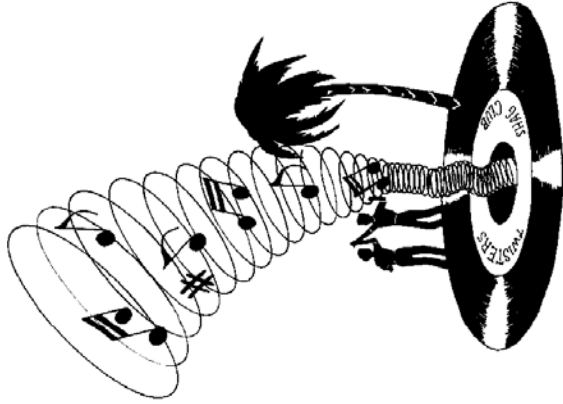


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The President's Letter

Hello! Everyone is home safe from SOS now, so it's about time to get ready to have a real party... a Fall Cyclone party! I hope everyone had fun at SOS and those who came home with the SOS crud are recuperating and will be back up and dancing soon.



Remember to write a brief or long story about your adventures at SOS. For those of us that couldn't make it we love reading the stories of the fun we missed out on.

Once again Jimmy and I were unable to make it to the beach. Seems that crazy things like family, jobs and injuries keep getting in our way. But nothing, I repeat nothing... I mean nothing will keep us from Cyclone. It is by far the best party in the shag world.

Before the party can start we, as hosts, have some final prep work that needs to be done. Little tweaks here and there and then boom, bam it's a party. Seriously, there is a lot of behind the scenes work that makes this party work so well. As members of one of the best shag clubs, we all need to work as a team to get all the work done.

If you haven't already seen Nancy about your work slots, please do. You can find her on Tuesday nights at dance lessons (which, by the way, are great). You can also find her on Friday nights at the Finish Line, which is a great place to be on Friday. Don't wait. Sign up today.

In the interests of always having fun, TSC has teamed up with Salisbury Shag Club to host a joint Halloween Shag Party. It will be at Finish Line Friday, October 31st. There will be a costume contest with prizes for best male, best female and best couple. So put on your thinking caps and come wow the judges for your chance to win.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next business meeting on October 7th. I am sure there will be lots of last minute Cyclone info so you will be fully prepared for the best fun you can have.

If you have any other party ideas or suggestions, let the Board and the Social Committee know.

Remember to always have fun and keep smiling!

Dean

Club Meeting Night

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

Do you know who won the TSC Treasure Chest in September? Don't miss your chance to win at the meeting this month.

October Dance Lessons

On Tuesday night, October 14th we will start two more sets of shag lessons. As usual, Beginner I will start at 7:30. Beginner II will start at 8:30. Tell a friend and consider taking a Beginner II class, yourself. Ashley and Tobitha are teaching some new steps in each class. So even if you are a good dancer, you can still learn something new. We've also got some new yard signs to promote our lessons. If you know a good place to put one, let us know!

Fall Cyclone Promotion

We still have plenty of Fall Cyclone Flyers and business cards. Please help us pass them on shag nights and at various shag events.

We all need to help with the promotion of our event. It's going to be our best party, ever, but prospective guests may not know that if you don't tell them. Spread the word!

Let's Have Some Halloween Fun

Come out and dance and party with all of your friends at a joint shag club Halloween party with Salisbury Shag Club. We're going to have a blast with friends from all over. Dress the part if you want to win part of the \$350 that will be given away. The party starts at 7pm. It should be a big crowd, so come early and eat, too.



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The “Tacky” SOS Kickoff Party

By Peggy Cavin

The Finish Line was a great place to have our SOS Kickoff Party. Dozen's of TSC members and friends tried to out-tacky each other. Everyone had a blast!

Mike and I got there early as we usually do to get some of their great food before the fun began. Walking in from the car, we got several stares from non-shaggers. I felt like some of those people you see on the internet shopping at Walmart! Our DJ for the night, Roger Holcomb, was already there, set up and ready to start. Surprisingly, he had not worn anything tacky. When asked, he said he didn't want to be the only one in tacky clothes so he brought his to put on before the crowd got there. He fit right in, for sure.

We watched the front door as each member/guest came in tackier than the last. I would think that no one could possibly top an outfit. Then, the door would open and in walked an even funnier outfit. As the evening wore on, the laughs continued. It was a fun night.

We had the contest at 10 PM and five winners were picked. It was hard for our judges to pick out winners as everyone had done such a good job at putting together the outrageous outfits.

