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All info must be submitted by the 15th of the preceding month.

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The President's Letter

Dear Fun Bunch,

Can you believe Spring SOS is almost here? I'm ready for warm weather and I'm always ready to go to the beach, but SOS has really slipped up on me this year. It's time to dig out the shorts, suntan lotion, shag shoes and head east!

Start the holiday (SOS is a national holiday, right) with our SOS Kickoff Party. The date is April 11 so get ready to party. There is more information on the party in the newsletter.

We have SOS events planned for you! There will be Tea Parties, Shooter Parties, Tea Parties, golf, and maybe an extra get-together thrown in for good measure. Check out this newsletter for details on all TSC SOS Events.

Let's have a parade! The club that throws the "Best Shag Club Event of the Year" can also build a heck of a float. Chuck Willingham and his team are working hard on our float. Margaret Hutson and her team are working on costumes. You don't want to miss the fun so be at the April meeting to find out more.

Speaking of SOS, please make sure you display your SOS Card when entering the lounges at the beach. All participating clubs should be checking for cards at the door. Part of the proceeds from the sale of SOS memberships is distributed to the clubs to provide us with dance space, food and other amenities. Non-cardholders may pay a fee to enter each club.

If a participating club is not requiring cards or requesting a fee, we (you and I) are the ones supplementing the non-paying participants. Remember that employees checking cards are providing a service for us; the members of SOS. Please be polite and show your card even if you have to dig it out of your "fit just right" jeans pocket. *Don't have your membership card yet? See Dean at the meeting and get a big discount by buying it from TSC*.

Do you need to learn some new line dance moves before SOS? We've got that covered too! On Tuesday, April 14, Kathy Thompson will be teaching line dance lessons at Fat Boy's from 7:00 to 9:00. I understand that one of the dances will be Hey, Let's Party. Cost is only \$1 to help us cover location expenses.

On Tuesday, April 28, Chuck and Sandra will teach a couple shag steps. Same time, same place. Again, there will be a \$1 per person charge to offset the cost of the facility.

Many of you have asked about our beginner shag lessons. These lessons will resume on May 12 so be sure to tell your friends.

I want to thank all of the TSC members that made the trip to Hickory to support the benefit for Joan Powell. We had over thirty members participate and our support was greatly appreciated.

Dennis and I were on our way home from Augusta and missed bowling but I understand that the Fun Bunch had their usual good time. Be sure to send in a newsletter article about the benefit dance, bowling, our SOS Kickoff Party, SOS, or anything else related to shagging and TSC for the next newsletter.

Now... get ready to party and I'll see ya on the dance floor.

Frankie

Club Meeting And Membership News

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 7th at Fat Boys Restaurant (I-77, exit 36) in Mooresville. Come early to socialize and eat. Members are encouraged to come enjoy the buffet. The business meeting begins at 8:00pm.

All 2008 TSC Memberships expired before our last meeting. If you haven't renewed yet, you have a grace period and one final chance. Turn your form in at, or before the meeting, or you'll have to reapply for membership. We don't want to lose anyone. So hurry!

Party This Weekend

Tim and May Johnson have invited all TSC members to a shag party at their home this Saturday, April 4th.

Starts at 7pm or whenever guests arrive :) BYOB... mixers provided. Bring a little something food wise to share.

Please RSVP To 704-876-0661

The address is 250 Sojourner Lane, Stony Point NC 28678. If that does not work on your GPS, try 167 Sojourner Lane (their old address) and just follow the road to the end to their new home.

Directions: From I-77, take I-40 West. Go 2 exits turn right onto Hwy 115 north. (There will be a stoplight right there at the gas station. You will go through a stoplight near a car wash on the left and another light with a little gas station and a church. Then cross a tiny bridge.) When you have traveled a total of 3.2 miles on Hwy 115, make a left onto Midway Drive.

Go 5.6 miles and turn left onto Harris Bridge Rd. (At that intersection there is a brick house on the corner).

Continue on Harris Bridge Rd for 2.3 miles. (You will have crossed a bridge and started up the hill.) Turn Left onto Sojourner Lane (a dirt road) beside the pasture.

Pass a house on the left and one on the right... keep going... follow the dirt road up to the end (it will cross a bridge). You are there!

House # is 704-876-0661 Tim's cell is 704-880-0718 May's is 704-880-6918

SOS Kickoff Party

Our SOS Kickoff Party will be on Saturday, April 11 at Mulligans Restaurant at Fox Den Country Club. The event will start at 8pm. Mike Rink will DJ. Cover charge will be \$3. Some munchies will be provided. The facility has changed management, so there will probably not be a food menu available. However, the bar will be open to quench your thirst. Invite all of your friends and let's make this a big event as we celebrate our first gathering in some time, and a chance to get ready for SOS (whether you are going or not).

To get to Fox Den, take I-77 to exit 45. Turn left (west) and go two miles. You will see the entrance to Fox Den on your right. If you don't see the Mulligan's sign, you may be at the wrong entrance. Finally, if your name is listed here, you recently signed up to help with this event. Contact Frankie (704-873-2809) or our social chairperson immediately to find out what time one-hour slot between you will be needed to help with registration at the door.

