

SOS Parade Theme 2026
"Shagger's Just Wanna Have Fun"



SOS Carefree Times

2026 Spring Safari Edition





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SOS President Robin Morley

Dear Spring Safari Friends,

Welcome to North Myrtle Beach and the much-anticipated Spring Safari—where we celebrate 10 unforgettable days dedicated to the Carolina shag! Whether this is your first Safari or you're a seasoned shagger, there's no better place to meet new friends, reconnect with old ones, and feel the warmth of our dance family come alive.

This special gathering is more than just a tradition, it's about keeping the music and carefree spirit of the shag alive for generations to come. Take time to enjoy all the festivities at your favorite SOS partner clubs and let the good times roll!

Don't miss the highlight of the week—the SOS Parade on Saturday, April 25, 2026. This year's theme is "Shaggers just wanna have fun," and we can't wait to see everyone's creativity and energy fill the streets with joy and laughter.

Thank you for being here, for your enthusiasm, and for supporting Spring Safari year after year. Together, we're not just dancing, we're building lifelong memories and keeping the heartbeat of the shag strong. Here's to another amazing Spring Safari!

With heartfelt appreciation, Robin Morley, SOS President



ACSC Chairman Candy Long

Greetings to each of you!

I don't know about you, but I am counting the days until SOS Spring Safari!!! These little tidbits of warm days and sunshine have definitely set the mood for a great time with friends! I hope you are feeling the same because I can't wait to see you there! There are so many things going on that I know you will enjoy. If you haven't already, you need to download the SOS app. Go to shagdance.com and find the logo for it on the front page. This app has all the events, all the DJs and bands, and more. Your days will be as full as you want them to be. The clubs are working hard to prepare for the mass invasion of fun-loving shaggers! Can you tell that I am excited...lol.

It's not too late to sign up for the "Shaggers Just Wanna Have Fun" parade! It's so much fun to participate in!!! There are several categories to compete in, you don't have to do a full fledged float!

Encourage your shag club to put a group together for the fun! Applications are on the shagdance.com website. If you decide not to be in it, please come watch it!!!

A few things to tell you about that may be of interest. We are in the process of soliciting businesses to offer you a discount at the establishment if you show your SOS card. Hopefully, these discounts will be available all year, not just during SOS events. This will include shops, restaurants, hotel and condo rentals, and any other businesses we can entice. If you know anyone connected with a business that may be willing to participate, please let us know. We will have a list for you shortly and will add to it as we progress.

THE SUMMER WORKSHOP IS BACK!!!! Look in this Carefree Times or shagdance.com for details! The workshops are always so much fun. Just a little bit of work for shag club officers, but the rest is nothing but a large time!

So, as you can see, there's a lot going on. Put on your dance shoes and make your way to the beach! I promise you won't be disappointed! As always, thanks to each of you for your participation in The Carolina Shag world! We all know that we are part of a very special family. It is my privilege to work with you and for you!

Thanks, Candy Long ACSC Chairperson 803-517-2286



SOS V. President Dwayne Baggett

Hello Shaggers, Welcome to another 10 days of the best fun you can have anywhere in the world. You can't beat it listening and dancing to the best music around. Be sure to thank a DJ for playing your favorite music and maybe a band member for recording the songs the DJs play for us. I know a lot of people are down here on vacation and to blow off some steam, but please control yourself and obey all the laws for NMB. Lol Must of us are to old to do anything different. While you are here for the 2026 Spring Safari, be sure and enjoy all the participating clubs, and enjoy a different restaurant for each meal. Be sure and utilize the different dance instructors that are available to learn and improve your dancing skills. You will be amazed at how many new friends you meet by going to the different lessons and dancing with a lot of different partners. It really improves your dancing and appreciation of our dance. While you are here be sure and get plenty of shopping at all of the different stores. You will find things that you can't get back home. Be sure to visit your SOS Company Store 102 S. Ocean Blvd right beside the OD Arcade. They have different SOS branded merchandise, and they have different vendors that offer their specialty items. While you are at the SOS Company Store pick out the collectable 2026 Spring Safari T-shirt. We had a contest and there were 10 GREAT different designs submitted. Steve Balok's design was picked for this Spring Safari. The other designs may be used at a different time. By submitting the winning design Steve will be awarded two 2027 SOS Membership cards and two 2026 Spring Safari T-shirts with his winning design. If you would like to or know anyone that would like to submit a design for the 2026 Fall Migration T shirt, please submit it to: soscompanystore@yahoo.com. We know you will have a good time while here at North Myrtle Beach so just keep Living the ShagLife and we hope to see you on the dance floor.

