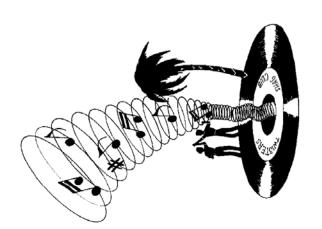
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# The President's Letter

Hello Fun Bunch,

I can't believe I'm writing for the June newsletter. April and May were busy months for our club and they flew by. If you haven't heard, our float took third place in the SOS Parade. Way to go Fun Bunch! Please thank Chuck and his committee for their hard work. We had a great time participating in the parade and the crowd loved our enthusiasm. We served cool drinks and chocolate to the judges and we were mentioned in the Sun News. If you didn't get the opportunity to see the parade, there are pictures of the entire parade at http://picasaweb.google.com/vickharrsc. It's not too late to send in your SOS memories for the next newsletter. (Yes, I expect you to write about the crazy things your friends did!)

If you missed the golf outing at Fox Den, you missed a lot of laughs. A few of our members looked more like they had been mud wrestling rather than golfing. Actually, members were still laughing about the golf outing when we danced at Wise Guys a week later. I understand there are pictures. Thanks to Betsy Chapman and her committee for coordinating the outing. If you enjoyed the outing, please let them know.

Dance lessons began again in May. It is always great to see so many people coming out to lean to shag. If you are a good lead/follower, can execute the steps properly and dance on beat, we need your help on Tuesday nights. If your shag isn't what you would like it to be, come help with set-up and reset. Or just come to meet new people. Many of our students join our club so make them feel welcome and promote our club.

As I write this many of our summer events are still in the planning stages. Check our website and pay attention to the mid-week messages for news on upcoming events. We're planning the Vinyl Party, a caravan to the Winston-Salem 50's Party, the Frozen Fantasy Party and a bus trip to Raleigh, and more. Stay tuned!

See ya on the dance floor.

Frankie

#### **Club Meeting And Membership News**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fat Boys Restaurant (I-77, exit 36) in Mooresville. Come early to socialize and eat. The business meeting begins at 8:00pm.

Boyd Bentley has submitted an application to join The Fun Bunch. Come out and meet him this month.

# **Wise Guys**

We'll be dancing at Wise Guys this Friday. Join your shagging friends for some fun at this location just west of I-77, exit 33. Once you cross the bridge, it's on your right (beside Vinney's).

Music starts at 8pm. Come early to get your favorite seat, or to eat.

# **Fires During SOS**

As most everyone knows, there was a devastating fire in the North Myrtle Beach area during SOS. As a result, 70+ homes were destroyed and many more were damaged. Over 20,000 acres of land were burned, and some areas were still smoldering over a week later.

The SOS Charitable Foundation donated \$10,000 to relief efforts. Shaggers attending the SOS event donated more. And, several clubs (like TSC) donated their parade winnings to the cause. A few (including TSC) also matched the winning amounts with an additional donation. As a result, over \$17,000 was donated by the shag community to help folks who were impacted by the fire.

TSC members Mike Rink and Peggy Cavin toured some of the impacted areas near Barefoot Landing the week after SOS. Check out the TSC web site for photos.

Thanks go to everyone who made a donation to help out.

## **Let's Go To Winston-Salem To Party!**

Join all your TSC friends as we caravan to the Oldies Party in Winston. We've been going to this party for years, and it is a TSC favorite. You'll enjoy more food than you can imagine, a great facility, lots of your favorite friends, and much more. BYOB or shooters. We'll plan to leave the Cornelius area around 4:30pm, and may make stops along the way where our bus normally picks up. Look for more details via email or our web site. This is a party you do not want to miss. We need a "count" to tell them how many of our members to expect. So let us know if you want to go.

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For more information contact Frank Transou 336/940-4356 Mary Carson 336/971-2510 Kathy Mitchell 336/765-1864

#### TSC Web Site Updates

Have you seen the new members page on www.goshagging.com? That's where information specific to TSC members will be posted. Check your weekly email, or come to the club meeting for more details. We're also uploading over 1000 new photos, and making more updates. Your feedback on our site is always welcome, too!

## WSGE 91.7FM Beach/Shag Line Up

Wed 6:30pm–8: Scott Smith with The Beach Trip Wed 10pm–12: RnB shaggin' blues on WSGE.org

Thurs 6:30pm-8: Ron Ramsey with Headliners in Review

Fri 6pm–10: Kyle Beam along with Jr. Norfleet

Fri 10pm-12: Dr. Philgood & Ron Ramsey's Shaggin' Blues

Fri 12pm-6: Beach Music Automation

Sat 6pm–9: Morning at the Beach with Tim Boggs

Sat 9pm-1: Johnny B's Carolina Beach Party (with Tiny) Sat 1pm-4: Jr. Norfleet with the Afternoon Beach Club Sat 4pm-7: Frank Price with the Wrap Up Blues Show

## **Alive After 5 In Belmont**

(Fridays 6:30 – 9 PM)
June 5 Rough Draft
July 3 The Tams
July 17 Continental Divide
July 31 Coastline
Aug 14 – Coming Up Brass
Aug 28 – Chairman of the Board

# Alive After 5 In Gastonia

(Thursdays 6-9:30 PM)
June 12 The Tams
June 26 Coconut Groove
July 10 Liquid Pleasure
July 24 Black & Blue

#### **Tips from the Dance Floor**

By Frankie Johnson

It's always great to see a new class of students learning to shag. I love to watch them learn and when the "light bulb goes off" it's like watching a child learning to ride a bicycle. At Twister's we try to teach our students the basic fundamentals of the dance: six count basic, connections, female and male turns, start, side hold/half turn, pivot, belly roll, boogie walk and stutters. Over the years, TSC instructors and officers have met to refine and update the curriculum while keeping the basic fundamentals as our base. Learning mirror-pattern or lead-follow steps is much easier if you have a good foundation. Often, we have students take the same class several times. I admire these students for their wisdom and determination. They want to lean to dance not just execute steps. They know how important it is to get that good foundation.

