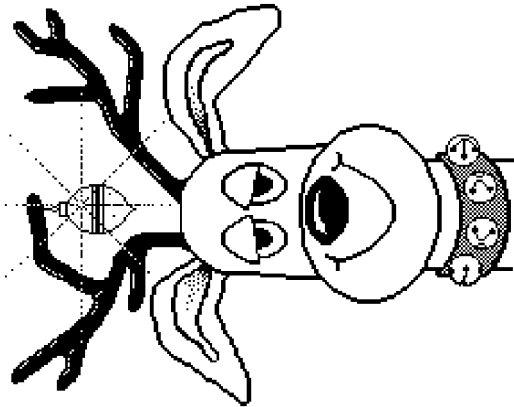


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The President's Letter

Hello Fun Bunch,

Congratulations and thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone that worked to make the Fall Cyclone a great success.

Once again we held a great Fall Cyclone and it is all because of you. Not only was our eighteenth Fall Cyclone successful, we were rewarded by being presented with the very first Carolina Beach Music (CAMMY) Award for "Shag Club Event of the Year"!

We had many first-timers at this year's party and they all said the same thing; "We'll Be Back!" We are always asked by other clubs how we consistently manage to pull off such a successful party. The work isn't easy but the answer is "Experience, organization, member participation and hard work."

Special thanks go to:

- Everyone that arrived on time for their scheduled work assignments and stayed through the duration of the assignment.
- Everyone that filled in when others couldn't fulfill their commitments.
- Everyone that worked setup or teardown even though it wasn't part of their designated work assignment.
- Everyone that worked their ten hours plus another ten, twenty or more hours.
- Pam Siege, Malcolm Kello and Ann Horton for helping a guest that became ill.
- Everyone that provided their carpentry skills, plumbing skills, electrical skills and cleaning skills to make the skating rink presentable for our guests.
- Everyone that provided their vehicle to move items to and from the storage building.

Congratulations to all of the committee chairs that orchestrated a successful event:

- Member Signups - Sharon Abernethy
- Pre-registration - Teresa and Khris Sloop
- Bar - Roger Lemmond, Jim Hutson, Marvin Chapman
- Teardown - Brian Holt
- Raffle - Celia Hunter and Rochelle Firestone
- Raffle Money - Vickie Allen
- Breakfast - Dianne and Richard Harrington
- Clean Up - James Thorndyke and John Grice
- Hospitality - Margaret Hutson
- Hot Dog Lunch - Nancy and Rees Brody
- Registration - Sharon Abernethy and Nancy Masssengill
- Shirt Sales - Pam Siege
- Signs - Peggy Cavin
- Munchies - Bob and Cindy Rea
- Set Up - Mike Rink
- Photography - Ken and Barbara Dresser
- Supplies and Procurement - Mike Rink and Peggy Cavin

Have you recovered yet? I hope so. We have some fun events planned for you in the next few weeks.

The board hopes you will be pleased with our plans for a special New Years Eve. It should be one of our best, ever.

Be sure to check out the special, free shag lessons planned for December. It's a great member benefit.

Finally, please help us plan for the future by tearing out, completing and returning the member survey in this issue.

Have a Merry Christmas!

Frankie

SOS Card Sales

2009 SOS Membership cards are now on sale. They will be required to get into the 2009 Mid-Winter, Spring SOS, and Fall SOS events. And many of the discounts available from businesses at the beach are good all year round. You get a big discount on SOS Membership as a TSC Member (\$25 versus \$35).

An SOS Membership would make a great stocking stuffer for Christmas, or a great gift for a friend or fellow member. They are only \$30 through our club to buy one for non-shag club members. See Kay Howard, or mail in your money to the shag club address.

Dance Lessons

By Nancy Massengill

Tuesday night, November 18th marked the end of another set of lessons. A special thank you goes to Vickie Allen for the three tasty cakes for our graduation. Fifteen nice door prizes were given out, too. I know from comments that a lot of our students plan to return in January to take more lessons.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those members who have been so diligent in coming each week to move tables and chairs out of the way for lessons and then for returning them to order after lessons. Additionally thank you to those members who come to provide partners for the single students as well as for dancing in between couples in the “change your partner” routine.

I have heard wonderful comments because there always seems to be someone dancing close to each student that knows how the step is supposed to go and is visible all the way through the turns, etc. It is your tireless efforts that are keeping the dance alive!

On Tuesdays Dec. 9, Dec. 16, and Dec. 30 Jason and Holly Cagle will be doing one night sessions. They are free to members, \$5 each night for non-members. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

Note: We will not have lessons on Tuesday, December 23.

New Friday Shag Nights Are A Hit

The Hideaway Bar And Grill, a new business in a familiar location, started hosting shag nights on Friday, November 14th. Well over 140 people came out the first night.

As we go to press, we’ve just enjoyed their second weekly shag night and it was equally successful.

The Hideaway Bar and Grill is located a block west of I-77, exit 36 (Highway 150). It is directly across the street from Lowes.

Great food, great beverages, great prices, and a beautiful new wood dance floor are just a few of the features.

Owners Ralph and Teddy are tickled to have shagging in their facility, and have committed to doing “whatever it takes” to make people happy. So far, they have kept that promise.

In just the first two weeks, they’ve added some Friday food and beverage specials, put in a nice new granite bar/table, and tweaked their staffing. Their new sign went up on the outside of the building this week. And, more changes and improvements are in the works. We look forward to a long, great relationship with them.

So far we’ve had quite a few out-of-town guests, too. They’ve been very impressed and promised to come back... with friends!