Sincerely, Dwayne Baggett. SOS Vice-President



SOS Board Chairman Ronnie Gregory

Welcome! We have returned to the beach where the weather is warm and the music and the dance fills the air. It seems like a long time since Mid-Winter, which was really great and well attended. The SOS partner clubs, have all been anxiously waiting for your return.

The sound of beach music, shaggers and shag dancing will once again reign supreme at Ocean Drive, again, a lot of good times, meeting old friends, making new ones and maybe an opportunity to introduce some beach vacationers to our

dance and lifestyle. We are excited that you have returned, but we need you to practice safe measures and be responsible.

Welcome the new Board Members and thank you to the ones whom has served on the board for the past several years. The SOS Board has been working very hard for you during the last year keeping our Association and SOS strong and making sound decisions concerning our activities and I must say at times that has not been easy. But at the end of the day our utmost commitment has been to your safety and your family. We thank you for your support and, we are going to move forward, enjoying the dance we love and your help in building our Association and SOS.

Exciting things are happening this week, in the Clubs and highlighted at the end of the week with the SOS Parade. Also, you will be introduced to new perks for your SOS Card "A Big Value for all SOS Card Holders."

Coming in July! Our first Summer Workshop in Columbia, SC a Park and Party and I'm sure all of you and members of your club will want to attend. So bring a group and have a good time, July 17 – 19, 2026. The theme is "WE'RE BACK!" So book now, don't be left out of the FUN. In closing, it takes us all to ensure that our dance is here in the coming years. I know you are up to the challenge

Hope to see you on the dance floor, Ronnie Gregory, SOS Board Chair

SOS Carefree Times Editor Janet Harrold

WELCOME TO THE ONLINE

SOS CAREFREE TIMES VIEW IT ON

WWW.SHAGDANCE.COM AND SOS FACEBOOK

Welcome all to 2026 Spring SOS!!! All SOS clubs are getting ready for you to enjoy their entertainment with your favorite dee jays, bands, and great food.... if you get hungry after all the dancing!!

All SOS partner clubs require an SOS card to come in their club. You can purchase an SOS card at all SOS clubs, SOS Company Store, and online..www.shagdance.com. Please patronize the advertisers and check out the accommodations for the Fall SOS. Please show your SOS cards to the advertisers and you may get a discount during the week. Thank you to all the advertisers online and the SOS website sponsors. Have a wonderful time and enjoy the parade on Saturday.

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Janet Harrold, SOS Carefree Times Editor



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Vickie Harrison

Welcome to 2026 Spring Safari. Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces and those happy feet on the dance floor. Please support the advertisers in the Carefree Times and thanks to our advertisers through the years. Feel free to contact me through messenger on facebook or email.

Have an awesome Spring Safari and make those wonderful new memories! See ya on the SOS Facebook page, Vickie

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THE WILD, WILD WEST OF SHAG

JIM HERN, CSA PRESIDENT

The history and evolution of competitive Shag dance can easily spark passionate conversation — and for good reason. Its early days were wild: a freewheeling blues era fueled by rhythmic music, late-night parties, and dance contests that drew hundreds of patrons and dozens of competitors. Those marathon multiday contests paid handsome prizes and kept devoted dancers traveling from weekend to weekend, chasing the next party and the next win. I have taken the liberty to call that era the “Wild, Wild West of Shag”.

