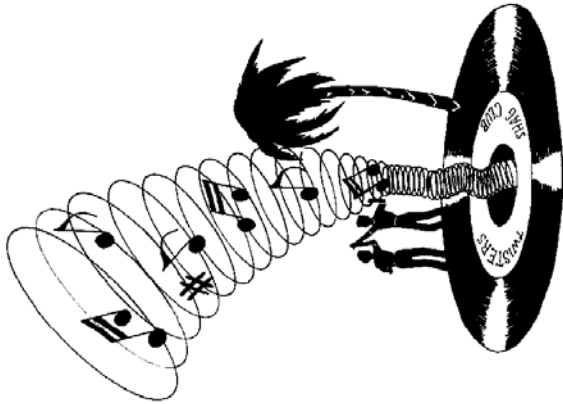


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## The President's Letter

“Probably the Shag is best performed on a hot summer night, on a wooden dance floor sparkling and gritty with beach sand. The humidity needs to be eighty percent or above. The crowd should be thick, the temperature near the jukebox almost insufferable. The dancers need to feel fully justified in sweating.” (Taken from *SHAG, The Legendary Dance of the South* by Bo Bryan.)

If the quote above is correct, then we must have performed well at the first ever Local Shag Club Party. Who knew we would be having a heat wave. Yes, it was hot and crowded, just like Ducks on Saturday night at SOS. But we had a ball. It was really great to see so many people from so many different shag clubs. Hopefully this will become a regular event. Many thanks to the Twister's members that helped work the door and sell 50/50 tickets. We raised over \$500 for the Ellen Taylor Foundation for Junior Shaggers. I especially want to thank Mike and Peggy for all the work they did making the arrangements and setting up the facility.

Can you believe this year is almost half over? The Fourth of July will be here before we know it. Don't forget the Shagtour.com party. (See the flyer in this newsletter.) Many people plan family gatherings to celebrate Independence Day. After your family picnic, come out to Havana and celebrate with your shag family.

On July 25, Twisters will host our annual Turntable Treasures Vinyl Party and Fundraiser. It will be great. Please note the date change for this party. More details are found in this newsletter.

If you can go to the beach the week of July 17–20, be prepared to see some of the best shaggers around. Juniors (under age 21) will convene at Ocean Drive for their version of SOS. These kids are amazing and deserve all of the support we can give them. They are the future of our dance. TSC is proud to sponsor them each year!

Our next business meeting is on July 1 at Fat Boys. Come early and enjoy the buffet. If you are traveling on the 4th, be safe. As for us, I'm ready to stay at home for a couple of weeks!

Frankie

## **Last Chance To Be On The Bus!**



**More Fun  
Than  
You Can  
Imagine!**

On Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> TSC members and guests are invited to join us for a bus trip to the Winston-Salem Shag Club's Oldies Party. It's only \$15 (total) for the trip and party for TSC members, \$20 for guests. BYOB or bottle. They'll provide lots of food and setups. Our club will also provide goodies for the bus ride. As we go to press, there are about 15 seats left on our 55 passenger bus.

Come join the fun. Got questions? Call Mike at 704-892-1114.

The bus will leave from I-77, exit 28 at the bank in front of the former Holiday Inn at 5pm sharp. It will pick up at Fat Boys at exit 36 at 5:10. And, at JR's at exit 50 at 5:30. The bus will leave Winston at 11:30pm, so you can be back early.

## Shag Club Meeting News

The next business meeting will be on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Fat Boys Restaurant (I-77, exit 36) in Mooresville. Music starts at 7pm. Members are encouraged to come early and enjoy the delicious buffet. The business meeting begins at 8:00 PM.

Lorinda Schwartz has submitted an applications to join TSC and should be at our meeting to be voted on. Come out and meet her!

## 2008 Fall Cyclone Information

Details should be finalized, and information should be available about our party sometime this month on [www.goshagging.com](http://www.goshagging.com).

