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2015
Winter Edition



CHRISTMAS

MERRY



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S.O.S. President Ron Whisenant

Hello Everyone!

It has been a few months since the Fall Migration. The event was a huge success. Fun Sunday had a very large crowd and Fun Monday enjoyed beautiful weather, great entertainment, and fun in the street for the crowd in attendance. The entertainment was stellar! A very hardy "Thank You" to a hard working group that make up the Enhancement Committee.

SOS continues to have great support for all our SOS events. This year will reflect record crowds in attendance at all three SOS events of Mid Winter, Spring Safari, and Fall Migration. Mid Winter and the Winter Workshop were combined this past year. Mid-Winter and Spring Safari events had record membership card sales for the 2915 events. The support and participation of the SOS membership are what makes these events great.

In reflection of 2015, the SOS shag world lost three great icons of this dance. Each of them left their huge footprint on our world of shag. The contributions that each one made to the dance community are too many to write here but the legacies continue to resonate the contributions and leadership portrayed by each individual. Each of them living legends with infamous recognition of selfless duty and commitment to the endeavor of the position served. I am honored to have known these great men as a personal friend and associate in the shag community.

IN MEMORIAM:

Harold Bessent, aka Fat Harold – Fat Harold's Beach Club – a shrine for shag dancing in Ocean Drive, SC- a champion for the shag dance and music = Camp Chemo – loved by all

Edmon Monsour – Eddie – Founder and Executive Director-Hall of Fame Foundation-"Friends caring for friends"- consummate gentleman- a friend to all

Phd. Phil Huff Sawyer-Dr. Phil – Columbia Shag Club President - Co-Founder of ACSC – First SOS President- President Emeritus – a great statesman/historian

Merry Christmas!
Holidays!

Happy New Year!

Happy

Ron



SOS Board Chairperson Helen Still

Hello everyone,

I just love this time of year! The leaves are falling at a rapid pace and by the time you read this we will have had some colder weather. Thanksgiving and Christmas are on the horizon, which is a time for enjoying family and friends and add a little shagging to the mix and you have the perfect holiday season.

We had a great Fall Migration; it just may have been our largest to date. Due to moving we missed a lot of Fall Migration and only got down the last part of the week and weekend. From what I hear Fun Sunday and Fun Monday was wonderful with overflowing crowds. I want to extend kudos to the Enhancement Committee for all their hard work in putting on such a great event.

Right after Fall Migration 320 shaggers went on a cruise and I think everyone had a blast. Paul Craver did a wonderful job djing for us and we had great clubs in which to dance. Our port party was bursting at the seams and our cruisers really had a good time at Senor Frogs in San Juan.

We are approaching two years since the outfall project began and hopefully by May 1, 2016, the horseshoe will be complete with paving, restrooms and the stage! Let's all hope for some great weather and maybe this will be completed earlier! It's been a little difficult and inconvenient getting around the horseshoe with foot traffic, parking, etc., but looks like the time is close to us having a brand new look to the horseshoe, which will be such a welcomed improvement.

As we approach the holidays and everyone will be traveling to all the parties that will be held within our shag clubs and at NMB, please remember to be careful. Having a designated driver is a quick fix and could save not only your life, but the lives of others you may encounter on the road. We have to drive defensively and we can't do that intoxicated. Maybe you may have an opportunity to visit another club's party. Visiting and supporting other clubs especially sister clubs is always a great idea. Have fun and enjoy!

I pray that each of you have a wonderful and safe holiday season and especially have a Very Merry Christmas! This is a time that we can enjoy our family and friends. It is also a time to reflect on those family members and close friends we have lost. We never know when it's our last time to see someone. Cherish your family and friends – hold them close and let them know you care. Remember it's easier to say "I Love You" but it takes an effort to really show it.

Maybe in some way you can reach out to help others less fortunate and be a blessing to them – both individually and/or as a club. Many of our shag clubs are doing things to help individual families and needy organizations. There are clubs who have special projects throughout the year to raise money just to help families who are in need during Christmas. This is truly an act of kindness and

caring and is a reflection of who and what shaggers are. I applaud all of you who reach out and help others in need.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas filled with blessing overflowing with good health and happiness and I hope you have a Happy and prosperous New Year!

Helen



**ACSC Chairman
Ken Akin**

HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

After each SOS and Mid-Winter it seems that I indicate that the event was the best ever! Well—it happened again! North Myrtle Beach was full of another record crowd of shaggers enjoying the music and dance in the SOS clubs and present for two fun-filled days of sun and music during Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. Thanks again to the Enhancement Committee!

A few weeks after arriving home from 2015 Fall SOS we traveled to Fort Lauderdale to board the Independence of the Sea with over 320 shag friends for our SOS at Sea III cruise to San Juan, St Maarten and St Kitts. This cruise was like a mini SOS with many activities planned, port party in Senior Frogs and many nights of entertainment and music played by our DJ Paul Craver. Everyone had the opportunity to choose tours when the ship docked at the ports or just to relax by one of the many pools on the ship. The successful sale of split pot tickets provided over \$3,000 to three lucky winners. Our SOS at Sea IV on October 15-30, 2016 flyer is available on shagdance.com and includes more information on how you may join the group. Carnival Miracle will be sailing from Long Beach, California and visiting the Hawaiian Islands with stops at Kahului, Honolulu, Nawiliwili, Kona and Hilo and Ensenada, Mexico and the first 100 cabins sold will be offered at a special price.

This is the second year that the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs Winter Workshop is now combined with Mid-Winter at North Myrtle Beach. The ACSC Workshop Meeting will be January 16, 2016 at the O D Resort in North Myrtle Beach. This is a required meeting for the ACSC shag club presidents or their designees. All new shag club presidents are encouraged to attend all the mandatory meetings so as to stay up-to-date on ACSC requirements. Presenting the information received at these required meetings to all members of each shag club is a way of keeping everyone informed. This information may be relayed during club meetings or by your club's website.

The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs welcomes shag clubs that are interested in becoming a member of the ACSC. Please contact me at 803-640-3567 or any ACSC Board Member if you

know of any shag club interested in receiving more information about ACSC membership requirements.

