

Twister's Shag Club

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The President's Letter

Hello Everyone.

First, I would like to say thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as President of such a special organization for a second year. I truly appreciate your support.



I would also like to thank all the officers and committee chair people for their hard work, support and dedication. Finally, I want to thank everyone that has renewed his or her membership. Your commitment to TSC is what makes it such a great club. We do have a very few who have not renewed. Remember you have to do this by the April meeting or you will have to reapply for membership. Welcome to all the new members, too. I hope to get a chance to meet and talk to each of you soon.

Dance lessons are going really strong. The classes are full and Ashley and Tobitha are doing a great job. As always, we need your help at dance lessons. We need partners for our single students. The tables also have to be moved back after lessons are over.

Let's talk a bit about Friday nights at the Finish Line. I know there have been a few issues with the food and/or the service. They are working to fix any issues we have brought to their attention. As you understand it they are making improvements to the kitchen and hiring additional help. So things should improve. I don't think they realized how many people the Fun Bunch was going to bring on Friday nights. Please be patient and give them a little time while they work through these issues. If you have any concerns, please bring them to a board member and we will try to get you an answer. It is much easier for the Finish Line to deal with our concerns when they are only communicating with one person.

We have a great lineup of some of the best DJs anywhere. They play a variety of music to try to suit everyone. If you don't hear your favorite tune, make a request. If they have it they will play it.

Come out and join the fun. There is always room for more.

SOS is right around the corner. There will be three tea parties during SOS. Make your plans to come and enjoy. More info is located in the newsletter. Don't be late. Each will be scheduled to last from 5-7pm. There will also be a golf outing. The tee time will be 11:24 on Thursday. So please be there around 10:30. See our SOS page for more details on these and other activities.

But before we can leave for the beach we will be having a SOS kickoff party at the Finish Line on Friday night, April 10. Whether or not you are going to the beach for SOS, be there for this party.

That's about all for now. Remember to have fun and keep dancing.

See you soon.

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A Different Dance Lesson Article

By Nancy Massengill

Every newsletter has a dance lesson article... how many students are in the beginner and intermediate classes, a plea for partners, and a reminder that members can take a single night lesson for \$5.

Well, this is that article... and it's not!

How long has it been since you have been to a TSC dance lesson? Have you taken a lesson or workshop from Ashley and Tobitha?

If you haven't you have missed out on some great steps taught by two of the very best shaggers in the Shag World. And I might add fun lessons by two very patient, encouraging teachers! Come out and join the fun!

A number of our students have been coming to the Finish Line on Fridays. Remember we are the Fun Bunch! Make them welcome. Make sure they get to dance. Engage in conversation. Remember, we are representing our dance and our club.

Club Meeting Night

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7th at Fa Boys in Mooresville. Social hour starts at 7pm. Come early to eat. The business meeting will start at 8pm.

We have twelve membership applications this month! They are from Will Chance, Dana Deyton, Debbie Lambert, Heathe Mullins, Justin Mullins, Toni Petro, Adrian Steffen, Marsh Tomlin, and Betty Wagner, Trey Wilson, Joel Young and Lis Young. Come meet them and welcome all of them into TSC. Don't miss your chance to win the cash in the TSC Treasure Chest, too!

Exciting Times In Twister's Shag Club

Barry Wray

As we approach the 25th Anniversary of Fall Cyclone things appear to be getting busy within the Twister's Shag Club. The lessons on Tuesday Night have been huge. A big "thanks" to all of the guys who have been able to come out and help with the lessons. The floor is packed. The most exciting news is that we are attracting new members. Several have applied from this last set of lessons. Wouldn't it be great to get back to triple digit membership?

This has also rolled over into the crowds on Friday Nights. It's good to have a crowded dance floor. I know it makes dancing a little bit more confined, but the interaction with new folks is a prime opportunity to get them to become part of The Fun Bunch. I challenge you to join me in making a lap around the room on Friday night. If not for any other reason, we can always warn them about "The Instigator" patrolling the room looking for his next victims. There are plenty of fun events to look forward to coming up very soon. What are you waiting for? Get your shag on!!!

