

Twister's Shag Club

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The President's Letter

Happy New Year Fun Bunch!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Can you believe 2009 is already here! 2008 was a busy year for the Fun Bunch. We had parties, dance lessons, golf outings, parties, more dance lessons, a bus trip, more parties and a Cyclone. In between all of that, we were able to help out needy children at Christmas and at other times during the year. (Peggy Cavin did a great job of recapping the year in her article published in the December newsletter.)

Everyone is excited about the new place to dance on Friday nights. If you have not been to Hideaway, you are missing a treat. For those of us that have been around the shag for a while, Hideaway reminds us of our roots. Years ago almost every motel had a bar with a dance floor. Clubs like the Cellar, Castaways, Jokers, Sand flea and Thirsty's were found in every town. You could dance your way through the Carolinas. Times changed and motels no longer wanted the expense of bars. Dance clubs came and went. Many shag clubs found themselves without a place to dance and were forced to move to monthly dances in rented facilities.

Everyone in this area is very fortunate to have this new place to dance. The floor is great, the food is good, drink prices are reasonable and the company is the best. Spread the word!

On February 6, the Columbia Shag Club is planning a road trip to dance at Hideaway! Marie Taylor danced with us on a recent Friday night and enjoyed the facility so much she has convinced several of her Columbia buddies to visit with us. Hideaway will be "remodeled" and Butch Metcalf will be the DJ. Let's give them a big "Fun Bunch" welcome that night!

What do you do on a four-hour ride to the beach? Compile Member Surveys of course! I've compiled the numbers. Now I just need to enter the data in a spreadsheet and record all of the comments. The board will review the results to help plan for 2009.

The board and I want to thank everyone that participated in the survey. Anytime you have an idea or a concern to share, please let one of us know. We have a great club, and we want to make it even better by listening to our members.

During the July Business Meeting, I promised you the board would take a look at the Point System in December. We started our review in December and we are still in the process of making some decisions. Several of you used the Member Survey to give us your feedback. We are listening! We will distribute the results of our review once all the decisions are made.

If you missed Mid-Winter, it was a blast. A cold blast! But everyone had a great time. Don't forget to send in your articles about what your friends did at Mid-Winter. We need to share the stories with those that couldn't make it.

Be thinking about an idea for our Spring SOS Parade Float and get your ideas to Chuck Willingham as soon as possible. This is the fifteenth parade and the theme is the Anniversary Parade.

See ya on the dance floor.

Frankie

SOS Card Sales

2009 SOS Membership cards are still on sale. They will be required to get into the Spring SOS, and Fall SOS events. And many of the discounts available to members 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). 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.

So far, over 100 of our members have already bought SOS Memberships through our club. That's great support of SOS!

Shag Club Meeting News

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 3rd 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.

Mark and Marla Faulkenberry have submitted an application to join TSC. They will need to be at our meeting to be voted in. Come out and meet these folks and welcome them into "The Fun Bunch".

Special Note: March starts a new year for TSC. Invite your friends to come join us and enjoy some good times with us.

Election Of 2009 TSC Officers

The Nominating Committee met recently to take on the challenge of proposing a slate of officers for the coming year from the group of many capable people that make up the TSC roster.

About ½ of our membership met the requirement to have attended at least six club meetings in the previous year to be an Officer. Every one of those who was eligible was considered. Then, the Committee evaluated many different areas of capability and TSC support that had been given by individuals during the past year. After much effort and discussion, the following slate was selected. The Committee recommends that you vote for the following individuals who are running for the Offices noted.

President – Frankie Johnson
Secretary – Kathy Kerr

Vice President – Khris Sloop
Treasurer – Dean Melton

Dance Lessons

As we go to press, dance lessons are on hold due to unexpected complications with the location. We are currently working to resolve these problems and hope to resume our lessons, soon. Please keep in touch with all of the latest news concerning our lessons and our club on our web site (www.goshagging.com).

Great New Dance Location

By Jennifer Finney

The day after Thanksgiving John left with my Dad to go deer hunting. So Mom and I decided to try out the new dance spot; the Hideaway Bar. There's nothing like cutting a rug to work off some calories. We didn't want to arrive too early, so we got there around 9:00. There was a huge crowd there already. The owner actually greeted us at the door and was super friendly. We found a good spot in some chairs right on the side of the dance floor. (That was a good plan.) A waitress almost immediately asked us what we wanted to drink. (Another great thing.) Several TSC members were sitting in the comfortable booths across the dance floor on the other side. Most everyone commented on how good the food was. Fast Eddie played almost all of our favorite songs without us even having to make any requests.

After a couple hours, we stepped outside to get some cool air and the owner was also out there. He told us that he was thrilled to have TSC members at his place and that he was considering all of our requests to make it a great bar. He also told us he owns the Acropolis restaurant. No wonder the food is wonderful. His wife makes all of those awesome desserts there!

We really enjoyed the place. There were about 90 people that night which we both thought was perfect for dancing and mingling. The atmosphere was relaxed and fun. I can't wait for John and I to make some fun memories with our TSC friends at the Hideaway!

Instructional Shag Videos

By Frankie Johnson

At one time, Twister's had a library of instructional videos members could borrow. Over the years the videos have been misplaced. We have been able to locate two. (I was one of the guilty parties.) If you have one of our videos, please bring it to the next meeting. Also, if you have personal copies of instructional shag videos or DVDs that you no longer need, consider donating them to the Twister's library. Thanks!