Shagtour.com Celebrates Their 1st Anniversary With A

## Club Tour Weekend Party

Thursday At Lynns – Home Of Charlotte Shag Club

Friday At Havana Social Club – Home Of Twister's Shag Club

Saturday at Thoroughbreds - Home of Mountain Island Shag Club

Sunday at Boppers Bar & Boogie – Home of Boppers Shag Club

*Special Recognition Of Shaggers Attending All 4 Nights.*

### Schedule:

Thursday July 3rd at Lynns.

Lessons from 7:00 - 8:00 Kickoff Party starts 8:00pm.

No Cover. Munchies provided. DJ Farrell Watts

Amateur Jack and Jill contest (round 1)

Friday July 4th. Continue your weekend tour at Havana Social Club. Free group shag class at 7:30. Party starts 8:30pm. \$3 cover with snacks provided. DJ Mike Rink

Saturday July 5th at Thoroughbreds. Kick back and enjoy the sounds of The Bigtime Party Band featuring Tiff Wheeler. Party starts at 7:30pm. \$3 cover charge with snacks provided. DJ Gene Sistare  
Jack and Jill contest (round 2)

Sunday July 6th at Boppers Bar & Boogie. Party begins at 7:30pm. Join us for the Awards Party with DJ Gene Sistare. Complimentary hotdogs and chips. \$3.00 cover charge. with Jack & Jill (round 3) and finals at 10 pm.

Jack & Jill Details: No Entry Fee - This is for entertainment purposes only. Partners will be randomly matched. All couples will dance simultaneously. Participants cannot have entered any shag competitions previously. Five men and five women will be chosen each night to compete in the Finals on Sunday night at Boppers Shag Club.

# THE FIFTH ANNUAL TURNTABLE TREASURES VINYL PARTY AND FUNDRAISER

Hosted By Twister's Shag Club On  
**FRIDAY July 25<sup>th</sup> At Havana Social Club**

**Come Hear Your Favorite Slow Songs, Smooth Grooves, R&B Classics, Upbeat And Even Line Dance Tunes That Helped Make Shagging Popular, Played From Real Vinyl Records!**

**Featuring Long-Time DJ's Joanne Johnson,  
Mike Rink, Clyde Waller And Farrell Watts**

**If You Were Shagging In The 80's Or 90's, Come Relive Great Memories With Your Friends. If You Started Shagging More Recently, This Is A Rare Chance To Enjoy Many Great Tunes!**

**Doors Open At 6pm, And Food Will Be Provided.  
Admission Is A Minimum \$10 Per Person Donation**

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS GREAT EVENT WILL BENEFIT JUNIOR SHAGGERS OR LOCAL, NEEDY CHILDREN!**

Havana Social Club is located at 17105 Kenton Place.  
For more info, call 704-892-1114 or visit [www.GoShagging.com](http://www.GoShagging.com)



**RECORDS RULE!**

**LET'S SPIN 'EM!**



## **New Member Profiles**

By Tommy & Wilma Laws

### **Debbie Blackburn**

Debbie lives in Purllear, NC and enjoys riding motorcycles, biking, walking, and dancing.

Her father has been teaching the shag dance for years and had tried to get her to take lessons, but she was not really interested at that time. Her friend Teresa Spears invited her to take lessons with the Fun Bunch and she decided to give it a try. She is enjoying it.

Debbie is single, enjoys meeting new people, and having a good time. Welcome Debbie, we are happy to have you in our club!

### **Mike Barron**

Mike lives in Hamptonville, NC and enjoys keeping his yard in tip-top condition and does some farming. He loves music, and began dancing with the Winston Salem Shag Club.

Mike worked in sales and has been retired for about two years. He first became curious about the Fun Bunch by scrolling through our web site.

He is enjoying being a part of TSC and finds that the members are all so cordial and make him feel at home. He wishes he had started dancing years ago!

