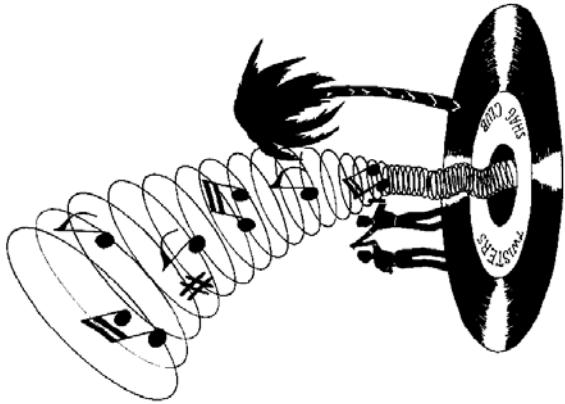


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The President's Letter

Hello Fun Bunch,

I am writing this from SOS so forgive me if it is short. We have had tea parties, shooter parties, birthday parties and a golf outing. Ask Laura Lemmond and Wilma Laws about the golf outing.

The report from the wine tour group was very favorable. No one was arrested! It has been a busy week and we still have a few days left to party.

Our own Kathy Thompson won \$2000 in the Fun Monday Raffle!

We had our annual lake cruise scheduled for October 11th, but we have decided to do something different this year. Check out the article on the next page about the big TSC Celebration and Party.

The next set of beginner shag lessons begins on October 14. Not only do we need TSC members to help our new students, we need help with registration, putting tables and chairs away, and then back in place after the lessons. If you can, please come early (6:30) or stay afterwards to help. Your help is appreciated.

Our first ever Yard Sale is coming the 18th of this month. If you haven't started gathering gently used items for the yard sale, please do so. Make sure you price the items before you bring them.

The Fall Cyclone will be here before you know it. Based on the comments I have received at SOS, this Cyclone will be as big as ever. If you haven't signed up to work, the schedule is available each Tuesday night at dance lessons.

You are the only reason we are able to sponsor such a successful party. We have great members that are willing to make it happen!

See ya on the dance floor.

Frankie

TSC Member Appreciation Party

Saturday, October 11 is the date, Mulligans at Fox Den Country Club is the location, *and you are the featured guest!*

That's right, TSC is hosting a huge celebration and party to honor you, and show how much the club appreciates you for the support you show TSC all year long.

This event will be a great time for you to "re-connect" with the TSC members you may not have seen or partied with in a while, and also to get to know some of the newer members who have joined our club this year.

Light snacks will be provided. TSC members will also receive coupons good for *free food or beverages of their choice* that night. There may even be some extra "treats" for you to enjoy.

Remember, Mulligans has great food including appetizers, burgers, sandwiches, and even full dinners. So feel free to come early and eat before the party really gets started!

Fast Eddie Thompson will be the DJ that night. He will help bring plenty of energy and fun to this event.

For the past few years, our pre-Cyclone event has been held on a huge charter boat. But recently, gas has been scarce in the lake area. Prices have soared. And private parties have been eating up our regular shag nights at Havana Social Club. So, we have planned something special and different this year. With plenty of food and refreshments, lots of room to dance inside and out, and all of your fellow members in attendance, this event should really be able to put us all in a great party mood. So, *do not miss this event*. Mulligans is two miles west of I-77, off exit 45. (704-768-2020)

Note: Members, guests and all others are welcome to attend this "shag night" at Mulligans. Cover charge is \$3. But only TSC members will receive the free food/beverage coupons.

TSC Yard Sale Reminder

By Celia Hunter

Saturday, October 18th will be our first ever Twister's Yard Sale at the Brewster's Ice Cream on Williamson Rd. (Exit 33, go West) in Mooresville. Plan to be there by 7:00am. You know the shoppers will be there. Have your good condition items priced before you arrive. Each person will be responsible for display methods (tables, racks, etc.) and should plan to work your "booth".

At the next meeting I will pass around a sign up sheet just so I have an idea how many will be participating and what you plan to use for display. Hopefully I can plan the area so we look our best.

Now is the time to clean out the closets, garage, kitchen, attic, storage building and any other location that may have a "treasure" for someone else.

You can do whatever you want with the proceeds. Anything you wish to give to our causes will go to benefit the needy children charities that we support each year.

Editor's Note: We can use some tables (or a trailer) for displaying items, and some racks for hanging clothes. We can also use the trailers (or trucks or SUV's) to take stuff away that does not sell. Unsold items can be immediately donated to Goodwill (one block away) or the Christian Mission. If you can bring with any of these items, please let Celia know. Also, if you have questions or just want to help that morning, contact Celia. Email her at celia.hunter@allentate.com or call her at 704-664-2639.

Member Information

From Al Brandon

Diane's mother is terminally ill with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Therefore we did not get to go to SOS. Please keep Diane in your prayers as we go through the final days. The best estimate seems to be maybe a couple months. Thank you.

Shag Club Meeting News

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

Kurt Jakusz, Brynda Moore, Janis Patterson, Mickey Pettus, Sondra Pettus, and Jim Thorpe have all submitted applications to join TSC. Each will need to be at our meeting to be voted in. We've also got a few who put in applications recently that still need to attend and be voted in. Come out and meet all of these folks and welcome them into "The Fun Bunch".