Hideaway Bar And Grill

By Teresa Sloop

I confess to some skepticism when it was first announced that there would be dancing at Hideaway Bar and Grill. I slipped in on my lunch break to take a look and wondered how we could possibly have a DJ and still dance at that location. I have been pleasantly surprised. It has been a lot of fun meeting there and though smaller than Havana, it has a cozy atmosphere. We are especially excited because now we can attend more frequently as it is closer to our home and we bowl on Friday nights too. While filling my glass at the bar, I have heard numerous comments about how much fun it is to see the dance floor full and people enjoying themselves. The staff is friendly.

If you haven't given it a try, join us for the grand reopening coming this week. I know you will be as pleasantly surprised as I was.

Photography Committee Appreciation

By Brian Holt

I wanted to take a moment to extend my appreciation to all of the members of the 2008 Photo Committee. We have built an outstanding collection of photos of all of our events over the past two years that are conveniently displayed in individual photo galleries on the website. If you have not had a chance to check it out lately, you will certainly enjoy the most recent additions as well as the stroll down memory lane as you flip through the past events. Also, if there are any pictures that you really like, you can order prints of all sizes from any of the photos on the website starting at \$0.25 each.

Again, I appreciate all of your effort and dedication to making our website photo collection the best of any club. Special thanks goes to Mike Rink who maintains the site and loads all of our photos.

I hope all of you had a safe and nice holiday season and fun at our NYE Party. I look forward to even more fun and photos in 2009.

A Day in the Life of an Elf

As told by the Jingle Bell Elf

On Friday, December 19, Santa allowed the Candy Cane Elf (Margaret Hutson), the Ornament Elf (Sharon Abernethy) and the Jingle Bell Elf (me, Nancy Massengill) to take a day away from the North Pole to just be ourselves.

I began the day in Denver on my way to meet the elves by passing a "fake" Santa (you know ours is the real thing) on Campground Road. Boy did he take a second look at me.

Santa also allowed my Mother who was visiting to become a Santa helper for the day. We met the other elves in Terrell where we entertained the motorists passing with our waves and laughter. From there we went to Hideaway Bar and Grill for a marvelous lunch and more laughter.

As prearranged by Santa, we then met he and Mrs. Claus for the important task of visiting the Cornelius-Davidson Day Care for Twister's Shag Club. My what a time we had. The children were so excited and full of themselves as they talked to Santa. They even sang Santa s-e-v-e-r-a-l songs! They were given some special treats from Santa and Mrs. Claus along with a stocking full of goodies. They were so excited when we left that they ran outside along the fence yelling to us. Santa and Mrs. Claus were in their "mini sleigh". What a treat it was watching them get in and leave.

We elves played hooky for a while that evening and joined the Twister's crowd at Hideaway Bar and Grill for fun! Several of the ladies tried out the shoes and hats! Applications are being taken for next year's elves, so if you have knack for wreaths or stockings, maybe there's a position available for you.

PS to the picture man (you know who you are). We put in a special request to Santa that maybe if you are really, really good this year, maybe he will bring you a complete wooden puzzle next year!

Well, back to work. After all, an Elf's work is never done!

Shag World And Members News

- Diane Brandon recently lost her mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with Diane and her family.
- Becky Stowe Powell has moved her North Myrtle Beach art gallery and store a few doors down and into a new facility. The new building is much bigger, and gives her an opportunity to display more of her famous beach related items for sale.

Visit Becky the next time you go to the beach, and tell her you are part of the Twister's Fun Bunch!

By the way, check out two of Becky's prints that have now been hung at the Hideaway Bar and Grill!

The New Year's Eve Party

By Kathy Kerr

Thank you, thank you to everyone that worked to make the New Year's Eve party the best one ever. I met many guests at this year's celebration that were quite impressed with the fun, food, entertainment, and organization. The set-up and decorations were top-notch and so very festive. I know from being on this committee last year that this takes quite a bit of time and attention (even though it is time well spent having fun with other team members). The wide variety of food and drinks were delicious. Rees and Nancy's chocolate fountain was a constant outstanding attraction.

Throughout the night Clyde kept the music just right, playing what we all requested and then some. The beautiful wooden dance floor was just what Dennis and I needed to practice the newest steps recently taught by Jason and Holly Cagle. The ceremonious procedure for the club's consumption of shooters was new to me,. But with such superb role modeling by Mike and Walter, I had absolutely no trouble participating in the ritual. Dennis and I hope that everyone had as much fun as we did, and we wish you all a happy and healthy 2009.

New Year's Party at ClubFX

By Charlie Binder

It was a cold crisp evening that started to feel like a New Year's Eve as we headed to ClubFX. But once we entered the facility, wow! It didn't take long to realize that it was New Year's Eve and a great way to put to bed 2008 and celebrate the start of 2009.

The room was full of energy. Clyde Waller was in total control of the music and was playing a variety of tunes to excite the crowd. Every table was a buzz with partiers laughing and hugging guests as they passed by. Party favors were evident and the mood was high. Walter gave lessons on the proper way Twisters drink shooters, and Kris had shooters prepared for everyone to enjoy.

The munchies room was well stocked and members were savoring the chocolate fountain and other delectables. The dance floor was crowded, but dancers stayed in their slots and made room for others to slip in and enjoy the music.

When the magic hour suddenly appeared, everyone raised their champagne glasses in unison and cheered the arrival of the New Year. After the midnight celebration the partiers gathered round the buffet line to select their favorites for the hot breakfast.

All that and we didn't need to clean up! What a great party!

The New Year's Eve Party

By Teresa Sloop

We were not able to help with set up as we did last year, but the crew that did were fantastic. ClubFX was a wonderful place for the party with lots of room, and the party was over the top. The shots were flowing and the dance floor was calling our names. We really missed Wayland who unfortunately could not attend. But we hope that will change next year. A good time was had by all, as the pictures will attest to. As always this was just another tribute to why Twister's Shag Club is known as "The Fun Bunch".