### **Sal Prizzi**

Sal lives in Statesville, NC and loves traveling around in his motor home. He enjoys golf, jet skiing, ATV riding, and dancing. He became interested in the shag dance after meeting Susan at the YMCA and listening to her talk about how much fun she has.

Sal enjoys all of the Twisters Club activities and meeting so many new people.

## **New Member Profiles (Continued)**

By Tommy & Wilma Laws

### **Greg and Marcia Long**

Greg enjoys golf, reading, and watching sports while Marcia enjoys reading, shopping and movies. They are both enjoying beach music and shagging, now! They became interested in learning to dance after seeing several couples shag and thought it looked like a fun thing to do.

They read about TSC in the newspaper and wanted to know more about the club and its members. They were welcomed by everyone, and included in club activities.

They also enjoy spending time with their dog "Chance", and going to Myrtle Beach. Last summer they made their first visit to Fat Harolds! They are looking forward to going to other shag club activities, and learning new shag steps.

## **A Great Time At The Inaugural Party**

By Susan Dahl

How much more fun can we take? Despite the record heat and lines at the bar, everyone loved the evening!

Who knew there would be 425 shaggers and/or party people there? There were attendees there that I haven't seen in two years that I spent a good portion of the evening hugging!

Fox Den and all of us didn't have a clue that many would be there. So, the bartenders had a hard time keeping up with the thirsty dancers. But, they learned!

All The DJ's played the best music! What a fun, fun time!

Hopefully, this party will take place again. I know everyone will be more prepared the next time.

## **The First Ever “45 Mile Group” Party**

By Peggy Cavin

For several months eighteen local shag clubs had been talking about going together and hosting a huge party. On Saturday, June 7th it finally came together at Fox Den Country Club. The clubs in the 45 Mile Group pulled together and worked the door and raffle booth from early evening until the last couple left the building.

The DJ's were great and kept the two dance floors (one inside and the other outside) full all night long. The heat that day, which turned out to be the hottest of the year, didn't keep the shaggers from having a good time.

Fox Den has an awesome new clubhouse, overlooking the golf course, which everyone enjoyed. The inside restaurant with a hardwood floor and the outside veranda with makeshift dance floor together made a great place to host a party. The facility employees were friendly and most helpful throughout the day. And, I might add, they were in awe of all the shaggers. They all commented about watching the fun we all had that day.

We had people at the party from much further out than the 45-mile radius of the group of clubs hosting the event. In fact, there were over 24 shag clubs represented by the 425 people who attended. Even our friend, Al, from Pittsburgh came down to party with us. (Al is a party within himself!)

Thanks to all the members who helped us set up, work the party, or clean up afterwards. Bob and Cindy as well as Roger and Kathy were a tremendous help and it was greatly appreciated. Needless to say, we are looking forward to local club party in the future!

## **Free Junior Shag Camp**

Jason and Holly Cagle will open up their dance studio to those under age 21 for a set of free shag lessons on Mondays July 7 and July 14. Anyone can register at [www.dancefeverharlotte.com](http://www.dancefeverharlotte.com). TSC is proud to help sponsor this worthy event leading up to Jr. SOS!

## **Area Shag Club Party**

By Teresa Sloop

The Area Shag Club Party was a new experience for all of us. I was nervous, wondering how successful the party would be and about not having my better half at my side. As the night approached, I was anxious and full of anticipation. I was not disappointed. I have heard that no one throws a party like the Twister's Fun Bunch, and even though the other shag clubs were involved, the Twister's influence was definitely seen everywhere.

When I arrived the party was definitely in full swing. People were everywhere, inside and out, and fun was being had by all. The atmosphere was hot and the night was hotter. I don't think I have ever been so hot, but had so much fun. The deck was the place for me since it was slightly cooler and there were lots of people to get to know and lots of dancing to observe. Everyone I spoke with seemed amazed that so many people came to the party and that they stayed even with the heat.

I worked the Registration Table with Nancy late in the evening and was thrilled to see people still coming in to join the fun. Some people were from other clubs and some people were looking for a shag club to join. Everyone leaving voiced what a good time they had and seemed to be replaced by someone else looking to join in.