If you are looking for fun, this is *the* place to be on Friday night.

We highly suggest you come out early. Since they are open all day, you can come in and enjoy appetizers, a light meal, or a full blown feast well before shag music starts at 8pm.

Be sure to check out their beverage specials on the sign near the golf machine. The Hideaway Bar and Grill also has Football Night, Texas Hold’em Poker Night, Karaoke Night, and Top 40 Dance Night. Check out their whole week’s schedule, and go have fun!

Invite a friend and join us this Friday at the Hideaway Bar & Grill.

The Hideaway Bar And Grill

By Gil Algier

It was awesome, even though service was a little slow in the beginning, Teddy and the crew did a fantastic job. A great many of the "Fun Bunch" enjoyed the food, drinks and dancing.

To those who missed opening night, you missed one great time.

To the single ladies and a couple of the married ones, thank you!

I still have leg cramps from dancing so much.

First Night At Hideaway Bar And Grill

By Al Brandon

There was a big turnout for the inaugural event at the Hideaway Bar and Grill in Mooresville. The last count I heard was 130.

Things We Liked:

Location, food quality and price, intimacy, and of course the music (provided by DJ Mike Rink).

Areas For Improvement:

Smoking is allowed (at the bar, only) and the size of the facility. I realize that there are plans that a wall will be taken out to provide more space and I think that will help tremendously.

The management and staff did a wonderful job given that they were blessed with an overflow crowd (which I don't think they truly expected).

I guess they found out never to underestimate this Twister's gang.

Editor's Note: Yes, they were much more prepared the 2nd week!

Let's Remember Others

By Frankie Johnson

I'm writing this the week before Thanksgiving on a day the temperature broke a record low. There is nothing but bad news regarding the economy. People are out of work, major companies are failing, many are facing foreclosure on their homes, food banks are running out of food, more people than ever are homeless. Many of us are worried about the future, me included.

It is easy to be depressed but I also have many reasons to be thankful. The sun shining through my kitchen window is warm. My family is healthy. There is a pot of soup stewing in the crockpot. My family loves me. My friends are true and always there when I need them. I am blessed.

We are all watching our pennies these days but let's don't forget to remember those less fortunate. Clean out the closet and donate those out of style or rarely used coats, jackets, gloves and hats. How long has it been since you cleaned out your linen closet? Warm blankets are needed and they don't have to match any décor.

Purchase a large can of beef stew or peanut butter and drop it in the collection box at your grocery store. One can of food, one warm jacket and one blanket doesn't amount to much. But if everyone donates one item think about the results!

This is also the month that we take up donations for the needy kids at the Davidson/Cornelius Day Care. We've been doing this for many, many years. New members should know that this non-profit organization takes care of 45 needy kids. These are not children from other countries. These are kids in our own back yards. And without our help, they may not get anything for Christmas. Please make a nice "tax deductible" donation. And if you are interested, you can go with us when Santa delivers the gifts to all of these children on December 19th. It will warm your heart!

Last of all, get out and dance! You can't worry when you dance. It isn't possible. Just feel the music, move your body and smile.

A Tale of Two Witches

By Nancy Massengill

On Thursday, October 30, I had the opportunity of becoming the chauffeur and assistant to some witches in the delivery of Halloween goodies to the Davidson/Cornelius Day Care Center.

First of all, let me say that the two witches (Margaret Hutson and Sharon Abernethy) were dressed to impress in their attires. (Hopefully there will be pictures on our web site so that you can see for yourself). Each had an entire black outfit (except for Margaret with her Green Hat). Sharon even had bells on her shoes so that the children could hear her coming.

We visited each of the rooms giving out treats. Each child went up to Margaret and told her "Trick or Treat" and was allowed to get their treat from the basket. With a thank you from each, there were also many exclamations of "I got Raisins" and "I Love Raisins". They were each given individual cakes shaped as ghosts with chocolate eyes. Each child went home with a treat bag, too.

The teachers all got an apple from Good Witch (?) Sharon.

As we were leaving the Day Care, there was a utility truck in front on the street. I am not sure what the guys working thought, but they were most appreciative of the snacks from these witches.

We ate lunch at Hideaway Bar and Grill on our way to the Day Care. Teddy told us that they were willing to serve witches. He even had to have his picture taken with our trio.

In closing I hope that each member of our club, at some point, will take the opportunity to visit the Day Care for one of the holidays. The children there are just absolutely precious. Their faces light up during each visit from us. I know that they made our day special.

Note: It won't be long until Santa visits. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation at this month's meeting, or at one of our beach nights so TSC can buy presents for the kids again this year.

New Year's Eve Party

**Hosted By Twister's Shag Club At
Club FX In Mooresville From 8pm-1am.**

DJ: Clyde Waller

Enjoy a nice facility with a wood dance floor, plenty of room, a great sound system, and a huge projection TV showing the festivities in New York as the ball drops.

Full Hot Breakfast Served At Midnight

Bring your own favorite adult beverage or cooler.

Setups, mixers and munchies will be provided.

Tickets are only \$25. None held unless prepaid.

They sell quickly, so get yours today!

Buy yours from any TSC officer, or call 704-483-4453.

**Call the Fairfield (704-663-6100) and ask for the
\$59 Twister's Shag Club rate for that evening!**

Free Shuttle Service Between The Fairfield & The Party!