So, how's your foundation? Did you miss the class on the start and you just do what you think you should be doing? Do you still struggle with the pivot? Do you avoid any step that includes a boogie walk? Well we have a deal for you. Now, members of Twister's can take one class instead of signing up for all six weeks. If you are interested in brushing up on a step, just ask the instructors when they believe that step will be taught. For a nominal charge of \$5 you can attend a specific class. This benefit is only being offered to Twister's Shag Club Members. Come join us on Tuesday nights and build that foundation!

## **Shag World News**

Well-known DJ Mike Lewis recently went home after several weeks in the hospital for dialysis and diabetes treatment. That was followed by a return trip to the hospital after a minor heart attack. We wish Mike and his wife Lydia the best as he recovers.

Diane Meadows of the Beckley Area Shag Club recently lost her battle with cancer. Diane and her husband Dave are long-time friends of TSC. Our prayers go out to Dave and their family.

## A TSC Cookbook

By Kathy Thompson

Let's talk about the excitement we are feeling planning our very own cookbook. The book will be sponsored by Twister's Shag Club to benefit things like the Day Care and the Junior Shaggers.

One of our pessimistic friends said, "Cookbooks don't go over well, nor are they successful." Well, I am an optimist! We will be successful! Success is accomplished by the ones trying to make things happen. We all know with the enthusiasm of Twisters Shag Club we will make it a success, together. Just think, once we have completed this cookbook it will be a part of TSC for a long time.

We need your personal recipes to include in the book. Feel free to include a note about who created the recipe or why. Below are samples of Frankie's notes she wrote when she gave us recipes. (You will have to wait on her actual recipes until the cookbook is complete.) Just think what a gift you can give a family member or a friend when you add their name to a recipe.

- \* Sloppy Frankie's: My mother discovered this recipe in a church cookbook published in the 1950s. It was originally called Barbequed Steak. Over the years, I lightened the recipe and my family renamed it Sloppy Frankie's. I serve it open face over hamburger rolls with slaw. Dennis and Heath like to top it with American cheese.
- \* Saturday Night Salad: I call this Saturday Night Salad because we have it almost every Saturday night. The basic recipe came from my Italian sister-in-law. I changed some of the ingredients to suit my family. I never measure the ingredients so adjust them to your taste. This is good with grilled steak, salmon or pasta.
- \* Chocolate Chess Pie: My mother "floated" the butter in pats on top of the pie. I prefer to melt the butter and mix it in.

\* Easy Pineapple Pudding: My family prefers pineapple pudding to banana pudding. You can substitute bananas for the pineapple in this recipe. For years, I made the custard from scratch. But this recipe is good, faster and has less fat.

Everyone knows the normal categories of a cookbook. We will have those along with some new ones. We have added Frozen Fantasy. So if you have a recipe from an item you brought to one of our parties please send it in. Some other new categories will be Jell-O Shooters, Kiddy Corner and Healthy Alternatives.

We're looking for a strong, catchy title and want to give all our members a chance to participate in naming our cookbook. We have been given a couple of suggestions so far:

> The Fun Bunch Cook Book Fun Off The Dance Floor Shag While You Cook Cook While You Shag

If you can come up with a better title, please e-mail me your idea to Kthompson@aacusa.com or call me at 704-875-9608.

After reading more about our cookbook, I know you are as excited as our group is. Now, get involved!

We need your recipes this month. Send them to me at the email address given above, or bring them to a club gathering over the next few weeks. We need everything by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Any cookbook that you have in your possession will always have favorite recipes and there will be many great recipes in the Fun Bunch Cookbook. So please help us out by submitting your recipes as soon as possible.

Finally, these cookbooks will make great gifts for Christmas, birthdays, etc. So plan to order for yourself, your friends and your relatives as soon as we finalize cost details. Thank you Fun Bunch!

## **Spring SOS 2009**

Jim Horton

Well, we survived another Spring Safari... just barely! I must say that it is great to be able to spend nine days down at Ocean Drive with shaggers from all over the United States. You have the opportunity to meet people from many different areas. It is truly amazing how far the shag sensation has traveled. I just regret that it took so long for Ann and I to find out about it. It wasn't until we had moved to North Carolina from Florida and after we had been in Statesville for several years that we first took a shag dance lesson. We have been hooked ever since.

It is great to be able to dance the dance. But it is all of the people you have the opportunity to meet and the friends you get to make that make shagging special. We all have the same thing in common. We love the music and the dance. Some take the dance very seriously, learn as many steps and moves as they can, and get into the competitions. Others just learn a few of the basic moves and are happy with that. That is what makes this whole thing so great. We all do not have to like the same things and all do the same things, go to the same places or stay in the same location.

We finally made it to our first SOS after about a year and, again, we were hooked on yet another aspect of the shag world events. Ocean Drive has a lot of variety to offer all of us. It is really neat to go to the different clubs. If it is too crowded to comfortably move around or to even dance at one spot, you can just move on to another club, see what friends of yours are there, and dance with them for a while. There are a variety of dance floors, indoor and outdoor dance floors, patios, porches, upper decks, dance floors with cages (for some of the wilder women dancers to take advantage of) as well as smoking and nonsmoking dance areas. There are so many great DJs to go listen too and dance to the tunes they are playing. And there are a variety of bands. Plus, there is the food! I tried to lose a few pounds before we left for SOS, because I knew what would happen. And yes, I gained it all back and then some. So, I am back on my diet again until the next SOS trip.

