

R & B Shag Club of Spartanburg



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JANUARY 2009

Association of Carolina Shag Clubs



Member Since 1985

A Message from your President:

Well, It's January 2009, and R&B Shag Club is on track for another great year. At the Christmas party Stan Sanders looked around the room, smiled, and said, "Tom, I think it's time the club moved on to the next level." I've been thinking about what Stan said and have been contemplating about what the next level is. Is it bigger or is it better? Is it quantity or quality? After looking back over the last few years, the answer is simple. If we make it better, bigger will follow. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Take what is working and expand on it and the good news is that most everything we've been doing is working. Paramount to everything is continuing to welcome newcomers and help them feel a part of our club and the wonderful shag world.

To lay out what is ahead, we start with our great once-a-month parties at the VFW. This has been a great partnership, and we hope to continue it for years to come. Our partnering with Music on Main will continue with "First Thursdays Beach Music" all summer with our dance floor installed for shagging. "First Saturday at the Marriott" with **David O'Quinn** DJing is still a big hit, and we're working on something new in partnership with the Marriott to further promote shagging in Spartanburg. The Sparkle City Celebration event in July is growing in popularity with shagging friends from eleven states coming to shag with us. Our trips to the three SOS events and especially the Fall Migration SOS house party are other things that we enjoy as a group.

The Mobile Meals Benefit in early September will happen again for this the fourth year. We need to support Mobile Meals even more than ever with so many folks struggling to keep food on the table. Community involvement is very important because it raises our club's image and shagging in general in the eyes of everyone. We should help out when asked wherever we can. We will continue to entertain for various retirement centers and charitable events when asked.

Road Trips to other shag clubs' parties are a lot of fun, and I hope we can do more of them this year. The more we visit other clubs, the more they visit us.

Another big new thing from this past year was our joining the American Bop Association. This vastly increases our exposure to new folks to attend our Sparkle City Celebration and we already are receiving

ticket orders from the ABA members. **Kathy & Steve Day** are to be commended for helping us become part of ABA. They are wonderful ambassadors for the Shag World by teaching shag all over the Southeast as well as in many locations in our region.

I thank **Johnny McCraw** and last year's officers and board members and committee leaders for the fine work they did. It sure makes it easier for an incoming president who inherits a well-run club.

I'll end with a New Year's toast: Here's to new friends, old friends, and friends who are no longer with us. Let's always remember that we go around only once in life, but if we do it right, once is enough. Happy New Year R&B friends!

Life's Short, Let's Shag
Tom Armstrong

SHINING STARS

Years ago, when we did an excellent job on something in elementary school, we were awarded stars. Today, these members have earned stars for their excellent attendance at our parties. Gold stars are awarded to these shaggers who attended all 12 of our parties: **Tom & LeRhea Armstrong, Phyllis Drake, Jan McCallister, and Johnny McCraw**. These shaggers earn silver stars for attending 10 or 11 parties: **Ernest & Terry Bennett, Ronnie & Ann Blackwell, Olga Burtnett, Henry & Joanne Calhoun, David & Christina Graham, Nelson Hall, Tom & Linda LeClair, Frank Marco, Darrell Massey, Pam McEntire, Jim Munn, Janis & Floyd Ross, Lib Smith, Jerry & Beth Steifle, and Carolyn Wingate**. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all 246 members could win stars next year?

HELP NEEDED

Even though we've doubled the amount of change we bring to the parties, we are still having difficulty making change for all the \$20s and \$50s at the sign-in desk. Could you please bring \$5s and \$1s to pay your party fees?



Happy Birthday! Shaggers

JANUARY '09

01 Pat Jones
 04 Roy Bishop
 07 Laura Catto
 09 Travis Sims
 11 Eddie Baker
 11 Debbie Hoff
 12 Mickey Campbell
 13 Brenda Young
 14 Ellen Knothe
 14 Johnny McCraw
 15 Bill Coggins
 15 Diann Higgins
 15 Pam Land
 16 Danny Rhodes
 18 Judy McKelvey
 19 Joe Ed Mitchell
 20 Larry Brehmer
 21 Roger Hayes
 21 Pamela Whiter
 22 Peggy Stacey
 22 Stan Williams
 23 Randy Tucker
 27 Debra Miller
 31 Alan Caldwell
 31 Ava Weeks

FEBRUARY '09

01 Joyce Foster
 05 Danny Scott
 08 Jim Mauney
 09 Bob Anderson
 09 Randy Fulbright
 10 Sue Bergman
 10 Steve Kiser
 14 Donna Brehmer
 14 David O'Quinn
 14 Dorothy Phipps
 17 Jan Jackson
 19 Vicki Hansen
 20 Janice Parks
 21 Kathy Day
 21 Brenda Sumner
 23 Tom LeClair
 28 John Bainbridge
 28 Edward Peeler
 29 Sid Robinson
 31 Terry Bennett