To get to Club FX from I-77, exit 36 (Hwy 150) go East 1/2 mile. At the stoplight at the Accel gas station, turn LEFT onto Talbert Rd. Go 1/2 mile (through one intersection) and turn LEFT onto Overhill Rd. Club FX is at the end of that road on the left. Look for signs for the parking area.

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Shag Club Meeting News

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 2nd at Fat Boys Restaurant (I-77, exit 36) in Mooresville. The business meeting begins at 8:00pm. Members are encouraged to come early and enjoy the buffet.

Sandy Hayes has submitted an application to join TSC. She will need to be at our meeting to be voted in. We've also got a few who put in applications recently that still need to attend and be voted in. Come out and meet all of these folks and welcome them into "The Fun Bunch". Please bring a \$\$ donation for the day care kids, too.

New Member Profiles

By Tommy & Wilma Laws

We are pleased to welcome the following ladies to the Twister's Shag Club "Fun Bunch".

Libby Bridges

Libby lives in the Statesville area and enjoys reading, music and travel. She became interested in learning the shag dance by watching other shaggers dance.

Malcom Kello and Brenda Lawing were instrumental in passing information about the club on to Libby and this helped her make the decision to join.

Shelia Mickey

Shelia lives in the Denver area and enjoys hiking, reading, sports, and horses. She became interested in learning more about shagging after listening to a Twister's member talk about the club, and the shag dance.

Shelia is also a member of the Catawba Valley Scottish Society and worked in the "Amazing Maize Corn Maize" orientation, part of the 20,000 who came through this year.

Last Letter From the Shag Rookie

By Teresa Sloop

This will be my last article as a "shag rookie". We have officially now been in the club a year and have attended our first Fall Cyclone. We were referred to as "Cyclone virgins" all weekend, but we had a wonderful time. I must say I didn't think it was possible to fit so many people in one area and not have serious problems. But it works!

Khris and I started the weekend with the opening shift at the bar. Many people seemed surprised that they were able to mix their own drinks and that there was no charge for them. We heard people talking about what a wonderful party the Cyclone was and how they wouldn't miss it for anything. The two hour shift flew by and then we danced for a few hours... socializing between dances and just generally enjoying ourselves. All of the shifts we worked were interesting and we even made some rounds to help with trash and spills when not working. It gave us the opportunity to speak with the guests and get to know some of them.

The National Shag Dance Team was the highlight of the Cyclone for us. They gave an amazing performance and we were in awe at the talent on the floor. (Oh, for the shag fairy to bop us that hard, right Chuck?) We were a little tired when rolling in for the breakfast shift the next morning, since we were out late on Saturday, but it was still a lot of fun prepping for the last day of fun. Many people at the party spoke about how TSC definitely knew how to party and how easy we made the whole party look. I can tell them it wasn't easy all the time, but it was loads of fun.

We crashed on the couch Sunday and crawled to bed Sunday night. I tried not to throw something at the alarm Monday morning and was wishing for one of Jim's Bloody Marys to start the day. But I wouldn't change my first Cyclone experience for anything.

Next year we won't be "rookies" but I intend to enjoy every event just as much as we did this year. We are looking forward to it with great expectations. Thank you all for making this one of the most enjoyable years we have experienced. We look forward to many more to come.

Shag World News

Fred Anders recently lost his battle with cancer. Fred was an important part of the Twin Rivers Shag Club. He also served on the SOS Board. He was a good friend to many, and will be missed by all. Memorials may be made to the Hall Of Fame Foundation.

The Fall Cyclone

By Debbie Hayes

I am a “newbie” in TSC and I have thoroughly enjoyed this club. I had my first big experience with the Fall Cyclone this year.

I enjoyed my work duties. I loved selling tickets because I got to meet a lot of people and give my sales pitch. I will sell you tickets, but you can't buy my dress (apron) which was three sizes too big because it is a TSC designer dress and I can't part with it. I do appreciate my co-partner in selling the tickets. He was great and just smiled at my foolishness. But we sold tickets and that was the main objective.

I also worked the bar (where Sal and I had a party ourselves). Thanks to all that were so nice behind the Bar and in Registration. I appreciate my partners doing that. They were so helpful. Munchies on Sunday was great, too.

I have never seen so many people come to one place just to dance. I was in awe of all that our club did to cause such as successful party. I really think the Roloids, dental floss, and mouth wash in the bathrooms were the big hits. At least that is the comments I heard from the ladies while waiting in line at the bathrooms.

I only have one regret. My schedule didn't say AM or PM and I showed up at 9:00 AM on Friday morning after rearranging my personal schedule. The guys will never let me forget this.

I guess there is a price you have to pay for being a newbie!

Well so much for my comments. I am looking forward to the next year's Fall Cyclone!

To All TSC Members

From Sharon Carter

Thanks for helping and being there.
Thank each of you for showing me such warm care.
God forbid I have to travel this journey yet again.
If ever I needed you the same I know you'd be there.

Sincere thanks to you I convey.
If I can ever help you in any way,
then please don't hesitate or waiver
I'd appreciate repaying your bighearted favor.

Good deeds are surely in the giving,
People like you make life more pleasant for living.
Thanks for helping and being there.
And again thanks for showing me such support and care.

I share these words from my deepest thoughts.
Please know they're truly earnest and well meant.
Life is more precious and close to my heart.
I give thanks for to all who played a part.
You did a great job of uplifting my spirit and
bringing joyful thoughts.

It's been a year and treatments are done.
I pray often God allows me to see another one.
As time passes and life goes on
I look forward to years of more fun.
I hope to see you in many ways, dancing,
laughing and chatting away.