Twister's Shag Club Cares About You

Your club sends "get well", condolence and *birthday* cards to all its members. If you hear a member is ill, has surgery or has a loss let us know. Thank you Celia Hunter for Chairing these efforts!

SOS Advice For Our New Members

By Bob Rea

As we were packing this weekend for SOS, I started thinking about how lucky we were to have such a great association with the people that we met at SOS. What started out as casual acquaintances turned into lifelong friends.

SOS has changed (like most everything) over the years, but one thing is definitely the same. Ninety-nine percent of everyone there is very friendly and wants to really enjoy the week. That is why, no matter when you go, you always see smiles on people's faces.

If you think the members of Twister's Shag Club have a lot of fun now, just hang around some of them at SOS! There is always a story or two for you to smile about when you get home. Watch out for a few of them though, they will get you into big trouble!

Editor's Note: The writer must have been looking in the mirror!

It is hard to describe SOS. You just have to experience it for yourself. Whether you just go for a weekend or stay for all 10 days, you will have a great time.

When you first get there, go to any of the clubs and pick up a Carefree Times newspaper. That has a lot of information in it about the whole week. Also, Mike Rink usually publishes a great guide in our newsletter listing all of the DJ schedules.

Come early, stay late, don't sleep too long or you will miss something, give somebody a hug, buy somebody a drink, ask someone to dance, strike up a conversation and of course the main thing to do is... be yourself. There is only one of you and we would like to get to know you better. Hope to see you down there!

Attention New Members: Spring SOS is April 17-26 at North Myrtle Beach. If you need more information, ask a fellow TSC member or officer about the fun and festivities. And if you can't go now, start planning for Fall SOS, September 18-27.

SOS Activities For Members And Guests!

Saturday, April 18: Fat Harold's Back Deck from 5-7pm. It's the return of our famous "Tea Party". (For new members, that's Long Island Iced Tea.) We'll have food, too. Come to have fun. It's only \$2 for members and \$10 for guests.

Tuesday, April 21. Ducks 5-7pm. As we go to press we are working on details for food and beverages. But don't be late. Again, it's only \$2 for members and \$10 for guests.

Thursday, April 23. Eastport Golf Course. Captain's Choice golf outing for men and women, members and guests. Cost is only \$30. The tee time is 11:24am, so please be there by 10:30. This will give us time to pick teams, etc. If you or your guest are planning to play, please let Mike Rink know so he can confirm the number of tee times in advance. Thank you!

Friday, April 24. Pirate's Cove 5-7pm. As we go to press we are working on details for food and beverages. But come early or risk missing out. This will be our biggest and best party of the week. Again, it's only \$2 for members and \$10 for guests.

Sunday, April 26: Fat Harold's at 8pm. For those lucky enough to still be at the beach, we will have our semi-annual "I'm not leaving SOS and you can't make me" party. This event never fails to create some special memories. Rumor has it that April 26 is also Wild Bill Walton's birthday. He will be there to celebrate. Join the fun.

DJ Schedule For The Finish Line

April 3: Butch Metcalf

April 17: Roger Holcomb

May 1: Buck Crumpton

April 10: Jeff Foster

April 24: John Parker

May 8: Norman Mills

Please tell everyone that The Finish Line will have a DJ every Friday... even during SOS. If you aren't at the beach, be a part of The Finish Line with a great group of friends!

Richard Nixon Service Award For DJ's

By Peggy Cavin

A description of the Richard Nixon Service Award on the website of the Association of Beach And Shag Club DJs reads:

The Richard Nixon Memorial Service Award is presented annually to the deejay or deejays who have performed outstanding service other than deejay service for any group or entity encompassing the shag dance community or the shag and beach music community at large. The award is intended to honor the memory of one of our first shag deejays (Richard Nixon) who resided at North Myrtle Beach for many years and who was tireless in his efforts and service to various charities and organizations in the Carolinas.