Have a peaceful and happy holiday season with your family and friends and continue to remember those who were impacted by the recent storms and flooding in many areas. Thanks to the shag clubs that have donated funds to assist those families affected by the storms.

See you at the Beach!

Ken



**ACSC Vice President
Robin Morley**

Greetings Friends,

It's the most wonderful time of the year!!!! It's always a magic time when our shag community shares in fun, fellowship, parades, dance contests, meetings, pot luck dinners, charity events and dancing. I have been reading ACSC club newsletters and it is so apparent what a generous and caring community we are. So many shag clubs are continuously giving and raising money for those in need and preparing for the time of giving. I can truly say that I am proud to be involved in such an incredible community.

Our paradise of NMB certainly keeps busy with continued shag and dance events throughout the year, so if you are visiting I feel sure you will find a favorite club that will be hosting another spectacular shag event. A special thanks to each of you for the role that you play in our shag world. It takes each of you to make our shag community the successful organization that it is today.

As the holidays are upon us a New Year is not far beyond. A special thanks to those that have served as ACSC club presidents and officers in 2015. I know that you have made a positive impact on your club. With regards to the new presidents and officers of 2016, we welcome you. To each of the ACSC clubs we wish for your continued success and a very prosperous New Year.

In closing, I hope you have a safe and wonderful holiday season. Enjoy this time with family and friends. We will see you in January for Mid Winter!

Blessings,

Robin



ACSC Secretary Lisa Myers Caveny

There's a slight chill in the air, the colors of orange, gold and yellow paint a beautiful backdrop as I look out my office window toward the Blue Ridge Mountains...Fall is here! I am really a beach girl at heart, but I do enjoy all the pumpkins, scarecrows, hay bales and family traditions that are the start to a fast-approaching holiday season.

At this writing, we have just returned from a wonderful "SOS at Sea" cruise with 320 shaggers...Oh what fun we had! The ocean was calm, the skies were nothing but blue, and the temperatures were into the 90's. It was perfect. Make your plans now for SOS at Sea 2016...Can you say "Aloha!"

Most of our ACSC shag clubs are currently going through the nomination process and selection of officers for 2016. My home club, Electric City Shag Club, is no different, as we are in the process of seeking those faithful members who have a desire to serve and to lead. It is NOT an easy job...so don't be fooled by the glamour of it all. To be a good leader, and to consider the entire membership in the decisions and directions that are taken within a club, is not necessarily to be the most popular person. I find that working hard and giving to my club and to this Association is not really about "me"...but it's about the love of service to others. I benefit by knowing that one of my ideas becomes more than a thought and becomes reality, I benefit from the feeling I get when I am able to make a new member feel welcome and included, I benefit by seeing a member that I might have encouraged to run for an office, start to put their leadership talents and fresh ideas to work within our club. I was a cheerleader in my younger days, and I guess that I still am. I love to see others flourish and grow and feel accepted, wanted and needed. So it's really all about you, the Shaggers...but I benefit at the end of the day. 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! And, Thank You for allowing me to serve!

In January, we will have our second Mid Winter Workshop at North Myrtle Beach during Mid-Winter. This past January was like a mini SOS... The clubs were packed. It's the kickoff to a new year...so I hope you will make plans to attend. If you are a club President, please note that this is one of your required meetings for the year. If you are an outgoing President, I congratulate you for your service to your club, and I hope that your goal is to be the best Past President that your club has ever had!! Always lead with a heart of service.

Blessings to you and your families throughout this upcoming Holiday Season,

Lisa



S.O.S. Janet Harrold

It seems like mother nature has not made up her mind about the weather in South Carolina as up north... but by Midwinter no matter the weather here in Paradise as it is referred to... Fat Harolds, OD Resort, Galleon, Ducks, Pirates Cove, OD Arcade & Lounge are preparing for the New Year and Midwinter and anytime you visit Ocean Drive.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!!!!

Janet



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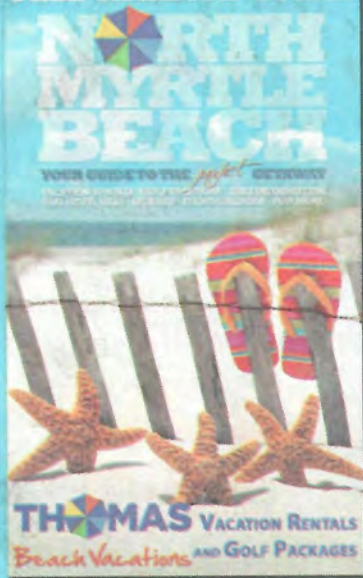
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ON THE ROAD WITH MARY

Our journey took us far north to the Beckley Shag Club's Hanger Party on August 14 & 15, 2015. We did not know what to expect but we had heard about this party and WOW what a great venue. Karen Callahan and Jim Hearn and the members done a fabulous job to make this a great party. We were welcomed with such wonderful hospitality upon our arrival. We were greeted by several old friends and many new people. This unique party had superstar DJs, Larry Edwards and Ed Timberlake and man were they putting out the tunes. They kept the huge dance floor filled for 2 solid nights. And with the addition of Ellen and Carl Taylor and Jackie and Charlie McGee teaching new steps, what more could you ask for. Saturday Night we were treated to a buffet dinner to die for. Now add the scenery and sunset from the Hanger – words cannot describe the atmosphere in this party. They brought in Shag Clubs from Beaufort, N. Myrtle Beach, Colonial Shag Club, Pittsburg, PA, Parkersburg and Charleston, WV, River City, Northern Virginia, Burlington, NC and many more. There were many tourists attractions you could take in and while we were there we seen the breathe taking New River Gorge Bridge, what a beautiful site.

It was wonderful seeing all the Shag Clubs supporting another Clubs' weekend party. It was great for that club and the Shaggers Lifestyle. This "One" you definitely want to make plans to go to. Thanks Karen, Jim and all the members and guests for such a wonderful 2 days! By: Mary Gregory



Fall Migration 2015



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Merry
Christmas

Hope you all enjoy your holiday 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 "keep the memories". We have had a wonderful team this past year thanks to Paul Harrison, Mary Gregory, Gil & Suzie Bradley and Judy Baker.