Think of me often and uplift a prayer that God will
protect me and His grace He will share.

Much Love and Regards to All.

Psalm 62:2 My safety and glory are with God, my strong rock and
refuge.

To All TSC Members

From Malcolm Kello

My note of thanks is long overdue. Since April so much has happened in our lives. Without the thoughtfulness, support and love from the members of TSC, I do not know how I would have made it through some days.

A very special thanks to Dean Hajnos, his girlfriend Dory (my girlfriend too), Susan Dahl, and Margaret Hutson and Lynn Bullard. Your visits were sweet.

Sharon Abernathy is a great cook. Her lasagna dinner with Chuck and Sandra and Georgia at S.O.S. was such a comforting meal.

Thank you Kathy Thompson for having Bill and Sharon Carter in thought during the walk for cancer in Charlotte.

The Fall Cyclone was a celebratory ending to an ordeal of illnesses that some have come through recently. What a blast. Thank you Mike and Peggy for all you do, and thank you to all the chairpersons for Fall Cyclone. Happy Thanksgiving.

Member Survey

By Frankie Johnson

There is a Member Survey in this newsletter that was created by your board. We want to know how we can make Twister's better than ever. We want to know your favorite events and maybe your least favorite event. Are we doing OK? Do we need to plan more or less events? We want to know your opinion of our club.

Your survey is in the centerfold. Please tear it out and take a few minutes to complete it. Surveys may be turned in on any Tuesday or Friday, at the December meeting or mailed to me (address on the survey) or the club (address on the cover of this newsletter).

Thank you for your support and feedback.

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.

Dec 2: TSC Business Meeting starts at 8pm.

Dec 13: Christmas & Re-up Dance hosted by the Monroe Shag Club. \$5 DJ "Fast" Eddie Thompson. 50/50 raffle, hors d'oeuvres and more. 704-764-8808 or webmaster@monroeshagclub.com.

Dec 13: Monthly Club Social hosted by Lexington Shaggers. \$7. DJ John Hook. 336-357-0011 or lexingtonshaggers@yahoo.com.

Dec 13: Christmas Party hosted by Charlotte Shag Club. \$35. DJ Tommy Almond. No one admitted without prior registration. 704-510-1743 or patti.miller@cms.k12.nc.us for more information.

Dec 13: Christmas Party hosted by The Gaston Shaggers. \$6. DJ Ed Timberlake. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com.

Dec 20: Christmas Dinner Party hosted by the Lancaster Shag Club. DJ Gene Sistare. www.lancastershagclub.com, or double_517@yahoo.com or 803-286-5694.

Dec 20: Here Comes Santa Party hosted by Sandy Beach Shag Club. \$7. DJ Steve Coley. 828-438-8906 or rsmorley55@hotmail.com or www.sandybeachshagclub.com.

Jan 24: Winter Wonderland Party hosted by the Lancaster Shag Club. \$5. DJ Jr. Norfleet. www.lancastershagclub.com, or scdjgene@comporium.net or 803-286-6960.

Feb 14: The 16th Annual Meals On Wheels Valentines Day Dance hosted by the Burlington Shag Club. Dance Only \$20-\$30. Dinner/Dance Tickets \$45. DJs: Jim Waye, Rick Turner, and David Tuttle plus The Craig Woolard Band and a Junior Shagger Exhibition! Pre-Party on Friday Night Feb. 13th DJ Roy Childress. 336-585-1118 or www.burlingtonshagclub.com

Dec 31: TSC New Year's Eve Party. Details in this newsletter.

**PLEASE TAKE A
FEW MINUTES TO
COMPLETE THE
SURVEY ON THE
NEXT PAGE!**

**We are currently making plans
for 2009 and we would
appreciate your input.**

**Whether you are a new, or
long-time member, thank you
for helping make TSC an even
better club in the future.**

**PLEASE RETURN
THE NEXT PAGE!**

**Completed surveys can be
turned in on any Tuesday or
Friday, at the club meeting, or
mailed in.**

**All surveys must be returned
by 12/22/08 to be included in
our planning sessions.**

**We want to put more fun in
“The Fun Bunch” during 2009!**

Thank you for your support.

2008 Twister's Shag Club Member Survey – Name (optional) _____ # _____

Surveys may be turned in on a Friday shag or Tuesday lesson night, mailed to Frankie Johnson, 152 Shadywood Lane, Statesville, NC, 28677 or to TSC (address on newsletter cover). Surveys must be returned by 12/22/2008. Please fill out only one. But, if this represents two people, please put a "2" in this blank beside # shown above.

On average, how many times a month do you go out for any shag related activity at any local establishment? _____

Who are some of your favorite DJ's? _____

If you owned our local shag lounge, what is one thing you would do to make it better than the way it is now? _____

Do you participate in the FREE shag lessons or line dance lessons TSC offers to members? Yes _____ No _____

If not, why? _____

Put one check beside the following TSC activities you enjoy. Put two checks beside more favorite activities.

- _____ New Years Eve Party _____ SOS Thurs. Golf Outing
- _____ Super Bowl Party _____ SOS Sat. Tea Party at the OD Café
- _____ Valentines Day Party _____ The SOS Parade In The Spring
- _____ Bowling Outing _____ SOS Fun Monday In The Fall
- _____ Ellen Taylor Shag Workshop Day _____ Frozen Fantasy Party
- _____ Wine Tasting _____ Golf Outing and Cookout (Here at home)
- _____ Pre-SOS Parties _____ Vinyl Party (Fundraiser for Kids)
- _____ SOS Sat. Tea Party at Harold's _____ Bus Trips to out-of-town parties
- _____ SOS Wed. Beer/Wine/Shooter Party _____ Lake Cruise (Member Appreciation)

You can mark through any event listed above if you absolutely do not like it or think it should be discontinued.