Barb Cella	Arnold Hatley	Dean Melton
Bob Cella	Brenda Hatley	Jimmy Melton
Susan Dahl	Sandra Holmes	Tom Stone
Lena Flinchum	Margaret Honeycutt	Chuck Willingham

It's SOS Time again!

By Janice Musgrove

We received our 2009 SOS cards today. They arrived in the mail with a new look and my favorite color! Since we missed Midwinter for the first time this year we are more than ready to get back to the beach for dancing and fun with our TSC friends. We hope that everyone will get down to join us in all the activities.

For our new members, you won't believe all the places we dance and the wonderful people that you will meet. With so much to do and explore, you will have a hard time getting any rest. You'll have to do that when you get back home.

We look forward to seeing each of you.

TSC Activities During SOS

TSC members know that when you get to the beach you need to remember the number "five". That's when *most* of our activities start. All details are listed below. Tear this page out and keep it handy so you can find all of your shagging friends at the beach.

First Saturday, 5pm on the back deck at Fat Harolds. It's a "Tea Party". That's means Long Island Iced Tea (for you newbies). Come have fun. It's only \$2 for TSC members, or \$10 for guests. There will be food, too. Again, don't be late. This party doesn't last as long as some of the others during the week. So hurry!

Monday, 5pm at the Pirate's Cove. The club will not be buying beverages for this event. However, we will be giving away some souvenir huggers. There's a limited supply. Don't miss out.

Wednesday, 5pm at Ducks Too. We're having a beer, wine and shooter party. Again, it's only \$2 for TSC members, or \$10 for guests. There will be light munchies for this party. Come have fun.

Thursday, golf outing at Eastport (The Valley at Eastport). Be there *before 10:30* so we have time to get ready and make teams. We tee off at 11am. Men, women, members and guests are welcome to enjoy this "best ball" event. Total cost is \$48. If you think you might be able to play, please call Jim Hutson *now* so he can make sure we have enough tee times reserved. 704-902-8435.

Saturday, 11am up near the Kroger on Main Street. It's time to prepare the float and get ready for the parade. We'll have some sandwiches and water while they last for those who get there early enough to help out. Don't be late or you will miss the fun.

Saturday, 5pm at the O.D. Beach Club. It's our big, final Tea Party of the week. Don't miss out. There will be lots of food, too. It's \$2 for TSC members and \$10 for guests. Come early!

The last Sunday, 8pm at Fat Harolds. It's the annual Bob Rea "I'm not leaving SOS and you can't make me" party… *once held without Bob when we were lucky.* ⁽²⁾ Still at the beach? Come have fun with your TSC friends. We'll probably tour all the open clubs.

<u>A Few More Notes About SOS</u>

When you come to the SOS Tea Parties and Shooter Parties, please try to wear a TSC shirt, a Fall Cyclone shirt, a TSC hat, a TSC visor, or at least a TSC Member button so everyone will know you are part of The Fun Bunch.

If you don't have one, see Frances Smith at the meeting. She may still have a few extras to sell.

Wearing TSC apparel is a great way to show camaraderie. It may also keep you from having to wear an armband (like our guests do) at our parties so everyone knows who is entitled to the food and beverages your club pays for.

Looking for a concise, easy to read and compare listing of which DJ's are playing where and when? Check out our web site before you go to the beach.

As usual, we plan to have a "one page" listing so you can easily tell where you want to go when you are cruising the lounges at SOS. It's a lot easier to find your friends if you have our list!

Are You Ready For SOS? By Khris Sloop

Well folks, SOS Spring Safari is just around the corner. Are you ready? This will be our first time staying the whole week. We love the beach and even more when we get together with friends.

Teresa asked me the other day, "Are you expecting to party every night because I don't think I can keep up?" My answer was "Heck yeah!" But I know that my alligator mouth might overload my jaybird butt. Although we may not go out every night we will be at the club functions for sure. See you there!

Editor's Note: If you don't have your SOS Membership card, see Dean at the meeting. You save \$10 by buying from TSC.

Need A Place To Stay This Fall?

I have reserved a two bedroom deluxe suite, ocean view, lower level at Wyndham's Ocean Boulevard (walking distance to everything) Sept 12-19 for the Fall SOS. I know we haven't had the Spring Safari yet, but you have to get these in advance. I will rent the suite for \$750 and you don't have to pay for it until August. I just need the commitment that you do want it. If I have not heard from anyone before mid-June, I will cancel the reservation and not loose my points for another vacation . You can email me at celia.hunter@allentate.com or call me at work (704-572-4733).

Love Poems

Submitted By Khris Sloop

A Woman's Love Poem

Before I lay me down to sleep, I pray for a man, who's not a creep, One who's handsome, smart and strong. One who loves to listen long, One who thinks before he speaks, One who'll call, not wait for weeks. I pray he's gainfully employed, When I spend his cash, he won't be annoyed. Pulls out my chair and opens my door, Massages my back and begs to do more. Oh! Send me a man who'll make love to my mind, Knows what to answer to "how big is my behind?" I pray that this man will love me to no end, And always be my very best friend.

