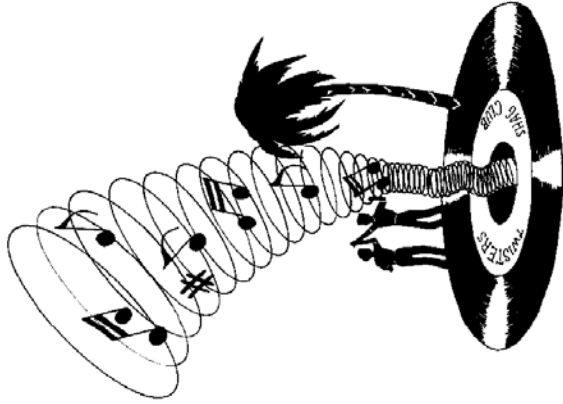


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PRESIDENT -----(704-963-9409)----- Dean Melton
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Meet And Greet: Susan Dahl (704-528-8005)
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Social: Hope Wray and Mimi Hooker
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All info must be submitted by the 15th of the preceding month.

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The President's Letter

Hello Everyone,

2014 is gone and 2015 is here, ready or not. Now is the time to start the new year off with a bang. Forget all the things you didn't do last year and think of all the fun things you can enjoy this year.



Let's all work together to make this one of the best years TSC has every had. We already have a great place to dance every Friday night. If you haven't been out in a while, come join the fun at The Finish Line. You can dance, drink, eat, laugh and just overall have a great time with friends. It really can't get much better than that. The dance floor is great and the DJ's are awesome. The crowds are bigger and better each week. But there is always room for more. So bring a friend or twenty and plan to have an awesome night of fun and dancing. I almost forgot to mention that the food is good too. There are plenty of tables to sit and enjoy the music and watch your favorite dancers.

I would also like to mention that we are very lucky to have awesome dance instructors. I really can't tell you just how lucky we are. So if you need to learn to dance, brush up on your already awesome dance moves, or just learn some new moves, join the dance class. Classes are on Tuesday nights and begin at 7:30. Come join in. If you don't want to take part in the class come help with set up or sign-ins, or be a partner for the students. It is a great way to meet potential new members and let them know how great it is to be a part of TSC. Remember most of our new members start by taking dance class, so come make them feel welcome.

We are currently working on the 2015 calendar. If you have any suggestions please let the Board know immediately. For the month of February we have a Superbowl Party for all you football fans. Then, we will have a great Valentines Day Party. Look for more information on both in this newsletter.

Details for a bowling party in March will be announced as soon as they are finalized. Make your plans to attend all these events. They are all great opportunities to socialize and have a great time.

Your TSC membership expires this month. We've emailed you a renewal form, and there is also one in this newsletter. Please fill it out and turn it in ASAP so we can get started on the new year.

Last but not least, it's time to elect officers for 2015. The Nominating Committee's slate is printed in this newsletter. Nominations can also be accepted from the floor.

That's all for now. Hope to see you all soon!

Dean

Club Meeting Night

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd at Fat Boys in Mooresville. Social hour starts at 7pm. Come early to eat. The business meeting will start at 8pm.

We have two new applications from Jim and Karin Dickson. Come meet them and welcome them into TSC. The treasure chest will be huge this month, too! Don't miss your chance to win the cash.

New Dance Lessons

By Nancy Massengill

We have now started a new set of dance lessons. We have 54 in Beginner and 28 in the Intermediate class. Everyone is having a lot of fun and is catching on quickly.

Help is really, really needed with setting up the room for lessons. The beginner starts at 7:30. We like to have the room set up by 6:30 so when students come in to eat prior to lessons they sit in the areas that don't need to be cleared for dance floor space.

Editor's Note: If you can help with setup or some other part of lessons, please let Nancy know as soon as possible. Thank you!



THE BIG SUPERBOWL PARTY



Celia Hunter and Mike Turbeville are opening up their home to The Fun Bunch for a big Superbowl Party on Sunday, February 1st.

Soft drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite adult beverage. Celia is cooking her famous chili. Everyone is also welcome to bring an appetizer to share. (Call Hope at 828-291-6865 or Celia at 704-664-2639 if you have any questions.)

We'll have our normal "pool" going, so have a few bucks in your pocket. You can buy "blocks" that will be tied to the game score.

Don't be late. The party will start at 4pm. Chilli will be served around 5:30. Kickoff is at 6:30.

To get to their house from I-77, exit 36, go west about three miles and turn left onto McCrary Road. (McCrary Road is just before Big Daddy's Restaurant on the other side of the road.)

Go to the end of McCrary and turn right onto Riverwood Road. The house is 4/10 of a mile down on the left at 305 Riverwood. Please park in the natural area in front of the house.



DJ Schedule For The Finish Line

January 30: Clyde Waller
February 6: Roger Holcomb
February 13: Billy Waldrep

February 20: Buck Crumpton
February 27: Jeff Foster
March 6: Roger Holcomb

The Big Valentines Day Party

Friday night, February 13 is going to be hopping with a great DJ, free roses for the ladies, a fantastic giveaway prize of a two-night stay at NMB, and even an awesome late night breakfast buffet with all of your favorite items. Spread the word and share the flyer!