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SOS Enhancement Committee

By Foster McKinney, SOS Treasurer

Early morning rising, it's nothing new for this crew. Nope, they've been there and done that many times before. It is just about five o'clock in the morning and streetlights are still aglow. They create stage-like backdrops against which moving images flicker in the final hours of darkness. A distant roar from traffic along Highway 17 is a reminder that nights are not always still. At the brink of daybreak, a frantic, but highly organized, race against the clock will begin to rise with the morning sun. Street barriers must be set into place and stage sections must be assembled. They're just part a long punch list that will be methodically checked off as the morning wears on. The weather outlook calls for sunshine and conditions will be excellent for an outdoor concert. Not just any old run-of-the-mill outdoor concert, but rather, the first day of the dynamic-duo of all outdoor concerts, Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. For months now, careful preparations have been in the works and critical pieces are now falling into place. A host of behind-the-scenes notes must be finely tuned into pleasant harmony before the first on-stage musical chord is struck. The harmonic chord that keeps Fun Sunday and Fun Monday in key is called the SOS Enhancement Committee. These are the dedicated crew of volunteers that are up at five o'clock in the morning flickering in the backdrop of glowing street lights giving it nothing less than their best. Success hinges upon their efforts and they know perfectly well that unexpected twists of discord can quickly throw pleasant chords of harmony unpleasantly out of key. Incredibly, to date, this crew has successfully staged sixty-five different top-notch performers and amassed fourteen Cammy Awards in nineteen years.

It all started nearly twenty years ago as the brainchild of Chuck and Shirley Ward. At the time, Chuck was serving on the SOS board of directors. He became acutely aware that many people were attending SOS during the first weekend, traveling back home on Sunday and returning the following Friday for the second weekend. He felt that there must be a way to entice these people to stay over past the first weekend. This, he felt, would enhance SOS and provide a boost to local merchants through added exposure. His and Shirley's proposed enticement was Fun Monday. Fun Sunday would come along later in 2002 as the brainchild of then Enhancement Committee chairman, Hollis Britt, and entertainment chairman, Judy Collins. The SOS Enhancement Committee was originally chaired by Ken Hudspeth, former ACSC chairman and SOS secretary. Initially, it promoted several side events geared toward enhancing SOS such as a womanless beauty contest, a line-dance competition, and a beach run marathon. They eventually played out while Fun Sunday and Fun Monday became their defining achievements. Over the years, many Enhancement Committee members have naturally flowed and ebbed just like tides along the Grand Strand. Some have been mainstays who have held their ground, firmly planted like sand dunes—impervious to the pull of receding tides. But when the time was right, some would understandably retire and pass the torch. Their contributions have proven invaluable and worthy of salute. Hollis Britt has recently retired after serving nineteen memorable years. He passed the torch to long-time Enhancement Committee members Rosemary Parten and Dwayne Baggett. Dwayne is also a former SOS board member having served on the board of directors for twelve years.

Not only has the SOS Enhancement Committee accomplished Chuck and Shirley Ward's initial goals, it has far exceeded them. It has traversed any preconceived horizons that anyone could have envisioned. It has struck a harmonic chord that resonates annually during SOS Fall Migration. People firmly cling to their lounge chairs and cold beers during the first Sunday and Monday of Fall Migration. They sit back, relax and enjoy the show. They are not about to hop into their cars and head back home. SOS Fun Sunday and Fun Monday are fund-raising activities of the SOS Charitable Foundation, a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)3, which raises funds to be contributed to other recognized charities such as the American Red Cross. They are by far the largest fund-raising (and fun-raising) activities conducted by the SOS Charitable Foundation and they account for substantially all of its annual gross receipts. Often times, volunteer work goes unrecognized and it carries little or no tangible reward. But the intangibles are priceless. Hollis Britt reveals, "My biggest reward came when I'd walked up to the top of those stage steps and I looked at that crowd of people."

2015 SOS Fall Migration



Shagging with the Stars

by: Barry Thigpen

The Beth Mitchell Memorial Scholarship organized through the National Shag Dance Championships recently had its lucky thirteen "Stars" and their "Pro Instructors" meet, greet and size up the competition at Pine Lakes Tavern for the 2016 "Shagging with the Stars". In its tenth year these "Star" citizens are donating their time to the shag floor to raise money for scholarship awards to deserving students. The field this year includes: doctors, a principal, a minister, a pharmacist, a fireman, and the list goes on!

This year's group vying to be the female winner includes:

- Patsy Kelly - WBTW News Anchor with Pro Jason Cagle
- Virginia Beckham - Appraiser - Beckham Appraisers with Pro Jackson Batten
- Jenna Dukes - Pharmacist with Pro Jeff Hargett
- Jessica Smith - Horry Georgetown Tech Foundation with Pro Bill Barber
- Debbie Wilfong - St. Andrews Catholic School with Pro Austin Pope
- Dr. Jilian Sansbury - Grand Strand General Hospital with Pro Scott Campbell

The male division winner will be one of the following:

- Corporal Chris Smith - Myrtle Beach Police Department with Pro Jada Bannen
- Representative Greg Duckworth - SC House of Representatives with Pro Tobitha Stewart
- Jason Greene - Iraq War Veteran with Pro Donna Hosaflook
- Reverend Cam Thomas - Youth Director/Associate Minister of First Presbyterian Church with Pro Mott Free
- Dr. Billy Pournaras - Cosmetic Dentist with Pro Holly Cagle
- Tommy Moore - Myrtle Beach Fire Department with Pro Krystal Bravo
- Mike Anderson - Executive Director of the Regional Sports Alliance Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce with Pro Mandy Roberts

This is all happening on Friday, January 29th, 2016 at 8:00pm at the Spanish Galleon in North Myrtle Beach. Tickets at the door are only \$20.00 per person. Limited Grand Stand seating is \$30.00 in advance. Please go to www.shagnationals.com for details. Last year's winners - Dr. Virginia Williams and Cameron Parker will return to present trophies to their successors. The two winners will be determined by a shag panel of Judges for 2/3 of the score with 1/3 being determined by audience applause. Last year \$19,000.00 was awarded to students with \$125,000.00 being awarded since 1999.