New Member Impressions

By Debbie Hayes

I have belonged to several types of dance clubs; line dancing, country/western couples dancing, square dancing and belly dancing (this is not a co-ed group). But I have never been made to feel as welcome as Twister's Shag Club members have made me feel. It is very awkward to go into a new place and a room full of people for the first time. I can honestly say that since my first day in this club, everyone in TSC has been so helpful and has made me feel so comfortable. I also like the fact that everybody dances with everybody. The club seems like one big family.

The activities that the club has going on all the time are just awesome. I am a talker and I have enjoyed trying to recruit new members by telling them how much fun we have. I tell them about all of the activities the club has going on.

I am so looking forward to the Fall Cyclone. I am excited about working at the Cyclone and doing my part to help the success of this event. I am also looking forward to going to SOS next year and sharing in the fun at the beach. Everybody that went that I asked about it has had nothing but fun things to tell me.

Well, I guess you see that I like to talk and even write. So, I will stop for now. Many thanks from me to all the TSC members.

Mulligans Offers Beach Nights

Mulligans at Fox Den Country Club will offer three beach nights in October, each starting at 8pm. On the 11th, Fast Eddie Thompson will DJ. On Friday the 17th, the DJ will be Wilkie Whaley. The Saturday October 25th DJ will be announced, soon.

Dance Lessons

By Nancy Massengill

I hope that everyone had a good month of September and a fun time at SOS. For those of you who missed out, all I can say is, "you just have to be there".

Last month's lessons were for those who wanted to practice their skills or perhaps learn a new step. Clyde and Mary Blanton taught on September 9. Their steps were geared more to the partners who dance together and wanted more flash. We had 51 folks participate in that evening of instruction.


Jason and Holly Cagle came to teach on September 23 and September 30. They helped us with the pivot, perfecting technique and pivot variations. Sometimes it helps just to hear things one more time from someone else to make things finally click. I think that in doing this pivot this is especially true. We had 42 dancers on the 23th, and more the following week.

New dance lessons will start on October 14th with signups beginning at about 6:45 p.m. We have handed out a bunch of flyers in different places and have invited a lot of folks to join us. Remember if you signed up to help with dance lessons, we always need folks to come help move the furniture and to reset the room when we are finished with lessons... as well as actually helping to demonstrate in the lessons. It is always good to have Twister's members there to dance in the rows of students so that everyone can see someone who is doing the step.

Thanks to all those who help. It is your work that promotes the fun of Twister's and the shag. Here's to seeing you on Tuesday nights.

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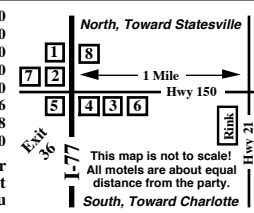
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(#3) Holiday Inn Express & Suites	\$89	704-662-6900
(#4) Fairfield Inn (Smoke-Free)	\$87	704-663-6100
(#5) Sleep Inn & Suites	\$75	704-799-7070
(#6) Ramada Limited	\$72	704-664-6556
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All motels are about equal distance from the party.

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NOTE 2: Any reservation cancelled less than **14 DAYS** in advance will result in a one-night charge!

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To Our Fellow Clubs & Their Members

By Khris Sloop

Teresa and I are busy processing the ticket orders for the 2008 Fall Cyclone. Have you gotten yours, yet? If not, you need to get your money in quickly. As we go to press (September 28th) we have sold over 600 of the 900 tickets that are available. Between Mike and I, we have been checking the mailbox every day and the number of registration forms coming in continues to grow larger.

We anticipated the ticket sales to really jump once SOS was over now, and we have not been disappointed. Don't wait until it is too late. Get that checkbook out and plan to join the fun!

More 2008 Fall Cyclone News

Fall Cyclone tickets are selling fast. As we go to press, (September 28th) over 55 clubs are represented by ticket sales. (For details, visit the Cyclone page on www.goshagging.com.)

A lot of people are excited about the National Shag Dance Championship Team and the demo they will do at the Cyclone. This group is made up of ten competitive dancers, and all of them are great. Put them together on the floor at one time, and you've got a show that you don't want to miss. It will be exciting. You can find out more about the team and its members at this web address: http://www.shagnationals.com/25th_anniversary_dance_team.htm

Please continue to pass out flyers, forward emails, and spread the word about the Cyclone whenever you can. We will be selling tickets until all 900 are gone. **(Tickets are still available unless our web site says that we are sold out!)**

The Fairfield is the only motel that was "sold out" as of this newsletter printing. But, that will also change at some point.

Please remember, www.Goshagging.com is the only place to get accurate, up-to-date official information about our party. This includes information about available tickets and rooms.

The Fall Cyclone

By David Kelly

As I look around the club I notice a lot of newer faces. So here is a little bit of what you can expect at your first Cyclone, at least from what I experienced my first Cyclone. It will be very busy time and you will spend a lot of time on your feet. You will get to meet some of the other members that you may not know as you work side by side with them. You will see all the Twister's members pulling together and willing to do whatever it takes to make the party a success. We will all have our assigned slots to work and you will notice that if someone needs a hand, someone is always ready to help. If you have a chance to help with the setup on Thursday or Friday, you will see the transformation that takes place as we get the building ready for the party.