If there a new or different event you would like to see TSC host or participate in, list the event or activity here: _____

How many days do you usually stay at the beach for Mid-Winter? _____ Spring SOS _____ Fall SOS _____

If you do not stay the entire ten days of SOS events, are you usually there for the first weekend (yes/no) _____

Last weekend (yes/no) _____ Other (please describe) _____

At each SOS, do you think TSC is doing about the right amount of things, or should it do more, or do less? If more or less, please describe what activity you would like to add or what you don't want to participate in:

More _____ Less _____ About Right _____ Comments: _____

List your favorite SOS lounges: _____

Do you attend monthly or yearly parties sponsored by other shag clubs? If so, which parties are your favorites? _____

What suggestions do you have to make TSC a better club? _____

This Month's Birthdays

Phyllis Brown	12/01
Nancy Massengill	12/01
Pam Siege	12/04
Vickie Allen	12/07
Karl Weiss	12/07
Brenda Hatley	12/11
Jan Wiseman	12/11
Claire Erckman	12/13
Marilyn Wagner	12/13

Roger Hammond	12/18
Chris Williams	12/21
Timothy Wozny	12/25
Bob Cella	12/26
Sherry White	12/26
Dan Musgrove	12/27
Gil Algier	12/29
Buzz Holshouser	12/31

Next Month's Birthdays

Laura Lemmond	01/01
Pat Metcalf	01/03
Yvonne Sherman	01/05
Teresa Spears	01/06
Robin Nantz	01/14
Peggy Cavin	01/19
Tim Johnson	01/20

Malcolm Kello	01/21
Wilma Laws	01/23
Tony Weisner	01/25
Tom Stone	01/26
Carol Warren	01/28
Pat Bouknight	01/29
Howard Smith	01/29

The Fall Cyclone

By Brenda Hatley

During Friday morning Set-up, Beverly and I were cutting lemons and limes for the bar when a new member joined us in the kitchen. Libby just joined TSC on Sunday night before the Cyclone. We gave her the duty of cutting the celery for the bar, and she did a great job.

Libby and her friend joined us Saturday night for table reset, which they were not signed up for. A lot of our older (not in age) members also stayed to help. We set up for Sunday breakfast, reset all the tables and put new plastic on the tables in about 45 minutes. Thanks to everyone who helped. You did a great job.

During Sunday morning Breakfast we sat with a young couple from Fayetteville, NC. They are members of the Fayetteville Area Shag Club. This was their first Cyclone. He had only been dancing for 10 months. When he went to his First SOS, he didn't know how to shag. But he had been taking lessons and learning from videos.

He told us he hopes to have a dance contest win under his belt by the next Cyclone. He said they would be back next year and that they had a great time with us this time!

Top 10 Statements Heard At The Cyclone

By Pam Siege

1. Wow! Look at that bar!
2. Wow! Look at all the people!
3. Wow! Look at that outfit!
4. Wow! Look at that bar!
5. Wow! Did you see them dance!
6. Wow! Did they really just do that?
7. Wow! Look at that bar!
8. Wow! Did you see cookie and cupcake kissing?
9. Wow! Does Mike ever smile during the cyclone?
10. Wow! Look at that bar!!!

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The Fall Cyclone

By Sharon Abernethy

I would like to thank everyone for their patience, understanding and cooperation during the pre-registration phase of the Cyclone. This year seemed smoother. Hopefully we learned a few things for next year so it can be even better.

All of the armband managers and the staff working at Registration made the event a super success for our guests. You have my deepest appreciation for a job well done.

Raffle Time

By Celia Hunter

It's hard to believe the long anticipated event is behind us for another year. As a first-timer being co-chair of the Raffle, I think I learned a great deal that will make next year smoother and hopefully a record setter.

We had some wonderful prizes on Friday night. What a treat to have Sharon Carter win the flat screen TV. Anticipation was high for the money on Saturday. But it was amazing the number of people that would come to the booth during the weekend and say "I want to win the shag shoes" or "Boy, I sure could use that TV."

Thanks to all who helped. I know some of you really didn't enjoy "selling". But that is, by far, the most important aspect of Raffle.

Next year, maybe the members who have that selling skill will choose Raffle more than one time and go out on the floor to help break some records. Maybe we can even have competition between the floor sales people to actually see who the champion ticket "hawker" will be for 2009. Although the space inside the booth is very limited, we will still need help separating the tickets. Maybe that will be appealing to the members who don't really like "sales".

Regardless of what you do, everyone is appreciated. Again, thanks.

Our First Cyclone

By Khris and Teresa Sloop

I was more excited about the Cyclone than Teresa. Not sure why, but that is the way it was until after the party was over. Yes, we were as tired as everyone else and then some. But we enjoyed our first Cyclone very much.

We started our 1st shift on Friday at the bar. We could not believe how many folks asked how much the liquor was and when we told them it was part of the ticket price, their eyes got big. Then when we handed them the bottle of their choice to pour their own, their eyes got bigger.

Saturday we helped serve the hot dogs. We had folks eating them with the bun, without the bun, bun with nothing but slaw and chili and even some folks eating just the chili and slaw with no dog. When I got my chance to try one I understood why they sold so well. I'm not sure what kind of chili was used, but yum yummy!