A Man's Love Poem

I pray for a deaf-mute nymphomaniac with Huge boobs who owns a bar on a golf course, And loves to send me fishing and hunting. This doesn't rhyme and I don't give a .

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Enjoy The Best Live Entertainment During SOS In The World Famous Spanish Galleon	The World Passes	Friday Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	Tommy Black And Blooz The Entertainers with guests Vicki Skinner, Bobby Smith and Paul Craver The Band OI Oz The Entertainers Mark Roberts and Bresze Sammy Obanion and Mardi Gras Spm. Prc-Release Party with various DJ's and special guests and the Band OI Oz 4pm. New Music Release Party with various DJ's and special guests and Holiday Band The Rick Strickland Band and Bobby Smith and The Poor Souls
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O.D. BEACH CLUB

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	Noon-5pm DJ	5-9pm DJ	9pm-Close DJ		6-10pm DJ	10pm-Close DJ
Friday	X	Wilkie Whaley	Betty Brown	Friday	David Sessoms	Farrell Watts
Saturday	X	Roy Childress	Mike Rink	Saturday	Joanne Johnson	Wilkie Whaley
Sunday	X	Betty Brown	Joanne Johnson	Sunday	David Sessoms	Roy Childress
Monday	X	David Sessoms	Gene Sistare	Monday	X	X
Tuesday	Clyde Waller	Tootie Brown	Multi - DJ Jam	Tuesday	X	X
Wednesday	Jack Moore	Tootie Brown	Roy Childress	Wednesday	Gerry Holland	Norman Mills
Thursday	Gerry Holland	Jack Moore	Betty Brown	Thursday	Rodney Still	Gene Sistare
Friday	Joanne Johnson	Mike Rink	Betty Brown	Friday	Farrell Watts	Wilkie Whaley
Saturday	David Sessoms	Mike Rink	Wilkie Whaley	Saturday	Roy Childress	Gene Sistare

FRIENDS MEET HERE DURING SOS

Dancing With Our Friends

By Beverly Munday

Most of the TSC members have been looking for new places to dance, recently. We have been sprouting our wings and driving long distances, too. It's fun, it exciting, it's adventurous.

We have been to Statesville's monthly party on Valentines Weekend. We have gone to the Salisbury Shag Club party at the Elks Lodge. We have gone to Piedmont Shag Club Monthly party.

Where have you been going? Inquiring minds want to know!

We're looking forward to SOS to gather with "The Fun Bunch".

Guidebook to Great Parties And More

By Frankie Johnson

At our last business meeting, I asked that you let me know when you attend annual parties hosted by other shag clubs. I would like to compile a "Guidebook to Great Parties" for our club members. Each party has a unique personality and special features. Attending these events is a great way to meet new people and support the many clubs that support Fall Cyclone. So far this year TSC has attended the shag events listed below. Please let me know if you have attended an annual shag event that is not listed:

The Electric Storm - Electric City Shag Club Burlington Shag Club Meals on Wheels - Burlington Shag Club DJ Throwdown - Association of Beach and Shag Club Deejays The Augusta Classic - CSRA Shag Club

Seen on a T-Shirt at DJ Throwdown: Dance off Beat, Go To Jail. It's The Law!

Congratulations to Norman Mills and Tootie Brown for their induction into the Deejay Hall of Fame. Norman and Tootie are both originally from Mooresville, NC.

Beckley Area Shag Club's 15th Annual Mountain Boogie Walk May 15-16th, 2009

Hern's Hangar Airport Road Exit 125B off I-64E, Beaver, WV

DJ's – The Booger Brothers: Ed Timberlake & John Smith				
Free Workshop	Instructors: Gene & Nancy Pope 2008 Masters Division Champions USA Grand Nationals	Free Workshop		

Tickets are \$55 - 1 day tickets <u>will not be sold</u> Get yours early - This party always sells out! Free soft drinks, beer and set-ups provided & Anqet® Natural Spring Water ----BYOB----- 2,400 Square Foot Masters Dance Floor

Friday *7:30 pm to 1 am –Sandwiches– Late night coffee & doughnuts – 50/50 drawing Saturday 11:00 am *Shag workshop - Pizza served following the workshop 7:00 pm *Catered Buffet Dinner 11:30 pm *Doughnuts and coffee with 50/50 drawing –Dancing until 1 am

>>>>There will be no Sunday morning activities>>>>

Reservations: Sleep Inn/Beaver \$60/night 888-259-8545 Ask for "shag club rate". The Sleep Inn is located 1 mile from the NEW Hangar & a shuttle will run every 15 minutes between the Hangar and Sleep Inn on <u>Friday and Saturday nights only</u>.

***Special room requests (kings, non-smoking, etc.) are limited due to the size of the Sleep Inn. Alternate hotel available upon request by calling Karen Callahan at 800-294-0855.