Another great aspect of SOS is all of the different tea parties, shooter parties, pool parties, party, party, party. Wooo hooo! Ya see why this is habit forming? I must say that while I have been to several different tea parties put on by other shag clubs that are ok, the best tea parties around are, by far, the ones that Twister's puts on. I have the best times at these. But part of that may be related to what I had mentioned before; all of the friends Ann and I have made. A party would be dull if it were not for all of you, my fellow Twister's members.

This is why we are know as "The Fun Bunch". I have a blast because of all of you! If you cannot tell, I can't wait for September to go back and do it all again. I can't wait to see you all at North Myrtle Beach again!

#### **A New Place To Dance**

By Khris Sloop

Have you been to Wise Guys yet? It is a quaint place on the lake with nice servers and bartenders. Mike Rink spun the tunes for us the first night. The floor was ok, but I do believe the management has made arrangements to get a us a bigger floor.

Everyone that was there seemed to be having a great time and were glad that we finally had a place to dance on Fridays again. Come on out and join the rest of us and get your shag on! It is just off I-77, exit 33. Coming north to exit 33, turn left at the top of the ramp. As soon as you cross the lake, make the first right into the parking lot. Wise Guys is right next door to Vinney's.

# **A Few TSC Membership Commitments**

- I will be active, and at least help with and support the committees that I have chosen to be on this year.
- I will do my best to attend and support all the club's meetings and various activities (beach nights, etc.)
- I pledge to do whatever I can to promote the prosperity, health, welfare and future of Twister's Shag Club at all times.

#### **New Member Profiles**

By Tommy & Wilma Laws

#### Jim and Becki Leonard

Jim and Becki live in the Troutman area. Jim enjoys riding his Harley. Becki also enjoys bike riding, being on the water and/or being at the beach.

They have four children and two grandchildren. Some years ago Becki worked with a shag instructor and became interested in the dance. They took lessons, then stopped shagging for many years until October 2008. They heard from some acquaintances how much fun the Fall Cyclone was and they decided to go to our party. They became "hooked again" on the music and dance! We are happy to have them in The Fun Bunch and hope they stay "hooked" for a long time with our club!

#### **Bob and Helon Page**

Bob and Helon recently moved to the Sherrills Ford area from Emerald Isle, NC. They are both retired and wanted to be near their grandchildren (total of three), and to be free of salt and wind damage to their properties at the beach.

Her hobbies are dancing, listening to and collecting beach music, boating, gardening, shopping and baby-sitting the grandchildren. He enjoys dancing, listening to and collecting beach music, boating, fishing, hunting, and surfing the Internet. Their love for shagging goes back to their growing up days near the beach, and dancing at the pavilion at Atlantic Beach or the "Produce Warehouse" in Faison, NC. Their interest in TSC started with seeing the ads in the Carefree Times and visiting the TSC web site. They saw how active the club is and decided they wanted to be a part of The Fun Bunch. We've heard through the grapevine that they were also shag instructors in their previous home town.

We are happy they chose Twister's to be their new shagging home!

#### **Terry Medlin**

Terry is from Kannapolis, NC. He is self employed in the landscaping business, is a former US Marine and he is single. He is also a Beach Music DJ who has played at SOS and at parties around the Carolinas. He in particular enjoys playing for benefit projects such as a benefit he is doing in China Grove on June 26<sup>th</sup> to help raise funds for the YMCA. Early on he became interested in beach music and his friends encouraged him to pursue his love for the music and find a way to make a little money at it, too.

Terry has gone to many of the shag clubs in the surrounding areas. But after visiting with the Twister's group, he was impressed with the many things TSC is involved in (not just the parties). The Day Care project that is supported by our club was a big draw for him. He also likes the friendliness of everyone in our club. He is looking forward to being in The Fun Bunch and especially being a part of the Cyclone this year.

# **Special Dance Lesson Night**

Some of you have asked for the opportunity to enhance your dancing skills. Here's your chance. Slip on your shag shoes and join us for a special night of lessons on Tuesday night, June 30.

7:00 – Music and Sign Up

7:30 – Thirty minute workshop on "dancing on beat" taught by Frankie and Dennis Johnson

8:15 – Learn a new step taught by Helon and Bob Page

#### Cost:

\$1 for Twister's Members \$5 for Non Twisters Members

Please be at Fat Boys fifteen minutes before classes begin for sign up. Better yet, come early and enjoy some food, drink and dancing.

#### **Recent Dance Lessons**

By Nancy Massengill

Our latest set of lessons started last month. The Beginner I class had 41 students under the instruction of Chuck and Sandra. This seems to be a "bright" class as it seemed they had "gotten" the basic by the end of the first night. The Beginner II class had 10 students. Frankie and Dennis gave instructions on doing rotations along with hints for smoother transitions from one step into another. Frankie gave practice tips for using a folded towel and a golf club, cue stick or broom stick.

We had great turnout of members for helping set up the room, helping with registration, helping with demonstrations during the lessons and with resetting the room. Many thanks go to all those members who came and helped. Keep on dancing!

# Spring SOS By Phyllis Brown

Another fun SOS. Another week of good times and good friends! We had originally planned on going down on Tuesday but later decided that we did not want to miss the Pirates Cove gathering on Monday night. So we went earlier, and we're glad we did. Susan came on down, too, and stayed with us that night. She still denies that she was lying face down on the Murphy bed with her feet dangling from the side when Allen woke up on Tuesday morning (we have no clue what time she came in).