And then it begins, the buses roll in and the doors open. The guests are ready to come in and party! You will smile and say hello and notice that everyone is so very glad to be at Fall Cyclone. Take the time to engage some of the guests and thank them for coming. Always remember that they are our guests for the weekend. We want to do all that we can to make them feel welcome and to make sure that they have a good time. They may tell you how much they enjoyed the other Cyclone parties.

You may wonder why everyone is so happy to be here until you take the time to walk around and take it all in. You will notice that everything is laid out to make the guests feel welcome and to try and show how much we appreciate them for coming and supporting the Fall Cyclone. You will also notice that folks will stop you and thank you for the great time they are having. When that happens, you will know what the Fall Cyclone is all about!

SOS Date Cards Are A Hit

We have new business cards listing all the upcoming Mid-Winter, SOS, ACSC Workshop, and Fall Cyclone dates on them. They are handy to have, or to give out to your fellow shaggers. Grab a few!

Beach Memories Has Moved

Becky has moved her store a few doors down to a bigger building. Check out the new location when you get back to the beach!

You Always Remember Your First Time

By Dave & Krista Ozga

Your first S.O.S. (We will always remember our first S.O.S. You all made it so special for us. It's such a great feeling to walk in to any dance hall and see fellow Twisters.)

Your first Tea Party with TSC. (Everyone made us feel so welcomed at Fat Harold's)

The first time you felt the sand under your feet dancing at the OD Pavilion. (What a flash back in time)

The first time you danced with a Hall of Famer. (Ellen Taylor picked Dave to help her demonstrate a step during one of her workshops.)

The first time you danced at Ducks after years of standing on the sidelines watching.

Your first shooters with the group. (The Pirate's Cove was a blast. We haven't done shooters since college.)

Your first time shagging with someone other than your spouse. (Thanks to Sharon, Dave will always remember to look right when he does a pivot)

Being at your second Twister's Tea Party and having total strangers coming up to you raving about how wonderful the Fall Cyclone is, and how they can't wait until November. (We can't wait either. It will be another first for us!)

Leaving your first S.O.S. (It was very hard to leave. Thanks so much for the warm welcome. We are looking forward to years of shagging and building new friendships!)

Queenie's Medical Moment

By Pam Siege

I am stretching it... but this is my "Queenie's Medical Moment" for this month! In case you didn't know, we have a whole new meaning for the term "group therapy"!

It all started when Pat and I didn't have anywhere to go while Geoff and Irby were playing golf on Thursday of SOS! That was in the fall of 2007. We took the guys to the golf course and just hung around talking to everyone for awhile, killing time!

When we saw Walter, we asked where Frances was. She was getting ready to visit the Silver Coast Winery near Sunset Beach! Well, that's all it took! We pleaded with her to take us along! She was happy for us to go!

So we headed out for a new adventure and to make more new memories! Little did we know we would have so much fun! We did a wine tasting and laughed with the guy doing the tasting and ended up tasting around 15 to 20 different wines. Then we got a glass of wine and sat outside in rocking chairs and discussed the world problems and what we thought of them! (I think that's what we talked about!)

After buying about three cases of wine, we headed off to shop! We hit every consignment shop between there and back to the golf course! What fun! We tried on hats, clothes, shoes, jewelry and anything else we could think of!

When we got back, the three of us made a pact to do this every SOS while the guys play golf!

We went back in the Spring SOS and took Margaret, Dianne, and Brenda with us! It was a repeat of the first time going only louder and with lots more laughter! And it included lunch! We also bought t-shirts with three wine glasses with "Group Therapy" on the front... all in sparkly letters! We wore them to the last tea party at the OD Beach Club!

This Fall SOS was even better! This time it was Frances, Pat, Brenda, Beverly and I! We did the usual tasting and then had a glass or two on the porch in the rocking chairs! We bought more shirts for Beverly and others that couldn't attend! Then we found a consignment shop and went in like a cyclone. (Get it?) We bought crowns for everyone... blue and purple! Then it was off to lunch. Silver Coast suggested a place called The Tea Room. It was to die for! Dress up with boas and hats and gloves if you wanted, with tea sandwiches, salads, scones, deserts and tea of course! We loved it! We had so much fun we didn't want it to end. So we went to another winery. La Belle Amie! Well believe me, more money was spent and more wine was consumed! Laughter was before, in the middle of, and what followed! What memories we made!

I love my Group Therapy Sisters and hope the ones that didn't go can go next time! Anyone is invited! Just bring a sense of humor, laughter, patience (mostly for Pat and myself). We tend to go out on the deep end of everything! Oh, yea, and bring money! Not a lot, but enough to have wine and lunch!

This is called stress release. Bless our hearts!

Fall SOS Sayings

By Sandra Holmes

So, we've all survived another SOS and had a great time surviving it. How many of the following one-liners did you say or hear while you were at the beach?