This award was established in 2004 and has been given out each year to an outstanding DJ. This year's recipient was Mike Rink.

Mike and I went to DJ Throwdown last month, like we've done for many years. DJ Throwdown is held at Ducks Beach Club. During the three-day weekend approximately 80 DJ's paired up to play for hour and a half slots. It's a fun time. If you've never been to Throwdown, you need to go. They also induct several DJ's into their DJ Hall of Fame. The awards are placed on the wall in the lobby area of Fat Harold's Beach Club.

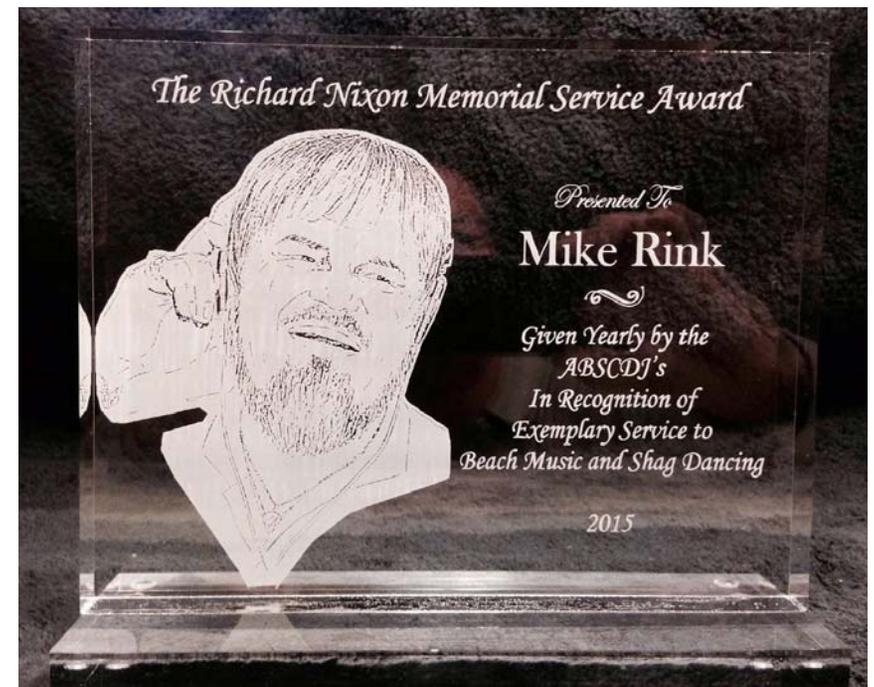
The induction ceremony takes places at Harold's on Saturday night of Throwdown. This year was special in that our good friend Farrell Watts was inducted along with other friends Cliff Merritt from Virginia and Bill Harper from North Myrtle Beach. It was an exciting night for all of them. Then on Saturday night while everyone was anxiously awaiting the winner's name to be drawn in the reverse raffle (which has a cash prize of \$6,000) they announced the recipient of The Richard Nixon Service Award.

The DJ Association President (Eddie Anderson) spoke of a guy who had contributed decades of service to the shag community as a DJ and also as someone who gives of himself to his fellow shaggers and other charities and organizations in his community.

Eddie said he had four pages of info to show why this person was so deserving, but that he wasn't going to go into those details. When Mike's name was announced, it took him totally by surprise.

It was a well-deserved award and we were excited to see him receive it this year. Our club has always been thankful to Mike for the time and energy he has given to help make us what we are today. Along the way he has given his services to others outside his local shag family, too, always helping them when needed.

So, "hats off" to Mike... or as a friend that was congratulating Mike on the award called him, "Mr. Cyclone".



TSC Communications

Are you getting a weekly email from TSC? Do you get the club phone calls? If not, let Mike know immediately. If you are a member of Facebook, please make sure to "Like" and "Share" the TSC Facebook page and posts. That helps spread our event info!