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CSA Labor Day Shag Contest



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Monty Lee

Fat Harold's Labor Day CSA Shag Contest Results:



Amateur Division

- 1st: Chad Farlow & Hannah Haley
- 2nd: Danny Scott & Susan Welch
- 3rd: Don & Audrey Borja
- 4th: Tommy Manibusan & Robbie Brunson
- 5th: Chesley & Brittany Ward
- 6th: Robin & Dottie Wilson



Novice Division

- 1st: Steve Balok & Jada Bannen
- 2nd: Steve & Jill Woodard
- 3rd: Darrell Gaither & Lani Willcockson
- 4th: Galen & Debbie Ezzell
- 5th: David & Nancy Townsend
- 6th: Bruce & Mikki Sager



Senior Pro Division

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



Pro Division

- 1st: Scott Campbell & Nikki Kontoulas
- 2nd: Jeff Hargett & Autumn Jones
- 3rd: Ashley & Tobitha Stewart
- 4th: Gene & Nancy Pope
- 5th: Garrett Humphries & Loretta O'Donald
- 6th: Bill Seymour & Pat Folds
- 7th: Bruce Yates & Cameron Caruso
- 8th: Joe & Lyn Honeycutt

photos by: Monty Lee

SOS at Sea III

By Helen Still



Our cruise was absolutely FABULOUS!!! That about sums up the wonderful week we spent with 320 shaggers! It was a great mix of people – some we didn't know (at first) but most we did. But one thing this cruise did was give a great opportunity for everyone to get to know the shaggers they didn't know and just plain have a good time.

Many of us arrived in Fort Lauderdale on Saturday, October 10th and stayed in various hotels that Michael Graham with Cruise Planners had previously arranged. Shaggers gathered in the lobby's of the hotels and made it a party regardless of what hotel they were staying in. People arrived by car, bus, and by plane.

We left on Sunday, October 11, on Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas. And what a ship! This was one of the smoothest ships we have ever been on. It was great entertainment on the ship, the parade on the promenade deck was super and the food on board was excellent. As everyone stepped on the ship they were met by John Carpenter, with his sign, telling everyone where to go for registering with our group. Once they reached the registration area they were greeted by our Cruise Committee and were officially welcomed, given their registration packets containing their very nice name badges and magnetic door magnets, armbands and a drawstring nylon bag all compliments of Michael Graham with Cruise Planners.

Our first stop was San Juan, where we had our port party at Senior Frogs. Paul Craver did an outstanding job providing some great music for our group! Senior Frogs was rocking! The staff did everything they could to accommodate us, even with our overflowing crowd. From all the comments we received it appeared that everyone indeed had a real good time and made it back to the ship in time to head to St. Maarten.

Our next stop was St. Maarten. Some in our group took excursions and some went shopping. After cutting our excursion short Rodney and I met up with Marty and Steve Dixon on the street in San Juan. They shared with us that they had just left Alpha Jewelers. We had just visited a couple of jewelry stores and since we were already familiar with Alpha Jewelers in another location we were excited to find that there was one in St. Maarten. And we were even more excited when we left with another super bargain.

Our committee members swapped around at dinner so that we could dine with different people and get to know them a little better. We also enjoyed stopping by the various dinner tables to speak with many of our group.

We drew quite a bit of interest from everyone sporting our yellow name badges. I feel sure that everyone on the ship knew that everyone wearing those bright yellow badges were Carolina Shag Dancers. We had many people stop us to chat about the Carolina Shag and we were happy to share what it is all about. I believe this was the most interest we have had on the SOS at Sea cruises, which was certainly the intent from the onset...to spread and share our dance.

Our last stop was St. Kitts. This was an interesting stop. Did you know there are more monkeys on St. Kitts than people? As soon as we got off the ship and arrived in the shopping area we saw people with little monkeys. They were so cute and all wore diapers. They seemed to be clean, curious and hungry. Believe it or not, but one guy put a monkey on Rodney's head and boy did she grab a hand full of hair and held on. Her name was Janice! Next came Allen and Anne Henry and they guys with the monkeys did the same thing to Allen. However, Janice bit Allen on the finger! She was trying to catch a treat and accidentally nipped his finger. That almost freaked us out, so I immediately found a restroom where they could wash their hands.

Each time we danced we had a great club to dance in and Paul Craver played the best in shag music for our group. He really kept the crowd dancing and having fun. We had great crowds with our shaggers each and every time we danced.

There was lots of shopping at each port we visited. Many excursions were taken and enjoyed by our group. All in all we had a terrific time and we have heard nothing but rave reviews.

Our next cruise is to Hawaii will be October 15-30, 2016. We reserved 100 cabins and 34 of those are already gone. Please see the flyer within this Carefree Times. If we go over these 100 cabins we will NOT be able to acquire additional cabins at the current rate. Hope you will consider joining us.



TASSELS by Phil Sawyer

It's a Blast From the Past

S.O.S.: Carefree Times

SUMMER ISSUE



1991

Lest we forget, there are reasons to go to the beach other than shagging. Not the least of these is the all American and always enjoyable sport of girl watching. And nowhere is this sport played with more gusto and pure joy than on the wide glistening expanses of beach at Ocean Drive.

Nothing is more fun on a Saturday morning of S.O.S. than sitting in a comfortable lounge chair on your balcony or by the pool with a blue hand Bud watching the girls go by. They walk, always at a fast pace, in groups of threes, past the admiring throngs as if the only reason God made the Atlantic Ocean was to give them a beach to walk on.

They sun, bathing themselves in vats of unguents with exotic names, with the ever present jam box and cooler near at hand. They sit in beach chairs, umbrellas cocked to the wind, and talk, smoke, drink, gossip, and God knows what else from dawn to dusk. All the while they know that hundreds of eyes appreciate their every move. The spectacle alone is worth the trip.

It was always a class act but about twenty or so years ago it was elevated to its pinnacle by the introduction to American beaches of a quaint little nothing popular in Europe for decades—the bikini. So popular is this whispy little scandal of a bathing suit now that most girls get their first about two years before puberty and keep wearing them until well after "the change." Girls have a new one to wear every day at the beach. A different suit for each morning and afternoon is not

uncommon. Why the popularity? It's simple. Girls love to wear them, men love to look at girls wearing them. Takes no rocket scientist to figure this out.