The Areas Biggest And Best

VALENTINES DAY PARTY

Friday, February 13th

At the Finish Line Lounge, I-77 exit 36

DJ: Billy Waldrep

Singles And Couples, Come Have Fun

Free Rose For All The Ladies

Plus Everyone Will Have A Chance To

Win A 2-Night Stay At NMB

At The OD Beach And Golf Resort During DJ Throwdown

Special Late Night Treat:

**Enjoy An Awesome Breakfast
Buffet From 11pm-Midnight**

**Cover: \$3 Single, \$5 Couple Or Pay For Cover
And Breakfast For Only \$10 Single, \$20 Couple**

The Southern Spring Show

Come one, come all to the Southern Spring Show. Twister's Shag Club members are going to have some fun and be featured on stage along with our shag instructors Ashley and Tobitha Stewart.

Our club logo and a photo will be in the show's advertisements and on their web site. In exchange, they want our club members to dance to a couple songs and demo the shag for show attendees.

We are only committed to 20-30 minutes on each of the five days. So we will introduce ourselves, dance to one or two songs, and encourage some of the audience to come up and learn the "basic".

We will all be given free admission to the whole show. And TSC plans to buy food and refreshments for members who participate.

We are currently planning all types of advertisement for our club, our web site and our events. What ideas do you have? A banner? Flyers? Business cards? Help! We need YOUR input and ideas. Let's make this fun and take full advantage of this opportunity to help TSC grow. So get involved. Let Mike know ASAP what dates/times shown below you help with, and what your promotion ideas are. Call 704-534-4151 or email TSC@GoShagging.com.

Friday, February 20

5:30 pm

Saturday, February 21

1:30 pm

Friday, February 27

4:30 pm

Saturday, February 28

2:30 pm

Sunday, March 1

1:30 pm

Newsletter Articles

By Nancy Massengill

I have been quite lax in the past several months in sending in an article for the newsletter. I have the same excuses as everyone else... too much to do and too little time. I know that we all love reading the newsletter, seeing what is going on like: who is having a birthday, who has had a new grand baby, where folks have been going, etc. I would like to challenge each member to send in an article for the next newsletter. Nothing elaborate (unless that is what you want to do), no specific word count (this is not an English class), just a short article of something of interest. Let's see if we can't have the biggest newsletter ever (and perhaps Mike won't beg or plead at the next meeting for articles). Let's get to it!

Nominating Committee Results

Nominating Committee volunteers met recently and discussed who would be best to lead Twister's Shag Club for the coming year. Although club members had been pretty vocal with their ideas at the recent meeting, it was important to follow the process.

After discussion, the Committee recommends the following slate continuing each officer for a second year.

President – Dean Melton
Vice President – Barry Wray
Secretary – Peggy Cavin
Treasurer – Kathy Thompson

A Big Thank You

Twisters Shag Club Members, thank you for allowing me to be your Treasurer this past year. I have really enjoyed working with Dean, Barry and Peggy. It has been a pleasure being on the board and doing whatever can be done for the club members and the club as a whole. I hope you will allow me to be your Treasurer for the coming year 2015. Together we can make TSC even better!

Mid-Winter 2015

By Peggy Cavin

As I sit here in OD freezing to death two days before Mid-Winter starts, I remember why I like Mid-Winter. It's not only a fun time with friends, but it also marks the beginning of good things to come. Longer days, warmer days mean "summertime is calling me". There will be DJ Throwdown, ShagAttack, Spring SOS, CSA contests, Junior SOS, Fall SOS, other shag club parties to attend and our 25th Annual Fall Cyclone It's a routine and a lifestyle chosen by thousands of shaggers for decades. Except for the cold, I'm glad I'm here to welcome everyone to the "best little party town in the South"! Rumor has it that Dale and Vicky beat us here!

Honestly, Mid-Winter is truly a mini SOS. It is not as crowded and only four days. There is not as much wear and tear on our bodies as the two ten-day parties in the Spring and Fall. But you still have many of the same great DJ's.

We always plan one party at one of our favorite clubs during Mid-Winter. This time we are going to be getting together at Ducks. It is another good time for our club and friends to congregate.

There is never a dull moment when the Twisters "Fun Bunch" hits the city limits of North Myrtle Beach.

This will be the first time that the ACSC Workshop meeting will be combined with the Mid-Winter meeting instead of being held in February. It will definitely be a change. Climbing out of bed early Saturday morning just might not be that easy to do. But we certainly don't want to miss out on anything on Friday night.

I'm glad to hear it's supposed to warm up to the 50's during the weekend. I am sure that more TSC members will be arriving soon for the festivities. We will be ready to welcome them with open arms and a TSC cheer or two. Ready on the right?

There will be great memories and lots of pictures to look back on after The Fun Bunch is here. I hope you are part of them!

Missing In Action At Midwinter

By Kathy Thompson

I can't believe I missed Midwinter. It is my favorite beach shagging event. There are so many people that I only get to see at Midwinter. I missed giving them a big hug and being able to discuss how their lives have been during the year. You meet so many wonderful people throughout these events at the beach. Friends are to cherish. They will be there when you need them. I can't leave out my club members. What a bunch of fun people. I hope to read a lot of stories about how much fun everyone had at Midwinter. For all the people in the shag world, I hope to see you are Spring Safari. If you aren't able to make any SOS events don't forget the 25th Annual Fall Cyclone in November. It will be an event to remember. Please plan ahead because it will be a sell-out.