Ashley And Tobitha's Junior Team

There will be a dance and fundraiser for the Junior Shag Dance Team that Ashley and Tobitha coordinate on Saturday, April 11th. Details are shown below. Some of the TSC Fun Bunch will be heading down to Lynn's that night to support them. It will be a good time. Consider joining the fun and helping these kids.

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Boogie Woogie Shindig

Kayla Henley
Kaylee Bravo
Kelsey Vaughn
Adriana Liggins
Mary Elizabeth Jacobs
Karlee Martin
Allison Pittman

Jeremy Webb
Kolten Ellis
Thomas Butler
River Harmon
Noah Veon
Jackson Batten
Cullen Fields

Team Choreographers: Brennar Goree & Krystal Bravo Team Managers: Ashley & Tobitha Stewart

Lynn's Dance Club

4819 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC

Join Us For A Night Of Shaggin' Fun!

Exhibitions by the **Junior Shag Dance Team**
Hall of Fame & Junior Showdown
Special Guest Appearances from our Shag Community
Shag the Night Away with our Junior Shag Team Members
Fund Raising Raffle Drawing & Silent Auction
Special Music Entertainer, **Mark Black** (Formerly from the Embers)
Lot's of Social Dancing!!

ABSCDJ Association Member
DANA GRUBB
will be spinning the best Shag Tunes!

Please Come Out & Support the
Junior Shag Dance Team!
This is a fundraising event to help raise money
for the team to travel in 2015!
\$5.00 Cover Charge - Doors Open at 8pm
For more information contact Tobitha Stewart at
tstewartshag@gmail.com or 704-202-9655

TSC Exhibition Becomes a Show Stopper

By Garry Ballard

It was a show for folks looking for the latest trends in home and garden products. But attendees who came through the entry area seemed to be entranced by shag dancing being demonstrated by Twisters club members and friends.

The scene was the Southern Spring Home and Garden Show at the Park Expo and Conference Center in Charlotte. Twisters had a display table near the entry way into the exhibit areas. During periodic times over five days, members demonstrated shag steps to the sounds of beautiful beach music. Junior dance team couple stunned the crowd with their latest moves and fancy footwork, too. Large crowds would stop to watch and listen to the music. All would applaud at the end of each dance.

Other club members handed out literature and keepsakes to those interested in learning more about the Carolina Shag and Twisters. Many signed up for the next set of lessons, offered by Ashley and Tobitha Stewart. One patron even inquired about private lessons. His wife was a shagger, but he didn't know how to do it.

The promotional display and exhibition was a huge success in exposing hundreds to the official state dance of North and South Carolina, and enticing many to enroll in the beginner class that began March 10. That class of 69 beginners was one of the largest enrollments in recent Twisters memory.

This event once again demonstrates that Twisters club members are playing a big role in promoting and keeping alive this wonderful dance and the music we all love so well.

Thought For Today:

A person who can't lead and won't follow makes an effective roadblock.

Sweet and Sour Dressing

By Dean Melton

- 1 ½ cups vegetable oil
- ¾ cup red wine vinegar
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 ½ teaspoons salt
- 1 ½ teaspoons celery seed
- 1 ½ teaspoons dry mustard
- 1 ½ teaspoons paprika
- 1 ½ teaspoons grated onion

Combine and mix well. Chill. Shake before serving

Farrell Watts Gets A Big Honor

Long-time DJ and friend Farrell Watts was recently inducted into the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's Hall Of Fame. This award commemorates the best of the best. On behalf of Twister's Shag Club we would like to say, "Congratulations" to him!



Bowling Party 2015

By Peggy Cavin

Twisters Shag Club members hit the lanes on March 15th with 20 friends ready to have a fun time. This is just one of the *various* Twisters yearly activities. There are many others during the year. I know of no other club that gets together to do so many things other than just dancing.

A few of us met early and enjoyed some of their excellent food before we put on shoes and picked out that special, winning (?) bowling ball.