1. When did you get here?
2. Where are you staying?
3. Down for the whole week?
4. My lip is numb!
5. Excuse me while I whip this out!
6. What kind of shooter is this?
7. Another one?
8. Rumplemintz?
9. It's 3:00am. Are you ready for breakfast?
10. I gotta go back to work so I can rest!

A Nice Perk from Twisters Shag Club

By Iris Binder

Each Tuesday in September there was a nice group of folks gathering for free (Did you read that? Free!) lessons courtesy of your favorite club and mine; Twisters Shag Club. And we were having fun of course. After all, we're the fun bunch!

Clyde and Mary Blanton kicked off the lesson sessions with a short course blending style and execution of the lean.

The next two weeks, Jason and Holly Cagle gave us the opportunity to hone our skills with the pivot, and then to develop style and grace in the belly roll. Is that an oxymoron?

In a very organized and patient manner, the instructors broke down each of the components and rebuilt them for us. It was nice to see both the improvement and the appreciation for their tips.

Another New Member's View Of TSC

By Sandi Shear

Hi Everyone. I just wanted to share with you what my feelings are about Twister's Shag Club. I have been a member of many clubs, dancing and for work. Everyone in TSC has welcomed all the newbies, like myself, with open arms. That is such a great experience. As someone who never knew what shag was, let alone how to dance it, this has been a wonderful difference.

The lessons I took showed me step by step how to do the basic steps. This allowed me to feel confident enough to go onto the dance floor. The "experienced dancers" have also demonstrated patience in showing me how to do steps when I make a mistake.

I am no expert. But I welcome the opportunity to dance with anyone who is willing to dance with a newbie!

Thanks everyone.

SOS Card Sales

Twister's Shag Club sold over 200 SOS Memberships for the 2008 year. This was an outstanding effort. "Thanks" go to all the TSC members who bought their memberships through our club, and to those who got them for family members or friends. Despite our relatively small membership total, our sales numbers were at, or very near the top among all shag clubs in the ACSC!

2009 SOS Membership cards are now on sale. They will be required to get into the 2009 Mid-Winter, Spring SOS, and Fall SOS events. And many of the discounts available from businesses at the beach are good all year round. You get a discount on SOS Membership as a TSC Member. See our Treasurer to buy yours.

More New Member Impressions

By Dave and Krista Ozga

Krista and I, being new members of barely a week, well... we were very impressed with our first SOS. Everyone was so pleasant and friendly. We were most impressed with the fact that the club consumed 130 pitchers of Long Island Iced Tea at the OD Beach Club on Saturday night, I think the barkeep was impressed as well.

Several times during the week fellow SOS'ers would notice we were from Twister's Shag Club and comment on the Fall Cyclone and how they couldn't wait until November to attend. They would regale us with stories from previous Cyclones.

We can't wait until November 7-9 this year!

The Deadline For The Next Issue Is...

October 22nd. Please try to get something in for our next issue. Your thoughts, impressions, or memories about SOS, our lessons, or some TSC event would be great appreciated. Everyone wants to hear from you next month. Don't disappoint them! Start writing now. A few lines, or a few paragraphs or more will be great!

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.

Oct 4: Meet The Area Shag Clubs Party hosted by Greater Triad Shag Club. \$5. 336-288-3651 or pwaye7@msn.com.

Oct 7: TSC Meeting. Social starts at 7pm, Meeting at 8pm.

Oct 11: TSC Celebration And Party At Fox Den Country Club

Oct 11: Monroe Shag Club Halloween Dance. \$5. DJ Butch Mattox. 704-764-8808 or webmaster@monroeshagclub.com.

Oct 11: 18th Annual Chicken Pickin' hosted by Gaston Shaggers. \$15. DJs Eddie Anderson and Eddie Teeter. B.B.Q. pork and chicken with all the trimmings. 704-829-1020 for more info.

Oct 11: Monthly hosted by Lexington Shaggers. \$7. DJ Ed Timberlake. 336-357-0011 or lexingtonshaggers@yahoo.com.

Oct 17-18: Fall Bash 2008 in Johnson City, TN. Hosted by Mountain Empire Shag Society. \$40. DJs Larry Calhoun & Ed Timerlake. 423-753-5909 or don.hughes@emerson.com

Oct 17-19: Charleston Shag Club Geechee Blast hosted. \$60. DJs Billy Waldrep, Fessa John Hook, Betty Brown, Walter Upchurch. 843-971-6730 or geecheeblast@charlestonshagclub.com.

Oct 18: TSC Yard Sale. Come buy or sell, or just have fun!

Oct 18: Lancaster Shag Club Halloween Costume Party. \$5. DJ Danny Kimrey. double_517@yahoo.com or 803-286-5694.

Oct 18: Charlotte Shag Club Flashback. \$30. DJs Norman Mills and Mike Brantley. 704-510-1743 or www.charlotteshagclub.com.

Oct 18: Sandy Beach's Ghouls & Goblins Party. \$7. DJ Wilkie Whaley. rsmorley55@hotmail.com or sandybeachshagclub.com.

Oct 18: Monthly Party hosted by the Rock Hill Shag Club. \$5. DJ Fast Eddie Thompson. shagdeb@comporium.net or 803-366-2901.