It was an interesting night. If you didn't participate, you missed out on one of the funniest parties we've ever had. Take a look at some of these tacky people. Even pro dancers Brennar Goree is in some of those pictures.

Another Fun-Filled SOS

By Susan Dahl

Well, I lived through another one and I'm looking forward to the next. Everyone is amazed that, at my age, I stay out until 2:00 A.M. dancing and only get 5 1/2 - 6 hours sleep a night. I don't take a nap. I drink plenty of coffee and am not tired. I can't believe it myself. Some nights the dance floors are crowded until midnight.

Pirates Cove was great at times, but I always end up late at Fat Harold's with plenty of men and room to dance. Tom Stone is always there. I know that many of you are up at the bar at the other end having a blast, too.

If you didn't make it up to one of my chocolate martini and chocolate pudding shot parties, I'll get your names for April if I'm still alive. You'll be first on the list. Arlene, Jeri and I made it to Tobitha and Autumn's first class, which was great! I know I didn't make it early to our Saturday tea party, but I don't drink those so I came late. Plus, everyone in my condo drove through torrential downpours and were lucky to make it without an accident. So, we had to start drinking in the condo to calm our nerves.

When I passed out Fall Cyclone flyers at Fun Monday, some of the local people asked me if it was the same weekend as the Cammys. Found out it is, so we won't have some of the North Myrtle Beach folks. However, a lot were interested and many already had their tickets.

Arlene and I left SOS on Saturday as I wanted to go to my church's 225th anniversary. It was a really special day, and after the service everyone was going down to eat. I passed by our pastor and was telling someone I just got back from SOS. Pastor Dan pointed to his parents, who were from Georgia. He told me that they had just came back too.

I started talking to them and not only were they there for the week, but they stayed at Ocean Bay one floor down from us. They also loved Betty Brown. They go to two shag clubs, one in Georgia and one in Florida. I told them about Fall Cyclone. They said they heard great things about it, and had something that kept them from being able to go this year, but they plan on going next year.

OK, I'm tired now and signing off. I really can't wait for Fall Cyclone, but will see you at The Finish Line.

Editor's Note: You said you never slowed down at SOS, but a writing a couple paragraphs wore you out? Drink more coffee! 😊

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I Survived S.O.S.

By Barry Wray

Well, we made it back from SOS and we survived another year.

All was well as we made our rounds seeing faces we haven't seen in a while. Likewise, we saw some of the old fateful faces such as "The Instigator" (a.k.a, Scott Fletcher). There was a rumor about how the notches on the wooden pole got there over at Pirate's Cove, but I will leave it to you to ask him for the details.

From the O.D. Arcade to Ducks, The Cove and Fat Harold's everyone seemed to be having a great time. We saw TSC members everywhere. It is always good to see Bob and Cindy Rea and we made our first Bob Rea "We Aren't Leavin'" gathering on Sunday night at Fat Harold's. We stayed until the quit serving and made us leave. A good time was had by all.

Unfortunately Hope and I both got sick right after returning from the beach. I know you probably think mine was de-tox, but poor Elizabeth ended up with pneumonia and has been out of commission for several days.

As the clock ticks, and we close one chapter of the book, another opens. Now it's time to get the game face on and get excited to host the best Fall Cyclone to date. Let's show the other clubs that we can put on the best party on the east coast.

Keep up with the latest TSC news by logging on to our web site (www.GoShagging.com) and our 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 use know at TSC@GoShagging.com or at 704-534-4151.

What's Happening In The Shag World

GoShagging.com and our Facebook page also have info.

Oct 2: TSC Monthly Meeting at Fat Boys.

Oct 10, 11: Shag Attack / Hall Of Fame Inductions

Oct 31: Multi-Club Halloween & Costume Party at The Finish Line Lounge. More details are in this issue.

Nov (6) 7-9: The Fall Cyclone. See www.FallCyclone.com for all the details. Tickets and rooms are selling fast. Don't miss out on all of the fun. This is the party everyone is talking about. And it's just been nominated for another CBMA award.

November 15: Piedmont Shag Association's 24th Annual Shaggin' Gobbler Get-Together. \$20 per person until 11/02, then \$25. DJ Fast Eddie Thompson. Meal includes deep fried turkey, ham, potato salad, slaw, green beans, and desserts. Beer and free pour while it lasts. JBSpurrier70@yahoo.com or 704-886-0863. or www.PSAShaggers.com for more information.