The best bowlers came with their own ball and shoes. Since this was one of my first physical activities since several recent surgeries, I picked out a lightweight, six-pound ball. I quickly learned that it was almost too light to knock pins down and return to me. Someone suggested that I bowl with two six-pound balls so that if one got stuck, I could use the other. That worked for me!

The three team captains were Mike Rink, Scott Fletcher, and Mike Turbeville. They took turns picking players. As it worked out each team had one of our three best bowlers in the club (Ken Kreamer, Marylee, Kreamer and Nancy Massengill).

This is always a fun outing. It's not all about which team wins or who the best bowler is. At the end of the day, it's about having fun with The Fun Bunch! There were lots of laughs, and no one had pressure put on them. Well, no one except me. My team member had to wait for my ball to be unstuck a few times! But, it was all in fun!! Maybe we should have bowling more than once per year. We always seem to have a great turnout. Let's have some more fun!

Remember:

**We will have some space available for
YOUR article in the next issue!**

What's Happening In The Shag World

GoShagging.com and our Facebook page also have info.

April 7: TSC Monthly Meeting at Fat Boys.

April 10: Spring SOS Kickoff Party at The Finish Line Lounge

April 11: Junior Shag Dance Team Party For All at Lynn's

April 17-26: Spring SOS at North Myrtle Beach, SC.

May 16: Party in Roanoke, VA. DJ Mike Rink. It will be fun!

May 29, 30: Southern Comfort by Palmetto Shag Club. 803-497-3669, susan.martin956@gmail.com, www.palmettoshagclub.com

June 19, 20: Shaggin On The Boulevard in Charleston, WV. Call 304-610-7160 or email WVShagInfo@WVShag.com for info

June 20: Jukin Vinyl Party in Concord. More details coming soon.

June 27: Oldies Party hosted by Winston Salem Shag Club.

June 27: Boogie To Boone hosted by Boone Shag Club. Email NCA@Skybest.com for more information.

7/30-8/2: Shag-A-Ganza hosted by Golden Isles Shag Club in Jekyll Island. Goldenislesshagclub.com or 404-357-5169 for more.

July 2-6: Shag/Swing Contest & Party in Ft. Lauderdale

Aug: TSC Frozen Fantasy Party. Details to be announced.

Aug 20-22: Beach Boogie hosted by Tampa Bay Beach Boppers. 813.786.2245 or www.tampabaybeachboppers.com

Sept 18-27: Fall SOS at North Myrtle Beach, SC.

Oct 9, 10: ShagAttack and Shag Hall Of Fame Inductions at NMB

Oct 29-31: The 26th Annual Orange Squeeze hosted by Beach Boppers of Orlando. www.beachboppers.com

Nov (5) 6-8: The Fall Cyclone. See www.FallCyclone.com for details once the party plans are finalized. They're coming soon!

Upcoming Birthdays

Bob Rea	04/09	Debbie Hardick	04/16
Rees Brody	04/18	Debbie Chance	04/19
George Lentz	04/20	Raymond Clark	04/23
Bill Walton	04/26	Rich Brown	05/01
Garry Ballard	05/03	Cindy Rea	05/06
Trey Wilson	05/11	Frances Smith	05/21
Scott Fletcher	05/22	Will Chance	05/28

Congratulations to Mary Lee & Ken on becoming first time grandparents ☺

Hope Wray

Spring SOS is my favorite time of the year! I would like to say Happy Anniversary to my sweet husband with many more to come! Now, let's dance.

Diane Millman

Congratulations to Mike on his DJ Award. It is well deserved.