Oct 25: Shag-O-Ween party hosted by Eastern NC, Sugarfoot, and Johnston County Shag Clubs. \$10. DJ Fred Rouse. 919-751-0011.

Nov 1: Benefit hosted by Lexington Shaggers. \$10-\$12. Features The Poor Souls. 336-357-0011 or lexingtonshaggers@yahoo.com.

Nov 7-9: The Fall Cyclone. Don't miss the year's biggest and best party. This year it includes a special performance by the National Shag Dance Championship Team. A flyer is in this issue. Many more details are posted on www.goshagging.com. Get your tickets before they are gone. This party sells out.

Nov 11: Fall Dance hosted by the Monroe Shag Club. \$5. DJ Gene Sistare. 704-764-8808 or webmaster@monroeshagclub.com.

Nov 15: Monthly party Hosted by Brushy Mountain Shag Club. \$6. DJ: Mac Mast. 336-838-4144 or hauser013@aol.com.

Nov 15: Lancaster Shag Club Party. \$5. DJ Roger Holcomb. 803-286-5694 or lancastershagclub.com or double_517@yahoo.com.

Nov 15: Thanksgiving Party hosted by Sandy Beach Shag Club. \$7. DJ Johnny B. 828-438-8906 or rsmorley55@hotmail.com.

November 21-22: 27th Annual Columbia Invitational hosted by Columbia Shag Club. \$50. DJs Butch Metcalf, Butch Davidson, Billy Waldrep, John Smith and Ed Timberlake. 803-755-0569 or mariegammy@yahoo.com or www.columbiashagclub.net.

Nov 22: Amateur Shag Contest hosted by Sanford Area Society of Shaggers 919-775-6364 or sandy.forsythe@marelliusa.com.

Dec 13: Monroe Shag Club Christmas Party. \$5. DJ Fast Eddie Thompson. 704-764-8808 or webmaster@monroeshagclub.com.

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

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

Dec 31: TSC's New Year's Eve Party. Details to be announced.

This Month's Birthdays

Dennis Pethel	10/03
Dave Ozga	10/04
Clay Smith	10/04
Robert Wagner	10/04
Claude McKinney	10/07
Jo Murphy	10/09
Sharon Carter	10/10

B.J. Tarle	10/13
Carole White	10/16
May Johnson	10/18
Kathy Kerr	10/25
Rhonda Alexander	10/27
Ava Hurd	10/28
Mike Barron	10/30

Next Month's Birthdays

Tommy Laws	11/03
Libby Teeter	11/05
Frank Melchor	11/07
Brenda Lawing	11/09
Nancy Yancey	11/12
Lyn Smith	11/13
Rodney Broyhill	11/16
Walter Smith	11/17

Kay Howard	11/18
Paul Scaglione	11/18
Nancy Brody	11/19
Greg Long	11/26
Sandi Shear	11/26
Jim Hutson	11/29
Krista Ozga	11/29

Happy Birthday Rhonda

Love, Frank

Happy Birthday Clay

Love, Lyn

Happy Birthday Claude!

It will soon be two years since I was introduced to you at the Fall Cyclone. I met my best friend that weekend and the beginning of a wonderful and loving relationship. I actually prayed for you to come into my life and my prayers were answered. Thanks to God for you, and thanks to you for sharing your life with me. I like the man you are and I love you will all my heart. Love, Gwen

A Personal Note To TSC Members

From Teresa Sloop

Having been a member of Twister's Shag Club for almost a year, I already knew there were some great people in this group. But having just gone through some surgery, I found they are even better than I originally thought. Everyone in the club has been so kind and caring, sending cards, calling to ask how I feel and being so very wonderful every time I see anyone.

I have a wonderful family that cares for me and would do anything I need. But they all live in Ohio. I have discovered, though, that I have a wonderful "shag" family here. Between the two, I am most blessed.

Thank you all for your cards, calls and kind words. They mean more to me than you can ever know.

Tips From the Dance Floor

By Frankie Johnson

As we get ready to start a new set of beginners down the shag path, let's remember that at one time we were all taking those first steps. If we give them a good basic foundation, they will find confidence faster and be more comfortable on the dance floor. If you see a student is struggling with keeping the beat, dance beside of them and count the steps. Many times they do not understand that "and" is a step. Once they begin dancing to music they sometimes have the tendency to forget the rock step.

Speaking of the rock step, if a couple is fully extending their arms they may be taking a large rock step. Help them to take a smaller step on the five,six. This may not seem important but it can cause problems with turns and pivots. It is harder to execute a turn or a pivot properly if you are too far away from your partner. Pivots can be intimidating. So anything we can do to prepare a student is helpful. One more thing about extending the arms, you take up too much dance floor. At events like SOS, space is at a premium.

The SOS Kickoff Party

By BJ Tarles

The CHOA group wants to thank all members of Twister's, and especially the Social Committee, for the fantastic, fun time we had at both the spring and fall SOS Kickoff Parties. The postings on the club's bulletin board have encouraged new people to take a look at shag. We had about 35 at the spring event when we offered a little course in counting to six before the party. We did not do this for the fall event and had less come out. But boy did we have a lucky night! Our group won the 50-50 pot! Sorry about my acceptance speech. But, as usual, that second glass of wine from the bar played havoc with my verbal skills. But, what we didn't give back to the club's charties that night, we donated to the Humane Society later the same night over at the Double Door. (I am too old for these late nights.)