MEMBERSHIP

This information is from our Bylaws. The objectives of the Club shall be to preserve, promote, and honor the rhythm and blues beach music sound, the Shag, and the artists who have contributed to our heritage. Membership in this organization shall be open to all persons interested in the work and purposes for which this organization was established. It shall be the duty of each member to 1. pay all dues 2. attend as many meetings and functions of the organization as possible 3. recognize and comply with all provisions of the Bylaws 4. be courteous to all members and visitors 5. never speak falsely or maliciously about a member or the Club or defame the character of a member 6. refrain from conduct contrary to the purposes of the organization 7. exercise moderation and prudence in the consumption of alcoholic beverages at events; obey all federal, state, and local laws regarding such use and consumption; refrain from any unlawful use of drugs 8. dress appropriately and follow rules of acceptable conduct 9. respect the privacy of other members and the integrity of the Club by ensuring that Club information is used strictly for Club operations as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. Specifically, email addresses, phone numbers, and other personal information must not be disseminated for reasons other than activities approved by the Board of Directors.

Christina & David Graham

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DIAMOND RING RAFFLE

Larry Brehmer, one of our newer members, won the beautiful ring at the Christmas dance at the VFW. His wife Donna will be glad to show it to you at one of our parties. This couple travels from Clinton to attend our functions.

We thank Betty Yarborough Kirtley for donating the ring so we can have a fun raffle and make money to help finance our many club activities. Thanks also to all who bought raffle tickets and we hope next year one of you will be the lucky winner.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

What a wonderful way to have welcomed in 2009! We are so fortunate to have a great working relationship with this elegant venue-the Marriott. We always enjoy the Out of Towners Band that we have supported since its beginning, and we enjoy our very talented DJ David O'Quinn who shags like his body "ain't got no bones."

ON THE MEND

Rick Merritt is recovering from heart by-pass surgery.

Chuck Johnson is recuperating from back surgery and will soon be back on the dance floor.

Pam Land's 90-year-old father will have a pacemaker put in this week and his doctor assures him he has never lost a patient.

Phyllis Drake's brother Robert Gamble and sister Alice Kilgo are both undergoing treatments for cancer, and her daughter Elizabeth Drake is receiving kidney dialysis treatments and will soon have surgery to remove both kidneys.

PIZZA, PIZZA, PIZZA

The club is furnishing pizza-pepperoni, hamburger, & cheese--for the January party, so please bring side dishes to complement pizza-salads, desserts, and other goodies.

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ROAD TRIPS

For additional information, check the web site <http://www.shagdance.com> and check flyers on Information Table at our parties.

JAN 14-17 SOS Mid Winter Classic **NMB-Ocean Drive**
JAN 30-31 **ELECTRIC STORM** Electric City Shag Club of Anderson jcrumpt@charter.net 864-260-0211
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** gashagdj@aol.com or www.ABSCDJ.com
APR 17-26 SOS Spring Safari **NMB Parade Sat, Apr 25**
JUL 11-12 ACSC Summer Workshop & Party Jacksonville, FL annjh@bellsouth.net
SEP 11-20 SOS Fall Migration **NMB Fun Monday Sep 14** **R&B House Party Sat, Sep 19**

SHAGGING AROUND SPARTANBURG

Friday, February 6, **Shaggin' at the Davenport** in Greer with the Out of Towners Band 864-346-1738
 February 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

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

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	Open	
Nominating	Open till October	
Entertainment	Open	
DJs	Danny Rhodes	576-5177
Decorations	Open	
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

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 meeting each month. The next meeting is **Monday, January 12, 7:30 pm** in the **Hoechst Celanese Room** of the **Main Library**. **The Board welcomes your input.**

NEWSLETTER

Please send me or one of our reporters information by the second Wednesday of the month. Please 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

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

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R&B SHAG CLUB CALENDAR
2009

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
AND PIZZA PARTY

SATURDAY JAN 17

DJ

8:00 pm – Midnight

Sat, Feb 28 Sat, Sep 26
Sat, Mar 21 Sat, Oct 24
Fri, Apr 17 Sat, Nov 21
Sat, May 30 Sat Dec 19
Sat, Jun 27
Fri & Sat Jul 24&25

325 Carolina Drive Ext.
Roebuck, SC 29376
(Off Hwy 295/Southport Road
between Hwy 221 & Hwy 296)
(Turn across from Holden's Ranch)

Mail to this Shagger:

JANUARY PARTY HOSTS / DECORATORS
Christina Graham & Jeanne Dinsmore

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 _____
Spouse's Name _____
Address _____ Apt. _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
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