dancer, Contributor, and DJ. Each member of the Wall may nominate one person each year but only if they wish to do so. Since age is not a factor, Beth Mitchell was the youngest inductee, chosen in 2005, and the oldest is 70+.

The Wall of Fame began in 1994 as part of the Bunk Leach Charity Mixed Doubles Contest at the first Thirsty's and continued through 1998 when the club closed a few months later. The first year, some of those chosen were pioneers and innovators like Lacy Moore, Bunk Leach, George Lineberry, Louise Hunsucker, Shad Alberty, Rick Lyman, Bill Griffin and Spider Kirkman.

When Thirsty's 2 opened in 2002, the Wall of Fame ceremonies continued again. This year, the new inductees were: Jim Brooks, Ellen Stringfellow Taquino, Norfleet Jones, Dana Sawyer, Russ Riley, Debbie Rickard and H. Lee Brown. There were 33 members of the Wall present that evening to welcome these new inductees with a champagne toast!

Since the inception, the Wall of Fame has inducted a total of 99 people from our area. If it wasn't for the Wall of Fame, some people may not ever be recognized. This is why the Wall of Fame continues each year so those great legends are never forgotten.



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## HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION

*Janet Harrold  
Director  
Hall of Fame Foundation*

I know by now that everyone is aware of the Hall of Fame Foundation organization. There has been several requests during 2008 from our friends requesting financial aid for someone who has needed assistance due to sickness. Several clubs that have donated proceeds from their shag contests and/or events. Many organizations and personal donations, including memorial donations, have also been donated to the Foundation to go to "Caring for Friends"..... which is the motto for the Foundation.

Thirsty's 2, Fat Harolds, Ducks, Fayetteville Area Shag Club, various other shag clubs, golf tournaments organized by Al Cain, Foundation Director, are just to name a few that help with events annually in which the proceeds go to the Foundation. I will take this opportunity and give a huge thanks from all the Foundation Directors for every effort you take to help the Foundation.

David Shaw, owner of Ducks Beach Club purchased raffle tickets sold for the Bunk Leach Mixed Doubles, which has been held every July at Thirsty's 2 in Greensboro, NC. for many years. David won that \$1000 raffle and he presented that and included \$500 that was raised during the annual Chicken Hicks Memorial with the help of Mary Lynn Myrick selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Eddie Monsour, Chairman, and Nick Mathis, Executive Director were in attendance and accepted the check with many thanks.



William Greene, Manager of Ducks, was in a bad motorcycle accident during Bike Week and was down for several months. Many friends came forward to help William in any way they could. During the presentation of the \$1500 check at Ducks, William thanked the Foundation and everyone for their financial assistance to help him with his huge medical bills.



Dwayne Baggett, SOS Board Member, started a project for North Carolina to have a Shaggers license tag as South Carolina. He made the Foundation the beneficiary of the monies collected from the sale of each license tag purchased. Dwayne put lots of time and work into this project. The Foundation presented

Dwayne with a plaque for all his efforts. Dwayne followed up with a wonderful thank you note letting the board that if he could help in anyway in the future to help such a great organization he would be there.

KUDOS to Dwayne.... and anyone who helped him along the way with his project.

If anyone would like to hold an event to help the Hall Of Fame Foundation or would just like to learn more about it please check out the website.... [www.halloffamefoundation.org](http://www.halloffamefoundation.org).



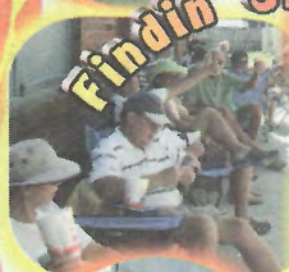


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# NO SMOKING

By Phil Sawyer

There is an old joke making the rounds these days that proclaims that having a smoking section in a restaurant is like having a peeing section in a public swimming pool. I suppose that is probably accurate in that peeing in swimming pools is rather routinely practiced by all children and even a fair number of adults. My son when he was a teenager said that if you were scuba diving on a cold day and wearing wet suit and wanted to get warm, "just piss in it." But cute as this humor is, it has no bearing on the moment. Winter is right around the corner and we are not likely to be doing much of anything in pools for a while.

However we will be spending a considerable amount of time in bars, lounges, beach clubs, restaurants, and now and then maybe a visit to a titty club.

But first, a disclaimer. I don't smoke. I did for ten years, starting at U.S.C., (that's University of South Carolina for you West coast readers) when I was eighteen. Got a free pack of cigarettes at a fraternity dance, tried them and was quickly hooked. Started out on Lucky Strikes (remember the Hit Parade?) and switched later to Marlboro (the man with the tattoo on the back of his hand) and quit when I was twenty-eight. So since it's been about fifty years since I smoked, I think I can look at this objectively.