Send check to: Beckley Area Shag Club, P.O. Box 395, Beckley, WV 25802 <u>Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope</u>

Contacts: Charlie Cline @ 304-228-9	938 <u>cwcline@suddenlink.net</u>
Karen Callahan @ 800-294-0855 ema	uil: <u>shagbasc@earthlink.net</u> or
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Directions from the Beaver Sleep Inn to the NEW Hangar

Travel 1.1 mile on Airport Road. Instead of entering the Airport property turn right onto Industrial Park Road. Travel $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and turn left onto Thunderbird Drive beside of DaTech building. Continue through the gate and Hern's Hangar is the first Hangar on the left.

Tickets for the 8th Annual Runway Boogie to be held <mark>August 14-15th</mark> at the Hangar go on sale at the Mountain Boogie Walk after the workshop on Saturday, May 16th.

March Bowling With The Fun Bunch

By Peggy Cavin

Recently we met again at Northcross Lanes in Huntersville for our yearly bowling get-together. It is now a non-smoking facility, perfect for our group. By 2 o'clock, we had a approximately twenty-five club members with bowling balls and shoes in hand. Not everyone was there to play. At least four came to watch and cheer their friends on. The bowling alley knew The Fun Bunch was there since most of us wore some type of Twister's shirt. It's a given that wherever we go as a club, we are recognized.

Among our members, we had a few pros that showed us non-pros just how it was done. Fortunately, or unfortunately, I had four who are now in a bowling league, plus one pro on my team. Me, I had to pick out a 10 lb. bowling ball. They brought their own. I did have my own bowling shoes. But I actually bought them for shagging because they look like tennis shoes and have leather on the bottom. I got my yearly "this is how it's done" lesson from a well-known pro bowler among us. It's kind of like golf for us non bowlers. You really never forget, you just have to be reminded of a few simple rules and bowling etiquette. Then, on the other hand, it's like dancing... counting steps and what the feet and hands are doing. And they have to come together at the right time! Like golf and dancing, too much concentration when learning the fundamentals can cause things to not come together exactly right. But nobody is watching the beginners. They are watching the pro in the next lane beside you get that strike. So, I didn't have a thing to worry about. It helps, though, to have a little bit of cheering from everyone when you do something right. Thanks guys!

Twister members, you are the best! You support each other no matter if you are the "best of the best" or just out there giving it your best. If you weren't there, you missed a fun time. To the rest of you, "see ya next year".

Let's see now, was it left foot first, take five steps, let go or was that 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5, 6?

Ah, Bowling

Submitted by Pat Bouknight

Bowling. It sure doesn't sound enticing for some. It doesn't get your motor running like a Pre-SOS party. But that's what we had on a recent Sunday at NorthCross Lanes. For most of us shaggers, we want music and dance. This was on a totally different level.

For as many years Irby and I have been members of Twisters, this was one event that we never attended. We decided it was time to try. Irby had been a league bowler years ago. It would be fun. We had a crowd of around 20 bowlers and several non-bowlers.

Everyone got there shoes and headed off to one of our assigned bowling lanes. You know it's kind of funny how all the regular league bowlers ended up on the same team. Thank goodness we didn't compare scores. All TSC members were there to have a good time without keeping up with who had the highest score between the teams.

We had all kinds of bowlers from the smooth release and roll to the throw and bounce the ball down the lanes. Then we had someone who said that their fingers got stuck in their ball and tried to throw bowl the ball in the opposite direction. You had to watch them because you had to be ready to catch the ball if it came back toward you. But the cutest bowler of all was the Fred Flintstone bowler that did the tippy-toe step and then released the ball.

After three games of bowling and people saying that their arm was starting to ache, we said our goodbyes. It was an afternoon of socializing and being with friends. And it was great doing something together with our TSC friends.

You should have a lot of great memories from upcoming TSC events and SOS. Please write up something for next month. All your friends want to hear from you.

Bowling Fun

By Debbie Hayes

I really had fun bowling Sunday 3/22/09 at Northcross Lanes. Even though the bowling pins were mal-arranged, since I seem to bowl backwards instead of frontwards, it was still fun. I would like to thank the person in charge of getting the event together. My team members (Sal, Yvonne, Charlie, Iris and Jimmie) were great. They really made me look good. I had hoped to be on the best team to make me look good score-wise, but I could not have had a better team than the one I was on. We had the most fun laughing (which is good medicine). So I must be almost cured from my health problems since I laughed so much I was sore the next day. All teasing aside, I really enjoyed the fellowship with all the TSC gang. I'm looking forward to the next TSC adventure.

Instant Strawberry Frozen Yogurt Recipe

Submitted By Brenda Hatley and Beverly Munday

Serves 1. Serving = 1 bowl. Preparation: 5 minutes.

Ingredients: 3/4 c loose-pack frozen strawberries, 1/3 c low-fat plain yogurt, 2 tsp honey

Directions: On a work surface, carefully cut the strawberries into chunks with a serrated knife. Place them in a blender or the bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Pulse 10 times to finely chop.

Add the yogurt and honey. Process, scraping down the sides of the bowl as needed, for 1 to 2 minutes, or until smooth. (Tiny chunks of berry can remain for texture).

Serve immediately.

Nutritional SummaryCalories:151Calcium(mg):161Carbohydrates(g):32Fiber(g):4Omega-3(g):0.04Vitamin D(IU):0

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.