Upcoming Birthdays

Dennis Pethel	10/03	Tommy Laws	11/03
Brent Nicholas	10/23	Cathy Fletcher	11/09
Paula Nicholas	10/23	Mimi Hooker	11/12
Gordon Barnes	10/25	Walter Smith	11/17
Hope Wray	10/25	Nancy Brody	11/19
Kathy Strantz	10/31	Jim Forrester	11/22
		Greg Long	11/26

Finish Line Lounge DJ Schedule

Oct 3: Jeff Foster

Oct 10: Clyde Waller

Oct 17: Billy Waldrep

Oct 24: Roger Holcomb

Oct 31: Dana Grubb

Nov 7: No DJ

You Are Expensive

Have you ever thought about how much money is spent on you, or on your behalf during the year as a TSC member? Our club's funds are for our activities and events and to promote shag music and dancing. Still, from time to time it doesn't hurt to remind ourselves of how lucky we are to have so many benefits as members of TSC. But with a little work during the year (primarily helping host the shag world's best party) you make it possible for TSC to provide more benefits than any other shag club. Here are just a few:

- The club web site: www.GoShagging.com
- The online photo site for club pictures
- The 24 hour telephone line for club news and info
- One of the best club newsletters (printing & postage costs)
- A large storage building to store TSC property
- \$5 of the cost of every SOS membership card
- TSC Treasure Chest cash drawings held at our meetings
- Birthday cards and other cards (plus postage) sent to members
- Club T-shirts and other apparel (TSC pays part of your cost)
- Discounted membership at BJ's wholesale club
- Cakes, prizes and other items for graduation nights and events
- Sponsorship of the Junior Shag Association's web site
- Membership in the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce
- The bus, plus food and beverages for our bus trips
- Food, beverages and a DJ for the Frozen Fantasy Party
- Golf outing beverages, snacks or prizes.
- The annual bowling party
- Tea Parties and other events at SOS
- Part of the cost of your Cyclone Ticket
- Etc.

In addition to things that actually cost the club money, members also enjoy benefits such as the Club Facebook page, the phone calling machine, etc.

Now that you know just a few of the things TSC spends to make you happy, please make an extra effort to help do the things that keep our club going during the year. Thank you, in advance!

Thoughts of the Coming Months

By Peggy Cavin

It's 8:20pm on a late August Wednesday and it's already dark outside. I really don't like the thoughts of the upcoming winter months; dark nights, dreary weather, and cold! But, the winter months bring on a host of fun things to do. For example:

- Our SOS Kickoff Party at the Finish Line Lounge
- Fall SOS, our "tea" parties, Fun Sunday and Fun Monday, Thursday golf at Eastport.
- A joint Halloween party at The Finish Line Lounge
- The "first ever" Fall Cyclone early-bird party on November 6 at the Finish Line Lounge
- The Fall Cyclone Party at the Mooresville Skating Rink with 700 of our closest friends
- New Year's Eve parties
- Midwinter 2015
- Brighter, longer days ahead
- DJ Throwdown at NMB
- Our bowling outing
- Our golf outing
- SOS Spring Safari 2015
- "Tea" parties, the SOS Parade, Thursday golf at Eastport, etc.
- Summer Workshop 2015
- Junior SOS 2015
- Our Frozen Fantasy Party and much more.

I didn't mention all the club parties, monthly parties and special events in between all the main events. There are too many to list. But there's something out there for everyone. You can pick and choose your favorites, or do all of them. And how about a short article about your experience for our newsletter. Members love reading about others and their adventures.

One of our newest members and I chatted on Lesson night about how she felt about joining Twisters Shag Club. She and her husband are taking shag lessons from the club now. She mentioned she was so glad she found our club, being able to have a variety of things to do and meeting all our members and joining in on the fun was, to her, just an added benefit of Twisters Shag Club. I promised her that there would never be a dull moment if she hung with "The Fun Bunch".

We also discussed how being involved will definitely keep you young and on the go throughout the year. There is no time to get old or tired! We had just finished our Frozen Fantasy Party and she was truly amazed.

She's never been to a Fall Cyclone nor an SOS. I told her to "hang on", she hadn't seen anything yet!

Fall SOS 2014

By Kathy Strantz

Another fantastic Fall Migration filled with fun, food, friends (new and old), lots of shagging even my first official lesson with Sam and Lisa West! I enjoyed a trip to Brookgreen Gardens, Alabama Theater, Crumb Buns and Harbor Freight! Parties galore! Too many to mention! But shrimp and grits, Rock Hill's Party and Susan's Chocolate Martinis were awesome! Special thanks to Jan and Ken our host/hostess, condo mates Dick, Diane, Richard, Fred, Donna, Ken and Doris! What a great group!