So let's start with the down side. As a consummate shagger, I have spent hundreds of evenings in shag joints heavily contaminated by

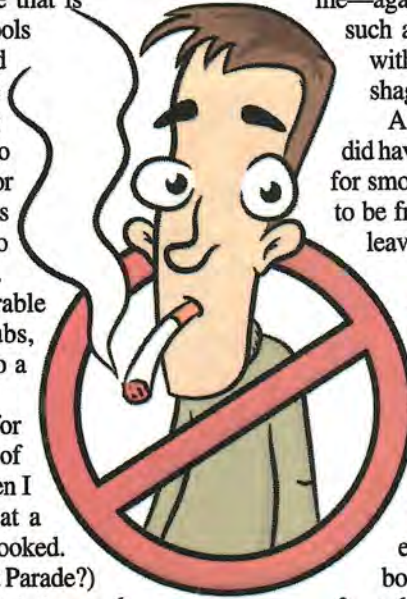
second hand smoke. I am not a physician (even though from time to time I get credited with being one) I will leave the health issues to them. I never had much trouble breathing the second hand smoke so it didn't bother me. The only thing I did notice was smoke in my clothes, but we just undressed on the screen porch, air out the garments and that ended that. I don't especially like a lit cigarette not being smoked put in an ash tray under my nose, but I can move it, or move me—again that takes care of that. A few other little nuisances such as burn holes in clothes and infrequent encounters with skin I just take in stride. If that is the price I pay for shagging, then so be it.

As a humanitarian with memories of the enjoyment I did have when I smoked, I am not without feeling and regard for smokers. This is after all America and we are supposed to be free. For all of the pros and cons of this issue, I will leave to the writers of ten page articles in the New Yorker.

Now for the up side. Air conditioning in non-smoking buildings is far easier to achieve. It almost never works in lounges with heavy smoking. Owners often spend only hundreds of dollars on air exchange when they need to spend thousands to only come close. Developments in engineering should greatly improve this problem so it will cease to be an issue.

Last week was my first visits to my favorite local tavern since the no smoking ordinance became effective in Columbia and the smokers seemed to be bothered little or not at all. They gathered outside the front door and had quite a good time. The owner said that business was not off. Of course it is still warm at night. What will happen when it gets cold is any body's guess.

The one thing I have noticed—it is easier now to get a seat at the bar.



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Mid-Winter

February 20-22  
ACSC/SOS Winter Workshop

April 17-26  
Spring Safari  
April 25  
SOS Parade

July 10-12  
Summer Workshop

September 11-20  
Fall Migration  
September 13  
Fun Sunday  
September 14  
Fun Monday

## 2010

January - 14-17  
Mid-Winter

February 26-28  
Winter Workshop

April 16-25  
Spring Safari

July 9-11  
Summer Workshop

September 17-26  
Fall Migration

## 2011

January - 13-16  
Mid-Winter

February - 25-27  
Winter Workshop

April - 8 - 17  
Spring Safari

July 8-10  
Summer Workshop

September 16-25  
Fall Migration

## 2012

January - 12-15  
Mid-Winter

February 24-26  
Winter Workshop

April 20-29  
Spring Safari

July 13-15  
Summer Workshop

September 14-23  
Fall Migration



## *Fred Anders Paver on the Walk of Fame*

Fred Anders passed away on November 12, 2008 after a courageous battle with cancer. Beyond the personification of what the shag ICON award is all about, Fred was also the quintessential Southern Gentleman. Together with his wife Sylvia, they introduced many people to the shag dance and the shagging lifestyle that is a part of what makes living the the Carolinas so very special. Sylvia resides in New Bern, NC and she continues to bring new members into the shag dance family through shag dance instructions.

In August of 2008, several Twin Rivers Shag Club members approached me with the idea of purchasing a brick to honor Fred Anders at the North Myrtle Beach shaggers' Walk of Fame. I did a little homework to learn what the "Walk of Fame" brick program at North Myrtle Beach is all about. The next step was to inform our club members about what we were up to and to ask if they would like to donate toward the paver brick. Our members quickly donated more than enough to get a large brick to honor Fred. In fact, Twin Rivers Shag Club members also donated enough to fully fund the construction of a wheel chair ramp at the Anders' residence in New Bern, NC. Working with Janet Harrold made the brick purchase very easy. The finished paver was everything we expected and more.

On September 13, the first Saturday of Fall 2008 SOS, we held a presentation of the paver with Fred Anders there to be honored. There were about 150 of his friends present from not only the Twin Rivers Shag Club but shaggers from all over the Southern states. The SOS Board also made a presentation to Fred in appreciation of his six years on the SOS Board, 2002-2008. Fred Anders was given the ACSC Icon status in 2006.

Fred Anders was involved in the shag community in a special way right up to the end. As stated above, Fred was the personification of what the shag Icon is. The inscription on his paver in front of Ducks reads, "Dedicated in his love of shag dancing and those who shag"- Fred's passion for the art of the shag dance, the lifestyle and the people will always be an inspiration to everyone who knew him.

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