April 7: TSC Monthly Meeting at Fat Boys Restaurant.

April 9: Pre-SOS Party hosted by Charlotte Shag Club. No cost. DJ Mike Brantley. 704-510-1743 or charlotteshagclub.com.

April 9-12: Smoky Mountain Boogie in Pigeon Forge hosted by the Smoky Mountain Shaggers. Call 865-680-6686 or visit www.smokymountainshaggers.com for more information.

April 11: SOS Kickoff Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club. See elsewhere in this issue for more details. Don't miss it.

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

May 9: Monthly Party hosted by Gaston Shaggers. \$6 guests. DJ Joanne Johnson. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com.

May 14: 50's Party hosted by Charlotte Shag Club. 704-510-1743 for more information. Visit our website at charlotteshagclub.com.

May 15-16: Mountain Boogie Walk hosted by the Beckley Area Shag Club. DJs Ed Timberlake and John Smith. \$55. 304-228-9938 or cwcline@suddenlink.net for more info.

May 16: Party hosted by The Sandy Beach Shag Club. \$7. DJ Kyle Beam. rsmorley55@hotmail.com or sandybeachshagclub.com.

May 23: Monthly party by the Lancaster Shag Club. \$5. DJ Terry Medlin. scdjgene@comporium.net or 803-286-6360.

May 22-24: Wiggle Giggle hosted byThe Coastal Shag Club. \$65-\$75. DJ Tootie Brown 910-575-0040 coastalshagclub@yahoo.com or www.coastalshagclub.org for more info.

May 29-31: Southern Comfort hosted by Palmetto Shag Club. \$70. DJ's Skip Mallios, Billy Waldrep, Jesse Griffin, and the Booger Brothers. npowell09@aol.com or 803-796-6106.

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 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.

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

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

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

July 25: Annual Flashback Party hosted by Charlotte Shag Club. 704-510-1743 or charlotteshagclub.com.

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

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 14, 15: Runway Boogie by Beckley Area Shag Club.

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: Mountain Empire Shag Society Fall Bash. \$45. DJs Larry Calhoun/Ed Timberlake. mess_vicepresident@yahoo.com or 423-245-6142 or www.messdance.com for more info.

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

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

This Month's Birthdays

Marcia Felts	04/08	Rees Brody	04/18
Bob Rea	04/09	Allen Brown	04/19
Gwen Weddington	04/09	Linda Waugh	04/22
Ross Eason	04/11	Raymond Clark	04/23
Teresa Sloop	04/12	Rick Thompson	04/26
Dennis Kerr	04/16	Georgia Howell	04/29

Next Month's Birthdays

Rick White	05/01	Charles Munday	05/20
Charlene Bianculli	05/02	Barb Cella	05/21
Sherry Eason	05/04	Roger Lemmond	05/21
Cindy Rea	05/06	Frances Smith	05/21
Sandy Hayes	05/10	Bill Blanton	05/27
Betsy Chapman	05/14	Gene Sigmon	05/28
Jeff Firestone	05/15	Jim Horton	05/31
Ellen Kidda	05/16		

Happy Birthday Allen (aka Poppy)! Love, Phyllis, Ally & Bud

Happy Birthday Teresa!

I am looking forward to sharing more of them with you! Love, Khris

Condo For Rent At North Myrtle Beach

Save Big Renting Directly From A TSC Member/Owner!

Nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit. Sleeps 6. Front & rear decks. Non-Smoking unit with 3 TV's, 3 DVD players, VCR, wireless internet, outside jacuzzi, pool and much more. This unit is on the 1St Floor, one block from the water.

Email pnc8701@aol.com to see photos, rates and availability, or afternoons & evenings call 704-827-4055.

April & May Dance Lessons

Line Dance Lesson Tuesday, April 14th from 7:30-9pm. Kathy Thompson will teach two different line dances. Come out and join the fun. Cost is only \$1 to help cover facility cost.

We will NOT have lessons the Tuesday night during SOS week.

Chuck and Sandra will teach a couple steps on Tuesday night, April 28th. Come out and have some fun and learn a new step. Again, cost is only \$1 for that night.

Our next full sets of lessons will start on Tuesday night, May 12. Come out and improved your dancing. Tell all your friends that want to learn to shag, too. We need more people doing our dance! A full set of lessons is only \$30. That's a bargain!

New Members Profiles

By Tommy & Wilma Laws

Please welcome Mark and Marla Faulkenberry to TSC! Mark and Marla live in the Mooresville area and have two sons. They enjoy golfing, boating, scrapbooking, and listening to beach music.

They have always enjoyed watching shaggers dance and thought it looked like so much fun. They had heard about Twister's and it was a local club, charitable and fun so they decided to try it... and found a home! Marla's second cousin was in a Junior Shag Championship competition and taught Marla and Mark to dance. Another cousin and her husband live in Clover, SC and her husband is president of a Junior Shaggers organization. We are happy to have both of them as members of "The Fun Bunch"!