Susan Dahl

2015 Spring SOS DJ Schedule Courtesy Of Mike Rink, Twister's Shag Club & www.GoShagging.com

	Ducks	Ducks Café	Harold's	Harold's Back Deck	O.D. Arcade	O.D. Beach Club	O.D. Café	O.D. Pavilion	Pirate's Cove	Swillies Hideaway
Fri 12-5	Paul Craver & The Finesse Band Bill Harper	David Sessoms Gary Stelplflug Rose & Anderson	Milton White Eddie Baker	X Jerry Munson	Billy Fanning Terry McPhail	Rodney Still And Then Chigger Woods	X	Claude Collins Jerry Burrage Randy Rowland Jay Nelms	Trac Anderson Ken McGee Robbie Leggett	X Bill Ruth Joanne Johnson
Fri 5-9	Billy Waldrep & Buck Crumpton John Smith	Steve Baker & Butch Metcalf	Jimmy Buffkin	Ken Jones	Murl Augustine	Chigger Woods			McGee Robbie Leggett	Joanne Johnson
Sat 12-5	Grubb & Walston J Foster & B Harper	Vinyl Party	Eddie Baker	Kitty Earles	Danny Navey	Stevie B	X	Jay Kinlaw Claude Collins	Butch Adeimy	Tootie Brown
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Sat 9-C	Buck Crumpton & Ed Timberlake	Steve Baker & Butch Metcalf	Gary Bass	John Hall	Mike Harding	Clyde Waller	Childress	Stevie B	Ken McGee	John Campbell & Kitty Earles
Sun 12-5	Jason Justice & Blackwater R&B B Harper & J Foster Buck	Dennis Brumble & David Sessoms Agee & Johnson Rose & Stelplflug	<i>Camp Kemo</i> Milton White	<i>Tiny's Party</i> Larry Edwards Milton White	Norman Mills Chuck Clodfelter Stevie Coley	Roy Childress Rodney Still David Sessoms	X	Jay Nelms Jerry Burrage Claude Collins Jay Kinlaw	Clyde Waller & Tootie Brown Danny Navey Dick Hamrick	X Ken McGee Bill Ruth
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Valentines Day Party

By Hope Wray

I just wanted to thank everyone for making our Valentines Day Party a success. Everyone seemed to have a good time. The late night breakfast served at The Finish Line was fantastic. Congrats to all that won prizes that night. Even though there were other events going on that same weekend, I think our party blew everyone else's out of the water. The crowd, music, food and friends were great. Of course, we do know how to party. That's why we are known as the "Fun Bunch".

Valentines Party At The Finish Line

Barry Wray

The Valentines Party at the Finish Line on Friday The 13th went well. The ladies liked the roses. There were several items that were given away, including a room for DJ Throwdown. Our ladies did a good job decorating with the big candy hearts on the wall. I feel confident that a good time was had by all. It was obvious I had a good time by how slow I was moving the next morning!

As the night grew later the "instigator" flew into action. There was a couple there on their first date. They came in to check out all of the excitement. I think they either had a very good time, or were scared the hell out of them and we will never see them again. I remember the instigator asking the guy, "Hey man, you ever been in jail? I have." He rolled up his left hand to his lips with the index finger and thumb touching. I will not mention any names to protect the innocent or the guilty ones, but his co-conspirator was by his side spreading it on like mayo on a 'mater sandwich. At this point in the night, I think most everyone's drunk meter was nearly pegged. It was much like a late night at Fat Harold's during SOS.

I think it is good for everyone to take the initiative to introduce themselves to the new folks at Finish Line and make them feel welcomed. The crowds have been very great. If you haven't been out, you've got to get off that couch and come check things out. Who knows, you might even be the instigator's next victim.

ShagAttack 2015

By Peggy Cavin

Mike and I attended the spring ShagAttack party in March. This is when they announce the selection of individuals into the Shagger Hall of Fame, and the Keepers of the Dance.

The party started Friday night at the OD Beach Club. It was packed with shaggers and members of the Hall of Fame who had come to support the new inductees. Butch Metcalf was the DJ

On Saturday night we were served a delicious dinner consisting of fried chicken, roast beef, green beans, roasted red potatoes along with salad, bread and of course dessert; banana pudding and cake.

After dinner everyone went downstairs to party. Steve Baker was playing the music. At 10 o'clock the new inductees were announced. No one knows who these people will be until their names are called out. Sam McIntosh, Bob Myrick and Wanda Yov did the honors. Cheers and applause were heard as each new inductee's name was announced.