Resolutions for Shaggers

By Frankie Johnson

In January, most news shows have at least one segment on New Year's Resolutions. This year several "experts" suggested resolutions be established at other times of the year. Why not have Mid-Winter Resolutions or Spring SOS Resolutions? Instead of the usual "lose weight" or "get in shape" why not select a couple of resolutions about our favorite pastime - Shagging.

Here are some suggestions for a Shagging Good Year.

- * Improve your (fill in the blank). Make this a component of the dance such as the Basic, Pivot or Boogie Walk.
- * Take a couple of workshops. Spring SOS will be here soon and that is a wonderful opportunity to take a workshop. (It won't kill you to get up early one morning during SOS.) Don't just concentrate on learning the step. Pay attention to the technique. The technique is what makes the step look good.
- * Dance with at least one new person a month. This will help improve your lead/follow. Most Shaggers enjoy dancing with others and most are mindful not to over-dance their partner.
- * Go to one of the big parties other than Fall Cyclone. Enjoy just being part of a party without the responsibility of hosting. There are parties galore. Some are large and some are small, but plan ahead. Many parties sell out quickly. Dennis and I have often gone to a new party not knowing anyone and left knowing everyone. We have met many great people this way. You can check out party dates on the SOS Web Site www.shagdance.com.
- * Make it a point to occasionally dance to different tempo music. If you really like fast music occasionally dance to a slower beat. Go hear different DJs. Each DJ is usually known for a particular type of music. Expand your horizons.
- * Plan to attend a special event sponsored by a nearby club. Better yet, volunteer to plan a "road trip" for your fellow club members.

* Volunteer to do anything for your club. Your officers, Committee Chairs and fellow members will appreciate it.

* Teach a child to shag. Introduce your children or grandchildren to the dance. Volunteer to teach at a school or organization. Let's make sure we keep this dance alive.

* Most of all... have fun.

A Brand New Year!

By Pam Siege (Queenie)

Have you ever heard the saying, "If you chase two cats they will both get away?" What does that mean? Here is my version!

I want to do things to better my life, and the New Year makes me think about all this. Maybe it's my brain I want to improve... so I will read more, work more word puzzles, eat the right brain foods, get the proper amount of sleep, and maybe exercise to release endorphins!

Or maybe I want to improve my body... so I will walk more, take vitamins, exercise at least three days a week for 30 minutes each time, and drink more water.

Or maybe I want to be a better daughter, wife, aunt, mother, Godmother or friend... so I will call at least once a week, send cards and letters often, remember important days, ask if there is something I can do to help them, or invite them over for a meal or just to talk.

Or maybe I will become more domestic (LOL)... so I will start watching the Food Network and printing their recipes, going to the grocery store more, cooking more, cleaning more (I am laughing hysterically now), take out the garbage daily, or maybe work in the yard more!

Or maybe I want to work harder to be a better employee. No! We won't even go there!

I have tired to do all these things at the beginning of every New Year! I am now 50 something... OK, 57 as of last week, and I look back and see that I start all these things every year and never finish any of them! Wow! Not a good track record. So now I am taking inventory of who I am to date!

- I don't want to learn anything new!

- My body is what it is!

- I'm as good of a daughter, wife, mother, aunt and friend as I will ever get!

- I live in my home and am not a prisoner to it!

- I love to cook, clean and be domestic when the mood strikes me!

- I am a nurse and consider that a part of who I am in life - taking care of others!

So, I am not going to try to be what I am not! I have tried to have New Years Resolutions each year and they have all failed! That is what I call trying to chase to many cats. They all seem to get away!

OK, I had to get up from my desk and actually do some work, so now I forgot the point to my story. I reread it and don't know what cats I was chasing, but I have four so I don't need anymore!

Are you going dancing at Hideaway soon? Maybe I'll see you there. I would like to be a better dancer... so maybe I could... ???

The New Year's Eve Party

By Kris Sloop

Last year's New Year's Eve Party was the first Twister's party Teresa and I attended as new members. I must say this year's event was bigger and better than the last. ClubFX had lots of room and had a good size dance floor. Munchies and breakfast were awesome as usual. Thanks to those that worked behind the scenes to make the party happen.

We are looking forward to a new year (hopefully a prosperous one) with all of you and the upcoming parties to be had.

2009 Susan G Komen Bowl For The Cure

By Nancy Massengill

On Sunday, February 22, 2009, the Greater Charlotte USBC is sponsoring the 2nd Annual "Bowl for the Cure" tournament at Northcross Lanes at the Lake in Huntersville. The tournament is an 8 pin no tap fun tournament (if you knock down 8 pins it counts as a strike). Entry fee is \$12 plus a minimum of \$25 in cash pledges due at the time of entry. Proceeds will go to Susan G. Komen For the Cure. If you are interested in bowling in the tournament, please contact me. (E-mail nwmassengill@bellsouth.net). I plan to bowl in the event in honor of special friends. If you are interested in making a donation, please let me know that, too. Thanks.

Happy Valentine's Day to all Shaggers

By Janice Musgrove

Shaggers are not only people ready to have fun but also loving people that are ready to help others. Just walk into a shag event and look around. You will see lots of happy people that are hugging friends and asking about those that are not there that evening. Maybe what the world needs now is more Shaggers!! So have a wonderful Valentine's Day with your special someone and then make sure to continue to love those around you. (By the way, we miss each of you and can't wait to see you our next trip to Charlotte or the beach!)