We are also happy to have Georgia Howell as a new member of the Twister's Shag Club. Georgia lives in Wilkesboro, NC and enjoys arts, crafts, needlework, gardening, etc. Some years ago dancing was one of her favorite pastime things to do and she wanted to get back into dancing. A friend recommended Twister's Shag Club to her. Welcome Georgia to "The Fun Bunch" and hope you have many enjoyable times with us.

Twister's Does It Again

By Susan Dahl

We had 31 members at Joan Powell's Benefit Party in Hickory. What a great turnout! Approximately \$2500 was raised towards her double lung transplant.

Dianne H. won the Half and Half, and a good time was had by all.

I don't remember if anyone mentioned that Twister's also had the second most members at the Salisbury Dance. That was great, too!

I hope we have a dance soon. Some of us have not seen each other in weeks. I miss you all and I am looking so forward to SOS!

Editor's Note: There will be at least two parties before SOS!

Fundraiser for "Joan Baby" Powell

By Ann Horton

We had the opportunity to participate in this event the weekend of March 14th. Although I have never met Joan Powell, I was inspired by her smooth shagging!

A lot of TSC members showed up for this event! And because this party was BYOB, we got to experience some really interesting and delightful shooters!

The theme was St. Patrick's Day. There were some adorable green decorations... especially on the TSC members who came!

The Hickory VFW has a nice big dance floor. We had the pleasure of experiencing Norman Mills and Clyde Waller spinnin' their tunes. It really is great to see so many people who are part of the "shag community" dancin' and playin' together in such a fun environment!

Everyone was so welcoming and warm. We had a great time.

Fundraiser Party

Phyllis Brown

Well, thanks once again to Susan's shuttle service, we made it to the St Patrick's Day Fund Raiser in Hickory. The weather was terrible that night but that didn't bother Susan. I got to meet T2 that night too. For those of you who don't know who T2 is - it's Susan's little girl (dog).

Nancy Massengill made candy with oreo cookies and rum. It was delicious. Nancy we've got to have that recipe! Margaret Hutson doesn't know this, so don't tell her, I have a picture of her with her green wig and sunglasses that I will be passing on to Mike for the web site. We all had a wonderful time and it was so good to see so many of our friends there.

Play Time with the Band of Oz

By Ann Horton

On February 21st, we went to the Dead Animal Place (aka Black Angus) in Statesville to see the Band of Oz. They sure know how to entertain! There was a finger food buffet and a cash bar.

The dance floor is too small, but we made do. We danced and played throughout the night. Every table was reserved but, thankfully, Lynn Bullard had room for us at her table. We did not realize we had to "buy a table" as they say. The good news is that in the back room (more like a ballroom) where they have the concert, there aren't all the dead animals on the walls!

Help Make Our Activities At SOS Better

Twister's Shag Club needs some volunteers to help take up money, pour drinks, and check in members and guests at our Tea and Beer/Shooter parties during SOS. If you are willing to help, please let us know at the meeting. We'll need a total of about 25 people to help out for a single one-hour spot to be able to cover all of our events during the week. Thanks in advance for your support.

Hazard Pay

By Teresa Sloop

In the past, I have been offered what would amount to hazard pay for some of the jobs I did at work. I have come to the realization that some of the jobs with Twister's Shag Club should have a hazard point system that my fellow workers should be awarded.

Recently, I was having a particularly bad week. I twisted my ankle at work (mind you I was walking along a flat area and twisted it) and several other small to moderate stupidity related things filled my week.

Before leaving work that day, my wonderful hubby sent me an email asking if I would like to help with the TSC newsletter that night. We would have dinner out.

The first thought in my muddled brain was, "Great! A safe, sitdown task and dinner. Who could ask for anything more?".

I zipped an immediate "yes" to him and finished my day in relative safety. I rushed home and soon we were off to meet the group at Red Robin.

Unfortunately for those we were working with, namely Mike and Peggy, my bad luck and clumsiness followed me.

Not long after arriving I managed to spill a glass of water on a large portion of the labels for the newsletter while at the same time christening Mike's some of Mike's clothes. Thank heavens it was water, not tea or soda. But it sure made putting the labels on the newsletters a more challenging task.

This is where hazard points should have been awarded to other members for working side-by-side with me.

Next time Khris goes to a newsletter meeting, someone is likely to ask him to leave me at home.

An Electric Experience

By Ann Horton

Jim and I got to go to the Electric Storm the last weekend of January. This was Electric City Shag Club's annual event in Clemson, SC. We had so much fun! We even got to see a few TSC members there, and we know it doesn't get any better than that!

The party is held in the Ramada Inn and a lot of people get rooms there. We weren't so lucky. We stayed across the street at the Sleep Inn, which was very nice. Thank goodness there was a complementary shuttle service because it is actually a very busy highway. Walking across it could be a bit challenging if not lifethreatening!

There were two dance areas... a gazebo in an enclosed atrium and a large ballroom. There were DJ's happenin' in both areas most of the time.

There was an open bar most of the time as well. Besides what you could create, this one had four tapped beverage coolers full of some pretty powerful concoctions! And, of course, there was beer on tap.

They had an elaborate door prize system set up where you picked up things you may have won with your door prize ticket that you got when you checked in. They had a raffle, too. They gave away two gifts to winners, and we won some! There were workshops for shagging and line dancing. Maggie is quite the instructor!