Now if ever there were something that ain't broke, girls wearing and guys goggling girls wearing bikinis ain't. Why then does the fashion industry try to fix it all by introducing new swim suit styles every year?

"Swimsuits are very glitzy and sophisticated this year. Go for the glitter in suits trimmed with sequins, lace or lame." reads the article on beachwear for the season. You read it this way: "Swimsuits this year will be made with lots of trinkets that didn't sell last season and we gotta get rid of and will start at the naval and reach down to two inches above the knee." Metallics were really big last year and have only gotten stronger this year" means they are made with recycled beer cans and look like middle age chastity belts.

"Expect to see suits with more modest leg openings" means it takes three yards of material to make them and they look like step-ins from the 1939 Montgomery Ward catalog. "Esther Williams has designed a suit with a little draped skirt." just right for your maiden aunt whose hobby is collecting sea shells and needs something to carry them in. The little skirt is perfect.

All of this suggest what I have always thought. Swimsuits are designed by foreign men of questionable sexual preference who are far more interested in the derrieres of their fellow designers than they are in Carolina girls. See you at the beach.



New Year & SOS Mid-Winter



Fat Harold's Beach Club



New Year's Celebration

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 1-5 GARY BASS
- 2-6 CAROLINA BREAKERS
- 5-9 MILTON WHITE
- 9-Close KITTY EARLES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 1-5 STEVIE B
- 2-6 JIM QUICK & COASTLINE
- 5-9 MILTON WHITE
- 9-Close GARY BASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 12-5 GARY BASS
- 7-C JIMMY BUFFKIN-Front
- STEVIE B- Back

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

- 1-5 GARY BASS
- 2-6 MIDNIGHT ALLIE
- 5-9 MILTON WHITE
- 9-C JIMMY BUFFKIN-Front
- KITTY EARLES- Back

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

- 1-5 ROY CHILDRESS
- 2-6 THE ENTERTAINERS
- 5-9 MILTON WHITE
- 9-C KITTY EARLES-Front
- JERRY BURRAGE-Back

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SOS Mid-Winter 2016

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Wednesday, January 13

- 7-C Kitty Earles

Thursday, January 14

- 1-5 Jimmy Buffkin
- 2-6 The Entertainers
- 5-9 Roy Childress Eddie Baker
- 9-C Gary Bass Steve B

Friday, January 15

- 1-5 Gary Bass Eddie Baker
- 2-6 Coastline
- 5-9 Larry Edwards Ken Jones
- 9-C Jimmy Buffkin Roy Childress

Saturday, January 16

- 1-5 Gary Bass
- 2-6 Shakers
- 5-9 Jimmy Buffkin Roy Childress
- 9-C Kitty Earles Ken Jones


Shag Workshop

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Saturday, January 16 10am

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NEW YEAR'S PACKAGES & ENTERTAINMENT



• DUCK'S NYE PARTY TICKETS ARE DISCOUNTED TO \$25.00 P/P IF PURCHASED NO LATER THEN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015.
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SAT DEC. 26 TIM CLARK BAND
SUN DEC 27 BLACK WATER RHYTHM & BLUES
MON DEC 28 SMOKIN' HOT BAND
TUE DEC 29 MIDNIGHT ALLIE BAND
WED DEC 30 THE BAND "PUNCH"
FRI JAN 1 MASON LOVETTE BAND
SAT JAN 2 HIP POCKET BAND
SUN JAN 3 THE EMBERS featuring CRAIG WOOLARD

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SOS MID WINTER SCHEDULE**

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FREE FOOD WHILE IT LASTS!	DRINK SPECIALS!
THE TIM CLARK BAND	
	BAND 8:30 PM

DUCK'S NIGHT CLUB

THURSDAY JAN. 14

12 Noon - 3 pm	RICH HARGROVE
3 pm - 6:30 pm	JESSIE GRIFFIN & PAUL CRAVER
6:30 pm - 10 pm	BILLY WALDREP & BUCK CRUMPTON
10 pm - Close	JOHN SMITH & ED TIMBERLAKE

FRIDAY JAN. 15

12 Noon - 3 pm	JESSIE GRIFFIN
3 pm - 6:30 pm	PAUL CRAVER & JEFF FOSTER
6:30 pm - 10 pm	BUCK CRUMPTON & BILLY WALDREP
10 pm - Close	ED TIMBERLAKE & JOHN SMITH

SATURDAY JAN. 16

12 Noon - 3 pm	JESSIE GRIFFIN
3 pm - 6:30 pm	JEFF FOSTER & PAUL CRAVER
6:30 pm - 10 pm	BUCK & BILLY SHOW
10 pm - Close	JOHN SMITH & ED TIMBERLAKE

SUNDAY JAN. 17

Club Opens 4 pm

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THE SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

DUCK'S MAIN STREET

THURSDAY JAN. 14

12 Noon - 3 pm	GARY STELLPFLUG
3 pm - 6:30 pm	JIM AGEE
6:30 pm - 10 pm	EDDIE ANDERSON & JIM ROSE
10 pm - Close	BUTCH METCALF & JEFF FOSTER

FRIDAY JAN. 15

12 Noon - 3 pm	DAVID SESSOMS
3 pm - 6:30 pm	JIM AGEE
6:30 pm - 10 pm	"WET & WILD STRUTT YA STUFF" DANCE CONTEST! WIDE OPEN TO ALL DANCERS!
10 pm - Close	BUTCH METCALF & STEVE BAKER OLD SCHOOL VINYL PARTY

SATURDAY JAN. 16

12 Noon - 6:30 pm	"BOOGIE ON DOWN" VINYL PARTY - BUTCH METCALF - STEVE BAKER - EDDIE ANDERSON - JIM ROSE - DENNIS MURPHY - DENNIS BRUMBLE
6:30 pm - 10 pm	EDDIE ANDERSON & JIM ROSE
10 pm - Close	STEVE BAKER & BUTCH METCALF