Don't Miss The Valentine's Day Party

Twister's Shag Club will host another party on Friday night, February 13 at the Hideaway Bar and Grill. Wilkie Whaley will travel all the way up from the beach to be our DJ.

Come out early to get the best seats, or to eat. There should be a huge crowd that night.

If you haven't been out on a Friday, you are missing all the fun!

Catch-Up Time

By Susan Dahl

I meant to write in the last three Newsletters, so here goes:

First of all, I love Hideaway, as everyone else seems to. Hope the renovations will be good, with more dance floor space. Our Valentines Party will be the test for a large group.

Second, the New Year's Eve Party was one of the best parties we've ever had. The place was great with plenty of space for dancing, food, etc. Clyde was a "wild man", which made it even more fun. I understand he only had two shooters, but do we believe that? We had an overwhelming turnout, with people on a waiting list. Mike took care of that by renting more tables and chairs which there were sufficient room for. What a blast!

Third, Mid-Winter, at the beach was super good! I love Mid-Winter as we don't have to take a truckload of "stuff". However, we did need warm jackets. There was an advantage in staying at the O.D. Beach Resort. We could just walk downstairs to our party, which was great!

Mike played one good tune after another at our club's party, and we were feeling no pain after even two Long Island Ice Teas. The married men even asked the single ladies to dance. Yea!

I drove Marsha and Debbie to the beach. They were two SOS Virgins (meaning they had never been to an SOS). Because we wanted to avoid the bands, Thursday afternoon we ended up in Ducks. I already have "the girls" convinced that DJ's are better than bands. Thursday night we made the rounds so they would know where each place was located. They had the best time, and can't wait for Spring SOS.

That's all, folks! See you at Hideaway Bar and Grill!

P.S. I didn't have time for Christmas cards this year, so I hope you all had a Merry Christmas!

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.

Feb 3: TSC Business Meeting starts at 8pm.

Feb 12: Charlotte Shag Club Valentine's Day Party. DJ Mike Brantley. 704-510-1743 or charlotteshagclub.com for more.

Feb. 12-14th: Lake Norman Shag Club's Chicken Pickin' by the Sea in North Myrtle Beach. \$35. Multiple DJs. 704-662-8104 or CRB3@bellsouth.net or www.lakenormanshagclub.com for more.

Feb 13: Valentine's Day Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club at Hideaway Bar. DJ Wilkie Whaley. www.goshagging.com.

Feb 14: Alamance County Meals On Wheels Valentines Day Dance. hosted by the Burlington Shag Club. \$25-\$45. DJs Jim Waye, Rick Turner and David Tuttle. The Craig Woolard Band plays, too. 336-585-1118 or www.burlingtonshagclub.com.

Feb 14: Valentine's Day Party hosted by Gaston Shaggers. \$6. DJ Janet Burgin. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com.

Feb 15: Cabin Fever Throwdown benefit hosted by Raleigh Shag Club. \$15. The Band of Oz, The Fantastic Shakers, and Jim Quick with Coastline. 919-691-4332.

Feb 21: Party hosted by the Rock Hill Area Shag Club. \$5. DJ Tommy Samole. 803-366-2901 or shagdeb@comporium.net.

Feb 28: Hearts Afire Party in Morganton hosted by Sandy Beach Shag Club. DJ Frank Price. www.sandybeachshagclub.com or 828-438-8906 or rmorley55@hotmail.com for more info.

Feb 28: Lancaster Club's Valentine's Dance. \$5. DJ Gene Sistare. lancastershagclub.com, scdjgene@comporium.net, 803-286-6360.

Feb 28: Beth Mitchell Memorial Charity Mixed Doubles in Greensboro hosted by The Greater Triad Shag Club. 336-299-6859 or mmadrin@hotmail.com_or www.greatertriadshagclub.org.

2009 Membership Renewal Form

The renewal form for this year is a bit longer and more in depth, reflecting changes and improvements within our club. Please take time to carefully consider all of your responses.

For the first time ever, we will limit the number of people who can sign up for some committees so that a more appropriate and effective number of people will be part of each group. Renewals will be processed on a first come, first served basis. If the committees you request are already full when you turn in your form, you will be asked to change your selections.

Finally, please note that your renewal form will not be processed unless you completely fill out this form and answer all questions. **Thanks for your willingness to make TSC better this year!**

To go to the Spring or Fall SOS events, you have to be a SOS member. You get a \$10 discount to renew (or join) through TSC.

Number of SOS Memberships at \$25 (or 250 points) each: _____

Number of renewals requested at \$20 (or 200 points) each: _____

Name(s) _____

Do you currently receive the monthly TSC newsletter? _____

Do you currently receive the weekly email message? _____

Do you currently receive the periodic phone messages? _____

If you answered "no" to any of the previous questions, or if your **address, phone # or email** address has changed within the last 12 months, please list the appropriate contact information below.

Please Continue Filling Out The Next Page → Put a check beside two or more committees (per member).

Each Twister's Shag Club Committee will have a chairperson. Activities with an asterisk () beside them will also need a person to help coordinate that particular activity or that event.*

Please put a "C" instead of a check beside any activity you will help coordinate. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

HIS	HERS	NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE
*	*	I'll submit articles and other items.
*	*	I'll help with member "spotlight" articles.
*	*	I'll help with birthday wishes & member "ads".
*	*	I'll help with labels, stamps, and mailing.

HIS	HERS	MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
*	*	I'll be a "buddy" to new members, and keep in touch with them during their first year in TSC.
*	*	I will participate in special events and/or do other things to help recruit new members.