In the lobby areas, there were a number of different kiosks... clothing, embroidery, jewelry and (my personal favorite) pottery! I got a piece of black porcelain pottery with beautiful teal glaze that we got to use for chip dip while we were there!

We are definitely going to try to get tickets for this party next year! They aren't easy to come by so, if I've sparked your interest, look into it. Their website is shagginjack.net.

What Is A Good DJ?

By Peggy Cavin

Spring SOS is fast approaching us and thoughts of shag music, dance clubs, tea parties, 10 fun filled days along with good friends come to mind.

We all travel to North Myrtle Beach with hopes of seeing old friends and making new ones while listening to our favorite DJ's in the clubs that participate in SOS.

But, what makes a good DJ? We all know the number of Shag DJ's have grown tremendously. I can't imagine where they are all coming from. Fortunately, there are some really good ones out there. I know by watching and listening to DJ's since my first SOS in 1983 that it takes a special person to be able to do this type job. Yes, I said "job". Most people just assume it's fairly simple to just stand in a DJ booth and play music. Wrong!

I've gotten to know several DJ's personally. Let me tell you, I would not want to have to get up in front of an easy, fun crowd much less a tough, unhappy crowd and DJ. It's really not as easy as it sounds or looks. From what I understand, an empty dance floor is a DJ "nightmare".

A DJ doesn't usually just start playing music and the floor immediately fills up with dancers. Even the very best DJ's have to work at finding the right combination of music to fit the crowd in the club where they are playing to get people moving. Whether it is the fast, medium beat, or smoothie approach, it all has to come together at the right time. If it doesn't happen this way, you have a nervous DJ and a bored crowd on your hands.

A DJ job can mentally wear out the best DJ by the end of the night. The DJ works for the club owners, but has to be able to bring in the crowds and keep them happy, too. He is supposed to keep the crowd dancing four to five hours while standing on his feet inside a small space sometimes very loosely called a DJ booth. A DJ booth can get mighty crowded, too. People come in to request their favorite song or just to chat with the DJ. it takes a person who can do multiple tasks at the same time to be able handle the situation.

I guess the first job for the DJ is getting prepared before he plays. Then, they have to have some kind of plan to start the night off. After that they follow the crowd's reaction to what is being played.

Sometimes at SOS it looks easy. Other times it looks difficult. Getting the right combination and keeping the pace going can be tough. It might be the crowd the DJ is playing to, the mood they are in, the fact that they just got through eating, the time of day, or any of a number of combination of things affecting the party.

A good DJ can feel a "good night" when it happens. Bad nights have also happened to every the DJ circuit. They may laugh about them after the fact. But they can't be fun when happening.

Over the years everyone picks their favorite DJs and most likely follow them to parties where they plays during the year. It is always fun to caravan to different places to support a DJ, and that particular shag club or shag event.

A DJ you follow is also likely to know you and your favorite songs. That's part of being a good DJ. So when you are at an event when he plays, chances are he will work one of more of your songs into his playlist. There are a few DJ's that I don't ever ask to play songs. They just know what I like. And after one is played, I give them a "thumbs up" as a personal thank you.

I used to get upset when I walked up to a DJ, my favorites included, to request my favorite song. Then an hour later I'd have to mention it to him again. I now know and understand that they develop a kind of "plan" during the night and if that "plan" is working (by that I mean the dance floor is staying full). I may have to wait a little longer before I hear my favorite song worked into the mix. But if I am patient, the DJ will play my requests at the right time in that night's "plan". Most SOS events have had what we call "the song". You can tell what it is when traveling the club circuit and paying attention to the music being played. So the next time you go to SOS, see how fast you can identify "the song" of that particular event.

Personally, I like the more upbeat songs. My feet just will not move slow. But, I will dance to a smoothie if you ask me. Shag dancers just never turn down a request to dance.

Again, I can't stress enough how it's a business venture for a DJ. They work darn hard getting good music, and then playing the songs we love to dance to.

I'm not even going to get into the time and money that it requires to become a good DJ. I will have to say it is much easier to become a DJ in modern times. But some of the "old" DJ's have traveled thousands of miles collecting prize 45's and albums. I know that some of those same DJ's still take pride in their vinyl collections.

There is nothing wrong with having music on CD's today. Some are even using computers. Either way is a lot easier than carrying boxes and boxes of heavy records. But if you have ever gone into an old record shop, it's mind boggling to see room after room, and shelf after shelf of 45's and albums. You can even buy the old record carrying cases at some locations.

If you have ever seen one of the "older" DJ's rummaging through those millions of musty smelling, long forgotten relics and see the look of "days gone by" on their faces, you will have a different respect for a DJ from back in the earlier days of shagging and SOS.

One last thing... there has always been standing jokes about certain songs that some people want to hear.

Every respectable shagger knows you wouldn't want anyone to know it if you ever asked a DJ to play "Under the Boardwalk", "Miss Grace" or "California Girls". Right?

Do you know what I mean out there? If not, you're still learning!