Most modern dancers know the story only through the accounts from aging participants, archival videos, and a few written records. Few of today’s competitive dancers experienced that scene firsthand, so much of what we know is secondhand or inferred. Still, the contrast between that competitive, anything-goes era and today’s organized scene is striking.

As juke joints declined and social pressures changed, the freewheeling competitive lifestyle became less practical. However, recognizing the need for a more sustainable, community-focused competitive path, a few wise shag enthusiasts of that era created the Shag Preservation Association (SPA) then followed that by the Competitive Shaggers Association (CSA). From that transition and for more than 30 years now, CSA has emerged as the primary competitive platform for shag dancers, nurturing talent and offering a clear progression from amateur and novice divisions to professional ranks.

CSA, in conjunction with supporting event hosts, conducts events throughout the Southeast and provides an encouraging environment where dancers can grow, compete, and be recognized professionally. The organization plays a major role in preserving the expressive artistry of shag while keeping competition accessible and supportive.

Like the dance itself, CSA has evolved. Competitors today skew older, and events tend to feel more social and slightly more relaxed than the raucous contests of the past. Yet the drive to excel remains strong: dancers still train hard, chase improvement, and push the art form forward.

Looking ahead, the future of both social and competitive shag depends on attracting younger dancers and making wise choices to showcase the dance’s excitement and cultural value. The Wild, Wild West may be gone, but the thrill of shag—its rhythm, romance, and communal spirit—lives on. Join the competitive dance arena and you’ll find exhilaration, a welcoming circle of friends, and plenty of goose bumps.

Be part of the Fun, the Tradition, and its Next Chapter



CSA Web



Competitiveshaggers.org



CSA App

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2026 CSA Schedule

April 10-11
Loafers Beach Club
Raleigh, NC

May 2
Charleston Shag Club
Charleston, SC

June 26-27
Midway Music Hall
Winston-Salem, NC

July 10-11
Lynn's Dance Club
Charlotte, NC

August 7-8
Eno Beach Shag Club
Timberlake, NC

September 4-5
Fat Harold's Beach Club
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Capital City Shag Club
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April 17 - 26

Spring Safari

July 17 - 19

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September 18 - 27

Fall Migration

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Contest: Stephen Balok



WELCOME TO SOS SPRING SAFARI

2026 SOS Parade

Saturday, April 25 - 1:00 pm
(Last Saturday of Spring SOS)



Parade Theme:

"Shaggers Just Wanna Have FUN"

Contact Terry or Kathy McCoy
SOS Parade Chairs: 803-572-1314

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2026 SOS
Spring



Fat Harold's Beach Club

DJ Schedule

Front Back

Wednesday, April 15

6:00 Dennis Brumble 6:00 Glenn Pridgen

Thursday, April 16

2:00 Keith Williamson
7:00 Jimmy Buffkin 7:00 Ervin Ellington

Friday, April 17

1:00 Dennis Brumble 1:00 Chuck Weaver
5:00 Buck Crumpton 5:00 Roger Holcomb
9:00 Darrell Gaither 9:00 Bill Harper

Saturday, April 18

1:00 Jimmy Buffkin 1:00 Richard Conner
5:00 Darrell Gaither 5:00 Norman Mills
9:00 Buck Crumpton 9:00 Keith Williamson

Sunday, April 19

1:00 Darrell Gaither 1:00 Ervin Ellington
5:00 Adam Holmes 5:00 Bill Harper
9:00 Gene Sistare 9:00 Glenn Pridgen

Monday, April 20

1:00 Phil Long 1:00 Roger Holcomb
5:00 Dennis Brumble 5:00 Norman Mills
9:00 Ken Jones 9:00 Chigger Woods

Tuesday, April 21

1:00 Randal Hight 1:00 Phil Long
5:00 Bill Harper 5:00 Roger Holcomb
9:00 Jimmy Buffkin 9:00 Gene Sistare