HIS	HERS	WEB SITE COMMITTEE
		I will submit enhancement ideas, web links, or other items to be included on our site.

HIS	HERS	PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE
		I will take photos and submit them in a timely manner for web and/or newsletter use.

HIS	HERS	PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
		Plan, create and distribute flyers and other items to promote TSC or club activities.

HIS	HERS	DANCE LESSONS COMMITTEE
		I'll help teach a single lesson or a set of lessons.
		I'll help with lesson nights in some other way

Social Committee Note: If for any reason you are unable to participate in the activity you sign up for, it will be your responsibility to notify the Chairperson in advance, and to find someone else to fulfill all of your duties for that event.

HIS	HERS	SOCIAL COMMITTEE – Plan, set up, work, tear down and clean up event(s). The maximum number of members needed for each is shown.
*	*	February (Valentine's Day) Event - 6 People
*	*	March (Bowling) Event – 2 People
*	*	April (Pre-SOS) Event – 6 People
*	*	May (Golf Outing) Event – 8 People
*	*	June (Bus Trip) Event – 4 People
*	*	July (Vinyl Party) Event – 12 People
*	*	August (Frozen Fantasy) Event – 8 People
*	*	September (Pre-SOS) Event – 6 People
*	*	October (Member Appreciation) – 6 People
*	*	New Year's Eve Event – 8 People

HIS	HERS	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (LIST HERE)

You may circle one of the following positions you would like to fill (counts as one committee). People currently serving in these positions will be given first opportunity to continue in them.

Shirt/Apparel Coordinator	Parade Entry Coordinator
Tea Party Work Coordinator	Fund Raising Coordinator
SOS Golf Outing Coordinator	Day Care Coordinator
"Points" Coordinator	

Twister's Shag Club
Invites You To Their Big

Valentine's Day Party

(For Singles And Couples)

Friday, February 13th

At The Hideaway Bar And Grill

Enjoy Great Food And Beverages And A
Brand New Hardwood Floor

DJ: Wilkie Whaley

From I-77, exit 36, go East for two blocks.
(McDonalds and Lowes will be on your left).

Turn right at the stoplight. Hideaway Bar and
Grill will be straight in front of you in the strip
mall between Blooms and Queen City TV.

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www.GoShagging.com

Mar 5-7: DJ Throwdown in North Myrtle Beach hosted by The Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs. Thursday \$10 to hear the Craig Woolard band, Mitch Kashmar, and the Shakers. Friday and Saturday are FREE. Over 70 different DJs playing for each of you throughout the weekend. \$6000 reverse raffle. sbaker4@nc.rr.com.

Mar 14: Monthly Party hosted by Gaston Shaggers. Location: \$6. DJ Frank Price. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com.

Mar 28: Ides of March Costume Party hosted by the Lancaster Shag Club. \$5. DJ Roy Childress. www.lancastershagclub.com or scdjgene@comporium.net or 803-286-6360.

Mar 28: Green With Envy Party in Morganton hosted by Sandy Beach Shag Club. \$7. 828 438 8906 or rsmorley55@hotmail.com or www.sandybeachshagclub.com.

April 10: SOS Kickoff Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club.

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

May 15, 16: Annual Mountain Boogie Walk hosted by Beckley Area Shag Club. More details to be announced.

June 20: Lancaster Shag Club's Jivin June Jam. 803-286-6360 or www.lancastershagclub.com.

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

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

August 21-22nd 8th Annual Runway Boogie hosted 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.

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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

John Grice	02/01
Al Brandon	02/03
Michelle Halverson	02/03
Rebecca Rogers	02/04
Jim Thorpe	02/10
Blair Williams	02/12
Frankie Johnson	02/15
Janis Patterson	02/15

Al Waters	02/17
Lena Flinchum	02/20
Beverly Munday	02/20
Celia Hunter	02/21
Charles Binder	02/23
Tim Davis	02/26
Sharon Abernethy	02/28

Next Month's Birthdays

Susan Dahl	03/03
Mike Turbeville	03/03
Doris Black	03/04
Richard Harrington	03/04
Dianne Harrington	03/08
Gene Hunter	03/08
Dean Fields	03/12
Margaret Hosford	03/15
Sal Prizzi	03/17

Mike Warren	03/19
Joyce Anderson	03/21
Georgia Abernethy	03/22
Linda Hightower	03/26
Joanne Sloop	03/26
Margaret Hutson	03/30
Pete Riley	03/30
Norma Wiles	03/31

**Happy Valentine's Day to the man I love with all my heart.
Teresa**

**Dennis,
Happy Valentines Day! You are "My First, My Last, My Everything".
Love always, Frankie**

**Happy Valentine's Day to all the Ya-Ya's and So-So's with a special valentine wish for my valentine. I love you Charles.
Beverly**

**A Happy Valentines to everyone in Twister's Shag Club.
Love, Vickie Allen**

**Happy Valentine's Day Sparky! I Love You More Today!
Queenie**

**To Edward, my sweetheart:
I love you because you're such a part of my favorite memories as well as my most important dreams.
I love you because I can't imagine what life would be like without love... because I can't imagine what love would be like without you.
Sharon**

**Dear Eddie,
I think about the 45 years we have been married and it seems as if they have flown by. I love and appreciate you for the love you have shown me all these years.
God has blessed us and I am thankful for that.
Love, Libby**

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That old black magic has me in its spell
That old black magic that you weave so well
Icy fingers up and down my spine
The same old witchcraft when your eyes meet mine
The same old tingle that I feel inside
When that elevator starts its ride
Down and down I go, round and round I go
Like a leaf that's caught in the tide
I should stay away but what can I do
I hear your name, and I'm aflame
Aflame with such a burning desire
That only your kiss can put out the fire
You are the lover that I've waited for
The mate that fate had me created for
And every time your lips meet mine
Baby down and down I go, all around I go
In a spin, loving the spin that I'm in
Under that old black magic called love.