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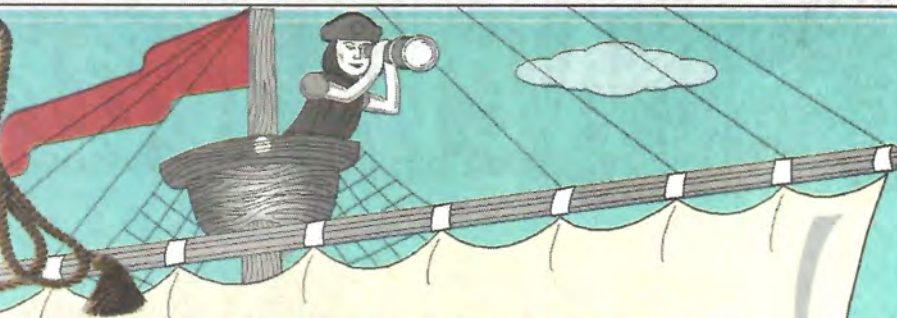
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Thursday, January 14

1-5	Ken McGee
5-9	Robbie Leggett
9-Close	Danny Navey

Friday, January 15

1-5	Ken McGee
5-9	Danny Navey
9-Close	Fast Eddie Thompson

Saturday, January 16

1-5	Midnight Allie Band
5-9	Robbie Leggett
9-Close	Dick Hamrick



Shag Workshops

Friday, January 15 11am
 Jeff Hargett & Autumn Jones
 Saturday, January 16 11am
 Alan Stokes & Nikki Kontoulos



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New Year's Eve Extravaganza

New Years DJ Schedule

Thursday • New Year's Eve

Murl Augustine 7 until 2016!

Friday • 1/1

Terry McPhail 2 - 7

Larry Calhoun 7 until

Saturday • 1/2

Terry McPhail 2 - 7

Murl Augustine 7 until

Mid-Winter DJ Schedule

Thursday • 1/14

Terry McPhail 2-5pm

Murl Augustine 5-9pm

Larry Calhoun 9 until

Friday • 1/15

Terry McPhail 12-5pm

Curtis Treece 5-9pm

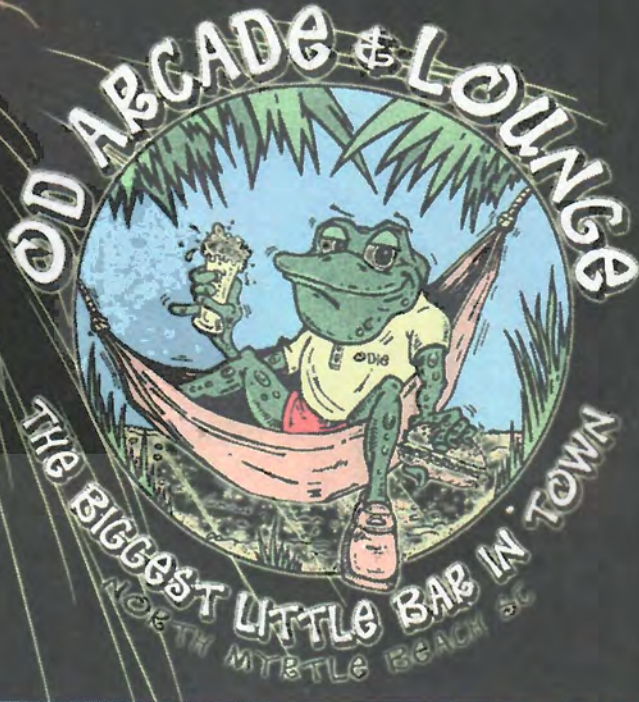
Steve Coley 9 until

Saturday • 1/16

Chigger Woods 12-5pm

Murl Augustine 5-9pm

Mike Harding 9 until



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Dec 31 - New Years Eve -
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 The Fantastic Shakers
Jan 1 - Jim Quick & Coastline
Jan 2 - Band of Oz

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 Friday: Jan 15 - THE BAND OF OZ
 Saturday: Jan 16 - THE ENTERTAINERS

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Carolina Beach Music Awards

During the Carolina Beach Music Awards, November 2015, Fun Monday was again announced the BEST MUSIC EVENT OF THE YEAR.

Female Vocalist
Rhonda McDaniel

Male Vocalist
Craig Woolard

Rising Star
Blackwater Rhythm & Blues

Song of the Year
"Dance Tonight"
Blackwater Rhythm & Blues

Group Album of the Year
"Summer Love"
The Entertainers

Solo Album of the Year
"Cold Beer, Hot Women"
Clifford Curry

Entertainer of The Year
Jim Quick

Smoothie of the Year
"Sugar Sugar"
Albert Rogers

Compilation Album of the Year
"Movin' & Groovin"
KHP Music

FM Radio DJ
Ted Bell
WVCO 94.9FM

AM Radio DJ
Pat Patterson
1410 AM WPCC - Clinton, SC

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

National Dance Song
"Marvin Gaye"
Charlie Puth & Meghan Trainor

Group of the Year
Embers featuring Craig Woolard

Event of the Year Fun Monday SOS

Club (Bill Griffin Award)
OD Pavilion, NMB

Show Club
Deckerz, NMB

Shad Alberty Award
Brennar Goree & Autumn Jones

FM Radio Station
WSGE 91.7 FM
Dallas, NC

AM Radio Station
1150 AM WBAG
Burlington, NC

Club/Mobile DJ
Johnny Barkley "Johnny B"

Producer
Keith Houston, Julian B. Fowler,
Jay Jenkins
"Movin' & Groovin' CD"
Various Artists

Engineer
J.K. Loftin
"I Want It All" - Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot

Collaboration or Duo
"Bring It On Back"
Tim Clark & Too Much Sylvia

Song Writer(s)
Gerald Robinson
"Dance Tonight" - Blackwater Rhythm & Blues"

Michael Branch Award
"Dan Summit" - OD Mafia

Instrumentalist
Glenn Tippett
Jim Quick & Coastline

Live Production Award
Tom Stanley (T3)
Jim Quick & Coastline

Internet DJ
Ray Scott

Internet Radio Show Award
"Ray Scott Live"
Ray Scott -
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Internet Radio Station
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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
Hoto's
Cherry Grove, SC
Northern Virginia Shag Club
Merrifield, VA