We got to bed around 12:30 or 1 a.m. only to rise Sunday at 5 to help Richard and Dianne and others with breakfast. Teresa helped with the setup among other things. Warren and I made the grits. I have never had to make this amount of grits, but boy they were good. Biscuits, ham, bacon... I loved the gravy!

Let me get away from the food discussion and talk about how this is a small world. We had sent a set of tickets to some folks in Houston, TX. I remember thinking, "wow, these folks are coming all that way for this party. Impressive!" On Saturday, I kept seeing a fellow on the floor and I told Teresa, "I know that guy." I walked over and introduced myself. Sure enough, his name was Al. (His last name is left out to protect the innocent. Well, that and I can't remember it!) He seemed shocked that I knew him from many years ago. He just happened to bowl on Friday nights in Huntersville back in the late 90's in the same league I was in.

That man also happened to be the guy I sent tickets to in Houston!

Based on what other veteran Twister's members had told us, I knew a lot of prep went into this event. But, to see that building transform from a bingo parlor to the extremely well organized party facility it became was awesome! After 18 years, it is no wonder. Thanks go to Mike and Peggy for doing a lot of the legwork behind the scenes year round.

The Fall Cyclone

By Brian Holt

This was my third Fall Cyclone. I learn more about what it takes to make this party a success each time. This year was no different. The party was an absolute success and one of the best ever. People shared story after story of the many Cyclones they had attended. Some had only missed one or two over the past 18 years.

There are certainly some large individual contributions. But this year seemed to be one of the most successful and I think that can be attributed to the concerted effort of "everyone" in our club. I observed all of our members, new and old, keeping busy and always smiling to make sure our guests had a terrific experience.

Every guest shared their wonderful experiences and deep gratitude for the organization and effort demonstrated by Twisters, especially those attending the event for the first time. We should all give ourselves a big pat on the back for making it a success once again. This party is one reason why we are the best shag club.

The effort we put into this party is why we won the 1st ever Carolina Beach Music (Cammy) Award for the Best Club Event. Personally, I think they should retire this award next year. It really isn't fair to the competition. There is only one Cyclone!

I hope everyone had a great time, and I would like to share my appreciation for everyone's contributions.

I would especially like to thank everyone that assisted with Setup and Teardown (my committee).

Fall Cyclone Duties

By Pat Bouknight

It was another great Fall Cyclone. People say they don't see how we keep getting better and better every year.

This year I had a problem. You see, this was the first time I had signed up for Cleanup duties. It didn't seem to be very challenging at the time, but I soon found out that it had restrictions for me. There needs to be certain qualifications when you are physically challenged to perform the duties assigned.

You see the trash cans are three feet high and I'm not much more than 5 feet tall. During the set up the clean trash bags and ties are dropped into the bottom of the box. Did any of you see me trying to dip into those boxes not once but twice to re-line that trash box?

The first time I realized what I had to do it was in the ladies room. I was not on cleanup duty, but the ladies room needed attending. That was when "drums" were played on my behind by the ladies standing in line. I soon realized that Sunday morning I was going to be in trouble at cleanup time.

When Breakfast was served, I thought I had squeaked by. Then I made a final check and one box needed changing. I pulled the trash out and looked into the bottom of the box. Yep, there were the extra bags and ties. I looked at the guest sitting there and said, "This isn't going to be pretty."

Not one tall person offered to come to my rescue to get the bag and tie out for me. So I sucked up my self-esteem and dove into the box. My mission was accomplished and that's the end of the story. If I sign up for clean up next year I'm going to have a backup plan.

The Next Edition Of The TSC News

The deadline for the January issue will be Wednesday, December 24. Don't delay. Start writing today! Please...

Missing A Cyclone

By Donna Hord

I just wanted to write and tell everyone what it's like to be a Twister's Shag Club member and miss a Fall Cyclone. I've been working in New Jersey since the end of July. I've missed several TSC events. But nothing hit home like missing the Fall Cyclone.

I thought about it all weekend; the greetings on Friday night, the dance lessons on Saturday, the hot dog lunch, all the friendly people I was missing as I walked around selling raffle tickets, and most of all the Groovin Breakfast Line. I think our guests look forward to seeing this on Sunday morning when they arrive. We've always had a ball with this and I told Susan not to let it get stale this year since I couldn't be there.

Know that this Twister's member was there in spirit if not in body. I really missed everyone this year!

Guest Comments About The Cyclone

I want to thank you for an awesome event. It was my first Cyclone and I had a blast. Your club's hospitality was the best. But what do you expect of us Southerners? I look forward to attending again.

Tricia Drew

(This was sent to friends via email then forwarded to us)

WOW - What A Par-ty... I know most of you had gone in the past. This was our first time and will not be our last.

The motel was great, with free shuttle, 77 degree Sunny weather, the petunia's aren't even dead yet. The music was awesome and then some (including the Shakers on Sunday morning with a breakfast included).

- The workshops, what can I say? Not enough! Wow!
- Extra food plus all kinds of spirits anyone... I mean anyone... even you Mr. so-n-so... can drink!
- Hospitality was superb...

Darlene (from Pittsburgh)

From Jason and Holly Cagle

Holly and I wanted to say a big "thank you" for inviting us to teach one of the shag workshops at the Cyclone again this year. With all of the many talented teachers on the circuit, we realize that you have many choices and sincerely appreciate the honor of being one of the three instructors you used for this year's event. I hope that we will have the opportunity to teach for you again real soon at one of your weekly Tuesday night classes, and we invite any of you to come to our studio on Monday nights for our beginner or intermediate shag classes.