Impressions Of TSC

By Lynda Dull

I started this venture to learn to shag with a lot of concern and intimidation. I hadn't danced in years after surgery to replace my left knee and having both left and right total hip replacements. However, Tobitha and Ashley Stewart have proved to be very patient and understanding teachers. I'm so glad I took their class.

Being a beginner shagger and a first time participant at the 2014 Fall Cyclone, I was very impressed with the work put forth by the Twisters Shag Club. The dedication of the volunteers who assisted during the event is the reason I chose to join this club. I hope I can offer as much as I've gotten out of being part of this group.

On a related note, the food was wonderful at the event. And the Shrimp and Grits that were prepared Sunday morning were absolutely delicious! I wonder if anyone has a great, personal recipe they would be willing to share? I've been craving them since that morning. Susan and Cathy served me a bowl as we watched the Jr. Shaggers tear up the floor with their amazing performance.

Thank you all for the warm welcome into TSC.

Shaggers Hall of Fame Inductions

By Peggy Cavin

Mike and I had the pleasure of attending the ShagAttack event including the Shaggers Hall Of Fame Induction ceremonies at Ocean Drive the weekend of October 9 - 11. It is always a great weekend with several parties and the final induction ceremony Saturday night at the Spanish Galleon. It is a fun affair that can sometimes get very emotional for inductees and those sitting in the audience. Many of these Hall of Famers have been in the shag world for a long time and have promoted and supported this dance from the very beginning. It was a great honor to be able to watch these wonderful people receive this very prestigious award.

There were eight total HOF inductees, two honorary inductees and three Keepers of the Dance selected for 2014.

Mr. Harold Worley and Ms. Marilyn Hatley, Mayor of NMB, were selected as Honorary inductees for 2014.

Two Keepers of the Dance were selected for this year. Zachary McDonald and Ashley Shearin are two very wonderful young people who will help keep this great dance and lifestyle going.

Trey McCants was selected posthumously. His Mom accepted the award for him while a video from one of his dance contests ran in the background.

Each inductee is able to stand at the podium and give a short acceptance speech. This is where the emotions run wild within the room. When you watch all these people accept their awards and see them doing a spotlight dance, it does touch your heart. And, it will bring tears to your eyes just watching their pride and hearing the heartfelt thanks coming from each one of them. It's very easy to get caught up in the night and the people. I found myself choking back tears a few times.

A complete listing of the 2014 inductees follows. Congratulations to all them! If you get a chance to go next year, do it.

**Congratulations
To The 2014
Shaggers Hall of Fame Inductees**

Men:	Women:
Bill Barber	Terri Columbus
Connie Bridges	Alana Holmes
Arnold King	Betty King
Jerry King	Maureen Little

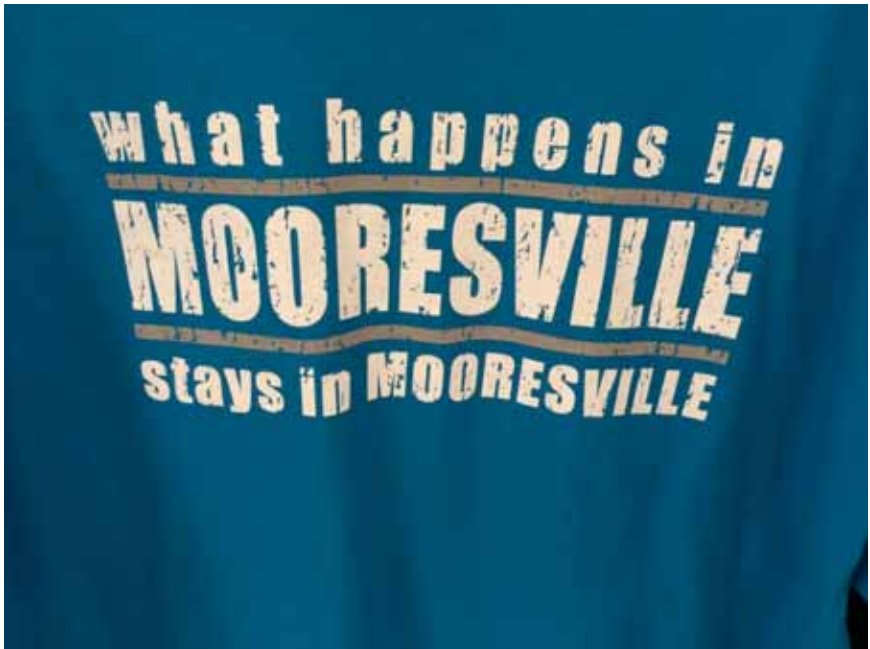
Honorary:
Marilyn Hatley
Harold Worley

**2014
Keepers Of The Dance Inductees**
Zachary McDonald
Ashley Shearin
Posthumous Keepers of the Dance - Trey McCants





New Keepers of the Dance Ashley and Zack in the middle of several past Keepers.



Here's a photo of a shirt seen in a local store just before the 2014 Fall Cyclone.

What's Happening In The Shag World

GoShagging.com and our Facebook page also have info.

Jan 31: Rock Hill Shag Club Party featuring The Embers. Call 803-242-6104 or email shagdeb@comporium.net for more info.