CBMA Appreciation
Larry Jones - Printing By Design
Megan Jones

Fans of the Year
Bill & Jaunita Allman

Hall of Fame Inductees
DJ - Frankie C (Castellano)
DJ - Gary Bass
DJ - Robbie Vogt (Posthumously)
Buddy Skipper
Ammon Tharp
Bill Deal (Posthumously)
Johnny Bristol (Posthumously)
James Brown (Posthumously)
Big Joe Turner (Posthumously)
Bradford & Bell
Holiday Band



2015

Beach Sluggers National
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Monty Lee



BEACH SHAGGERS NATIONAL HALL OF FAME 2015 INDUCTION

By: Janet Harrold

October 10, 2016, celebrated the 33rd year of the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame Inductions held at the Spanish Galleon in the OD 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.

Sam McIntosh, President, and Wanda Yow, Secretary, did their usual great introduction of each new inductee. Each inductee had many accolades in their acceptance speeches which always bring tears and laughter among their friends and family. Two of the criteria for being nominated are being "knowing how to shag and love of the dance". Each inductee chose a friend or family member to show 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 2015 inductees Rachael McKelvey, Wade Adler, and Bryan Hall. Each accepted their award and danced with family and friends. The Keepers framed photos are located in Fat Harolds Beach Club (Keepers Korner). The Keepers of The Dance Shag contest in February 2016 will be held at Fat Harolds Beach Club. Preliminary round on Friday, February 5, and the final round on Saturday, February 6.

Keepers of the Dance 2015 Inductees



Rachel McKelvey, Bryan Hall, Wade Alder

www.keepersofthedance.com

www.beachshaggersnationalhalloffame.com



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2015 Female Inductees

- Carol Church
- Judy Moore
- Pat Folds
- Frances Rouse

2015 Male Inductees

- Lee Roberts
- Tony Eldreth
- Nick Columbus
- Claude Robertson

2015 SOS Fall Migration



Thirsty's 2 Wall of Fame 2015

By: Linda Reeder Photos: Max Madrin

On November 7, 2015, Thirsty's 2 hosted the 19th year for the Wall of Fame induction ceremonies. The purpose of the Wall of Fame is to recognize those people in our area that have 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 once again. This year the new inductees were: Ben Vick, Bill Moore, Gunda Parsons, Johnny Clinard, Chad Sain, Mary Moore, Willie McFadden, Steve Carter, Deborah Stanton and William Greene. There were 45 members of the Wall present that evening to welcome these new inductees!

Since the inception through 2014, the Wall of Fame has inducted a total of 155 people from our area. If it wasn't for this event, some people may not ever be recognized. This is the reason the Wall of Fame continues each year so those great legends are never forgotten. You may visit our web page for more information and photos:

www.thirstys2walloffame.com





Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall of Fame

The Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall Of Fame held their annual Induction Party at Lynn's Dance Club in Charlotte, NC Saturday, November 21, 2015. We are pleased to welcome these deserving 2015 inductees into the Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall Of Fame. Tom Bare and his staff were gracious hosts to all of our guests and took care of everyone. The food was delicious! We had chicken tenders, barbecue, deviled eggs, taco salad, an entire table full of desserts, and so much more. We appreciate our members who brought their favorite dishes. Our Master of Ceremonies, Randy Rowland, "The King of Charlotte", was at

his all-time best. He told some funny stories on some of the inductees going back to the old days at Groucho's and before. Hall of Fame deejay, Butch Metcalf, rocked us "like your back ain't got no bone." with old boogie woogie and doo wop that kept the floor packed. It was so wonderful seeing all our old friends and making new friends. It was a grand affair for all.

The Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall Of Fame appreciates all the people who support us at our two events each year. We sincerely thank you for coming, some from great distances, lots of Beach Shaggers National Hall of Famers, and welcome you all back for next year's parties. All the proceeds from our events are used to support the Hall Of Fame Foundation, Junior Shaggers and the Beth Mitchell Scholarship.

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



Pictured above: Wendy Teeter Yount, Ron Stafford, Marty Dixon, Ric "Shore" Walden, Charlie Reese, Tom Falls, John Bean, Casey Litaker, Butch Stone, front row: Tommie Reynolds, Linda Reese, Arbie Carringer Harper. Pictures taken by Sam Lail.

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- Marty Dixon
- Linda Reese
- Tommie Reynolds

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A month before we sailed Sanjay sent me another email asking the "official" name of our group. He indicated he might try to put some sort of "Welcome" in his window. As you can see from the attached photo, he did quite well with his *Alpha Jewels Welcomes S.O.S. at Sea* banner.

Marty and I hope everyone who visited his business while in St. Maarten was as warmly welcomed as we are each time we cruise to St. Maarten. He and his wife, Dolly, value their professional reputation and have worked hard to earn it." Steve and Marty Dixon.

So any of our shagging friends who cruise feel free to check out other jewelry stores and then visit Alpha Jewelers. You may just save yourself some money. Helen Still



THE SUPERBOWL OF SHAG PARTIES

By Mike Rink

The Fall Cyclone Party celebrated its 25th Anniversary this year. Since its beginning, the overall concept behind the event was very simple; give folks more for their money than they could get anywhere else! While ticket prices for many events only get you in the door, a Cyclone ticket has always included non-stop free munchies, free meals, free adult beverages, free shag workshops and much, much more.

The event facility has been an old skating rink built in the 60's. Those who have danced in it will tell you there isn't a better building or hardwood floor for a shag party. What most guests have never realized was the amount of effort TSC members had to put forth each year to make that old building a "party palace". Everything normally in the building was taken out. The building was cleaned. Tables and other furniture were brought in. The DJ booth, serving areas, and other party features were all built or created. Speakers and new lights were hung. Finally, posters and banners were put up and the building was decorated. The process took several days!