This year I didn't get into the wrong condo and I remembered not to stir my martini! Barbara Zimmerman again came with home baked goodies! Congratulations to Tom Stone on getting 2nd place in Rookies Revenge!

As I write the weather is cold and rainy, but I love it! Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's dancing, walking, etc., in the rain! Where are you Chuck? Needless to say I did lots of walking in the rain but still managed to get a tan! My gran-girls arrive soon! The fun begins anew!

Friends Helping Friends

By Tom Stone

This is dedicated to all of my very dear friends in Twister's Shag Club. Most of you do not have the slightest idea that I grew up with an inferiority complex. I would not wish the way I grew up on anyone. I found my first self-worth as a young man in the Navy.

I have a reason for starting this way. You, as my friends, have helped me to have a marvelous self-worth without even knowing it. With the exception of Mike Rink, Peggy Cavin, Kathy Thompson and a few others whom you all know, I am one of the longest standing members of this shag club. I have seen people come and go. I have learned to love many, and when they departed they left a void in my heart.

Twister's has truly been one of the finest groups of people I have ever had the pleasure of being associated with. Over the years we have seen a lot of turn over. Now we have lots of new faces, which is a good thing. This means the dance will definitely endure. For those of you newbies who have gotten to know me, I want you to know I love you all. I always look forward to seeing your faces when I make it out to a club function. During this past Fall Migration I was honored to visit with many of you and it was a mighty fine pleasure to do so.

As many of you already know I really like this dance. I always look forward to coming to each SOS. I hope to continue to be able to do so for a long time into the future. In doing so I hope to continue seeing the many fine people I have gotten to know over the years. This past Wednesday as I sat amongst several different friends, I contemplated just how lucky I am. When I mean several I mean a LOT of people! Why these people from so many different cities have decided to take me in and count me as their friend is mind blowing.

I have my very dear friend P.H. Craig from Chapel Hill who always insists I sit with him at Fat Harold's. He loves to tell all the

girls he taught me everything about shag. What a great guy! There is Carl and Cindy Ware from Charleston. They have taught many people in the Charleston area how to shag. They are beautiful to watch dancing. They are my family when I am in Charleston. Then, there are those who always say, "Hi Tom". I smile and say, "hi" back, but I cannot always remember their names. Now that's sad on my part. There are far too many to mention or remember.

I hate to leave out names but if I included everybody I would never finish this story. And Mike did say he has a deadline to meet. Soooo... let it suffice to say that if you are a member of Twister's and are reading this... you are amongst my friends and I hold you in high regard. And thank you for helping me.

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TSC Golf Tournament At Fall SOS

By Peggy Cavin

Five teams teed off at 11 am for our Fall SOS golf outing. The weather couldn't have been any more perfect. My team consisted of Ken Culpepper, Ken Kreamer, Mike and myself. I had not played golf in over 3 years due to some health issues. I hoped that all my bad habits would not have time to show their ugly faces within the next four hours of play. But frankly, I wasn't even entirely sure I could play.

Those that joined us that day had a great time. There were laughs and tall tales all around. A few of our former members played: Irby, Geoff, Dick, Roger and Laura, and "Big Bird", John Grice. John just rejoined the club and we really are glad to have him back with us. We're also glad to have him back to Chair a Cyclone committee with another former member James Thorndyke who moved to the beach. Ken Culpepper's brother Greg also joined us again this time. He's a regular at our golf events.

It was easy to keep up with Geoff. Every time I looked back, I could see Geoff in his fluorescent orange golf shirt. Now that was a sight to behold. He looked like the great pumpkin!!

It was fun having Ken Culpepper on our team. Between Ken and I, there was plenty to laugh about. But he was a big help to our team. We were both glad to be able to join in on this golf outing.

I surprised myself with a couple 25 ft. putts. They reminded me of the old days when I could play golf. We got to use some of my Tee shots, too! I was building my ego fast, but on the back nine I kinda faltered somewhat. Haha Still, I was having fun.

We were the first team back into the clubhouse. This gave us time to be the "peanut gallery" to the other teams who finished on the eighteenth green. We welcomed each golfer with applause as they approached the clubhouse. It really didn't matter who won. It was just another fun adventure for the Fun Bunch.