I didn't stay long but was happy and proud to be part of a club that can pull together a night like that and make it a night to remember.

## **Awesome Golf Outing**

By Ava Hurd

The golf outing at Fox Den was my first time to play with our club members. I had a wonderful day. Thanks to Jim, Dennis, and Roger for their patience, and some very good advice on my golf game. Scores would have been higher with another ace player other than me, but we had loads of fun!

I look forward to playing in future golf outings, and more dancing!

## To Twister's Shag Club

From Sandy Dell

Sue and I just wanted to thank you again for your hospitality during SOS week at North Myrtle Beach. We met so many wonderful people. We laughed and danced more at your parties than any other year we've been to. Your club members made a point of talking to us and dancing with us at the mid-week party and at the big party on Saturday. We made a lot of great new friends. I also really appreciate being invited to play in the golf outing. It gave me another opportunity to meet some great people.

Our Boston club (The Southern New England Shag Club) has all but disbanded because many of our members have moved south. (There were only about 15 somewhat active members to begin with.) We really only get to shag when we travel south. Several of our members have been to the Capitol Classic in D.C. a few times.

I really hope we can get some of them to the Fall Cyclone. We'll send pictures and we hope to see you soon.

## A Friday Night at Havana Social Club

By Ann Horton

Recently, we made it down to Havana on a Friday night. A nice dinner across the street at the Galway Hooker Pub with Greg and Amy Crowley, two of the nicest shaggers in the world, was where we started our evening. They were kind enough to give me a ride from Troutman.

There was a great turn-out of the Statesville crowd. Their reputation as "early leavers" is crumbling. The DJ kept them moving! Importantly, they danced without injury.

It was great to see Sharon and Edward out there showing us how it's done! We even got to discuss the nuances of Jello shooter making with Mike Rink, an expert. We bow to his proficiency in this craft. We are inspired. I can't wait until the famous Winston Bus Trip; eventually to be known as the Jello-Shooter Cruise.

## What's Happening In The Shag World

**GoShagging.com Has More Items And Details!**

*Note: Party flyers & club mail can be viewed at monthly meetings.*

**June 28: Bus Trip to the Oldies Party At Tanglewood Park. See article in this newsletter for more information.**

**July 1: TSC Meeting. Social 7pm, Meeting 8pm.**

July 11 - 13: ACSC Summer Workshop in Greenville, SC. Hosted by the Carolina Shag Club. \$60. DJs Jack Moore, John Wilson, Billy Waldrep. 864-244-3907 or email ransmith27@aol.com.

July 12: Monroe Shag Club's Red, White & Blue Dance. \$5 DJ Eddie Thompson. 764-8808 or webmaster@monroeshagclub.com.

**July 17-20: Junior SOS at Ocean Drive. TSC sponsors the Junior Shag Association, and Mike Rink will DJ at Ducks on Saturday night. Don't miss the fun, and a chance to see the next generation of shaggers learning our dance.**

July 19: Monthly party hosted by the Lancaster Shag Club. \$5. DJ Billy Cook. double\_517@yahoo.com or 803-286-5694 for more.

July 19: Monthly Party hosted by Gaston Shaggers. \$6. DJ Tim Boggs. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com for more.

July 19: Monthly party hosted by the Sandy Beach Shag Club. \$7. DJ Tommy Samole. 828-438-8906 or rsmorley55@hotmail.com

**July 25: TSC's Turntable Treasures Vinyl Party And Fundraiser. More details are located in this newsletter.**

July 26: All Vinyl Party hosted the Charlotte Shag Club. DJ's Roger Holcomb, Randy Rowland, Mike Brantley & Farrell Watts.

July 26: Monthly party hosted by Brushy Mountain Shag Club. \$6. DJ Norman Mills. 336-838-4144 or hauser013@aol.com.