The wind was really whipping when we arrived on Monday. Margaret's spaghetti was delicious and Khris's BBQ "by the sea" was just what we needed during the week. But the weather was picture perfect for the parade the last Saturday for all of us cave women and men.

I heard a lot of people came home with the SOS crud. But luckily Allen and I escaped it. Unfortunately, on our first night out Allen lost his SOS card (the second time he has done this) and this time Mike didn't find it. You can't take care of him all the time can you Mike? We can't wait until Fall Migration.

#### **Spring Safari - Darth Strikes Again**

By Khris Sloop

Teresa and I stayed at the Avista this year. Wow... what a nice place. Reasonably priced and close to all the clubs! As you may know it was hard to get on the beach due to the wind and chilly air. But all in all it was a great week.

Do any of you remember an article written by Wayland a year or so ago that referenced Darth Vader? Well, he struck again and I was there to witness it! (Oh wait... I was there the first time, too.) He comes in the afternoon and night bearing alcohol and a sly grin. But do not be fooled! He will get you to do and say things you normally wouldn't. The drinks will be awesome. So try and maintain control of yourselves. If you are not careful, you may say "Heyyyyyyyyy... is that dolphin under your back pocket?" (Inside joke so don't ask!)

This Darth does not wear a helmet and there is no heavy breathing, at least not during the drinking phase of his attack. Once in his clutches, he will not release until you are unable to function. So as fair warning to all, beware a Darth bearing alcohol. If he comes to you, run... do not walk to the nearest bar of choice or you will feel his alcohol filled wrath. You may even be doomed to hugging the porcelain throne later on.

(Heyyyyyyyyy... perhaps a counter-attack would be effective!)

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# SOS And More By Susan Dahl

I can hardly remember SOS, but I do know it was fun, fun, fun! I loved the Avista, and all of our crowd who stayed there. There were lots of great get-togethers, and I am looking forward to Fall, if I have any money left. That is real "iffy" now.

Our Club's parties were good, as usual, and the winery trip was sensational! That will be a priority for me at the next SOS. Frances and whoever else organized it did a terrific job. The Tea Room was excellent, and the wine tastings were (hic) super.

As for the parade, our float was great, and everyone on the street thought so. What made it great was the fact that all of it was made by hand, but did not look homemade. All the costumes were original and lots of work was put into every bit of our entry. A special thanks goes to Chuck, Sandra, Margaret, Sharon, and all the hard working men and women involved. Thanks also to Gene Hunter for driving (his own), best rig there. It was fun!

I am anxious to go to Wise Guys Fri. Heard it was a great place by those who went.

I was in NY the first week, watching my grandson play in a baseball tournament for Spartanburg Methodist Junior College. They won the whole thing, and will be going to the World Series, in Grand Junction, CO next week. I have to get up early Sat. to catch a plane, but I will still go to Wise Guys for a couple of hours.

I saw some of you at the Golf and cookout, which was very good. I hope to see more of Twister's Shag Club members on Fridays. I have really missed seeing the rest of The Fun Bunch!

# Susan Godfrey lost out on \$49 last month in the TSC Treasure Chest drawing.

Be there this month so you will win if your name is drawn!

## **Dancing for Cancer Survivors/Caregivers**

By Frankie Johnson

It was a dark and stormy night. Actually, May 6 was a stormy afternoon. Rain and tornado warnings were posted for Troutman. That didn't stop Sharon Abernathy, Gil Algier, Dianne and Richard Harrington, Helon and Bob Page and Dennis and I from heading to Mooresville to dance at the 2009 Survivor Beach Blast.

Amy Marshall, Survivor Co-Chair had contacted me several weeks before asking if TSC would perform at the annual Relay for Life Survivors Dinner. When we arrived the dinner was already in full swing. Members of Teens Against Cancer and Girl Scout Troop 608 were serving dinner and bussing tables. After dinner the Lake Norman Big Band performed. If you've never had the opportunity to hear this group play you have missed a treat. They are very good. We had a hard act to follow. Once we were introduced we danced to a couple of songs. Bob did double duty; he took pictures and danced. Then we took the opportunity to tell the group about the shag and our club. Next we suggested they needed some exercise after a good meal and invited everyone to stand up and learn the basic. A few people were hesitant but we encouraged everyone to join in. After a few minutes of instruction we had everyone laughing and moving their feet. We danced to one more song and invited everyone to dance with us. We actually had a couple people to join us. Afterwards we received a heartwarming round of applause and nice comments from our audience.

The rest of the story – After our demo, Amy came to thank us for our participation. She really didn't need to thank us. Since some of us had family members fight the cancer battle, we were more than happy to dance. Dennis was talking to Amy about "stuff in general" and mentioned that he had retired from Lowe's Hardware.

Amy asked if we knew her dad. Turns out that Dennis and her dad worked together at Lowe's. Her parents are friends of ours and, although we no longer see them often, we still keep in touch. I even have Christmas Cards with pictures of Amy's daughter. Yes, it is a small world

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

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

#### June 2: TSC Monthly Meeting at Fat Boys Restaurant.

June 5-6: Pig Pickin' hosted by Roanoke Valley Shag Club. \$25-\$30. DJ's Kyle Beam and Mike Harding. 540-387-0663 or boblindapoff@comcast.com or www.roanokevalleyshagclub.com.

June 13: Blue Hawaii "meet the area shag clubs" party hosted by Burlington Shag Club. \$5. DJ's Jim Waye and Mike Harding. 336-226-5267 or burlingtonshagclub.com for more information.