Wednesday, April 22

1:00 Dennis Brumble 1:00 Phil Long
5:00 Jimmy Buffkin 5:00 Glenn Pridgen
9:00 Jim Rose 9:00 Adam Holmes

Thursday, April 23

1:00 Ken Jones 12:00 Norman Mills
5:00 Darrell Gaither 5:00 Frank Price
9:00 Jim Rose 9:00 Craig Jennings

Friday, April 24

1:00 Dennis Brumble 1:00 Chigger Woods
5:00 Darrell Gaither 5:00 Ken Jones
9:00 Roger Holcomb 9:00 Jim Rose

Saturday, April 25

1:00 Jimmy Buffkin 1:00 Vinyl Party
5:00 Glenn Pridgen 5:00 Vinyl Party
9:00 Buck Crumpton 9:00 Vinyl Party

Sunday, April 26

2:00 Glenn Pridgen
6:00 Dennis Brumble

Club Opens
11 am everyday
during SOS

Shag
Workshops

Charlie Womble
&
Jackie McGee

See separate
AD for their
Spring
Schedule

Shag City Grill



Open Daily
11 am

Events
Wed., April 15
94.9 Jump Start Party
Free Hot Dogs

Friday, April 17
Too Much Sylvia 2-6

Saturday, April 18
Castaways 2-6

Sunday, April 19
The Featured Attraction
Band 2-6

Monday, April 20
Sea Cruz 2-6

Tuesday, April 21
The Embers 2-6

Wednesday, April 22
Jim Quick & Coastline 2-6
Chicken Bog 6:00

Thursday, April 23
Rivermist 2-6
Winston Salem Shag 12-3
Rock Hill Shag Club 5-9

Friday, April 24
Gary Lowder &
Smokin' Hot 2-6

Saturday, April 25
Parade Awards following
the parade

Sunday, April 26
Jim Quick & Coastline 6-10

Bye Bye Party!

2026 SOS Spring Safari

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Spring DJ Schedule

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

12-4 Richard Conner

4-8 Dana Grubb

8-til Johnny B

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

12-4 Richard Conner

4-8 Tommy Samole

8-til Furman Dominick

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

12-4 Buck Crumpton

4-8 Ron Teague

8-til Tommy Samole

MONDAY, APRIL 20

12-4 Larry Calhoun

4-8 Furman Dominick

8-til Gene Hensley

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

12-4 Billy Fanning

4-8 Butch Davidson

8-til Larry Calhoun

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

12-4 Craig Jennings

4-8 Gene Hensley

8-til Furman Dominick

THURSDAY, April 23

12-4 Craig Jennings

4-8 Larry Calhoun

8-til Gene Hensley

FRIDAY, April 24

12-4 Dana Grubb

4-8 Mike Swords

8-til Furman Dominick

SATURDAY, April 25

12-4 Buck Crumpton

4-8 Butch Davidson

8-til Gene Hensley

Patio/Porch DJ Schedule

12-4

4-8

Friday, April 17

Saturday, April 18

Sunday, April 19

Monday, April 20

Tuesday, April 21

Wednesday, April 22

Thursday, April 23

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25

Johnny B

Live Remote Ray Scott/Riptide

Dana Grubb

Glenn Pridgen

Glenn Pridgen

Dana Grubb

Furman Dominick

Glenn Pridgen

Dana Grubb

Ron Teague

Johnny B

Johnny B

Dana Grubb

Furman Dominick

Richard Conner

Ron Teague

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Special EVENTS

Tuesday, April 21 8 pm

ROOKIES REVENGE (sign up 7pm)

Wednesday, April 22 2pm

OLD SCHOOL CONTEST (sign up noon)

Must be 62 years or older

Thursday, April 23 2 pm

SMOOTHIE CONTEST (sign up noon)

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4/24 Friday- Burlington Shag Club 6pm