July 26: Beach Blast hosted by the Lake Wylie Shag Club. \$20. Three DJs. 803-802-3011 or Thevash\_ge@yahoo.com for info.

**Aug 9: Frozen Fantasy Party hosted by TSC. Details coming.**

Aug 14-16: Shag Tracks in Chattanooga, TN. Hosted by Choo Choo Shag Club. \$55-\$60. DJs Bill Waldrep, Tootie Brown, David Sessoms, Morris Varnell, Mike Hall and Ken Hughes. 423-334-2882 or rmkellar@aol.com for more info.

Aug 15-16: Runway Boogie hosted by Beckley Area Shag Club. \$50. DJ's Judy Collins & Butch Metcalf with The Holiday Band. Workshops by Charlie & Jackie & Ellen Taylor. 800-294-0855.

August 16: Monthly Party hosted by Gaston Shaggers. \$6 guests. DJ Gene Hensley. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com

Aug 16: Monthly party hosted by Brushy Mountain Shag Club. \$6. DJ Eddie Teeter. 336-838-4144 or hauser013@aol.com.

Aug 21-24: Beach Music Festival. Hosted by Charleston/Islanders Shag Clubs. \$60. DJs Pat Patterson, Ray Scott, Butch Halpin and 16 bands. 743-814-0577 or mysticlady@mindspring.com for more.

Aug 23: Super Summer Jackpot Party in Southern Pines, NC. Hosted by the Moore Area Shag Society. \$10. DJs Lanny Elmore and Robbie Farrell. 910-673-2547 or rogerracster@nc.rr.com

August 23: Summer Sizzler hosted by Statesville Shag Club. \$25 - \$30. DJs Gene Hensley & Larry "Big Fish" Calhoun.

Sept 2: Battle of the DJ's hosted by Bopper's Shag Club. \$5. 704-334-8234 or mpittsenbarger@carolina.rr.com

**Sept 5: TSC's SOS Kickoff Party at Havana**

**Sept 12-21: SOS Fall Migration.**

**Oct 11: TSC's Lake Cruise**

**Nov 7-9: The Fall Cyclone. See [www.goshagging.com](http://www.goshagging.com), soon!**

**Dec 31: TSC's New Year's Eve Party.**

## This Month's Birthdays

Wayland Massengill	07/01
Geoff Siege	07/03
Stephanie Fields	07/06
James Thorndyke	07/07
Brad Johnson	07/08
Donna Hord	07/10
Marcia Long	07/11

Eddie Teeter	07/12
Arnold Hatley	07/17
Linda Ortiz	07/20
Jimmy Melton	07/24
Dick Bigham	07/26
Dennis Johnson	07/26
Dean Yancey	07/30

## Next Month's Birthdays

Mary Frawley	08/02
Terry Turbyfill	08/04
Margaret Honeycutt	08/07
Edward Carter	08/12
Dean Melton	08/13
Rochelle Firestone	08/15
Brenda Weisner	08/15
Lynn Bullard	08/22
Sandra Holmes	08/23

David Kelly	08/25
Ed Alexander	08/27
Janice Musgrove	08/28
Irby Bouknight	08/29
Jackie Holshouser	08/29
Ken Culpepper	08/30
Kim Riley	08/30
Roger Trexler	08/31

**Dennis,**

**Happy Birthday to the love of my life!**

**Frankie**

**Khris,**

**Happy Anniversary to the man I love, from the woman who knows you best. Thanks for the best four years of my life. I am looking forward to many more.**

**I love you Fred Flintstone.**

**Teresa**

**Happy Birthday to my husband Wayland.  
May your year be filled with enjoyable times, lots of  
friends, family and me. I love you.**