June 18-21: Sand Gnat Shag-a-Ganza hosted by Golden Isles Shag Club. \$75-\$80. DJs Paul Spaulding, Murl Augustine, Mike Harding. 612-267-9077 or shagdancers@bellsouth.net.

June 20: Lancaster Shag Club's Jivin June Jam. \$25. DJs Gene Sistare and Ray Scott. Free beer, vodka drinks and shooters! scdjgene@comporium.net, 803-286-6360, lancastershagclub.com.

#### June 27: TSC caravans to the Winston-Salem Oldies Party.

July 10-12: ACSC Summer Workshop in Jacksonville, FL

#### July 15-19: Junior SOS in North Myrtle Beach, SC.

July 24: Boogie and Bogey hosted by Sandhills Shag Club. \$45. DJs Ray Scott and Gene Sistare. 910-895-3183 for more info.

July 24-26 Capital Shag Classic hosted by Northern Virginia Shag Club. \$75-\$85. DJ Jimmy Buffkin. Call 703-971-1618 or email donsabs@yahoo.com or visit www.nvshag.org for more info.

July 24-26: Sparkle City Celebration hosted by R&B Shag Club. \$60-\$65. DJs Jack Moore, Billy Waldrep, David Graham. 864-583-4656 or DrakePG@aol.com or http://www.rbshagclub.org

July 25: Frozen Fantasy Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club.

Aug 8: First Ever Fall Cyclone "Tribute" Party in Raleigh. More details (including a party name) to be announced, soon. Mark your calendar. TSC plans to take a bus trip to this event.

Aug 13: Vinyl Party hosted by Charlotte Shag Club. 704-510-1743

Aug 14-15: Runway Boogie hosted by Beckley Area Shag Club. DJ Ed Timberlake and The Holiday Band on Saturday Evening. Free workshop with Charlie & Jackie and Ellen Taylor Saturday Morning. cwcline@sudddenlink.net or 304-228-9938 for more.

Aug 15: Vinyl Party hosted by Ken and Clyde at the Junkyard.

Aug 20-22: Shag Tracks hosted by the Choo Choo Shag Club. \$60-\$65. DJs David Sessoms, Billy Waldrep, Tootie Brown, Mike Hall, Ken Hughes. 423-334-2882 or rmkellar@aol.com for more info.

Aug 22: Summer Sizzler hosted by Statesville Shag Club. \$25-\$30. Dj's Gene Sistare and Gene Hensley. 704-873-3272 for more.

#### Sept 4: Fall SOS Kickoff Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club

#### Sept 11-20: Fall SOS at North Myrtle Beach.

Oct 16-18: Charleston Geechee Blast. \$60. DJs Dick Hamrick, Gary Gibson, Jason Cagle, Betty Brown, Walter Upchurch. 843-572-9994 or elupchurch@comcast.net or charlestonshagclub.com

Oct 23, 24: Fall Bash hosted by Mountain Empire Shag Society. DJ's Larry Calhoun and Ed Timberlake. 423-753-5909 for info.

#### Nov 6-8: Fall Cyclone Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club.

Nov 20, 21. Invitational hosted by Columbia Shag Club. \$50-\$60. DJs Butch Davidson, Larry Edwards and Butch Metcalf. 803-755-0569 or mariegammy@yahoo.com for more information.

#### Dec 31: New Year's Eve Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club.

## **Upcoming Member Birthdays**

06/04	Terry Medlin	07/03
06/07	Geoff Siege	07/03
06/10	Becki Leonard	07/05
06/12	Donna Hord	07/10
06/17	Marcia Long	07/11
06/18	Eddie Teeter	07/12
06/19	Arnold Hatley	07/17
06/24	Linda Ortiz	07/20
06/27	Jimmy Melton	07/24
06/27	Dick Bigham	07/26
06/29	Dennis Johnson	07/26
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#### Happy Father's Day To All TSC Dads!

Happy Anniversary Allen! I look forward to many more good years. Love, Phyllis

Happy Birthday Chuck! Let's go to the mountains. Love, Sandra

Happy Anniversary Charlie! I'm so grateful for 45 years of kindness, generosity and fun. Save the next dance for me.

Love always, Iris

Happy Anniversary Dean! Thank you for a wonderful first year of marriage. I look forward to many more years of happiness. Love, Nancy

Do you know someone with a birthday in July? When is your anniversary? Do you need to recognize someone special in July? Send in your special announcements for the July issue of the newsletter *now!* You don't want to forget or wait until it's too late!

#### Golf Is A Four Letter Word

By Nancy Massengill

Saturday Morning, May 9 started out as a beautiful day (slightly breezy). But then a day in the sun with golf and friends and beer... what more could anyone want?

Wayland got home Saturday morning in time for us to drive to Fox Den, get in some time on the driving range, draw numbers (we were on the same team with Georgia Abernathy and Marvin Chapman), and get in line to have some fun. That we did... along with a lot of four letter words, ball, cart, path, beer, whee, and some others that I am sure are not printable here.

We kept noticing on the *back nine* (two more four letter words) that there were *dark gray* clouds closing in (two more four letter words), and on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole there were the big words... *lightening* and *thunder*. We were able to get through with our game, get our gear in the cars, and get into the clubhouse before more four letter words came into play... *wind* and *rain*... driving rain (now that is golf term). I do remember mentioning before we started playing that I had a pair of golf shoes that had never played a round without getting wet (including one sunny day when the sprinkler went off on me as I teed off). However, I didn't have on those shoes!