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Sun. April 19	11 am	Lead Follow
Mon. April 20	10:30 am 11 am	FREE BASIC Pivot & Belly Roll With Variations
Tues. April 21	11 am	Easy Footwork Together
Wed. April 22	11 am	Variations (Footwork)
Thurs. April 23	10 am 11 am	Easy Smooth Combo Lead Follow
Fri. April 24	10 am 11 am	Having Fun with Breaks Ladies Class
Sat. April 25	10 am	Parade Step (Mirror Step)

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Tuesday, April 21st - 10:00AM
Basic Variations-"The 3 for 1"

Wednesday, April 22nd-10:00AM
Fun Together Step- "The Arcade"

Thursday, April 23rd-10:00AM
Closed Position Patterns



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Workshop Schedule

Saturday April 18th
11:00 - Easy Lead Follow
12:00- How to Build Footwork

Sunday April 19th
11:00 Male and Female Footwork
12:00 Combo Leads

Wednesday April 22nd
11:00 - Basic Variations
12:00 - Fun Together Step

Thursday April 23rd
11:00 Changing your 3 & 4
12:00 Ramiro's

Friday April 24th
11:00 Fun Lead Follow
12:00 How to Build Footwork

Saturday April 25th
11:00 Easy Turns
12:00 No Class (Parade)



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MALE AND FEMALE STEPS

TUESDAY - APRIL 21
ADVANCED TOGETHER STEP

THURSDAY - APRIL 23
ADVANCED COMBINATION

EVERYDAY WORKSHOPS
FRI. APRIL 17 - SAT. APRIL 25

11:30 BEGINNER
BASIC STEPS

12:30 ADVANCED BEGINNER
EASY SOCIAL PATTERNS

1:30 INTERMEDIATE
TOGETHER STEPS,
TURNS & SPINS,
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2026 SOS Spring Safari

April 17 - April 26

Saturday April 25 10am



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One of the many advantages of being part of this great organization is that many businesses offer S.O.S. Members a discount on their products and services throughout the year (not just during S.O.S. events). In fact, these discounts can easily offset the cost of your annual S.O.S. membership.

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1. To get the discount or promotion, you must show a current S.O.S. Membership card to the cashier and kindly request the appropriate discount or promotion each time you take advantage of their offer.
2. The S.O.S. Member Discount can NOT be combined with any other discount or promotion. Similarly, the discount does not apply to restaurant “daily specials” or other already discounted items.
3. Participating businesses and available discounts are subject to change. We will attempt to keep updated information on www.ShagDance.com and on our Facebook page.

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Soho Restaurant	214 Main Street	10% Discount
Spiros Pancake House	1100 Hwy 17 S	10% Discount
SudStop Car Wash	1211 Hwy 17 N	Multi-Wash Pack, Good Forever – Ask!

Space does not allow all specials or all details to be listed when a description tells you to “Ask!”

PLEASE remember to be courteous to the business’s staff and thankful for whatever discount or promotion offered. Tell them you appreciate their support of S.O.S. Remember, your attitude and your actions represent every other S.O.S. Member. Be a positive example of our shag community and help us expand this list!

S.O.S. is currently working to add more businesses and more locations (even extending to other cities) to this list of participants. If you are an owner or manager of a business, or you know of one that might like to become a partner to S.O.S., please let us know.

The Future of SOS is in Your Hands



LEADERSHIP COALITION

We have recently contacted and met with the leaders of The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs, SOS, The Junior Shaggers Association, The Competitive Shaggers Association, and The Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs. This coalition has the goal of each association promoting all the others in the task of preserving and promoting The Carolina Shag. Robin Morley created a visual to help introduce the concept. Please refer to the attachment LCWheel. It provides the idea that all the organizations are spokes of a wheel. Each spoke is important for the wheel to be able to turn and progress. Each Association comes with its own membership and point of interest. If all of us are promoting all events, it reaches many more people than just one group of people. We are brainstorming ideas to encourage respect between each group and plan to work together as a whole to keep this party going. We will keep you advised on ideas and plan. If you have any suggestions, please contact one of the following. All input is greatly appreciated!

