R & B Shag Club of Spartanburg







Association of Carolina Shag Clubs



Member Since 1985

A Message from your President:

It's been a long, cold winter. Global warming is not getting to me. Some days over the last few months I just couldn't get warm. I'm longing for a few simple pleasures as I grow older—warm breezes, sounds of good music at the beach, good looking ladies, shagging, and maybe a cold Bud Lite. **Doug Higgins** and I, after attending a high school class function, made the statement, "Some of our classmates are slowing down." I thought maybe it's time to kick back; then, it hit me. What am I thinking! It's almost spring. It's party time. We all have personal frailties but we deserve to be able to enjoy the next 20, 30, 40 years. So, R&B members, pull out the summer clothes, shine the shag shoes, and let's go out!

The "season" started with the Electric Storm Party at Clemson, and R&B folks were the last ones on the dance floor, bananas, and all. Plans have been finalized for a "Learn Our State Dance" night March 27, at the Marriott. With the help of Kathy & Steve Day, David O'Quinn, The Marriott, and R&B Shag Club, we are offering free shag lessons to the public for the evening. Hopefully, Wild Wing Café will be back in operation by the end of March or early April so that free lessons can continue. R&B and The Marriott have a great relationship, and it is one of the finest venues for dance in the state.

At our last board meeting we voted to obtain our own domain name on the internet—possibly rbshagclub.com or net—to make it easier to locate our soon to be updated web site.

Several events are on the horizon to bring sister shag clubs together across the upstate so that we visit them and they visit us. Visiting is a vital part of the shagging experience. Our monthly parties at the VFW are popular and well attended. The next parties are Feb 28 and March 21. Our membership is well ahead of last year with 160 new and renewing members already on the roster. Spring Safari SOS, Sparkle City Celebration, and First Thursday Music on Main await.

Pray for our country, pray for our loved ones who are sick, and pray for our legs and feet to hold up, for we are not sliding gracefully into that time of life called the senior years. We are going kicking, screaming, dancing, and partying! Life's Short, Let's Shag

Tom Armstrong

SHINING STARS

Last month, when listing the folks who had attended most of our parties, your editor accidentally left off the list two couples who are always at every event helping in any way they can to make our parties successful. **Edward & Ann Peeler** and **Stan & Charlene Sanders** have for many years been there from the time the doors open till the last of the decorations are put away.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

The members who manned the check-in desk at the January party had a much easier task with members bringing \$5s and \$1s to pay the party fees. They didn't have to delve into Brenda's tip jar for change for \$20s and \$50s.

If you haven't volunteered 30 minutes of your party time to work the check-in desk, you should. It's a great way to put names to the faces you see at our parties. To help folks learn your name, order one of the blue plastic name tags to wear at each party. They're only \$6 and much more attractive and less damaging to clothes than the stick-on paper nametags.

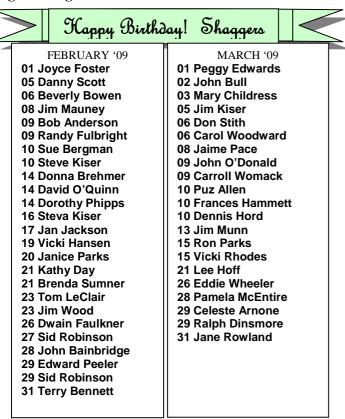
NOTES FROM THE JANUARY 17 PARTY

This was another good party with pizza paid for by our club, great salads and other goodies brought my members, good shaggin' and line dance music by **Skip Lancaster**, great opportunities to visit with friends, and a fun split-the-pot with **Reg Martin** winning \$86 when his ticket was drawn. **Christina Graham** and **Jeanne Dinsmore** did a super job decorating with their snowmen. We were happy to have 21 guests join in the fun and hope they will visit with us again or join our club.