I have now been crowned the CHOA "Queen of Shag" which just shows you how little these outdoor people know. By the way, even though I don't see you all much, I have shagging in my heart and never stop promoting the dance when I get a chance. You have all been very good to, and for me.

SOS Was Fun For New Visitors

By Janice Musgrove

Fall Migration was new and different for us this year. We had the joy of introducing ten friends to SOS. We miss all the Twisters parties and wanted to have an occasional chance to dance. We've been inviting friends to learn to shag since we've moved back to Perry, FL. Several couples have worked to learn the shag with us over the last several years.

This fall we got four couples to come up for a long weekend to experience all the fun we have at SOS. We were visiting some friends in PA just before coming to the beach, and those folks decided to join us, too. So we had the joy of showing five couples how much fun you can have in just a few days.

They actually listened when we told them that no one would watch them dance. So they tried to dance at every club.

We endured the heat to enjoy part of Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. Several couples came to the Twister's Tea Party at Fat Harold's and enjoyed meeting some of our members, too.

All of our friends had a great time and will be back in the future to enjoy SOS again.

Anyone TSC Member who has not signed up to help with the Fall Cyclone should contact Sharon Abernethy at rcaska@twave.net or 828-428-9625

Napa Salad Recipe

From Dean Melton

1 head Napa Cabbage, shredded
5 green onions, sliced
1 package Ramen Noodles, crushed (do not use flavoring packet)
½ stick butter

Dressing:

½ cup sugar
¼ cup white wine vinegar
¾ cup olive oil
2 tablespoons soy sauce

Crush Ramen noodles. Melt butter in skillet over medium heat, add crushed noodles and cook until golden brown. Whisk together all dressing ingredients in a small bowl. Place cabbage in bowl, toss with browned noodles. Pour sauce over cabbage noodle mixture, toss. Garnish with green onions.

Do not mix the dressing with the cabbage until ready to serve!

Recent Fun With Friends

By Brenda Hatley

Arnold and I went to the mountains with some of our TSC friends (Al and Diane Brandon, Geoff and Pam Siegel, Irby and Pat Bouknight) on Labor Day weekend.

We went to a couple wineries, built a fire in the outdoor firepit a couple of nights and enjoyed our wine and looking at the stars. We ate at Shatley Springs, sat on the porch and sipped our wine, went canoeing and ate again. (No one went hungry or thirsty!)

We had a few mishaps during the weekend. Someone got dumped out of their canoe, a few of us got stuck on rocks, one didn't feel well, and someone's chewing gum got washed and dried and stuck on the clothes dryer. But we all had a great time and hope to go again this winter.

The next outing was to the pre-SOS party. We enjoyed seeing so many of our Twister's Shag Club friends that we haven't seen in a while. (Arnold and I have been out of town a lot this summer.) Dean and Jimmy did a great job with the food. Sharon and Malcolm also worked hard that night on the Cyclone sign-ups for everyone. We danced, ate, laughed and enjoyed the fellowship. Next we are heading to SOS!

Editor's note: We're waiting on your follow-up article!

The "I Am Not Leaving SOS" Party

By Teresa Sloop

Of all the things we attended while at SOS, I really enjoyed Bob Rea's party on the last Sunday night of SOS. Bob is a really interesting gentleman, and he made us feel right at home as soon as we arrived. The atmosphere was very relaxed and I think all of us were wishing our time at the beach did not have to come to an end. The official Twister's toast was tossed back several times, and a good time was had by all. This is not an official club function, but we had a wonderful time and will be looking forward to sharing it with Bob and Cindy again in the future.

SOS Reflections

By Roger and Laura Lemmond

Another wonderful SOS has come and gone! With the exception of a Spring SOS many years ago, we have been able to make it to all or a portion of each SOS since the fall of 1992...that's 30+ SOSs!

We asked ourselves: "How has SOS changed over the years?" Answer: "Very little!" SOS remains first and foremost an accumulation of people who:

- Have a LOVE for the dance,
- Are delighted to make new friends each year and relieved to see that old friends have been able to return,
- Typically love hamburgers, fried bologna sandwiches, and french fries (regardless of where they are served ☺),
- Have reconciled themselves to the fact that it is "okay" to have breakfast after midnight before going to bed (preferably served up by Dottie!), and
- Have at one point in time come home with the infamous "SOS Crud".

So what has changed since our early SOSs? Besides the fact that gas was around \$1.10 per gallon in 1992 (now increased by around 250%), the FUN has also increased by the same percentage. Back in the "old days" (yes, we had color TV and cell phones back then), there's now Fun Monday, Fun Sunday, more Tea Parties, more Shooter Parties, Golf Outings, Winery Excursions! The list goes on and on!

Thanks to all of you who shared this SOS with us....our friends and family! As our good friend Charlie Buckley would say...."T-minus 6 months and counting till the next one! See you there!"