Feb 1: Superbowl Party at Mike and Celia's home See article in this issue for more information.

Feb 3: TSC Monthly Meeting at Fat Boys.

Feb 6, 7: Keepers Of The Dance Contest at Fat Harolds.

Feb 12-14: Chicken Pickin hosted by Lake Norman Shag Club. Call 704-902-1011 or visit www.lakenormanshagclub.com for info

Feb13: Valentines Day Party at The Finish Line Lounge.

- **Fri, Feb 20, 5:30 pm - The Southern Spring Show**
- **Sat, Feb 21, 1:30 pm - The Southern Spring Show**
- **Fri, Feb 27, 4:30 pm - The Southern Spring Show**
- **Sat, Feb 28, 2:30 pm - The Southern Spring Show**
- **Sun, March 1, 1:30 pm - The Southern Spring Show**

March 6, 7: DJ Throwdown at NMB. See flyer for more info.

March 7: Shaggin in the Sandhills hosted by Sanford Area Society Of Shaggers. Jeffrey.rosser@outlook.com or 919-770-2646

March 15: TSC Brunch & Bowling Party

March 20, 21: ShagAttack at NMB

March 20-22: The 26th Annual Classic Party in Augusta, hosted by CSRA Shag Club. 803-634-7973 or www.csrashagclub.com

March 26-28: Smoky Mountain Boogie in Pigeon Forge. shagfella@aol.com, 865-456-7997, smokymountainshaggers.com

March 26-29: Boogie In The Burgh hosted by Steel City Boogie. 724-728-7222 or www.steelcityboogieclub.org for more info.

March 27- 29: Shag Extravaganza VI in Columbia, SC hosted by the Capital City Shag Club. www.capitalcityshagclub.com/

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

May: TSC Golf Outing And Meal. Details to be announced.

May 16: Party in Roanoke VA. DJ Mike Rink. This could turn into another posse trip. Stand by for more details.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sept 4: Fall SOS Kickoff Party at The Finish Line Lounge

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

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

Nov (5) 6-8: The Fall Cyclone. See www.FallCyclone.com in coming months for details once the party plans are finalized.

Upcoming Birthdays

Dare Ballard	02/03	Susan Dahl	03/03
Beverly Forrester	02/11	Doris Black	03/04
Marylee Kreamer	02/12	Richard Harrington	03/04
Cathy Pehl	02/14	Dianne Harrington	03/08
Al Waters	02/17	Gene Hunter	03/08
Dale Abernathy	02/20	Rich Hardick	03/18
Nancy Hall	02/21	Mike Turbeville	03/19
Celia Hunter	02/21	Jerome Swann	03/21
Charles Binder	02/23	Don Zimmerman	03/31

Article About Twister's Shag Club

The Charlotte Observer recently ran an article about our club. It mentioned that this is our club's 25th year, and talked about our positive impact. We sent you the link by email. But here it is again:
<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2015/01/05/5426864/25th-year-starting-for-twisters.html>

shaggers Hall of Fame

Keepers of the Dance Contest

Friday, February 6, 2015

Qualifying Contest

Fat Harold's Beach Club, NMB, SC

Junior Div - Under 21

Senior Div - 45 & Up

Open Div - 21 & Up

Top 8 Qualify - Each Division For Finals

Pay Top 3 Places

All Sign Up - 7pm - Juniors start promptly at 8pm

Saturday February 7, 2015

FINALS CONTEST

Fat Harold's Beach Club, NMB, SC

Contest will start promptly at 9pm

Total Prize Money \$5,000 +

8 Places in Each Div - All Places Pay in each Div

**Saturday Afternoon Party for the Sponsors, Participants
and Keepers of the Dance - 2- 4 pm**

2014 Keepers Honored

Dewey Kennedy Scholarship Announced Sat night

6TH ANNUAL

Winter Beach Blast

Hosted by
Rock Hill Area Shag Club

January 31, 2015
7pm—MIDNIGHT
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\$30 per person
(purchased by 12/31/14)
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(proceeds to "Hall of Fame Foundation")

...at American Legion
524 Heckle Blvd., Rock Hill, SC
(New Building—New Location)



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BLUES BROTHERS

For more info, Contact:
Debbie Brown
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2015 Membership Renewal Form

NOTE: Your renewal will not be processed unless you completely fill out this form and answer all questions.

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 these questions **OR** if your name, address, phone # or email address has changed within the last 12 months, please list the appropriate contact information below:

Are you currently a member or user of “Facebook”? _____ / _____
HIM HER

Name a party or social activity/party that TSC has hosted, or *could* host that you like or you think would be fun for us to try this year:

Put a check beside two or more committees per member.

Put a “C” beside any activity you are willing to Chair.

HIS	HERS	WEB SITE / FACEBOOK COMMITTEE
		I will help with updates, enhancements, links or other items to be included on our site / page.

HIS	HERS	NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE
		I will submit articles and other items a timely manner for use in the club newsletter.

HIS	HERS	MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
		I will help dance at special events and do other things to recruit new members to our club.

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
		I will help plan, create and distribute flyers or other items to promote TSC or club activities and help with Facebook, email or other club distributions and promotions.

HIS	HERS	DANCE LESSONS COMMITTEE
		I will help sign in students, set up the room, or serve as a partner to others taking lessons.