**Nancy**

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> to the love of my life!**

**Dean**

**Teresa,**

**The past four years have been wonderful. I am looking  
forward to many more. Happy Anniversary.**

**Khris**

**Happy Birthday Sparky!  
XOXOXO**

**Queenie**

## **Kannapolis Summer Events Series**

From Beverly Munday

Concerts begin at about 7:00 p.m. and are held at Village Park

Saturday, July 12 – Superglide

Saturday, July 26 – Too Much Sylvia

Friday & Saturday, August 8 & 9 – Beach Music Festival

Friday: Jim Quick & Coastline

Saturday: The Craig Woolard Band, Mark Roberts and The  
Breeze, The Fantastic Shakers... and fireworks

## **A Memorable SOS**

By Bill Blanton

For lots of folks' spring starts each year when flowers bloom and the world turns green. But for us shaggers, it's official with the start of SOS. Many of our members are lucky enough to stay at the beach for the full ten days, some make both week-ends, others only one week-end, but we all seem to work in making an appearance each Spring.

Robin and I drove down for the first weekend and we had a blast. The weather was beautiful we stayed on the beach Friday and Saturday behind the Pavilion listening to some great music and talking with old friends. The Twister's tea party in the back room of Fat Harold's Saturday night was well attended with both members and guest. I've said in many articles that Twister's Shag Club is always well represented anywhere there's dancing and good music. I am so proud to say we were well represented Sunday morning as Pastor Beaver Greenway opened the service at The Church of The Lost And Found in the Pavilion with six Twister members in attendance!

## **Buy And Help Sell Fun Monday Tickets**

Attention TSC Members. Your help is needed. Have you purchased your Fun Monday raffle tickets? If not, please do ASAP. If so, you can always get another one or two.

We are also in need of a few people who will help us sell a few of these \$10 raffle tickets. Anyone can win (whether or not they are a shag club member) one of the big cash prizes. Plus, just buying a ticket helps ensure the continuation of the Fun Sunday and Fun Monday events during SOS. The sale of tickets also helps support a children's charity. So, let's get all of these tickets sold, soon.

TSC has 100 tickets to sell. Anything you can do to help us reach our goal will be greatly appreciated. Thanks!



## **Shag Club Rookie**

By Teresa Sloop

Since Khris and I just took lessons last September and joined TSC in November, I consider this our Rookie year. I must say it has been a wonderful year.

Khris is the more sociable one and quick to join a conversation while I tend to hang back and watch and listen. Mid-Winter and Spring SOS were definitely times to listen and enjoy. The atmosphere at the clubs can't be beaten and everyone was very friendly and helpful. Spending time at the O.D. Beach Club was our favorite activity since we knew several people there and the music was fantastic. We danced till our feet and legs were hurting and then we danced some more. Khris even invented a new step called "The Drunk Step". I don't think it is possible to teach it at the lessons though since it involves a lot of liquor and dancing that resembles Fred Flintstone. Being able to share the experience with Wayland and Nancy was awesome and getting to know other members of the shag club a little better was another perk to the trip. Mike and Peggy were great allowing us Rookies to hang out with them when our partners in crime had to return home. We even tried out a few other clubs besides the O.D. Beach Club with much the same results; lots of fun and dancing.

I am looking forward to September with anticipation usually reserved for Christmas and other occasions. We hope to break our record for hours danced and maybe even get a glimpse of the ocean. Who knows, we might be able to show the next Rookie bunch the ropes next year. But if not we will enjoy our time there even more thanks to the assistance we received this year.

Thanks again to all the TSC members who helped us feel a part of the great time at SOS.

## **TSC's "Home" Needs Your Support**

There is a lot going on in the summer, and that impacts the crowds at all shag lounges. So, please make sure you make every effort to be at Havana when you can. We all want big crowds on Fridays!

## **Birthday Party Fat Harold**

By Peggy Cavin

Saturday, June 13th was the 75th birthday for Fat Harold. An "all weekend" birthday party was held in his honor. We went down to help with the celebration and to show our support for this great man and what he stands for. The party ran from Thursday night through Sunday at both Fat Harold's Beach Club and HOTO's (Harold's On The Ocean). Each club had bands each day. Both clubs were packed with all of Harold's friends.