Eddie Monsour also received a special award on Saturday night for his involvement over the years.

Monty Lee was moving around throughout the night taking pictures of all who attended and the new inductees. Visit Monty's Facebook page to see these pictures.

Those inducted into the Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame were:

Judy Moore, Ann Rouse, Carol Church, Pat Folds, Lee Roberts
Claude Robertson, Nick Columbus, Tony Eldreth

Those voted into the Keepers of the Dance were:

Bryan Hall, Rachel McKilvey, Wade Alder

Twisters Shag Club congratulates all these 2015 recipients!

Happenings In The Massengill Family

By Nancy Massengill

Most of you are aware of our son who is in the Army. He, his wife, daughter and son have been stationed in Hawaii for the past three years. During this time he had been deployed to Afghanistan. It is now time for a change of station and we had been under the impression that they would be coming back stateside to be based at Fort Bliss (El Paso, Texas). This was to happen sometime the end of June or early July.

A couple of months ago, Trey received an invitation to apply for The 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard). We have learned recently that his packet has been reviewed and that indeed he has been accepted into The Old Guard. His new duty station will be Fort Myer just outside Washington, D.C.

For those of you who are unaware of The Old Guard, its mission is to conduct memorial affairs to honor fallen comrades and ceremonies and special events to represent the Army. The Old Guard is so named because it is the oldest active-duty regiment in the Army, serving our Nation since 1784. It is the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the President. It also provides security for Washington DC in the case of a national emergency or a civil disturbance.

Since World War II, The Old Guard has served as the official Army Honor Guard and escort to the President. In that capacity, 3rd Infantry soldiers are responsible for the conduct of military ceremonies at the White House, the Pentagon, national memorials and elsewhere in the nation's capital. In addition, soldiers of The Old Guard maintain a 24-hour vigil at the Tomb of the Unknown, provide military funeral escorts at Arlington National Cemetery and participate in parades at Fort Myer and Fort Lesley J. McNair. Along with these duties, The Old Guard presents historical theatrical productions to audiences in the Washington, D.C. Area. In fact, the Old Guard annually participates in more than 6,000 ceremonies, an average of 16 per day.

Despite this arduous schedule, The Old Guard continuously prepares for its security and infantry missions by conducting year round training, culminating in a rigorous evaluation of unit tactical proficiency. Because of this, all soldiers are as familiar with traditional infantry or military-police duties as they are with ceremonial duties.

There are several different units within The Old Guard. At this point we are unsure as to which unit he will be assigned. As you can imagine, it was quite an honor to be asked to apply. To now be accepted is definitely a highlight of his military career and one more reason why we are so very proud of him.

P.S. For those who followed the Afghanistan deployment as a Tactical Explosives Detector Dog, Morris has retired and was able to be adopted by Trey and family. He is living quite a spoiled family life and he along with their other two four-legged children will be coming closer for us to visit more often.

Some Things To Think About

- Join the gang for a trip to visit Roanoke Valley Shag Club on May 16th. Twenty TSC members are already going. If you ever think you might want to join in the fun, you need to call the The Comfort Suites Inn (Ridgewood Farm, 2898 Keagy Rd. Salem, VA) *immediately*. The phone number is 540-375-4800. Rooms are \$99. This is a very special rate since the VA Tech graduation is the same weekend. If you have any problems, ask for Kim and/or the Roanoke Valley Shag Club room rate.
- We're planning a golf outing that we hope to plan for May or June. We will have food afterwards. If you have any good ideas to help make this outing better, let the Board know.
- We're planning a club yard sale to be held in Mooresville in June. You can keep all of the proceeds for yourself, or donate some of what you make to the junior shaggers team. Anything not sold can either go back home with you or be taken directly to the local Goodwill or Restore store.

Fun At The Southern Spring Show

By Susan Dahl

We all had fun dancing and talking to folks at the Southern Spring Show. Fridays were a little slow, but both Saturdays' turnouts were super good. We had unbelievable interest from people walking by and signing up for a chance to win a free set of shag lessons. Others were interested but lived too far from Fat Boys.