All in all our group had a great time, made some nice shots and made some not so nice shots. We didn't get stuck in the mud or have to help anyone out of the mud. But that is someone else's story to write. We ended our evening early so that Wayland could go home and get some sleep (he had been up since four that morning driving from Wytheville, VA to Pageland, SC to make a delivery). We saw a lot of downed trees and a church steeple blown off on our way home. Seems that the rain and wind were not limited to the golf course. I know everyone had a great time if they played. If you didn't, you really should plan to play next time! That brings us to a three letter word (F-U-N) and that is why we are The Fun Bunch. No matter what we do, we find the fun in it.

# Where's The Camera Or 4WD Buggy?

By Greg Long

I wanted to share with you one of those moments that you hear about from time to time, but seldom witness in person. Our May golf outing was nastily interrupted by Mother Nature as the team of Peggy, Mike, Brian and yours truly completed a routine par on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole; a score once again afforded the team by Peggy's golfing skills since hers was the only tee shot that landed on the green. Anyway, before we could reach the 17<sup>th</sup> tee the Heavens opened up and we decided it was safer and smarter to make our way back to the clubhouse. I remember it clearly. Somebody said "Let's get the @#\$% out of here!" And we did.

By then, staying dry was out of the question. But we maintained our hopes of staying alive pending the short wet ride back to the clubhouse of course. There is nothing like a little thunder, lightening, rain, wind and mud to get the old heart thumping. We crossed over the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> fairways to reach the cart path going back to the clubhouse. As we started up the hill behind the 18<sup>th</sup> green, we noticed a golf cart off the path in a recently cleared area between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> greens. It was axle deep and stuck in the mud. Someone was standing beside the golf cart waving their arms and shouting something that neither Brian nor I could hear much less understand. We were fairly certain though that he wasn't illustrating a new shag step. We quickly offered to send back help... lots of it and in many forms. But that didn't seem to do anything to improve the "wreck" victim's situation or state of mind.

As it turned out, the occupants of the buried cart were indeed fellow Twisters golfers. I didn't ask who was driving the cart when it got stuck and I don't intend to. Since we were fresh out of shooters to share with them for calming consolation, we decided to help them get the cart out of the mud. After a mad dash across the 18<sup>th</sup> green to the stuck cart, and with the driver hard on the accelerator, our first try failed to move the cart. The spinning wheels did remove a wee bit of the mud from underneath the cart and we were positive that it would leap out of the hole with our next effort. Fortunately, about that time additional assistance arrived in the form of two more golfers from the

TSC group who had stopped to help. This time with a couple of rocks back and forth the cart came free. At this point everyone made their way back to their carts and into the clubhouse.

I've heard rumors that some of this memorable episode has been caught on film. If that is true, then I hope that it will be shared because you know it will be worth a chuckle or six! Another Twisters Moment – Priceless! ©



#### **Golf Outing at Fox Den**

By Wilma Laws

The weather is beautiful... warm, breezy and a great day to be on the golf course. I arrive early so I can hit a few balls before the *real* golfers arrive. (I really hit some good "practice" shots. Lot of good that did in the game.) Soon the players start arriving and everyone is having a fun time mingling, and anticipating the Captain's Choice event to begin. Betsy and her committee have done a great job lining up the event. Everything is going very smoothly.

The rules are new this time. Numbers are put in a bag and the players draw for the team they will play on. Now, I am thinking "Oh my gosh". I am getting nervous. Teams are selected. I will be on the course with Dennis, Eric, and Geoff. Now I am really worried. I am thinking, "Can I go home now?" All the rules, etc., are gone over and we are in the line up for teeing off. Roger is kind enough to supply (for those who needed it) a little liquid encouragement. (Thanks Roger!) Our group is the last to tee off.

As I watch Dennis, Geoff, and Eric tee off I am saying to myself, "What the \*%\*/\* was I thinking coming out here to embarrass myself? I tee off and hit the ball just a few feet out in the woods! I am very intimidated! Leigh Ann and Teresa are standing by with a camera I pray they missed this pitiful attempt! So off we go.

I have the pleasure of riding with Dennis. (Stay tuned. More to come on that.) I am enjoying watching the real players tee off and seeing the ball fade into the distance. I am definitely in the midst of some real golfers. I begin to be concerned at one point when, after I had been to hit my ball and was in the process of putting my club in the bag, Dennis begins to drive off without me. I am yelling, "Wait for me Dennis!" I am wondering if he is really going to leave me out here.

Later, we are starting into the back nine. Weather begins to look a little "iffy", but not a problem so far. As we start on #12 it does not look "iffy" any more! The thunder and lightning begins.

Soon we feel rain drops. Dennis thinks the horn should blow so play will cease. So do I. But there is no horn, so we continue to play. Suddenly the Heavens open and the lightning, thunder, rain and wind is roaring. It is finally time to give it up and head in.

Now Dennis has played this course many times and knows some short cuts. However the windshield wipers on the golf cart are not working. So it is really hard to see. Dennis opens his umbrella to cover the golf clubs from the rain and it has now turned the umbrella upside down. Now he is standing at the edge of the woods trying to get the umbrella to turn back down. It did not happen. Now we are both very soaked. Not to worry, we are soon taking the "short cut" to the club house and we will be dry soon. Well almost! As we start onto this "short cut" I am looking out the side of the cart and see a ditch. "Dennis, I don't think this is a good idea. There is a big ditch." He says we can make it, so forward we go, Oh #\*\*\*^#. Now I see a big ditch. Nooooo... too deep. We have got to turn around and get back on the cart path. We turn around and head to the path. We have to get back over that ditch we just crossed which is now full of water and mud. It's not going to happen. The golf cart sits down in the ditch.