We also wanted to say a huge "thanks" on behalf of the National Shag Dance Team. The Nationals is *the* premier shag contest event every year and of course the Cyclone is *the* premier shag club party every year, so I am thrilled that the two have (finally) crossed paths. Our team had an absolute blast (some of them too much fun)! Several of our team members made the comment "This is more fun than SOS. Why haven't we been coming to this every year?" When we performed on Saturday night, the warmth of the crowd was thrilling; by far one of the most fun performances our team has ever done. The bottom line is that your club welcomed us with open arms from the time we arrived on Friday night until we left late Saturday to head to North Myrtle for the Beach Music Awards. For that the team is truly grateful.

We would love to have TSC support the team by attending the Nationals in January and March at Myrtle Beach. Not only will the team be performing, but most of our members, including Holly and I, will be competing individually in the Pro Division. This year's Prelims in January will also feature a "Shaggin with the Stars" and "So You Think You Can Shag" segment where professional Broadway entertainers will be paired up with different Pro shag dancers and have 24 hours to learn to shag and compete! You can get ticket information at www.shagnationals.com.

We hope to see you all again soon. In the meantime, thanks again for showing us why "Nothing on Earth Compares to a Cyclone!"

From Barry Thigpen

National Shag Dance Championship Chairman

Congratulations on your Beach Music Award. From all I hear about your event, it was very well deserved!

On behalf of the Nationals, thanks for the invitation to participate in the Cyclone. We're very appreciative that you gave our team the opportunity to perform before your large audience. They were made to feel more than welcome.

From Johnny B (Barkley)

A TSC Friend and WSGE 91.7FM DJ

Congratulations to everyone with the Twister's Shag Club for winning the Carolina Beach Music (Cammy) Shag Club Event of The Year Award for the Fall Cyclone! I was very proud and honored to walk out on that stage and accept this great award for Twister's. I told everyone that Twister's Shag Club was currently involved with this year's Fall Cyclone. I also said that next year's awards show will be the following week and will not conflict with Fall Cyclone. That way everyone can attend both events.

I'm very proud of the Twister's Shag Club and thank you for allowing me to accept the award for you. It was a great day. They also awarded me an Appreciation CBMA. I was shocked.



From Carl And Ellen Taylor

Members of the Twisters Shag Club

Carl and I want you to know how much we appreciate being invited back to be a part of this awesome Carolina Beach Music (Cammy) Award winning event. Your warm hospitality and friendship means more to us than you know and we will never take this for granted.

Every person who attends the Cyclone is treated special from the moment they walk in the door until they leave. You all greet everyone with a smile and never show how very tired you have to be from all the work and time spent prior to opening the doors on Friday night.

You deserve the recognition you received this year by receiving the award for Best Shag Club Event!

From Mack Doss

Member of Danville and Lynchburg Shag Clubs

I have just returned to Danville from almost three days at your 18th Fall Cyclone. It was a wonderful experience... exhilarating, fast paced and so much fun.

A special thank you to Mike, Frankie, Kathy and Susan and many others for all of the work, efforts and hospitality.

If all Fall Cyclones are this much fun, I can hardly wait for the next one to get here.

Each of you should be commended for making everyone feel so special and welcome, and you certainly deserve the title as "The Fun Bunch". That is an understatement.

Thanks again for a great, fun-filled weekend. I'll see you next year at the 19th annual Fall Cyclone!

Tips From the Dance Floor

By Frankie Johnson

We have all been told many times that the shag is a male lead dance. Yes ladies, we like to hotdog every once in a while and as far as I'm concerned, that's ok. But we need to pay attention to our partners and never pull them out of a step. I stay in my basic if I am dancing with someone I don't know or if I know the person is a new shagger.

Whether we stay in our basic or hotdog, we should never lead. Trust me on this and "do as I say not as I sometimes do". I have been told by more than one partner to stop trying to lead. This isn't a conscious habit. But sometimes it happens when I try to anticipate the next step.

It is especially important to allow a new shagger to lead. If we ladies move because we know the next step, how will our partners learn to lead? I sometimes see ladies take off before the man even has the opportunity to indicate the next move.

Twenty-some years ago Dennis didn't lead and I didn't follow. We rarely had the opportunity to dance. We only knew a few steps and we always executed them in the same sequence. Once we had the opportunity to dance more often and with other partners, we had to learn to lead/follow all over again. Leading is hard! So ladies, give your partners the opportunity to learn to lead well.

During December, TSC will offer free shag lessons by Jason and Holly Cagle. Whenever possible, take advantage of workshops offered by various instructors. If you already know the step, pay close attention to the technique. I learn something from every workshop I attend. Work on executing steps you know well.

It is better to execute a few steps well than to execute many steps poorly. Many times the difference in the execution is technique.

Above all, have fun!

Wonderful Things Happened in 2008

By Peggy Cavin

We had many very successful, fun parties during 2008. We started out our year with our annual Super Bowl Party at Mike and Celia's home. Celia can make some mean chili and iron skillet cornbread which they offer guests from the time you walk into the door until the final game score is posted. We always have our football pool and it seems that everyone gets into the game.

Our Valentine's Day Party, which has become a tradition, was again grand. "Cookie and Cupcake" did a wonderful job with food and prizes this year at the wonderfully outfitted Havana club.