A huge "Thanks" to the junior shaggers who showed up. They were a major "hit". Thanks to Tobitha and Ashley for getting them to attend. Saturdays are busy for the juniors, so we really appreciated them dancing for TSC.

Our five days was well organized and advertised, thanks to Mike and Peggy. I hope we will be asked next year, and for the Christmas Show. And, as always, I hope I'm still alive!

I'll see you at the Finish Line... where we are having great crowds.

Signed, One of the "Older-Than-Dirt" Fun Bunch Members ☺

Ramblings From the Road

Wayland Massengill

@&\$?!€£¥%#!&\$@!!! Cut me off again you...

Oh, hey my peeps! I didn't see you there. I was just congratulating an outstanding fellow motorist for their forethought while changing lanes here in sunny NYC. But alas, while everything is usually about me this time it isn't. (Sorry for your disappointment).

It has recently come to my attention that our beloved brewmaster wannabee, the not so fearless, not-the-leader vice-prez Barry apparently has a minor (really a major) problem identifying the difference between donkey indoor and outdoor plumbing. Let me 'splain it to you, Lucy.

Barry and his lovely and talented (and blushing with embarrassment) bride Hope raise little Ee Orr donkeys. They have been expecting the arrival of the latest bundle of braying joy, and it arrived recently.

They were expecting, or hoping for a girl donkey, "donkett" if you will and had the name "Baby" in use in speaking of the young one.

On the blessed day the Bambino arrived, (miserable weather, of course) the "Great And Powerful OZ" (I mean, Barry) went out to check out the hardware or lack thereof to satisfy the question of sex.

So he reaches under the little kiddo, now lazing about on the ground, and proclaims the lack of outdoor plumbing proves that "she" has arrived.

Now at what point, I don't know, but the brand spanking new four legged addition to the family was later observed to be h__g like a mule! (Sorry! I just couldn't let that go by.)

So, in review, "she" is in fact a "he". Barry is claiming an honest mistake because it was cold and wet and you know what happens to guys when it's cold and wet."

I say nay-nay! Thus, I must repeat what my lovely wife posted on Hope and Barry's Facebook page at my request. I'm sorry that Hope's husband "doesn't know the difference between indoor and outdoor plumbing."

On a further note, it occurs to me that "Baby" is not a fitting handle for a bouncing boy. So I submit the following suggestions:

Pump Handle, Drain Pipe, Faucet, Plumber... or my personal favorite and in honor of the proud father "Jack", I suggest "J Trap"

Barry, Barry, Barry... bless your heart...

See ya where the road ends and the party begins!

Thoughts About Beer

Submitted By Barry Wray

"Sometimes, after playing golf, I reflect on all the beer I drink, I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, "It is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver."

Babe Ruth

"I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day."

Winston Churchill

"When I read about the evils of drinking after golfing I gave up reading."

Paul Horning

"24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not."

H. L. Mencken

"When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven!"

George Bernard Shaw

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

Benjamin Franklin

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza."

Dave Barry

"BEER: Helping ugly people have sex since 3000 B.C."

W. C. Fields

"Remember "I" before "E," except in Budweiser."

Professor Irwin Corey

"To some it's a six-pack. To me it's a Support Group. Salvation in a can!"

Leo Durocher

One night at Cheers, Cliff Clavin said to his buddy Norm Peterson "Well, ya see, Norm, it's like this. A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members! In much the same way the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells.

Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine! That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers.

Southern Spring Show Impressions

By Rich Hardick

Again the Twisters club pulled off another great show at the Southern Spring Show in Charlotte. I think by the comments of the people I talked to, we were a great success. Both Saturdays, drew big crowds as members of Twisters showed off their moves on the dance area. The junior shaggers were also a big hit. After we completed our exhibition we all proceeded in different directions to look at the various exhibits, sample wine, and of course, spend some money on items on sale at the various booth.