Dennis tries to push it out with me driving the cart, but it's stuck! Now I get out and we both try to push the cart. (Keep in mind that the rain, wind, thunder and lightning is still happening all around us.) No luck. Now Dennis is yelling "help" to our fellow golfers who *are* on the cart path (whoop-to-do-for them) and heading to the club house. Thankfully, here comes Brian and Greg, and I think some others. But it is raining so hard I do not see who the other "white knights" are. They decide to get in front and behind the cart and have me drive the cart (if you can imagine this). Now the tires are spinning and everyone is covered in mud! Dennis, that mud on your face took us back a few years to child hood!

Everyone is wet and muddy. But the golf cart takes a lurch and back to the cart path we go. Thank you Jesus and fellow golfers! Now we are headed safely back to the clubhouse... right? No, not yet! Dennis now sees another short cut. I am saying, "Don't you think we should stay on the path this time?"

Off we go across the greens, through the woods and valleys at full speed ahead. What a ride. Wow, that Dennis can drive!

We arrive safely on the cart path across the greens and are now headed to the clubhouse. We don't look exactly like we should be going to a party!

It was a day in my life that made memories I will always look back on and enjoy. Yes, we were all in need of a little laundry work and what have you. But it brings to mind this: Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty well preserved body and golf clothes. It was really fun (after the fact) to skid in broadside, thoroughly wet to the skin saying, "Wow... what a ride!" Make Some Great Memories! Thanks Dennis, Geoff, and Eric for being kind and putting up with me! I had a great time.

## **Alternate Night Activities**

By Sharon Abernethy

Thursday morning about half past three, we were rudely awakened by vicious beating on the door of our sixteenth floor SOS condo.

Still mostly asleep and trying to hurry, we discovered that we had no power, but lots of screeching from the smoke detectors. We were ordered to descend the stairs to the lovely, water soaked lawn in front of the building.

The stairway was filled with uncalming conversations. Margaret was suffering from concern for all of the costumes we had to leave as we exited our room in haste. Jim was worrying about the beer in the unpowered refrigerator. Chuck was wondering about his friends, Jose and the Grand Marnier. Sandra knew the Irish Cream was safe. I was thankful that Randy was not having to take the stairs down to the ground as the little lady in front of me struggled with her knees. My mom instinct had kicked in. I had grabbed inhalers, wet washcloths and flashlights. Georgia was leaving behind the laptop and all contact with the office with a twinkle in her eye and a cute little smile on her face.

After gathering in front of the hotel, we were thanked for coming out for the evening's event and allowed to return to our room by elevator instead of the stairs.

Upon arrival to our smoky abode, some of the group returned to the cold beds to continue sleeping the night away. Margaret and I decided that after having taken the alternate night activities program, we no longer needed to return to the land of Nod, so a pajama party was declared.

There was time to complete unfinished projects. The sewing machines, hot glue guns and Dremel tools were ready for a productive completion of the night. As the work continued the thoughts of morning to come came to mind. Coffee went on first and a hash brown casserole found its way to a warm, waiting oven.

And the work continued on. In the dawn of the early morning we could tell that the greatly anticipated beach sunrise would not happen on that day. There were no walkers present in the early morning smoke.

As we finished our task and packed away our equipment, our noses and stomachs said, "Time to eat."

P. S. The hash brown casserole never tasted so goooood. Look for the recipe in the club cookbook soon to be published.

# We are not taking a bus this year but...



MANY TSC members are going to caravan to the Winston-Salem Oldies Party on June 27. Don't be left out of all the fun. It's only \$10 and you can BYOB!

# Fun A'Floatin' By Helon Page

Just as soon as Bob and I were voted in as TSC members, I was immediately encouraged to participate as a caveperson on our float at SOS. ("Yeah right", I thought.) To my 'encouragers', my excuse of, "But I don't know what to do." quickly brought a response of, "Well, we don't either." (See, I had missed all the planning and construction fun so I truly didn't know what was going on.) Then, "But I don't have a costume." was followed by, "No big deal. We can fix that in a flash." (Oh, thanks Sharon!) My last resort, "But I'm new here." quickly resulted in, "Not any more, you're not!"

Quite frankly, by that time I was actually getting a little excited. This might be fun after all. Little did I know!

Friday morning before the parade a few of us gathered to begin float assembly. As this was truly a man thing, the ladies were quite useless except for Sandra. Every project has to have a supervisor, you know. I did get a few pictures of the early stages of the cave village assembly. The morning, however, proved very productive for me. Under the direction of 'Maestro Chuck' I was able to learn the "ooga chant". (Hey, I'm making progress here!)

The next morning we again gathered at the float site. There was a lot yet to be done. But by parade time we were ready.

It was such fun seeing the spectators laughing, pointing, clapping, swaying to and joining in, the "ooga chant". We gave a 'special' chant as we passed Judy's bringing out Jeannie, clapping and waving to us. Then, as we approached the judges I lost the rhythm of the chant! (Oh no, I was on the front row. How did that happen?) Everyone was in sync but me!

My arm uncontrollably went up when everybody else's went down. "Please don't let that affect our score", I prayed. Would the judges think this was planned? Maybe they didn't notice. What have I done?

Following float disassembly, those of us who managed to survive the heat (the cave apparel didn't help any) and thirst for spirits wandered into the Pirates Cove for a grand finale. Man, did we ever 'strut our stuff'. Right Susan?

Later we learned TSC had won the third place trophy! Hats off to all who helped build the 'cave village'. We sure had fun a'floatin'!

# **Spring Safari Parade**

By Jim Horton

As many of you know, it is not easy to do anything by a committee whether it is in business, a church or a club. So it was great that we were able to meet, throw out many different ideas, and finally come up with a decision on what to do.