FEBRUARY 28 SWEETHEARTS PARTY

Keep those red outfits out just a bit longer to wear to our next party at the VFW as we continue to celebrate Valentine's Season. **Mike Swords** from Liberty, SC will be DJing for us. Maybe he will play a slow number or two so we can get close to our sweeties. Mike plays all around the upstate and we are honored to have him visit with us. **Ellen Knothe** will be in charge of decorations, and she always does an excellent job. Bring your friends and neighbors whether they shag or not to enjoy the music and visiting with our friendly folks.

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DJ THROWDOWN

For 3 days--March 5-7 about 70 DJs play their very best music at Ducks & Ducks Too at Ocean Drive. The weekend sponsored by the DJ Association is like a mini SOS—just less crowded and loads of fun. Think about making a weekend road trip.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to add these shaggers to our club's roster. John Bull, Annette Burdette, John Casey, Tommy & Mary Childers, Dwain Faulkner, Marva Garner, Bill & Debbie Hardin, Sam & Regina Lail, Mike & Sherry Lybrand, Tom & Jane McLean, Susan McMillan, Jerry Pearson, Hank & Gwin Resch, JoAnn Stewart, Ken & Jan Ward, and Tom & Carol Woodward.

We look forward to getting to know you better and sharing a dance with you.

It's also great that so many members have already renewed their memberships for 2009.

INSERTS

This issue of <u>Shag Lines</u> has 2 inserts. One is a letter of appreciation from Dr. Phil Sawyer for shag clubs' contributions of \$102,612 to create the Phil Sawyer Scholarship Fund at USC for students majoring in dance. Four students are currently receiving scholarship funds, and shagging—its history and the dance itself--are taught in credit courses at the University. Our club contributed about \$1,500 both as a club and as individuals.



The second insert is for a benefit for the two teenaged granddaughters of Terry & Barbara Hopper (Terry is one of our very popular DJs.) Carlyn was killed in a car accident and Chelsey, who was seriously injured, still requires round-the-clock care at home. Carlyn and Chelsey are also the nieces of Donna & Jeff Foster—two other members of our shag world. Since the benefit is the same day as our party, several members are going early to the event and then coming to our party at the VFW. The Mitchell family needs your support.

SPRING SHAG PARTY IN COLUMBIA

Stan Sander's daughter Allison works with the National Kidney Foundation and invited our club to a benefit concert by the Swinging Medallions with Woody Windham DJing between sets on March 21 at Leaside in Clumbia beginning at 7:00 pm. Contact dbrandon@kidneysc.org for information. The Kidney Foundation is the least funded of the major disease foundations

ON THE MEND

Carlyle Pace is recovering from Jan 21 knee surgery. His address is 152 Marie Dr, Roebuck, SC 29376.

Chuck Johnson, our club's vice-president, is very ill with a serious infection from his previous back surgery and has undergone additional back surgery. You may send him a card at 114 Driftway Place, Spartanburg, SC 29301.

Jan McCallister's daughter Gina is recovering from two recent surgeries.

Phyllis Drake's daughter Elizabeth Drake will have surgery Feb 24 to remove both kidneys. Then, she will be placed on the transplant list that has 750 people waiting for kidneys in South Carolina.

CONDOLENCES

We were saddened to learn of the recent death of Jim Patterson's brother. Please keep Jim and Vicki in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

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ROAD TRIPS

For additional information, check the web site shagdance.com and check flyers on Information Table at our parties.

FEB 20-22 ACSC Winter Workshop and Party Danville Shag Club Danville, VA gilstrap@Comcast.net

MAR 5-7 DJ THROWDOWN Ducks & Ducks Too NMB qashaqdi@aol.com or www.ABSCDJ.com

MAR 11-13 NATIONAL SHAG DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS NMB

MAR 27 'LEARN OUR STATE DANCE'-The Marriott Free shag lessons 7:00-9:00 Dance practice session 9:00-11:00

APR 17-26 SOS Spring Safari NMB Parade Sat, Apr 25

JUL 11-12 ACSC Summer Workshop & Party First Coast Shag Club Jacksonville, FL annjh@bellsouth.net

JUL 24-26 SPARKLE CITY CELEBRATION R&B Shag Club at the Marriott 5:00 Fri - 10:00 Sunday. See Web Site