The Spring Pre-SOS party was great. Then at SOS we had our golf outing. We normally have at least 25 members and guests to participate in our golf outings. This year, we played at Eagle's Nest. I think another event has evolved, too. The golf widow's plan a Wine Tasting trip during the golf. The twelve ladies or so get together, meet at the golf course and leave from there. This year they traveled to two wineries and had lunch at a "Tea House" along the way. From what I hear, it will now be a yearly thing.

It's hard to chose whether I want to play golf or go with the "wine ladies". Looks like I'll have to alternate on this one.

The Frozen Fantasy at Mike and Celia's home is one of my favorites. I am certainly glad I wasn't a judge this year. The desserts presented were the best ones yet. Mike and Celia's home is located on the lake with opportunities for water activities plus an awesome game room. One of our own members cooked 12 Boston Butts this year and other members added to this to make a wonderful meal for everyone. Did everybody get to meet Nurse Goodbody handing out her famous shooters?

Our Ellen Taylor Day is always special. This lady is such a wonderful, patient person to come and help us for a whole day. She seems to never tire. We combined this event with a Wine Tasting and dance. Wine and dancing seemed to be a winning combination.

The 50s/60's Party in Winston Salem is one that no one wants to miss. Each year we dress in our finest or not so fine 50's and 60's attire. We had a full bus this year with 55 members and guests ready to have fun. Kathy Thompson hosted this trip with the help of "do you want to pass out some water" Roger. (You had to be there for that one to catch the full meaning of that.)

The Area Club Party held at Fox Den surprised everyone with the turnout. We had nearly 450 people come out on the hottest day of the year. But, the heat didn't stop our party. Fox Den has a great place to hold parties of this type. There was an inside room with hardwood dance floor and the outside patio with music and fans to keep us cool... all overlooking the golf course and putting green.

The Vinyl Party as always was a great one. It's nice to hear music played from the old 45's and albums from so long ago. I hope these DJ's hold on to their collections for a long time to come. Some kids today have no clue what a 45 record is. I personally know about the headaches and the miles traveled to acquire these types of collections. Those DJ's are wonderful.

Fall Cyclone 18 was one that will stand out from all the rest for me. This year the setup and teardown was done in record time. We were completely set up on Friday at 3 P.M. "Table reset" on Friday and Saturday nights was done by 2 A.M both nights. Amazing. With the help of some of the newer members, we actually got back to our rooms and had time to rest before the next day.

On the setup team this year, we had at least 22 new members who helped on Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons. The newer members were such a help and were a big reason why the setup and teardown turned out so well. Most had no idea of what to expect or what to do. But with little direction, they were outstanding. Although the economy might have kept some people from coming, there were still over 850 in attendance. Thank you to all who helped make that party great.

In addition to our friends the wonderful Fantastic Shakers, we had the National Shag Dance Team at this year's Fall Cyclone.

The Shakers, as usual, put on an outstanding show for everyone. The dance team was awesome and they have already hinted that they will be back next year. It was such a treat to watch those young people perform. I hope they will dance longer next time.

We also had a performance on Friday night near closing time when Geoff Burdick and Leslie Melton showed they had a little ballerina in them. They were just having some fun and it was fun to watch. I have never laughed so hard at kids cutting up with each other.

The next party will be the New Year's Eve party which is going to be big this year. Final plans are in this newsletter. I can't wait.

As this article is being written, we are in the midst of settling into a new dance place. The Hideaway Bar and Grill is located on Highway 150 in Mooresville. The food is great. They have recently put down a huge wood floor, redone the main bar and added a standup table/bar. There are special food and drink prices, too.

Our first Friday kicked off with over 140 members and guests. The second night was similarly large. And, we will be gathering there every Friday night from now on. We are very lucky!

Our club has a variety of activities during the year. It's a full calendar of events for everyone. If you miss one, you can join in another. We are like a close family of friends that enjoy the company of each other and miss you when you aren't there!

A Few Recipes

By Teresa Sloop

A couple people have asked for my recipe for the pies I made during the Frozen Fantasy contest. These are the recipes I used. I used Kahlua in one and a toffee liqueur in the other. I did not make my own crust. Betty Crocker All Ready Pie Crusts are so good I see no reason to stress myself over making the crust. Enjoy!

Chocolate Kahlua Mousse Pie, Mousse Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup Kahlua or similar coffee liqueur
- 1/4 cup butter
- 3 egg whites
- 3 Tbsp white sugar
- 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 9" pie crust, baked, or your favorite crust recipe.

Topping Ingredients:

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar (confectioners sugar), sifted
- 1/2 tsp pure vanilla
- Chocolate curls for garnish, optional

Best Ever Pie Crust Recipe Ingredients:

- 3 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup solid vegetable shortening
- 3/4 cup cool water (more or less) not cold

Directions:

1. In a medium bowl over hot water, melt chocolate chips, Kahlua and butter. Do not allow to burn. Set aside until cool. Do not allow it to harden or become too thick.
2. In a clean mixing bowl, whip egg whites until soft peaks form.
3. Add sugar and whip a while longer until stiff peaks hold their shape. Transfer to a clean bowl and set aside.
4. In the empty mixing bowl, whip 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream until stiff.
5. Gently fold egg whites and whipped cream into chocolate mousse mixture until smooth and blended.
6. Pour into baked pie shell. Follow directions for Best Ever Pie Crust link. Chill and set aside.
7. Meanwhile, whip 1 cup heavy whipping cream until semi stiff.
8. Add powdered sugar and vanilla and whip until stiff.
9. Spoon into pastry bag fitted with large star tip and decorate pie.
10. Sprinkle with chocolate curls and chill.

This makes one 9" pie.

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