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I Love Our Tea Parties

By Pat Bouknight

Twister's Shag Club's Tea Parties are the main event at SOS whether its winter, spring, or fall. It's a time when all our members come together and have a dance-a-thon on the dance floor. We take over the club and have a good time.

Mid-Winter was great. The crowds were smaller because of the frigid temperatures and there was plenty of dance room.

I love Mid-Winter because we all dance with different people. This is one time that will test your ability to lead and follow.

Most of you know my husband, Irby. He is the one that is sometimes quiet and has those witty, dry comments that make you laugh until you hurt. Most times he won't ask you to dance unless we are at a tea party or special event. I have to say that “twinkle toes” had his dancing shoes on at this Mid-Winter's Tea Party. He danced with all the ladies there and then we moved on to the Pirates Cove where he picked up a few more new partners.

Then we moved on to the Arcade where we had to have one of those yummy burgers and fries. All those carbs did nothing but give him energy to burn and he was off to the dance floor again. There were Twister members there so it was party time all over again. He took off his coat and headed for the dance floor. It wasn't long and he was taking off his shirt! (He said he got hot.)

There he was my better half on the dance floor dancing away during the time the rest of us were still eating. They were giving me a play by play description of what he was doing next. He has been known to take his shirt off and stand in the middle of the road swinging it to hail a cab.

I have to say if you missed dancing with him, just wait. He'll be back again. This goes to show the strange behavior that SOS and a Twisters Tea Party can have on you.

Mid-Winter

By Debbie Hayes

Mid-Winter was my first SOS event, ever. I am no longer a virgin (SOS virgin that is). I couldn't have had a better SOS chaperone Susan showed us the ropes and introduced two of us as her SOS virgins. I began to tell everyone she was my SOS virgin mother. I think she got the worst end of the deal, but she did a great job and I want to say thanks very much to her.

I also enjoyed the TSC Tea Party at OD Beach Club. I got to meet and greet new people and talk to them about our club. SOS is like the Fall Cyclone; you've not lived until you have experienced one. I had more fun in those 3-4 days than I have had in a years' time, except at the Fall Cyclone. I can't wait for the spring SOS.

Susan gave me good solid SOS advice and I would like to report that I didn't come home with the crud. Maybe that was because we didn't stay still long enough for the crud to attach itself to us. Until next time or the next new experience...

Mid-Winter

By Phyllis Brown

While at Mid-Winter, we invited a friend of ours that lives in Windy Hill to hang out with our club. Randy recently joined the OD Shag Club but he had no clue what to expect at Mid-Winter. Well, now he does thanks to our club. On Friday night he came to the Pirates Cove while Mike was playing and met a lot of our members. I think Susan took him to Fat Harolds later. (He was in good hands.) He had so much fun and could not get over how everyone made him feel so welcome and most of all comfortable. On Saturday he came to our Tea Party and once again was overwhelmed with our gang.

Randy is planning a trip to Mooresville soon to join us at Hideaway and he is also interested in joining our club. Thanks so much for making Randy feel welcome and comfortable on his first shag adventure. I told him he must take lessons before Spring!

Mid-Winter

By Randy Briley

Thanks to Allen and Phyllis Brown, I had the opportunity to meet some really fine members of your club at Mid-Winter.

Your great members quickly made this newcomer feel as if I was among old friends. I will be seeing you guys again here in North Myrtle Beach or maybe even in your area.

Mid-Winter 2009

By Beverly Munday

What a grand time we all had this very frigid Mid-Winter SOS. Wow! What happened to those 60-degree days?

We had a great time shopping all day and dancing all night. My feet were killing me by Sunday Morning.

It was especially nice to be staying right there at the O.D. Resort. How convenient and warm! I highly recommend it for Mid-Winter.

There was plenty of food and drink for everyone and no one got hurt! I'm so proud of Charles and Kathy... no injuries this time.

Did you hear, there was a new drug going around at the Tea Party this year? I believe that one of the So-So brothers had a sample. It was Dance-iagra. He just couldn't stop dancing. We thought a trip to the O.D. Arcade for that midnight hamburger would help calm the symptoms, but no! We thought we might have to take him to the hospital to get him to stop dancing.

We all had a great time and all were so happy to be together. We just didn't want the good times to stop. I love all you guys and gals so much!

There's always a good time when we can get together. I hope we get a chance to do it more often in 2009! See you soon!

Mid-Winter and More

By Peggy Cavin

Mid-winter is over, and everyone had a great time. There were lots of TSC members down for the weekend. The weather was almost too cold for me, but it did not stop our Fun Bunch. We got there early on Monday afternoon and settled into the condo before we headed out to see some of our local resident friends. We always go to Harold's to see Harold. As he says "you haven't been to the beach until you see Fat Harold". Bartenders Terry and Shannon always give us a warm welcome. Pirate's Cove owner Milford was sitting at his usual spot at the bar as I ran in to check to see who was in there. We visited the Arcade and checked on things at the O.D Beach Club and the renovated Spanish Galleon. On Thursday we headed to Ducks to check on Mary and William, and to ask about David's arrival. Then we went to see our favorite resident artist, Becky Stowe Powell and her faithful helper, Penny. (Becky closes Mondays through Wednesdays during the winter months.)