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Decades Later, It's Still An Amazing Bargain

By: Mike Rink, SOS Board Member

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When it comes to a good deal, few things can compare to membership in the Society of Stranders (SOS). It is one of the best investments you can make. For about the price of a tank of gas, a nice dinner out or a round of golf, you get a full 365 days of fun, friendships, benefits and more. Let's take a closer look at what's included and the positive impact you have when you join SOS.

Two free, 10-day parties and one free, 4-day party – SOS is best known for the Spring Safari, the Fall Migration and the Mid-Winter Parties it holds at North Myrtle Beach. These events offer SOS Members a unique opportunity to socialize and have fun at the beach with thousands of their old friends and new acquaintances. The participating lounges are great, the music is fantastic, and the bartenders all deserve our appreciation (and a big tip) for their efforts.

Information Access – SOS and the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) maintain a web site that has information about SOS, shag events, shag clubs, and other shag related activities or items. They also manage a fun Facebook page with a lot of great posts. Check them out!

The Carefree Times – This publication contains information about recent activities, upcoming events, local shag clubs, and shag merchandise. It also has shag related articles for your enjoyment. The Carefree Times has been around since the beginning of SOS and has become a collected treasure in print and online.

Various Discounts – Many businesses offer discounts, free admission, or some other benefit to SOS Members all year long, not just during SOS events. This is a fantastic program that is about to expand greatly. Look for some great new features and participating businesses in 2026.

Shag Clubs – When you join SOS, you help support and fund the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC). The ACSC is the organizational glue for shag clubs up and down the east coast, and extending across many states. SOS and the ACSC help promote and advertise local shag clubs and their shagging events. They offer other services to local clubs, too. They even help individuals that want to start a shag club. By the way, if you are a member of a local, ACSC club you can even get a \$5 discount on SOS Membership from your club.

Junior Shaggers – You may not realize it, but your SOS Membership also helps expose kids under the age of 21 to shagging, and shag music. SOS helps fund the Junior SOS event at the beach each year that includes free shag lessons for kids to nurture a future generation of shaggers.

Charities – Your SOS Membership means more than music, dancing and fun. SOS has always found ways to help those in need. Over the years, SOS funded a \$100,000 endowment that makes annual contributions to the National Hospice Organization. SOS has also made donations to local organizations like Caring For Kids. It has even purchased several items for the North Myrtle Beach Police Department and Rescue Squad that benefit everyone of us while we are at the beach. Other charities, needy individuals and worthy causes have been supported by SOS, too.

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Crisis Response – SOS has made significant donations in times of need such as after Hurricane Andrew devastated Florida, when Hurricane Hugo damaged many states, after the terrible events of September 11, 2001 and when floods ravaged eastern North Carolina. SOS also promotes the Hall Of Fame Foundation, a remarkable organization that helps shaggers and others in need.

Music – Your SOS membership has a positive impact on shag music. There are many artists and bands that have thrived playing music for shaggers. SOS has long been the event that has given new music, new artists, and new groups a forum to show off their work, and further their efforts. This has led to the creation of more shag music and more opportunities for shaggers.

Preserving The Dance – Your SOS membership helps ensure we will be able to enjoy our favorite music and dance in the future, and that future generations will be able to have access to the same pleasures. The SOS organization has existed for decades, and with your support, it will last for many more years. When you become a member of SOS, you help keep the shag alive!

Encourage all your friends to become members of SOS, too. Tell them about the fun they will have, the benefits, and all of the things they are helping support when they join. It's really a very small price to pay for what they get in return. The more members SOS has, the more support it can generate and the more benefits it will be able to offer its members.