One of the most memorable sights at the party has been the huge, lighted neon "Twister's" sign that has served as the backdrop of the DJ booth at one end of the building. The sign was obtained from the exterior of the lounge the shag club was named after, when it closed. For our members, hoisting the sign onto the wall and turning it on has become like lighting the flame to start the Olympics. Likewise, turning it off and taking it down has marked the end of the Cyclone each year.

The first Fall Cyclone was held in 1991 with roughly 350 attendees. A few people still have that party's souvenir shirt with the bright neon funnel cloud on it in their collections! Over the next couple years party shaggers everywhere began to take notice of "The Fun Bunch". My famous artist friend Becky Stowe Powell produced the third Cyclone party's souvenir shirt. Becky drew the artwork. Then she and Milford screen-printed the shirts and sold them at our event. Since that time Becky's art has been featured almost every year.

It was around this time that the local shag clubs in the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) asked Twister's Shag Club to host their 1995 Winter Workshop Party. The first "Cyclone Too" was awesome, and in subsequent years TSC was asked to host the ACSC Winter Workshop each of the next three times (2000, 2005 and 2010) our shag club was eligible by ACSC rules. Those four "Cyclone Too" parties rank among the biggest and best value ACSC Workshop Parties ever held. In 2010, Cyclone Too guests were even treated to ribeye steak and grilled chicken dinners during the ACSC meeting!

Over the years, forty-five of the best shag DJ's have played at the Cyclone. In recent years they have all played in pairs, a concept designed to get the DJ's competing with each other to play the best songs. The Cyclone also took a unique approach concerning shag workshops. In an effort to truly help perpetuate the dance, TSC hired dance instructors and paid them to offer every one of the Cyclone guests free shag workshops! Twenty-seven of the best instructors have given over 45 free workshops at the Cyclone. Based on typical attendance at those workshops, it is estimated that over 10,000 guests have participated!

Because it was hard to generate a lot of excitement on the last day of the party, we decided to hire a band to play during Sunday breakfast. A few hard-core shaggers didn't think it would work. But when they found out that The Fantastic Shakers played music at dance speeds, everyone became energized and happy!

In 2001 the Shakers could not come. So we hired The Embers. Then the terrible events of 9-11 took place. Our party was one of the first big events to take place after the attacks. It was great to see the positive impact our party had in raising people's spirits. Plus, the Embers brought a huge American flag that covered a large part of the rink!

For years we cooked a full buffet breakfast on site every Sunday morning at the Cyclone. Attendees walked in to find our servers decked out in red and white uniforms, dancing, clapping and having fun. Then, our friend Milford Powell agreed to cook his famous Pirate's Cove shrimp and grits at the Cyclone. It was an instant hit. We continued to offer other goodies, too. And this year Robin Powell added her "Heaven By The Pound" cakes to make our breakfast even better!

One of the neatest things we have done was incorporate the best local and North Myrtle Beach lounges, the best beach music FM radio and Internet radio stations, several shag related businesses, and a few

prominent shag organizations as partners in the Cyclone. It was the first time so many different (and sometimes competitive) pieces of the shag world worked together to make an event not held at North Myrtle Beach bigger and better!

Overall, the Cyclone holds the record for shag club event attendance over the last 25 years. Before we started limiting the turnout, we had as many as 1100 people coming to the party. Sadly, every other big shag club event has peaked and fallen off (or has been discontinued) over the years. But, the Fall Cyclone has remained strong. In fact, over 800 people attended the 2015 party representing over 70 different clubs. Many shag world VIP's, lounge owners or managers, competitive dancers and Nationals Champions also continue to be our guests.

Thanks to the Cyclone, a lot of money has been given to worthy causes. For many years funds were used to buy Christmas presents for every single child at a local daycare for underprivileged children! Many thousands of dollars have also been given to the Junior Shag Association, the Ellen Taylor Foundation For Junior Shaggers, The Beach Shaggers National Hall Of Fame, The Keepers of the Dance and the Hall Of Fame Foundation.

To my knowledge, the Cyclone is the only party to have given guests feedback forms in an effort to continually improve the event and "thank you" notes or emails to express our appreciation for their attendance! The Carolina Beach Music Awards has recognized The Fall Cyclone by naming it "Shag Club Event Of The Year" multiple times. Frankly, when it comes to what this party has offered, overall attendance, years held, name recognition, and positive impact on the shag world, its like the banner at our event says, "There Is No Comparison".

No one believed it when we told them the Fall Cyclone era was ending. They couldn't believe we would stop doing something that was so successful and popular. Now that they know we were serious, rumors have spread that we had lost the lease to the building, didn't have enough members to host the party, were getting old or tired, etc. The wildest story was that we had "sold" the party to someone. But all of those rumors are false!

The truth is simply that after all these years of hosting "The Superbowl Of Shag Parties" and feeling that we were "ahead by forty points", we just wanted to do something different. So, "What are we going to do next year?" The answer is... we haven't decided. Much like the famous "Who Shot JR" question, you are going to have to wait until next season to find out.

One very exciting thing that we have announced is that there will be a brand new event next year for those under age 21. A "Junior Cyclone" will be held in the same old skating rink building on March 18-20, 2016. It will be an opportunity for another generation to learn and enjoy shagging at a big inland event in a great facility. If you have kids or grandkids, or just want to see whatever competitions, demonstrations or other things the weekend includes, mark your calendars now. We all need to make sure the juniors have the very best opportunities to enjoy our music and our dance in the future!



In closing, I would like to thank all of the DJ's, instructors, bands and entertainers, sponsors and partners. I would like to thank all of the guests who have been a part of our history. Finally, I would like to thank all of the TSC members, past and present, who have worked to make the "Superbowl Of Shag Parties" so great for so long. Now the clock has ticked down to 00:00 on this event and we're walking off the field as champions!



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Hope to see you on Facebook,
Vickie Harrison



Our History is being Archived



I have scanned more than 1,500 old photos from the past Carefree Times to archive on the SOS website and also post these wonderful memories on facebook. It shows so many of our legends of the dance and our lifestyle. It has been a great experience to look through all of the past issues. Any photo can be downloaded on the website or shared on facebook. I intend to archive all of them and now only have up to 1991 scanned. Keep checking facebook and the website photos. We need to Save our memories for our future generations.

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