HIS	HERS	SOCIAL COMMITTEE
		I will help plan, set up, work, & tear down at least two shag events/activities this year.

HIS	HERS	MEET & GREET COMMITTEE
		I will be responsible for meeting, greeting and welcoming guests to our weekly, Friday dances for one month (or five Fridays) this year.

HIS	HERS	OTHER - <i>Please list details of anything else you can do to help TSC prosper this year.</i>

To go to the Mid-Winter, Spring or Fall SOS events at the beach you have to be a member of SOS. TSC Members get a \$5 discount if you join SOS or renew your SOS membership through TSC. (You can pay for both memberships at the same time, if you wish.)

Number of SOS Memberships requested at \$30 each: _____

Number of membership renewals requested at \$20 each: _____

Renewal is also a continuation of your pledge to actively promote the prosperity, health, welfare and future of Twister's Shag Club at all times! Thanks for all you will do for TSC this year!

How To Write An Article

By Kathy Thompson

Believe it or not I am sitting at work trying to write to all of you who read our newsletter to make it more exciting for you to read.

Since many of you from other clubs read our newsletter, first of all let me thank you for taking the time to read our articles. We hope to always share what we do in our club and hopefully our articles will give your club ideas to use, or incentive to come visit with us.

Here are some things that I think are good ideas for writers:

- #1- Share something exciting with your club like our club has been trying to do for the past 24 years.
- #2- Write to fellow shaggers about things that you know we all share in common.
- #3 -If you are writing about another club or a person, always make sure your facts are correct. Sometime we shaggers are out partying with our adult beverages and that paints a slightly different picture in our memory.
- #4 -Write about something that has made a big impact on the club or an individual, or you personally.
- #5- Start your article with a bang. Don't keep the best part until the end. There is an old saying about saving the best for last. But sometimes you can't do that because your article may get boring. I would suggest putting the best part first and then finishing with a bang.
- #6- Quote something if you can. Quotes from others are always a good angle.
- #7- We all love pictures. Think outside the box and show off your fellow members, your accomplishments, or use them to inform others of upcoming events. Photos can even be used to help invite people to an event.

So what do you think? I believe I just wrote an article for the newsletter. How easy was that? I hope your were interested in what I had to say. Now let's hear from you! Again, thank you for reading this newsletter and its articles.

WELCOME TO THE 24TH ANNUAL DJ THROWDOWN PRESENTED BY



MARCH 5th, 6th & 7th, 2015 WITH OVER 80+ DJS!

The doors will open at 7:30pm with the music starting at 8pm on Thursday, March 5th, with THE BAND OF OZ, then THE RETURN OF ANSON FUNDERBURGH & THE ROCKETS, followed by THE FANTASTIC SHAKERS!

Cover at the door, \$10.00 per person • NO ADVANCE TICKETS

FEATURING Band of Oz



The Return of Anson Funderburgh and The Rockets



The Fantastic Shakers



Friday & Saturday, Free to Everyone!
Free Food on Saturday from 2 - 4

Doors Open Friday & Saturday at Noon

Saturday dance lessons with Ashley and Tobitha
11am - \$10.00 per person

Saturday 12 - 6 Vinyl Party in Duck's Café

Grand Prize Drawing is to be held at Midnight,
March 7th, when \$6,000 will be given away!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Steve Baker ~ 919-676-2159

Butch Metcalf ~ 336-883-9873

Duck's ~ 843-663-3858

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For additional information, check out our website - www.abscdj.com

What Happens In Love Valley...

By Barry Wray

... stays in Love Valley. You know that the reason this title fit's so well is that most of the folks that went were too drunk to remember what happened in Love Valley. Here is the recap. Ways back one of the first weekends in November there were several folks that decide to invade the small cowboy town of Love Valley. Oh yeah, we sought, we came and we left a memorable impression on the folks who reside there.

Hope and I took our camper and hunkered down at Miss Daisy's place. Nancy stayed with some friends in a camper down the street. The rest of the posse filled up the rooms at Miss Kitty's. The day was to start out with a two hour horseback ride up the side of the mountain. For Kathy, it started out with an early happy hour with her bottle of Absolute. We all gathered out at the main entrance for a group photo. Then we walked down the street where we were to meet our new four legged friends. Well "friends" might be questionable. We each chose our source of transportation for the next couple of hours and off we went up the mountain.

Fred Kirby... I mean... Scott lead the way with his six shooter on his hip. I guess his duty was bear control. For half of us it was our first time riding a horse. Hope and her horse came to an agreement. He would go where the hell he wanted to and she would have to dodge the tree limbs as ole Harley tried to invent short cuts on the path. The horse I had was named Fancy and she was about as slow as I am. She didn't have any problem finding some leaves to eat every time we made a stop.

We made it to the top. The view was wonderful as you could see the town down below. Then we headed back down the mountain to town. All was well until we got about 15 minutes from the end of the ride. That's when things went a little hay wire. We approached a muddy section of the trail and Kathy's horse slipped in the mud. He zigged to the right and Kathy zagged to the left and down she went. It was a scary moment, but thankfully no bones were broken.

She got back up and going and we finished the ride. Then it was back to camp to get ready for the evenings events. Deb and Rich showed up to camp with us.