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

New Member Profiles

By Tommy & Wilma Laws

Charlene Binaculli

Charlene lives in Concord and has two children. Her hobbies include dancing, gardening, biking and reading. She has always loved to dance, and met a lady who told her the shag was "a must, a Southern tradition and a lot of fun!" She later saw an article last fall in the Charlotte Observer and this peeked her curiosity, but the lessons didn't work with her "very busy" schedule at that time. When the spring notice was printed she decided that she would rearrange a few things and have "Me" time! Whow, is she glad she did. Everyone involved in the lessons was welcoming and helpful!

Charlene sends a big thank you to TSC for guiding her through the shag steps. She is looking forward to going to the Fall Cyclone and joining in on other "Fun Bunch" activities. She enjoys being involved with a group that loves to dance and definitely has a sense of humor.

Eileen Nilsen

Eileen lives in the Mooresville area and enjoys walking, reading, cycling and gardening. She became interested in the shag dance when a girlfriend of hers living in Florida was involved in shagging and the west coast swing. Later she saw Twister's Shag Club listed on the internet and decided to give our lessons a try. She joined TSC because of the friendliness of the club members, her love for dancing, and the patience given to her by the instructors. She appreciated them not "giving up on her yet" in her pursuit of learning more steps! The Beginner. II class has been so much fun for her that she thinks the 3rd time will be the charm!

Dave and Krista Ozga

Dave and Krista reside in the Cornelius area. Their hobbies include shagging, scuba diving, riding motorcycles, hunting, and flying. Krista's parents had been trying to get them interested in shagging for years. Now that their children are in college (a son and daughter) they finally found time to take some lessons.

When Twister's was meeting in Cornelius they took their first lessons there. They found the "Fun Bunch" to be an enjoyable group to be involved with and they just could not resist becoming a part of the club!

The Open-Air Pavilion

By Jennifer Finney

John and I decided to go down on the second Wednesday of SOS instead of just going for a weekend. I'm so glad we did! We were able to enjoy the Beer, Wine and Shooter party at Ducks Too, which was a blast (especially the bend me over, and piece of _ss shooters)! We did a couple of workshops throughout our stay, laid at the pool some, walked on the beach, and went mostly to Duck's at night for dancing and socializing.

On Friday we went to Pirate's Cove to hear the DJ's battle it out with their vinyl records. My mom, aunt and her husband came down Friday to join us. Jason and Holly Cagle mentioned while we were there to be sure and check out the open-air pavilion across the street. We took their advice and headed that way. When we walked up there were tons of people standing outside the building. We were hoping that wasn't a line to get in or something!

We turned the corner and noticed all the people cutting a rug on the dance floor. It was a covered area with no windows or doors... just a big dance floor with a couple bars! You could feel the breeze from the ocean and look out fifty feet to see the waves and the sand. We saw our old friend Bobby Smith from the Poor Souls and talked to several Twister's members. I think this was the first time John really enjoyed dancing with several different women instead of just me. I was thrilled. He looked so tan and handsome and the women were lined up. My mom and aunt really enjoyed dancing with him too.

With so many fun and exciting things to choose from at SOS, it's extremely hard to pick only one fun event that stands out the most. But for me, this was the real deal!

My First Time at SOS

By Lyn Smith

After hearing so many good things about the Spring SOS from so many Twister's Shag Club members, Clay and I decided to participate in the Fall SOS. We had a blast and everyone was so friendly. We hung out our first night with Chuck and Sandra as they showed us the rounds, I am not sure if we could hang with them on a regular basis as they really know how to party.

We enjoyed the Twister's parties, free bands and being able to walk from club to club and get in each one with a "flash" of the SOS card. It makes you feel like a VIP. We also now have a deeper appreciation for "shag" music. After hearing several songs that we enjoyed at the various clubs, we came home to see if we could find them on iTunes and Amazon. Surprisingly, we were able to find most of them. Now we just need to practice what we have learned to these songs.

Thanks to everyone for making our first SOS very special.

Walk For The Cure

By Kathy Thompson And Roger Trexler

"Hello" to all my friends. We are fortunate to have two people in our shag club that are very strong and remarkable individuals. Sharon Carter has been battling breast cancer for over a year now. She has 31 radiation treatments left. Bill Randall has been through major surgery and is now free of cancer. For all of those who do not know Sharon and Bill they are both great people and are inspirations to all of us. Please keep them in your prayers.

Roger and I are going to walk in the Non-Competitive 5K Run/Walk in the Race for the Cure event on October 4 in honor of Sharon and Bill. We will also be walking in memory of friends, family and loved ones in our lives. We ask that you walk with us or pledge your support. If you are interested in walking (or would like to make a donation) please give me a call at 704-651-7122. We can arrange for everyone to meet and walk as a group.

Impressions From The Shag Rookies

By Teresa Sloop

This was our first Fall Migration. I must say, in spite of everything, it was lots of fun. We arrived on Wednesday not caring about the gas shortage and the doom and gloom forecast for upcoming days. We went to the Beer, Wine and Shooter party at Ducks Too and this time we were able to enjoy a dance or two without being run over. (Our first experience at Mid Winter wasn't so positive). We enjoyed socializing more than anything, catching up with those we had not seen for some time, and watching everyone enjoy the music and dance.

