

R & B Shag Club of Spartanburg



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A Message from your President:

A Tribute to a Lost Member

I've sat down several times to write this president's message, and every time I just couldn't. It's hard to sum up a really close friend's life in a page but here goes. You may have heard me use the toast, "You only go around once in life but if you do it right, once is enough," and that is probably the best way to describe Doug Higgins. He went around once on this earth, and he did it right—whether it was family, fire department, work at AT&T, car club, shag club—he didn't do it half way. When he started something, he decided what he wanted to accomplish, and folks just needed to get out of the way because when **Doug Higgins** said the blueberries were ripe, you might as well get the bucket. A case in point: At one of the board meetings we mentioned needing a portable dance floor. By the end of the week, **Doug** had located a company in Salt Lake City, Utah, and had samples on the way. At the next board meeting, he presented the samples and prices. We voted on that Monday, and by Tuesday the floor was ordered and shipped. A week later it had not shown up. **Doug** tracked it to a warehouse in Columbia, SC, and had it re-shipped to Spartanburg. It arrived on Tuesday, and we danced on it two days later at Music on Main.

Doug, with **Diann's** help, was a great organizer, board member, and hard worker on all R&B projects—Sparkle City Celebration's hospitality suite, VFW parties, SOS beach parties, and other events, and when doubts arose about difficult tasks ahead, he always said, "We can do that!"

Having known **Doug** from high school days and especially during these last few years of partying and shagging with him, I can assure you he will be missed but never forgotten. Keep **Diann** and all of us in your prayers as Doug now joins the ranks of Shadow Shaggers Dancing in the Moonlight.

It has been a busy spring with **Music on Main** and helping with the **Out-of-Towners** fund raising for the **Shriners Hospital**, putting down our floor for three events, planning regular parties, visiting other clubs, and organizing the Sparkle City event. **NOW** is the time to get your tickets for **Sparkle City Celebration** and to volunteer to help put on the best party we have ever had. Contact has been made with the new folks at **Wild Wing Café** and discussions about Sunday shagging are progressing.

The **May 30, party's** theme is "My Big Sister's Radio" so bring your old transistor radios to display and remember the good-ole days when the number of transistors in your radio was a status symbol—not the number of gigabytes in your computer. They will be part of the decorations as well as conversation starters. **John Wilson** from Greenville will be our DJ. He and his wife **Elaine** are members of the ACSC Legends of Shag Dancing. Maybe they will treat us to a spotlight dance.

While you're drifting around taking a look at the transistors, take a look at the photo albums on the stage area. **Carolyn Wingate** and **JoAnn Waddell** are doing a great job designing the newer ones. Also, check out the flyers for other clubs' big events and find one or two you would like to attend. As I have heard **Phyllis** say, "Get off your seats and on your feets" and visit with friends old and new. The new folks are just friends you haven't met yet.

We have a special treat in store. The junior competition shaggers—the **Ellises from Gaffney**—are performing at the Marriott for the Lions Club fundraiser for the School for the Deaf and Blind and are going to pop in to give us a shag exhibition. Another junior couple may be with them to also do a demo dance.

My thanks go to the long-time and to the new members for supporting not only the club, but also the other events that promote the club and shagging in the community. Our goal is to promote the dance and the music and to accomplish this goal, we need to be in all kinds of activities. After attending several events, one of our newer shagging friends said, "This is not just a shag club; it's a whole new life style, and I may have to give up sitting on my couch."

I close as I always do, but it has never meant more than it does this month.

Life's Short, Let's Shag
Tom Armstrong

At the May 30 party, two members will be circulating sign-up sheets for **Sparkle City Celebration** July 24-26. **Chuck Johnson** needs folks for 30-minute time slots to help with the **Door Greeter** duties. **Phyllis Drake** needs folks for 30-minute time slots for help at the **sign-in desk**.

Happy Birthday! Shaggers

MAY '09

01 Reg Martin
05 Barney Harmon
05 Floyd Ross
08 Ray Jones
09 Peggy Hiatt
11 David Atkins
16 Ann O'Quinn
17 Dale Worthy
21 Greg Byrd
22 Don Graham
23 Martha Bainbridge

JUNE '09

01 Dan Dietzen
03 Ken Hawkins
04 Nelson Hall
06 Dennis Hord
09 Ron Gurley
09 Marilyn Swords
11 Gene Vinson
14 Ronnie Blackwell
16 Jim Patterson
17 Ann Blackwell
17 Phil Mariani
18 Carolyn Sammons
18 Jesse Taylor
19 Betty Wood
22 Wolfgang Clorman
23 Ed Hiatt
24 David Feinstein
24 Jack Mabry
25 Yvonne Bonner
28 David Graham
30 Martha Medford



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to add these shaggers to our club's roster: **Cynthia Brown, Wolfgang Clorman, Pamela Dechau, Joann Kiser, Bill Massey, Sam & Libby Swad, Sylvia Tirpak, and Pam Williams.**

We look forward to getting to know you better and sharing a dance with you. It's also great that so many members have renewed their memberships for 2009. We now list 239 members on our roster.

ON THE MEND

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers as they progress through difficult times.