Twister's Shag Club's favorite band, The Fantastic Shakers, helped with the celebration on Saturday night. Bo called Harold to the stage where he sat and was sung to by the Shakers. As Bo picked at Harold, the birthday boy tossed cutting comments right back at Bo. There was a surprise visit by Elvis. Harold jumped in and sang the familiar songs with him. We even saw a wiggle or two from Harold. I think that was the twist Harold was doing at the end.

Fat Harold is a remarkable man and a very well-known person throughout our shag world and beyond. The great work he has done for Camp Kemo over the years is wonderful.

Watching all the people coming up to wish Harold a happy birthday was unbelievable. This man has hundreds of friends all over the country! Harold's daughter, who he referred to as "Little Fat Harold", and her new husband were out in his lounge to celebrate her father's 75th birthday, too.

We closed the club down each night before we ran off to finish the evening having breakfast with Dottie.

It was truly an honor to be able to be at Harold's birthday. And, it was a lot of fun for us to be able to sit and hear the stories that Harold shared with us.

Before the final song was sung, Fat Harold mentioned he hoped to be around another 75 wonderful years. We'll toast to that!

# Queenie's Medical Moments

By Pam Siege, RN

## MRSA And Salmonella Infections

These days it seems we have to be careful of everything... from the water we drink, top of soda cans, walking barefoot, our children in school touching other children's belongings, handles on the grocery shopping carts...and now our tomatoes! Is there nothing clean anymore?

We have children in schools, older adults, patients in the hospitals, and babies who are getting MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus). MRSA is any strain of staph that's resistant to the broad-spectrum antibiotics. It can be fatal.

The problem as I see it is education. It seems almost everyone has MRSA on their bodies. It just depends on if it is contained or not. People with weakened immune systems (i.e., babies and the elderly) are more at risk. Skin infections are the most common. It starts as a small reddened area, usually a pimple, and can develop into a serious, painful abscess that would require surgical attention. It can also get into the joints, bloodstream, lungs or heart!

Get medical attention if your small pimple (could look like a spider bite) gets:

1. Red, warm and tender at the site
2. Pus (a yellowish fluid that has a foul odor)
3. You have a fever

What can we do to prevent this infection?

1. Don't use anyone else's personal items
2. Keep wounds covered
3. Keep clean

The #1 thing you can do to prevent this infection and many others:

4. Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands!  
\*Men, this means you after using the bathroom.\*

As for the tomatoes, well, grow your own or do without!

I know everyone thought I was going to crack on Geoff, but I didn't, did I? I decided to let the poor, Mr. Pitiful alone this month. He needs rest. His birthday is July 3rd and he will always be older than me! So I won't say anything about him this time!

Bless our hearts! Enjoy Life. You only get one try at it.

## Dancing in the Street

By Teresa Sloop

I had never been to a concert in the street, so a Craig Woolard concert in Concord sounded like a new experience that might be just the ticket for the late week blues. We arrived early for the concert and scoped out a spot that we hoped would give us a good view of all the festivities. Within 30 minutes several of the Twister's members had arrived. As soon as the music began I decided I liked an outdoor concert.

Dancing in the street didn't seem to agree with me since I couldn't seem to stay on the shoes I was wearing, but I gave it a good old try. Poor Tom was probably mortified by my poor display of dancing skills, but it was fun anyway.

Line dancing seemed to be the theme of the evening and people were dancing all around the stage. The music was awesome, of course, and just the kind of music we like to shag to. We really enjoyed the concert.

People all around us were talking about Twister's Shag Club. The group is well known everywhere, and in a good way. It is interesting to hear people talk about The Cyclone and how great our group is, overall.

I have found the shag community can be one of the friendliest bunches of people you will ever meet and I am really glad to be part of it. I am looking forward to another concert in the street... one in which I hope to dance more and slide less.