Becky has relocated Beach Memories. If you haven't been in to see her lately, wow. What a neat place. There is so much more room and just too much to look at in her new home. You can go into Beach Memories every day and still see something new each time. Like most of our friends, we have many of her wonderful prints hanging in our homes. We (Twister's Shag Club) have also used Becky's artwork at most all of our Fall Cyclones.

The Beach clubs were packed each night with great music. When we got hungry, there was always a place to go eat without leaving the clubs. The best hamburgers, French fries, and bologna sandwiches on the beach are within walking distance.

Our TSC tea party at the Beach Club was great. This was the first time in years that I've missed one of our parties, but I had sinus problems. I did attend for about an hour, but headed back soon. I was just too miserable to join in the fun. Speaking of fun, you should have seen some of our members as I walked into the Beach Club. They had been partying for several hours and they were having a large time.

The DJ was playing awesome music, but that did not make me feel any better. So after a glass of plain O.J. from the bar, I said a few quick "goodbyes", went back the condo and jumped into bed.

One morning around 7:30 A.M., we woke to the sound of what sounded like golf balls hitting the windows. It was actually sleet; marble size balls of ice. About an hour later, it started snowing small flakes. Even though it never got much above 30 that day, the snow was short lived. About five or six years ago it snowed a few inches at North Myrtle Beach the Sunday night of Mid-winter. It was really awesome to see. There was a huge snowman on the beach. I have a picture of me standing beside it in front of the Pavillion with the ocean in the background.

Everyone is back home now and anxiously awaiting the re-opening of Hideaway. They were closed for remodeling while Mid-winter was going on. Ralph and his guys have put in some long hard days making Hideaway one of the best places to dance on Friday nights. We have checked it out and it is going to be a pleasant surprise for everyone. They will be open for business again this Friday January 30th. The bar, the dance floor, the new colors and decor are absolutely outstanding. See you at the newly renovated Hideaway.

Mid-Winter

By Teresa Sloop

Well we can officially say we are no longer rookies! Khris and I have now attended our second Mid-Winter. I must say even though we were only able to spend one night, it was a blast. Last year we were a bit timid about getting on the dance floor, but no longer. Fred Flintstone and I really enjoyed dancing (when Fred could stay away from the bar.) We were at OD for the Tea party and then moved on over to Pirates Cove where I believe there were some pictures taken of Brian and what might have looked like a harem.

This is a group of people that always makes you feel welcome and has an awesome time no matter where they are. If anyone out there hasn't been to the beach for Mid-Winter or any SOS event you really should attend. You don't know what you have been missing!

Mid-Winter

By Nancy Massengill

This was my first Mid-Winter and I can tell you now that it will not be my last, even though it was cold enough for the long johns that I didn't pack (one of the few things I left at home). I drove down on Thursday in pretty weather. I was in a condo with Sharon Abernethy and Margaret and Jim Hutson. I think that if it wasn't for the walking and shopping and walking and shopping that we did, that I would have gained about 100 lbs. We cooked and ate and ate and ate. Although it didn't seem like we spent much time in the kitchen (other than filling our plates or getting a little more of that). We went out to dance each evening and socialize with all our friends and make some new ones from other parts of the country.

We did our tour of working the Ice Tea Party on Saturday evening - a job that this social butterfly loves doing. The rain on Sunday only dampened the golfers spirits, not our, even though we didn't go out to dance on Sunday. We awoke Monday to a beautiful sunrise over the ocean, something that always seems to happen on the day that you leave. After bundling up to go out the previous the evenings in layers and clothing, winter coats, and gloves, we left the beach in shirt sleeves.

Going To, Or Places At The Beach

We want your input about trips to O.D., the best places to eat, the best places to buy gas, etc. We will continue the column every month when items are submitted. We need to hear from you!



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

Queenie's Medical Moments

By Pam Siege, RN

Macular Degeneration is a breakdown or degeneration of the macula, a small area in the retina at the back of the eye. This area allows you to see fine details clearly so you can do things like read and drive a car. This will affect the center vision, but not the side, or peripheral vision.

Causes: The aging process (yes... that's right... old age)!

Types: Dry. Thinning of the tissues of the macula. Usually vision is lost gradually.

Wet: Abnormal blood vessels underneath the retina. They leak fluid or blood and blur your central vision. Usually vision loss is rapid and severe.

Symptoms: Words on a page get blurry and dark or empty areas appear in the center of vision, straight lines look distorted.

How It is Diagnosed:

Vision test

Dr's exam

Photos of blood vessels with angiography

Treatment: Antioxidant vitamins and zinc - vitamin C, E, & beta-carotene

Laser surgery

Anti-VEGF drugs (vascular endothelia growth factor). These can preserve your sight, but are not cures.

Just like anything else, the best way to catch this problem early and receive the proper treatment is to have annual checkups. If in between your check-ups you feel like something is not just right, go for that additional doctor visit. It's better to be safe than sorry!

Believe me, it will not go away if you ignore it. Take care of yourself for your family and friends if not for you!

Remember that laughter is the best medicine! Bless our hearts!

Queenie's Medical Moments

By Pam Siege

What should I write about next? What do you want to hear about? I need input from all of you! So far I have written about:

- Stress - that was for me
- Drinking wine for your health (hahaha)
- Macular degeneration - my mother
- Wellness check-ups - for Geoffafa Siege
- Sciatica nerves - me again
- Sleeping troubles - Pat Bouknight and her friend (me)
- Bees and being allergic to their stings - I watched the movie "My Girl"
- And for Geoffafa... Living longer in the sun - after being at the beach and watching sun bunnies!
- COPD - chronic obstructive pulmonary disease - all the smokers out there
- Fats, good or bad? - Beverly - she tries to eat good (bless her)
- Exercise - all of us over the ripe old age of "not young and flabby now!"
- Breast cancer - my daughter- Cassie had problems when in college and now helps raise money for the cause! Proud of her!