Queenie's Medical Moment

By Queenie – Alias Pam Siege

What to write about, what to write about...? I know, bladder control. You either have it or you don't. It comes from so many different problems:

- 1. Having a baby
- 2. Prolapsed bladder... falling out... whooo! Horrible!
- 3. Being overweight
- 4. Nerve loss in the well that area... you know!
- 5. Old age (well we should all be walking around with wet pants)!

6. Certain outside triggers... not going there... you know what causes yours!

Symptoms:

- 1. overactive bladder
- 2. strong urges to go
- 3. frequent urination peeing
- 4. leakage or wetting accidents

Treatment:

- 1. Go to the doctor. Hello? Go to the doctor!
- 2. Change your pants frequently.

3. Carry an extra pair of underwear in the glove compartment of your car like your mother told you to do... like she said... in case of an accident!

Well I have said it all! What more can I tell you except that I have had my share of accidents... like when I was doing cheerleader jumps on the beach last year during SOS... or when I was dancing at the Pirates Cove my first SOS... or when I sneezed too hard in the grocery store line while laughing at Irby... or when I was just standing still and not doing anything which doesn't happen often... or when I was laughing too hard at my crazy husband Geoff or at my crazy friends. Do I need to name you all individually? OK...

1. Bless Her Heart – Pat 2. Mary Poppins – Beverly 3. Anaylize It – Brenda 4. Take Me Somewhere Fun - Dianne

My conclusion is that there is another reason for having bladder leakage; having a very funny life!

So the moral is, if you have never wet your pants for no apparent reason, you are not leading a fulfilled, happy, funny life... and you probably have never gone to SOS!

See you all there. Bring a change of clothes $*\&^{m}@^{m}$

The 20th Annual CSRA Augusta Classic

Bv Jennifer Finney

John and I were talked into going to the Augusta Classic shag weekend. We weren't sure what to expect except we were told it was similar to our Fall Cyclone event.

The party started at 7:00 Friday. We arrived around 8:00 and were pleasantly surprised. The outside of the building (actually a casino) was built with beautiful stonework and it was overlooking a lake. The facility was smaller than our skating rink, but only 600 tickets are sold. You bring your own alcohol in a huge container for the weekend and they provide all mixers. Beer and wine were also for sale. The music was good and people were very friendly. We even saw another couple from Charlotte we new from the Fall Cyclone.

Saturday, Ellen Taylor put on a great workshop that we attended. She taught a new mirror step that you can do alone or with a partner. She also worked on the move called "The Augusta". I didn't get that one! We did a little shopping and napping and returned that night around 7:00. Things were hopping!

The Boo Woogie brothers were the DJ's and the music was much more to our liking! I think we both danced straight for 4-5 hours!

Sunday we returned around 11:00. We made sure we brought our appetites because the whole club provided a homemade covered dish for everyone that included chicken, rice, broccoli casserole, squash casserole, potatoes, chocolate cake, pound cake, lemon squares, etc. They played gospel shag music and a very talented lady sang amazing grace that brought me to tears!

I will have to say it was an awesome party and the best part is that we didn't have to do any of the work to help out!

Shakers Make for a Fantastic Evening

By Ann Horton

We got to experience the Fantastic Shakers in concert Saturday, 3/21 at the Statesville Civic Center! We had a great time shaggin' and dancin' the night away!

As you can imagine, there were a variety of people there, not all shaggers. But it seemed like everyone enjoyed the mix the band put together. They even sang a few line dances as well!

My only complaint was that the music stopped shortly after 10pm on a Saturday night... ah well, that's Statesville! But if you missed it, you missed out!

We saved a space for you this month. That's right, we're talking to **YOU!**

Didn't you get your article finished in time?



Please send in something for the next issue!

Sorry If You Missed It

By Sharon Abernethy

At the time I was taking my very first shag lesson, some of you long-time (notice I didn't say older) Twister's members were building a pirate ship float.

Well, it's been decided that the time has come for another float for the 15th Spring Safari parade. This time I'm more involved.

With great leadership and a willing work crew in place, meetings were held and ideas flowed.

Our first work day did not go as planned, due to rain. The next workday more than made up for the rainy one. The weather gave us a perfect spring day, a little cool in the morning and tanning us in the afternoon. Gene Hunter's farm provided the perfect location. (Thanks, Gene.) We had music and laughter on high volume. Memories from the past came back as we joked about not having so much fun since the last time we decorated for our high school proms. Following a lunch break, the work continued on. Much was accomplished. Costumes were a huge topic. Just a reminder, you must have a one to ride on the float. We will be offering a t-shirt for non "costumed" people to purchase.

Our efforts were rewarded by a surprise visit from a dear friend, Glenda James. Everyone had to stop to share a hug with her and get one of her "shag world famous" smiles. Glenda was declared our guest supervisor. Way to go girl.

As the work continued on, ideas began to take shape; some better than we had planned, some needed a revision or two. The excitement of seeing structures being painted, generated more ideas and plans. Goals were set for the next Saturday. Just like the shows on television, the homework assignments were handed out.

Still, after the full day a few of us ended the night with the "Fantastic Shakers in Statesville. Yes, that is a story for someone else to tell.