Next, we all gathered at the large bar in the main section of Miss Kitty's where several jar's of liquid courage of various sorts made lap after lap around the bar. This would be what we classify as pre-game festivities. We then went to the Silver Spur for dinner. I'm pretty sure that a few of the ladies who were walking arm to arm where actually holding each other up.

After the meal we headed back to Miss Kitty's for round number two. For some I think it was round five or six. We got word that the band that was supposed to play had canceled due to the small attendance at the spur. Well, there was a second bar in town just a few doors up and on the same side of the street. It was Karaoke Night, there. (You can see where this is going.)

I think most all of us were up on the stage singing something before the night was over. We introduced the Carolina Shag to Love Valley that night, cowboy boots and all. At one point I had my cell phone hooked up to the D.J's equipment and he was playing "Mama's Drinking Liquor Again".

Scott's job was to keep picking the gal's up off the floor when they fell down. The floor is probably cleaner now than it's been in years. The pole in the middle of the dance floor... they will have a hard time ever getting paint to stick to that thing again.

I'm sure that the local's had plenty of stories to talk about those folks from the "Twisters Shag Club" for the next few weeks after.

All in all it was a very good time indeed. Good times with good friends. You've got to get out there and make those memories today, as we are not promised tomorrow will come. Dust off those cowboy boots.

Scott Kirby says we will attempt TSC Love Valley round two in the spring. Saddle up and hold on!

New Year's Eve Party

By Tommy & Wilma Laws

Since TSC wasn't hosting a New Year's Eve Party this year, we decided to check with Andy Barney and Jim Wooten with the Winston Salem Shag Club to see if they were planning to have a New Year's Eve Party this year. We have been to this party several times in the past and always enjoyed it. Andy and Jim quickly replied with a definite "Yes" they were having a party at the Quality Inn and Suites in Winston.

The Winston Salem Shag Club Members are always so friendly making you feel right at home early on. They had a great variety of appetizers (more like a meal) served around 9:30 PM (with a cash bar). Mike Harding did a super job of providing music for dancing. The evening ended with a champagne toast at midnight.

As it sometimes happens.... just down the hall from the Shag Party there was another party going on that would end at 2:00 AM. We decided to check it out. Maybe we would do some Karaoke and dancing ourselves (not)!! We did dance but we made no attempt at singing. We made it almost to closing, but decided it was time for us to go.

Thanks to the Winston Salem Shag Club for putting this New Year's event on and opening it up to the public. It was definitely a first class party.

Attention TSC Members:

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My First Fall Cyclone

By Mimi Hooker

I was standing in front of a older, gray building and asking myself what in the world I was doing. There is supposed to be a Twisters Fall Cyclone party here... really? Buck up, Mimi. You happily signed up to do this and obviously didn't realize what you'd done to yourself. Others have done the same thing to themselves.

I walk in unabashed and to my utter amazement I felt as if I'd entered the Twilight Zone. It needed more cleaning than I'd imagined and the place smelled like a huge ash tray. There were little pieces of plastic bags tied to many chairs, some chairs with seat cushions, and ashtrays that looked like they needed some serious help. I was told that this is the main cleaning that the building gets each year. That was pretty obvious!

There was chewing gum stuck to the floor in places which had to be removed prior to anyone dancing. Carpet needed vacuuming, fans needed to be turned on to air out the place. Wheeze, gasp. The kitchen had to be set up and wiped down for food prep. Y'all would not have believed what the inside of the microwave looked like. Never mind, use your imagination.

Mike was running around like a chicken with its head cut off. I just sort of stood there taking in things until Barbara said the first order of business was to start moving chairs. Then Wilma chimed in that we get to clean bathrooms after that. We shoved all chairs one way, swept, shoved all chairs the other way and swept again.

Guys were putting up lighting, hanging signs and shuffling tables to their correct positions. Nobody seemed to know where the chain for the huge Twisters sign was, thus began a treasure hunt.

Celia and Jimmy were calmly and methodically setting up the raffle booth. They'd noticeably done this before. Scott, Barry, Bill, Greg, John and numerous other guys were setting up the bar (small wonder... a brew was already prepared in an innocuous looking orange water container... and it was not water).

Hey, Richard and Debbie, you're tired? Sit down and take a swig or three then you won't even think about it. Hey Hope, have another one! Susan, try this. It's pink! Really?

Apparently when you have a buzz cleaning yucky black stuff off the floor isn't as big of an issue. Wilma and Nancy put up reams of decorative table skirts. Kathy got out cleaning supplies and showed how it's all done. Buckets were commissioned to hold water to mop and clean floors. And through it all everybody maintained the attitude that this was going to be the best party ever.

People came and went as they could to help set up. It was definitely a huge team effort. Three days ahead of time we began and by the time the doors opened, we were ready. The building sparkled (inside) with the anticipation that the fun would begin.

And fun it was! Though it was a huge amount of work, the payoff was seeing people have so much fun and knowing we put on the shag world's best party. And we'll do it again next year. Really?



This is the inside of the card shown on the previous page. It even includes the signatures of the team members!