Stop The Thieves – On a serious note, please do not support or tolerate any efforts to “steal” the benefits you pay for and help provide with your membership. You certainly don't want someone invading YOUR party, taking YOUR dance floor space or enjoying any of YOUR benefits for free. Anyone who wants what you have should “pay to play” and join SOS, too. If you see someone trying to get in a SOS event without a valid SOS Membership, do the right thing. Stop them. Encourage them to join the fun the right way, or report them to the lounge management.

Conclusion – SOS Memberships really are a bargain. Everyone who likes the shag lifestyle should join, even on the rare occasion where a person doesn't think they will be able to attend one of the parties in the coming year. Membership still has benefits and joining helps preserve and perpetuate our music and dance into the future. Memberships are available through the local ACSC shag clubs, or directly from SOS by mail or via www.shagdance.com.

Everyone who enjoys the shag lifestyle thanks you, personally, for your support and for helping keep shag alive by joining SOS!







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2:00pm–9:00pm Registration

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4:00pm–6:00pm DJ PHIL LONG

Congaree Ballroom
6:00pm– 9:00pm DJ BILLY FANNING

9:00pm Spotlight Dance
CHAD & STELLA DUGGINS

9:00pm–Mid-Night DJ FURMAN DOMINICK



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SATURDAY July 18

8:00am - 10:00am Buffet breakfast for Hotel Guests
4:00 pm– 9:00pm Registration

Pool Party - BYOB - No Glass Please
11:00am – 3:00pm DJ RICHARD CONNER
Noon–2:00pm Hot Dogs & Hamburgers for \$6
1:00 pm–2:00pm Complimentary Beer & Wine

Newberry Hospitality Suite
4:00pm - 6:00pm Beer, Wine & Snacks

Congaree Ballroom
9:00am - Noon ACSC Board of Advisors Meeting
2:00am - 4:00pm DJ JOHN FLETCHER
2:00pm - 3:00pm Line Dance with BRENDA TAYLOR
3:00pm - 4:00pm Shag Workshop with
CHAD & STELLA DUGGINS

4:00 - 5:00pm Open Dance
6:00pm– 9:00pm DJ KEITH WILLIAMSON
7:00pm - 8:00pm Buffet Dinner Served at Ballroom
9:00pm - Close DJ JOHN SMITH

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Welcome back Shaggers to another fun Spring Safari! During your time here, we invite you to stop by the North Myrtle Beach Area Historical Museum, where you can learn about the origins of shag dancing, see our newest exhibit featuring several local beach music artists, learn about the natural history of our shorelines, and discover our area's history.

We are currently working on an outdoor expansion of our Museum, which consists of a deck situated under a 300 year old oak tree in our backyard. This space will be the site of future Museum programs, and can also be rented out by the public for private events.

Admission to the Museum is **FREE**, and our hours of operation are **Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 AM to 4 PM**. We are right next to Main Street at **799 2nd Avenue North North Myrtle Beach**. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Kaitlyn Emielita, Director



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2026 ACSC Shagging ICON Awards

The Purpose of the ACSC Shagging Icon Award is to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions within their own shag club through out the years. To consider nominating one of your shag club members for this prestigious award, go to our website (www.shagdance.com) to download the ACSC Shagging Icon Award Nomination Form. The following are brief summaries of the information submitted for consideration.



Novelene Powell, Icon Committee Chair



WHIT BLANTON-SUMTER SHAG CLUB

Whit Blanton has been one of the most active members of the Sumter Shag Club for the past decade, during which he has served as president and chaired multiple committees. He has assumed significant responsibilities within the club and effectively coordinated numerous fundraising events.

During his seven-year tenure as president, the membership increased from 82 to 233, a new high for the Sumter Shag Club. He set goals for the club and accomplished tasks that needed to be done. He regularly posts updates and opportunities on the club's Facebook page and promotes club events on a local Sumter Radio station. Having served nine years as the Party Planner and Decoration chair, the club now hosts 9 large events annually, along with smaller gatherings. With his committed guidance both inside the club and in the local community, the club has continued to thrive and expand.