SEP 11-20 SOS Fall Migration NMB Fun Monday Sep 14 R&B House Party Sat, Sep 19

582-8474

SHAGGING AROUND SPARTANBURG

March 7, "First Saturday" at the Marriott 8:00 – Midnight DJ David O'Quinn On Various Fridays David O'Quinn plays at Brandy's/Open Club on South Pine Street. Info: 591-0123 Every Wednesday The Big Chill (aka Dockers) Shag Lesson \$10 6:00 Jeff & Dede Ward. DJ & Shagging afterward Every Friday at the Holiday Inn on Augusta Road in Greenville

Shag Sundays at Wild Wing Café tentatively scheduled to resume in April pending new Café ownership

SOS CARDS

Our club received 50 SOS cards to sell for \$30 each (a savings of \$5). You need the card for Mid-Winter SOS, Spring Safari SOS, and Fall Migration SOS. Many restaurant, hotels, and shops offer a discount when you show your card.

	2009 Officers		
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President	Tom Armstrong	585-7395	
Vice President	Chuck Johnson	574-5528	
Secretary	Phyllis Drake	583-4656	
Treasurer	Stan Sanders	574-7662	
Past President	Johnny McCraw	316-4906	
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2009 Board Members			
David Blackwell		472-6459	
Darrell Massey		576-3778	
Danny Rhodes		576-5177	
Leslie Rufus		590-7427	
Jerry Steifle		587-1180	
2009 Committee Leaders			
Membership	Open		
Bylaws	Edward Peeler	576-8606	
PR & Publicity	Tom Armstrong	585-7395	
Budget & Finance Stan Sanders		574-7662	
Ways & Means	Carolyn Wingate	576-2070	
DJs	Danny Rhodes	576-5177	
Decorations	Kathy Blackwell	472-6459	
Historian	Phyllis Drake	583-4656	
Special Projects Armstrong Johnson Drake Peeler Sanders			
Newsletter	Phyllis Drake	583-4656	
Scrapbooks	Carolyn Wingate	576-2070	
Webmaster	Tommy Sumner	427-5316	
Dance Floor	Doug Higgins	578-5744	

GOOD MUSIC

- . Tune in to **Beach Bob with Kathy Cole** at **103.3** from 2:00-6:00 or beachboboldies.com. To request your favorite tune, email beachbob@woet_fm.com
- . Tune your computer in to **beachshag.com** to hear **Fessa John Hook's** radio show of great music and news of the shag world.
- . Check out **grandstandradionetwork.com**, and you can get **94.9 The Surf** at **949thesurf.com**.

BOARD MEETINGS

Members are cordially invited to attend the Board meetings the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is Monday, March 9, 7:00 pm in the Club 299 of the Marriott. The Board welcomes your input.

SHAG CLASSES

Club members currently teaching shag are Kathy & Steve Day 578-9097 or 472-5162 or 457-4244, Loretta & John O'Donald 489-6371, JoAnn & Wayne Waddell 476-2001, Cy Miller 828-674-5432

NEWSLETTER

Please send me or one of our reporters information by the second Wednesday of the month. <u>Please</u> share trips you have taken, major events in your lives, and other info that will interest our shaggin' friends.

drakepg@aol.com or 864-583-4656 Thanks, Phyllis

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Mail to this Shagger:

FEBRUARY PARTY HOST / DECORATOR Ellen Knothe

Membership dues are \$15 per person for the calendar year Jan--Dec. Members and guests must be 21 years or older. Members will receive a monthly newsletter with information about club parties, special events, our members, and other shag clubs' events. Party fees for member are \$3 per person for each party. Non-member / guest fees are \$5 per person for each party. Guests will receive 2 newsletters per year.

To join, mail this application with your check to the R&B Shag Club of Spartanburg address.

R&B Shag Club of Spartanburg Membership Application			
Name		New Renewal	
Spouse's Name		I would be happy to help with (PLEASE Check one or more.)	
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City	StateZIP	Membership / Sign-in Desk	
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