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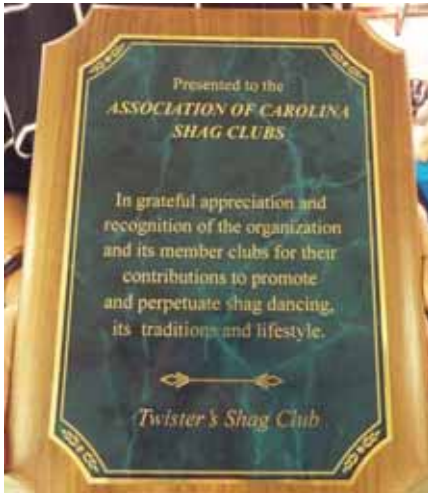
Kaylee Braune

Twister's Shag Club,

Thank you so much for your support and generosity to the JS DT. Your efforts have helped us to meet our goal for our huge trip to CA for the US Open Swing Dance Championships. Without your support, this trip would not have come to fruition! Again thank you!

Best Regards,
Ashley & Tobitha

Fall Cyclone 2014 was a tribute to the organizations who have nurtured and perpetuated our dance. Here are a few photos of plaques we gave to several organizations. The last two photos were taken from web sites.



**Thank You Twisters Shag Club
What a Great Fall Cyclone Party!**

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Letter To TSC

I want to thank Twisters for a great Fall Cyclone and especially the recognition and honors bestowed upon the HOF and Keepers. The hard work and effort for your event does not go unnoticed by the Shag community and especially HOF and Keepers. To realize and experience the fact that at least some people and shag clubs "get it" is truly refreshing and gives me hope that all the unselfish work and effort by these few (solely for the love of the music and dance) does make a difference!

Pictures of the plaques presented will be placed on the HOF and Keepers website with letters of thanks and recognition to Twisters. Also, please know that the generous contribution to HOF will be used to promote the legacy of our dance, music, and lifestyle.

Again, thank you guys very much. We hope to see you soon.

Sincerely, Bob Myrick

(HOF Vice President and Chairman of the Keepers Of The Dance)

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Fall Cyclone #24

By Wilma Laws

The 24th Fall Cyclone in Mooresville, NC has come and gone.

Is putting on a party of this magnitude easy? The answer of course is a resounding "No"! I can't imagine how much planning (aka: scheduling DJ's, hotels, hotel rates, bus routes, publication of the event, ticket sales, work shops, shoe sales, mailings, preparing the cyclone flier, raffle sales, T-shirts, ordering all of the beverages, getting permits, securing the building for the party, renting tables, and the list goes on and on). New this year was the pre-Cyclone party on Thursday night (which was a hit).

Now it is time to go to the skating rink and start preparing the building. When you walk into this huge building you wonder "really" you are going to have a party here??? It is set up for Bingo playing and room is to be totally cleared out. Plus, we know that when the Cyclone is over every item has to be put back in the same place that we found it.

All of the TSC items used for the party are stored in a building behind the skating rink. A very large trailer (set up by Barry) and various vehicles are used to transport the supplies to the "rink". This includes, speakers, signs, the TSC lighted sign over the DJ Booth, kitchen supplies, rest room supplies, etc.

There are so many things to do and to be put in place. TSC members go to work to make this party happen (some work many relentless hours).

The bar was headed up this year by Mike Turbeville, Scott Fletcher, and Barry Wray. What a fantastic job they did. So many great compliments about the variety of beverages being offered . And the "make your own" is always a great crowd pleaser!

Even though Ken Culpepper has had a really tough year, he was at the rink as much as he could be and did a great job as usual.

He made another special display to put up behind the DJ Booth. Great job Ken! What an asset you are!

Vickie Abernathy and I had a chance to catch up on the past year as we (diligently) scrubbed the restrooms in preparation for the event. It was quite the challenge. Oh My!

Hats off to so many people that did so much this year. James Thorndyke came all the way from Ocean Drive to handle major clean up responsibilities John Grice helped coordinate the clean up with the big boxes/trash bags, etc. to keep the building neat for our guest. Nancy did her usual great job with sign ups (starting many weeks ahead of the party date) and Registration. Thanks CD and Judy for your help preparing breakfast.

Thanks Lloyd for keeping the building either warm or cool as needed.

Dean managed breakfast. The breakfast of shrimp and grits and many other choices this year was great, and the breakfast committee saw to it that everything needed was there.

Bob and Cindy made sure everyone has plenty of snacks for the entire week-end.

As usual Celia Hunter & her staff kept the entire crowd in suspense as the ticket sales for the raffle continued to rise. Congratulations to Frances Smith on her big win this year!

And I can not even begin to comprehend the number of hours that Mike Rink and Peggy Cavin put in behind the scenes to make this party happen. It takes months prior to this event to make it happen.

There are so many people that do so many important jobs to make this party the continued success it is. TSC members (and non-members) continued to pull together until every little detail was completed and the party was on!

Once everyone is rested from this event - soon you will hear of the next TSC event being planned and we are off and running in 2015!

Another “Best” Fall Cyclone

By Susan Dahl (One Of The Fun Bunch)

Every Cyclone is great, and what makes every year better is that there are one or two new additions to keep shaggers coming back. Our Thursday night (pre-cyclone) party at The Finish Line was a hit! I met three new couples who had never been to Fall Cyclone, and they were so impressed. I couldn't believe one couple came from Joliet, IL. They were new to Carolina Shag and found a place in Chicago (a dance studio) where one of the instructors learned the shag in order to teach them. When they came through the shrimp and grits line Sunday morning, they just wanted a taste. But they liked it and had a whole bowl. They loved the entire party.