I understand the golf outing was a lot of fun. Unfortunately I was laid up in the hotel room, so I will have to take your word for that. The OD Beach Club was a familiar environment that we enjoyed each evening. We like the atmosphere and the fact that the dance floor is generally accessible. We did wander into Ducks a couple times but we do enjoy the Beach Club best right now.

Seeing Charlie and Jackie dance was the highlight of our SOS adventure. To say they were awesome would be like saying the sun is a small light. I was totally engrossed and would have been happy to watch them all night. There are many people we would like to emulate in our short shagging experience and they would be at the top of that list.

Due to my recent surgery, we did not attend any workshops. But the night life was as always very entertaining. I am already looking forward to The Fall Cyclone and then Mid-Winter.

As of November, I guess we won't be truly considered rookies, at least not after the Cyclone. But I am sure we will continue to see things through our rookie eyes.

**“Thanks” Goes To Everyone Who Helped
Make Our Events At SOS A Success!**

Chestnut Hill Restaurant

By Peggy Cavin

Chestnut Hill is located at 9922 Highway 17 North. They have seafood, beef, pasta, and veal on their menu to choose from. You can also start your meal off with one of their many wonderful appetizers. Chestnut chips are a thin, deep fried potato chip and the best I've ever eaten anywhere. Ask Bob Rea. He went home with about five pounds of them to eat later. He ordered them as an appetizer, and ordered more of them with his meal.

The seafood platter is one of my favorites, with a generous portion of oysters, shrimp, flounder, scallops and crab, broiled or fried. The shrimp Creole is also outstanding. There is nothing on this menu that would disappoint you.

All entries are served with vegetables, and potatoes, a fresh garden salad and a variety of fresh, hot diner rolls, cheese biscuits, and blueberry and strawberry muffins. I've never made it to the desserts, but they sound awesome. I'm going to try their brownie supreme next time, if I can possibly hold it.

They have an early bird menu from 4:30 PM till 6:00 PM. This menu is put together for the not-so-hearty appetite and offers lower prices. I have eaten off this menu several times and it offers plenty to eat. I normally still have to have a “to go” box. On Sunday they have an unbelievable brunch served from 10:00 A.M. till 1:30 PM. They call it their Award Winning Brunch and that name is well deserved. There is everything you could imagine.

The fine dining atmosphere in this restaurant includes white linen tablecloths and lighted candles on all the tables. Chestnut Hill is beside a small lake. If you ask for a window seat, you will be able to watch live alligators and plenty of turtles swimming waiting for the bread or other items that might be tossed out for them to eat. Ask Steve, our favorite server, about Stumpy the alligator.

Reservations are highly recommended as this restaurant fills up fast in the evening. Call 843-449-3984.

The Annual Denver Days Festival

By Nancy Massengill

On Saturday September 27th, Twister's Shag Club members did a shag demo. The original plan had been to do this at the Denver Days event. But, the land where it is held was a mud pit due to the recent rains. The festival organizers moved the Fantastic Shakers (and us) inside to the East Lincoln Community Center.

The Shakers were fabulous, as always. We did our shag demo and passed out flyers for our upcoming dance lessons, and for Cyclone. The announcer gave our club several plugs announcing our events and who we are. The Shakers also gave us mention between songs.

Twister's members participating were Charles and Beverly Mundy, Khris and Teresa Sloop, Dave and Krista Ozga, Debbie Hayes, Sharon Abernethy, Debbie Green and Terry Turbeville, and me. Former members Scott and Robin Tadlock, Sheila Frederiksen, Robert Cothran, and Sharon Malmberg were also there. A great time was had by all.

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

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SOS And More

By Claude McKinney and Gwen Weddington

We got down to OD this Fall and found out the beach was being remodeled (refurbished). But, we didn't have any flooding from the top floor of our condo. Boring! Oh well, the Democratic Convention couldn't take the chance of being disrupted again because it is so close to election time. We had a great time visiting our friends at the various club parties and I even had a first; shagging in my cowboy boots with the Charlotte shag club. Yep, Dean even taught me the proper use of spurs. Go double D.

We also had another first. We witnessed the saloon girls doing the can-can dance of the wild, wild west. And yes, it had a great ending. I am all for seeing that theme at one of our TSC parties. We behaved as well as possible. I'm glad we did not get locked up by the town sheriff.

The weather was not as great this year, but we still had a fun time.

Have you met the Porch People at OD Arcade? They even have their own t-shirts. But they have a "no rocking chairs" policy! I believe they are still there until someone goes back to tell them the party has moved on. So would someone be so kind to get the word to them somehow?

Well gang, it is getting close to the best party of the year in a town near you. Mooresville NC, will be host to the most rocking time of the year; the famous Fall Cyclone Party. This bash will have it all. Inclusive with the best DJs, a band, food, and your favorite libations are the best people from all over the land. Rest up and spread the word as we prepare to host our party.

I will say that it is someone's two-year anniversary that weekend. It is Sharon Kubish's one-year anniversary. And as she and Gwen bought out Judy's house of oldies during SOS (Sharon bought at least one pair of shoes and Gwen got two) we found out that Sharon has a future wedding date, too. See you at the Fall Cyclone!