Pam Barnes Land is receiving radiation and chemotherapy following breast cancer surgery on May 7. Her address is 410 Pierview Way, Boiling Springs, SC 29316.

Joyce Smith will be off the dance floor for a while yet as she continues to recuperate from recent back surgery. She sends her thanks for members' concerns, calls, cards, and prayers.

CONDOLENCES

We send our sympathy to **Nelson Hall** for the recent death of his sister **Jeannie Hanning.**

GOOD NEWS

Two more of our members have wedding plans. **Kaye Taylor** and **Ernest Marlowe** have set the date for June 6. Best wishes for many happy years together.

Christina & David Graham

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June 4	The Tams	\$10
June 11	The Fantastic Shakers	\$10
June 18	The Fabulous Shades	\$ 5
June 25	The Craig Woolard Band	\$10
July 2	Gen. Johnson & Chairmen of Board	\$10
July 9	The Out-of-Towners Band	\$ 5
July 16	"BOZ" The Band of Oz	\$10

MUSIC ON MAIN

Denny's Plaza downtown Spartanburg 6:00-9:00

Our dance floor will be down each 1st Thursday

All concerts are free

June 4 The Out-of-Towners Band

July 2 The Dynamic Breakers

August 6 The East Coast Band

A GOOD DEED

A few weeks ago, **David Graham & Kathy Cole** and **John & Elaine Wilson** taught about 100 fifth graders at Brookforest Elementary School in Greenville basic shag steps. That's a step in the right direction for growing the next generation of shaggers.

ODDS AND ENDS

For several months our square, shaggers lamp that usually sat on the bar at the VFW has been missing. Did someone accidentally pack it away with their stuff and take it home?

The next time you visit the library, check out one of the books we donated to its collection: The Legendary Dance of the South—Shag by Bo Bryan and Shagging in the Carolinas by Fessa John Hook.

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MAY 29-31 SOUTHERN COMFORT XII **Palmetto Shag Club** Columbia npowell09@aol.com

JUN 20 JIVIN' JUNE JAM-SILVER ANNIVERSARY **Lancaster Shag Club** www.Lancastershagclub.com

JUL 11-12 ACSC SUMMER WORKSHOP & PARTY **First Coast Shag Club** Jacksonville, FL www: first coast shag.com

JUL 15-19 JUNIOR SOS NMB

JUL 24-26 SPARKLE CITY CELEBRATION **R&B Shag Club** at the Marriott 5:00 Fri – 10:00 Sunday. rbshagclub.org

JUL 31-AUG1 MEET ME IN THE MIDDLE **Carolina Shag Club** Greenville SC jrcoley@charter.net

AUG 20-22 SHAG TRACKS XV **Choo Choo Shag Club** Chattanooga choochooshagclub.com or rmkellar@aol.com

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

OCT 16-18 GEECHEE BLAST Charlestonshagclub.com

OCT 23-24 FALL BASH **Mountain Empire Shag Society** Kingsport TN messdance.com

NOV 6-8 FALL CYCLONE **Twisters Shag Club** Cornelius, NC GoShagging.com

NOV 20-21 28TH ANNUAL INVITATIONAL **Columbia Shag Club** 803-755-0569 Marie Taylor mariegammy@yahoo.com

SHAGGING AROUND SPARTANBURG

May 23, 2nd Annual "Patti's Kids" (Supporting G'Ville Shrine Hospital) Mauldin Shrine Club Noon-Midnight

May 29, Brandy's 3rd annual reunion at the Open Club on S. Pine St. DJ David O'Quinn

June 2 Out-of-Towners Band playing at the Cellar on Fernwood-Glendale Road

June 6, "First Saturday" at the Marriott 8:00 – Midnight DJ David O'Quinn

June 11, On each 2nd Thursday, David O'Quinn plays at Gerhard's on East Main Street 8:00 – 11:00.

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

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 unless needed	
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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@wolt_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 on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is **Monday, June 8, 7:00 pm** in the **Main Library**. **The Board welcomes your input.**

SHAG CLASSES

Club members currently teaching shag are **Kathy & Steve Day** 578-9097 or 472-5162 or 457-4244, **JoAnn & Wayne Waddell** 476-2001. **Cv Miller 828-674-5432**

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**

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www.shagdance.com
www.shagtour.com
www.keepshaggin.net



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**R&B SHAG CLUB CALENDAR
2009**

**Big Sister's Radio Party
SATURDAY, MAY 30
DJ JOHN WILSON**

8:00 pm – Midnight

Sat, Jun 27 Pig Pickin'

Fri & Sat Jul 24 & 25

Sparkle City Celebration At Marriott

Sat, Aug 22 Hawaiian Luau Party

Sat, Sep 26 28th Birthday Party

Sat, Oct 24 Halloween Party

Sat, Nov 21 Carolina/Clemson Warm Up

Sat, Dec 19 Christmas Party

In VFW CLUB

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:

**MAY PARTY HOSTS / DECORATORS
Tom & LeRhea Armstrong**

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

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New _____ Renewal _____

Spouse's Name _____

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Sparkle City Celebration

Date _____