Several told me that they think we will be sold out earlier next year. No one can quite believe how we "pull this off". They haven't seen that we start with on Wednesday morning. My son helped this time and did see it. He rode in the truck hauling everything from the storage building. He wanted me to take pics Friday afternoon, and couldn't believe the end result.

I always tell people that no one in the shag world could do this but Mike (and Peggy). Also, and I have to say it every year, our Chair people are the best! They dance very little. Some don't get to dance at all. We are so fortunate to have members to fill those jobs.

Of course, everyone is exhausted at the end late Sunday afternoon. But most of you are young and bounce right back. I know a few of you are saying, "I'm not young, I'm 60 or 62". Well, you are "young-uns" to me. I'll see you all at The Finish Line.

Keep up with the latest TSC news by logging on to our web site (www.GoShagging.com) and Facebook page. We also make a monthly phone call to members, and send out weekly email notes. If you aren't getting either, please let us know at TSC@GoShagging.com or at 704-534-4151.

Cyclone Highlights

By Kathy Strantz

The 2014 Cyclone highlights are too numerous to mention but...

C - Chairpersons did a great job! James even came all the way from NMB!

Y - Year 2014 – A memorable Cyclone! Looking forward to 2015!

C - Celebrated with old friends, made new ones!

L - Lots of food, drinks and shagging!

O - Only Mike's organization & Peggy's patience could make it happen!

N - No complaints that I heard of!

E - Excellent DJ's. Great to see Betty Brown with her good news!

P - Pirates Cove Shrimp & Grits!

A - And never a dull moment with the bar boys - Scott, Barry, Ken!

R - Really super! Skating rink really sparkled!

T - Thanks to all the TSC members who worked so hard!

Y - Y'all come back! 25th Anniversary next year!

**We will have some space saved
for you in the next issue!**

**Send us your memories or your impressions of any
TSC event. We want to hear from you.**

Don't worry, you don't have to be a great writer.

**Many of you will return from some fun shag event
this month. Send us a few sentences about it.**

Thanks for helping make your newsletter great!

Our First Fall Cyclone

By Rich Hardick

Wow! What can I say? The Fall Cyclone is over and a great time was had by all. Well, let me go back a little. This was our first Cyclone. We really didn't know what to expect other than someone saying it takes a lot of hard work to put it all together. Well it started by removing everything from the building and putting it in storage areas within the building. Then the ladies went to town, cleaning everything from the kitchen and bathrooms to the reception area and dance floor. Other members were busy putting the raffle ticket booth together and the bar that ran across one side of the building. Next, came wiring the DJ stand and placing one set of speakers into the rafters and one set placed on either side of the DJ stand. Another group of workers started putting up additional lights, the Twisters sign and the signs for the sponsors that support shag. While all this was going on, a few of us took time out to sample some of the bar goodies. All this happened from Wednesday to Friday afternoon. When Friday came, we completed the finishing touches to a building that started off looking like a bingo hall and was turned into a Cyclone dance ballroom with bar.

At this time, a big congratulation goes out to Mike and Peggy for putting this whole thing together. I know it takes most of the year to plan an event like this and I want to thank them for the work that they do each and every year.

Next I like to thank the committee people who chaired each specific area and all the members who put time in to make this event the success that it was. It is almost crazy to watch it all be put together. This is a true example of teamwork.

Now it's Friday at 6:00 P.M. Let the party begin! People started flowing in, music was going, drinks were flowing and the Cyclone was on its way. I must say that everyone had a great time the first night including Debbie and me. We ended the night tending the bar and meeting more people than we will ever know.

We danced and danced and danced. Then after everyone left for the night, and we prepared the building for the next day.

Saturday started by having a coffee cocktail (great for the morning). People were lining up outside at 8:30 a.m. in anticipation of the opening at 9:00 a.m. When the doors opened, it all started again. The morning session took on more of a 3-part dance workshop with three sets of instructors. Can you imagine trying to teach shag dancing to hundreds of people at one time? It looked like a flash mob. Well it went on as scheduled and everyone learned a few new steps. The next big thing was preparing for Saturday Hot Dog lunch. I will tell you that our members were so coordinated that this went as smooth as can be.

We danced and drank and danced and drank throughout the afternoon until here came our members preparing for dinner. Again, within a flash everything was up and ready to be served. Imagine trying to feed all those people in an hour. Yet that's exactly what happened. After dinner tables were taken down, we danced and drank and danced and drank. I never danced with so many different ladies. They were from Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The day was coming to an end and another great day it was. Ouch! My feet hurt!

Sunday was the first time I tried shrimp and grits. Boy was that good. I even helped myself to seconds. The morning ended with the junior shag team. These kids are really good. I am glad to see the young people dancing. As the party finally ended, members gathered for one final dance; Traveling Shoes.

After our dance hall was turned back into a bingo hall, we sat for a moment and reminisced the past few days. Two and a half days to set up (whew, lots and lots of hard work) and then 3 ½ hours to tear down. Amazing!

For the next few days all I could speak about was the great time we had at the party. Deb and I can't wait until next year, The Big 25th Anniversary Party. It will be the party of all parties.

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