My Adventures At Fall SOS

By Tom Stone

I had not entered the last two Rookies Revenge contests, so I thought it was time to get in on some of the fun. When making this decision I had no idea there would be a substantial crowd from Twister's sitting on the front row watching. Now if you don't think I was nervous, think again. I don't mind embarrassing myself, but I really hate to embarrass my friends. So the pressure was on to put on a good show. I wanted to do well for our club! The first round came and went. I was fortunate to draw a pretty good partner named Linda. She must be good because she was Iron Mike's date. As good as she is, we still made a few of what I thought were pretty bad mistakes because of how nervous I was. However, the judges must have thought otherwise because they called our names to be part of the next round. I really wasn't expecting that and it made me more nervous since we were the last names to be called.

We were able to practice a few dances before the second round. When we were finally called I thought we did much better. But I still was so nervous I thought I screwed up a couple of steps. After all, sitting right there in the front were all these people from Twister's. Amongst them were former members/instructors Chuck and Sandra.

I figured we were out of the competition. And the competition was keen. But all of my friends kept telling me how well we did. I just couldn't figure it. I thought at the very best we would place fifth or sixth place. Finally the DJ started announcing the winners... 6th place was called. OK I thought maybe we came in 5th place. Then he announced 5th place was my friend Charles from Houston TX and his partner. This fellow had placed higher than me twice before. Now, I'm thinking we made it to fourth place. But not so, it was somebody else. Have you ever heard your own heart pumping? Well mine started doing the pitty-pat very hard. I am thinking no friekin way, not third place. We were not that good! But, the DJ announced someone else's name for 3rd place! I had to turn my head away and say to myself, "Please don't do this to me.

My heart can't take it!" The pressure was finally released when he announced my partner Linda and I had won 2nd place! Of course, this means I can go back at least one more time. (Only the winner is eliminated from future competition.)

I so much appreciate the loud applause and the encouragement from my very good friends. To all of you a very big, "Thank you." I think this was a big plus for our club!

If you have never competed in the Rookies Revenge on Tuesday night at the Arcade, you are missing out. Who knows, you might be a winner. Give it a shot. I highly recommend it. Just remember... you will be watched!

I might be getting old, but I ain't about to quit dancing. And as far as dying goes... I ain't going. I'm cheatin' old man death as long as I can. What do you think about that?

Summer at the Beach

By Rees Brody

It's been years since we were at the beach during the summer months. Lately it's always been Fall and Spring SOS and some great weather. But we had conflicts this year. Didn't make it to SOS in the Spring or Fall. But we did go to the beach twice in July and August.

The first trip was a long weekend at OD with some friends. Got there Thursday night. Drove straight to Main street thinking we'd get something to eat and wander around. Gosh, Hoskins was lined up outside 30 deep, Main Street was packed with people. Duck's and Fat Harolds were jammed. Georgio's was lined up to the entrance. Well, we'll turn the corner and find something.

Discovered they turned the parking lots into amusements and carnival rides. No place to park. The OD Arcade was also packed. OK, forget this. Decided to head to Crab Catcher's in Little River. They were busy also, but we finally got seats at the bar.

Our friends had the house and a golf cart. So we navigated to the events in the golf cart. Loved the convenience of the cart. Next couple of days we went to the beach. Could not believe the crowd that was there... actually everywhere. Had to look for a beach spot for chairs and an umbrella. Hmmmm, wonder if my umbrella has to be behind the lifeguard stand? Not much space there. Had forgotten how busy the beach can be during peak season, especially with all of the condos around.

Next trip was for a week to Folly Beach with family this time. We had a full house. All the pull out beds, couches and beds were full. It was fun. Not everyone could stay the whole time so we constantly had people coming and going. It was a neat house.

We could watch the kids go back to the house from the beach without having to escort them there. Made it easier for the adults. Did I say easy? We had responsibility for 4 grandkids several days until the parents arrived. Keeping those kids entertained and out of trouble was exhausting.

This time our area was residential, so the beach was busy but not jammed like before. We did walk to the pier and that's where the crowd was. I had forgotten how hot it can be at the beach in August. It was hot! Not everyone in our group had an umbrella, so we always had a crowd at ours. The wind destroyed my umbrella mid-week. Could not repair it, so a new beach umbrella was purchased. Couldn't last without one. Great trip. We survived the week with no major issues.

Got home and got the dog out of daycare. He was one excited dog to see us return. Actually, we were all glad to get back to the routine. Time to start thinking about the next trip. Spring SOS? Don't know yet.

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