So now I want you to tell me what you want me to research and write about! My e-mail address is pamela.siege@med.va.gov

I am a softy for poems, cute sayings and inspirational messages! So I am leaving you with this:

"Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things!" I have always told my kids when problems occur: This is not an interruption in life. This is life!

So, thanks to all the people reading this. You have been a very big, wonderful part of my life!

Love you all, Queenie (I had a weak moment writing this!)

Shagging is NOT A Full-Contact Sport

By Jim Horton

The fun of last September's Fall SOS ended for us on Thursday night. As you all are aware, that's when the clubs start to get really full with people coming in for the last part of SOS. Then it happened. While dancing, the man next to us kicked or stepped on the top of Ann's foot. This was no light bump. Ann let out a yell. Ouch! She thought her foot had been sliced open and was afraid that blood was flowing all over the floor. She quickly hobbled off the floor, sat down and grabbed her foot to inspect the damage.

Fortunately her foot was not bleeding, but he had ruptured several of the veins under the skin on the top of her foot. Almost immediately her foot turned blue and started swelling. When I saw this, I quickly ran to the bar to get a bag of ice to put on her foot.

As far as we can remember the man next to us never said a word to us. I find it hard to believe that he did not know he had kicked her, especially when she let out her "Ouch" so loudly. Some of the people that were sitting around us said they saw the man leave the lounge right after this happened.

After Ann composed herself and realized her foot was not going to stop hurting, we decided to go back to our room. Friday her foot was still very swollen and blue. Ann was in pain from the throbbing in her foot. She kept putting ice on it off and on throughout the day. Needless to say we couldn't go anywhere. For the rest of that SOS, we sat and watched some others dance. Ann kept her foot up in a chair. Several others came by to ask about her foot. One lady told of an SOS when, on the first night there, someone stepped on her foot and broke one of her toes. She said she knew what Ann was going through.

When we got back Ann worked that Monday. She was able to get her athletic shoes on and managed to last the day. Then she worked half of Tuesday. That was all she could do. She came home and put her foot up. She did not work any of the rest of that week.

She tried to go back on the following Monday, but only lasted until noon. Her foot still hurt too much to stand up to walk on it and try to see her patients. So she came home at noon. She did not go back to work for the rest of that week. During this time, because of the large blood clot, her foot developed an infection. It eventually spread up into her ankle. After going through three different sets of antibiotics, the infection was finally defeated. But she still had some pain in her foot and ankle.

Finally after five weeks she was able to wear a shoe and get out and dance a little. All of this pain and suffering and missed work was caused by one night of dancing at SOS.

Next up was our Fall Cyclone! We were all excited and getting very psyched up for the great time we would be having that weekend. Adrenalin was pumping in anticipation of the weekend. We worked our time slots and had a great time with our co-workers and all of the visitors to the Cyclone. Then, Ann and I were dancing with each other on Saturday night. Again, the dance floor was very crowded. All of a sudden Ann turns and walks off the floor. I asked her what was wrong. She told me the guy dancing near us had bumped her and hit her with his elbow several times and she was tired of getting hit.

I let this incident go, realizing that it was a very crowded party and everyone was trying to get out on the dance floor. A little later on Ann and I were dancing with other people. Then, to my shock and utter amazement I saw Ann laying on her back on the dance floor. Her dance partner was busy catching a man that had been dancing next to them and was in the process of falling on top of Ann.

I walked up and asked what had happened. Come to find out her dance partner was trying to get Ann to do a spin that she had never done before. (At the same time, she was apparently bumped by a person dancing nearby.) The result was that she lost her balance and landed on the floor. All I could think of was Ann getting hurt yet again after just getting over her last injury from SOS. Fortunately Ann only ended up with a bruised hand from trying to catch herself as she hit the floor, a bruised knee and bottom.

I want to encourage everyone to follow the rules of dance etiquette. The teachers in TSC have instructed their classes to dance the right way. Frankie has written articles about this. It is just plain common sense. When sharing the floor with others, be polite. Stay in your slot. If the floor is crowded you have to dance in a more compact area. You cannot do the more elaborate moves that require a lot of space. If you do, you will run into the people around you..

If you do bump someone, tell them you are sorry. I have done it. We all have. But I always acknowledge my mistake and tell the person I have bumped that I am sorry.

I was taught not to try a new step out on the dance floor that I did not know. You should always practice it before you go out there. Get it down first. Men should have a good idea of how the step should go so that they can lead their partner safely through it.

Remember guys, this is a male lead dance. We are responsible for our dance partners. Do not over-dance your partner. We all want to have a good time and a lot of fun, but not at the expense of our partners. Our partners are not “crash dummies” for us to whip around uncontrollably. We should feel the responsibility of leading our partners off the dance floor safe and sound, like the way we lead them onto the floor.

I know this piece is somewhat long. But this topic keeps coming up over and over. But I had to try to do my part to encourage everyone to dance safely. I especially feel this after watching Ann suffer for several weeks from her injuries at the hands of an inconsiderate dancer.

Have fun with all of your friends and fellow shaggers and club members. Hopefully at the end of the night we will all leave without any injuries, eager to get back out on the dance floor the next time we have a chance.

If we keep getting injured, we may have to take up some other sport that is not so dangerous... like Texas Hold'em Poker or some other card game!