## Concord's Street Concert

By Ann Horton

On Thursday night, I bummed a ride from Mooresville to Concord with Nancy Massengill. Now that Jim has a job now down in Concord, I'm bumming' rides a lot. The trip down was wonderful - just getting to know Nancy! We stopped by What-a-Burger and got some delicious "health food"... that is if onions are on that list!

Craig Woolard and his band were in full swing when we got there. We set up our chairs and proceeded to shag a few. There were some serious line dancers who didn't necessarily seem to want to share the dance floor, but we had fun! Even though we brought some adult beverages, I found out that we weren't allowed to have them on the street in Concord. Nah - we didn't get busted - I asked.

The band played two sets and Jim bought their newest CD. We had a good time with the Twisters Fun Bunch that showed up.

## Wine Fun Facts

By Robin Nantz

Wine impacts the Sporting Life.

Athletes who have vineyards in California include:

Tom Seaver (baseball)

Joe Montana (football)

John Madden (football)

Dick Vermeil (football)

Peggy Fleming (ice skating)

Arnold Palmer (golf)

Greg Norman (golf)

Mario Andretti (auto racing)

Randy Lewis (auto racing)

Jeff Gordon (auto racing)

## The Harrington's Deep Fried Party

By Ann Horton

We had a wild and crazy time at the Harrington's lake house! There were so many people there, and the funnest of the Fun Bunch came out for the good cause of Habitat for Humanity.

The weather was great, and we avoided any serious showers.

We met some people who are thinking' about coming out for shag lessons. Won't that be great?

The DJ'ing was awesome. We shagged, we line-danced (in a manner of speaking), we ate - oh boy did we eat! People went all out with some delectable dishes! Among them, there was some German Potato Salad there for which I would pay for the recipe - every bite made me want more! And I'm not a big fan of potato salad. But I was good and avoided the dessert table - unless you count that bite of Blackberry Wine Cake! I told you there was some creative stuff there!

We had awesome fun and highly recommend this event to everyone next year. This was our second and it will not be our last!

## Going To, Or Places At The Beach

*This column is all about the quickest ways to get to O.D., the best places to eat, and the best places to buy gas, etc. It will continue every month when items are submitted. We need to hear from you!*

From Mike Rink: Take I-77 to I-85. Go north to 485. Take 485 south to exit 44 (Hwy 218). Take 218 all the way to Hwy 74.

The drive on 74 East is easy all the way to Hwy 410. Then take 410 until it dead ends into 701. Hwy 701 will take you to Hwy 9... and your final destination will be just a few more miles away.

I like this way. The four-lane roads keep you from getting stuck behind a slow-poke, there are plenty of 65-70 mph zones and not much traffic. It will be even better when Hwy 74 widening is done.

## Wedding Bliss With A Touch Of TSC

By Pat Bouknight

Usually when you go to a wedding reception with young people attending, they are the group that's on the dance floor. That was not the situation at our son's reception.

Our son and now daughter-in-law, Brannon and Lauren Bouknight, got married on May 25<sup>th</sup>. They had their wedding reception at the Galway Hooker.

Brannon's request was to invite some of his parents shagging friends to keep the party going. Little did he know that Twisters not only keeps the party going, they take over the dance floor! I remember having counted about 20 of our shagging family there. Irby and I were so proud and thankful that all of these people came to the reception.

We wish we could have invited the whole club but we were quickly told to limit our invitation list. We would like to say it doesn't matter where you are with your shagging friends, we know how to have fun. By the time the bridal couple made their exit the only ones left were the wedding party, parents, and of course our shagging family.

So the next time you want to keep any party going invite Twisters to your function. It was a great time for all of us. So now you know that Twisters not only has fun at shagging events, they have fun at any function they attend.

### **One More Thing...**

I need to make a correction to the recent Group Therapy article. I wrote this article before the wedding with half a brain. It was Margaret Hutson not Margaret Honeycutt that was a part of our group therapy to Silver Coast Winery.

After the wedding I had no brain left. At the wedding reception I had misplaced a CD. I found the CD a week later in a shoe box! Go figure that one. I need some down time.

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