I want to give a big thanks for Chuck for taking on such a big undertaking and agreeing to head this up. And it was great that so many different people came out to help in so many different ways in bringing this whole thing together, from the building of the float to the making of all of the costumes.

I must say I saw a different side of some people that I never thought possible when they showed up in their costumes; the wigs, the animal print cloths, the beads, head bands, bones, and the clubs to subdue the mates that they chose. But you know, that is what makes being a part of this club is so nice. It is great to see people let go, get crazy and have fun. We had so many different people coming together, working together and playing together, having such a great time. What a blast Ann and I and most everyone else had riding and walking along with the float.

I never realized that shagging had been around for so long, from back in prehistoric times. I think it was one of Chuck's ancestors that came up with the first steps. Or was that when he stepped on a hot coal out of the fire. I forget what happened. But thank goodness I learned that even a cave man could do it, so that gave me the push I needed to give it a try to learn.

## **Silver Coast Winery Expedition**

By Jim Horton

Over the pasts few years Ann and I have developed an appreciation for the grapes, the wine and wineries of North Carolina and also from Virginia. We try to go to as many of the different festivals or events that offer wine tasting of these wineries.

This spring we took advantage of the bi-annual trip with the "winos" of the club (I am sorry, I mean those that have developed an appreciation and a finer palate for wine and become connoisseurs.) to the Silver Coast Winery, north of Ocean Drive.

I had been to several wineries before, so I thought I knew what to expect. Well I have never been with such a large group before. They put us in the great big barrel room for our wine tasting. We all sat along the outer side of the tables that were set up in there and the person conducting the wine tasting was on the other side. He kept us all amused with his banter, questions and jokes.

They offered a five wine tasting and a ten wine tasting. Most of the people in our group selected the five wine tasting. You could select either red wines or white wines to taste. Well, heck with that. We were at the winery. We wanted to taste them all. That is why you go, right? How could we pass up this opportunity to taste the wines from this winery that we had heard others tell us so much about? I wanted to get my moneys worth. So Ann and I got the big package; all ten of the wines.

We did our tasting, and used the list that they gave us to rate how we liked or did not like each one of the wines. Of course Ann and I were the last ones in the room. Everyone else had finished their five wines and had moved on. We were still tasting wine!

We finally finished and compared our likes and dislikes. We had to decide which ones we were going to buy. Hey, guess what! If you joined their club you get a discount! How could we go wrong with that? We will buy a case of twelve! Oh boy!

We made our selections and filled our case, as did several others that purchased wine. Francis bought wines for others to make up a case and to take advantage of the discount. (What are friends for but to help their friends out in a time of need?)

Then it was time for lunch; the Tea Party. Following Francis, I learned, is always an adventure. After we turned around and went back, we found the "Tea Room". How bad could it be, right? I had been to coffee houses before. So a tea room should be about the same, right? I would just order a sandwich and a beer. Well, not in this case.

Fortunately I was not the only male in the bunch. Thank goodness, Malcolm, Bill and Jimmy were in the group, too. Guess what they do at this tea house? They play dress up! They have lots of hats, boas and a few frilly dresses.

I was one of the last ones in the place. Somehow Jimmy got the only man's tie in the whole place. There must have been another man in here before at some time. Malcolm found the only hat that could pass for a man's hat. Darn! That left only a boa. Ok, how bad could it be for a little while? I will be a good sport and play along. Who would ever tell? Then someone had the bright idea of taking pictures! Well hopefully I did not get completely included in any of the shots.

It seemed like it took forever for the food to be served. They kept bringing out different little tasty morsels. They were awfully small little sandwiches. There was one that even had a bow tied around it! How fancy is that?

I overheard Dean tell Jimmy that she had no idea it was going to be this kind of restaurant. She said she would make it up to him. I hope she did, because she owes him big time! Jimmy and I talked later when we left the "tea room". We agreed that next year, "if " we go back, we are going to drive separately so we can go to a real restaurant or bar so we can get real man food, meat and beer. We also discussed that when we got back from the beach we would find somewhere to take golf lessons as soon as possible.

Now we still had one more winery to go to! By now, the wine had worn off from Silver Coast. (Thank goodness.) So we all gathered up

again and were off to the next winery; La Belle Amie. We finally made it there. It was a nice place. We had been there before. This time Ann and I only got the five wine tasting. Hey, I was getting smarter about this. We made our ratings and purchased a couple of bottles.

The facility is quite interesting. Not only are their wines good, but their store has a lot of funny novelties from napkins, to signs, plaques, and many wine accessories. One of the things that we got a kick out of were the names they have on many of the wines. They have one series of wines called "Twisted Sisters" and another "Bent Brothers". Some of the other names are Foxy Lady, Gallant Knight, Seductress, High Maintenance, Drama Queen, Babe Magnet, Old Goat, Silver Tongued Devil and You're So Naughty!

Now, remember all of those great tasting wines we rated at Silver Coast? Well we opened one of the last bottles we tasted a few weeks after we got back home. Whew, this stuff was not as good as our rating! Either this one bottle was bad or our taste buds had been pickled by the time we got to the last wine to taste. So, next time if you get the chance to go, taste the five wines. If you are a guy, now you know what to expect. You can go with Jimmy and me to the bar or learn to play golf or how to be better at golf.

What I time we all had. It was fun because of all the people that went. That is what SOS is all about; all of your shagging friends. Keep shagging. Dance like nobody is watching. And have fun with "The Fun Bunch" in Twister's.

You should have a lot of great memories from recent TSC events. Please write up something about them for next month. All your friends want to hear from you!

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