Under his leadership, he planned and organized the Sumter Shag Club Mega Raffle to help raise funds for the club. In 2021, he initiated a fundraiser that enabled the club to purchase a new wooden dance floor for their venue, as they had been dancing on a concrete floor. He organized several bus trips to a sister club for great nights of dancing and fellowship, and last year led multiple teams in planning a 40th Anniversary celebration for the Sumter Shag Club that was highlighted in the local newspaper.

With Whit's leadership and enthusiasm, Sumter Shag Club has grown in membership, financial strength, and reputation. These traits and more make Whit Blanton an ideal recipient of the 2026 Icon Award.



MONA KING – FIRST COAST SHAG CLUB

Mona King has been an active and dedicated member of First Coast Shag Club for the past 25 years, serving as president, treasurer, secretary, sergeant-at-arms, director, website administrator, and volunteering for whatever is needed. She is known to be highly attentive to detail and fully involved in managing each event she oversees, making sure everything runs smoothly.

Mona was instrumental in the success of the club's first 3-day annual "Shag Fest" party in 2017. Five years ago, she took on the responsibility of chairing the event and quickly became the motivating force that helped it evolve into the Park and Party it is today, with nearly 300 attendees each year.

For more than 20 years, Mona has made exceptional efforts to promote the Carolina Shag to prospective members of First Coast Shag Club and the Jacksonville community.

She has played a key role in advancing the growth and success of the Jacksonville Junior Shaggers by supporting their activities and organizing fundraisers such as "Dancing for Dollars" at shag events. Having taught shag for 15 years, she, along with other instructors, created a demonstration tape for beginners to practice at home.

In 2018, Mona received the First Coast Shag Club's coveted "Spirit of Shag" award and was inducted into the National Living Legends of Dance in 2019.

Mona is regarded as a positive influence, role model, and asset to both her club and the larger shag community. Her welcoming demeanor, dedication to volunteering, and unwavering commitment to First Coast Shag Club make her a well-deserving recipient of the 2026 Icon Award.

2026 ACSC Shagging ICON Awards



JUDY TURNER - CSRA SHAG CLUB

Judy Turner, a charter member of the CSRA Shag Club, has been a dedicated, hardworking member for over 40 years. She held multiple terms as secretary and has both chaired and participated in every committee, always volunteering her time and expertise as needed. For over 20 years, Judy produced, printed, and mailed approximately 250 monthly newsletters; she also maintained and updated the club's membership roster for 19 years and chaired the door committee for over a decade.

Judy has dedicated more than 50 years to teaching free shag lessons, instructing not only club members but also hundreds of individuals across Aiken and the greater CSRA region, including numerous Romanian and German exchange students. In 2010, Judy and her husband, Johnny, were invited by the South Carolina Tourism Association to serve as

state ambassadors in New York City, where they demonstrated and promoted the South Carolina State Dance on behalf of the Shag community. They also taught an introductory shag class for attendees from across the nation.

Judy has consistently demonstrated strong support for Junior Shaggers, contributing over 30 years of volunteer service at Jr. SOS. She devoted considerable time to mentoring junior students and providing lessons at various elementary and middle schools.

Judy has served as an ambassador and respected leader of the CSRA Shag Club, and her dedication and support have played a significant role in preserving the tradition of the state dance, The Shag. The Icon Award is truly an appropriate recognition to honor this compassionate and gracious lady for her years of service to her shag club and the shag community.



DIANA "DEE" TWOHIG - CHARLESTON AREA SHAG SOCIETY

Diana "Dee" Twohig, a charter member of the Charleston Area Shag Society (CASS), served on a committee that organized the club's creation in 1998. Since that time, she has served as president, vice president, and data administrator, creating and maintaining the club's history, membership rolls, and staying current with nonprofit privacy guidelines and state laws. Dee has chaired many committees for major events and standing committees. She started a Facebook page in 2011 to share updates and details about the club and its events. She actively promotes the club and the dance through social media, the local newspaper, and by word of mouth.

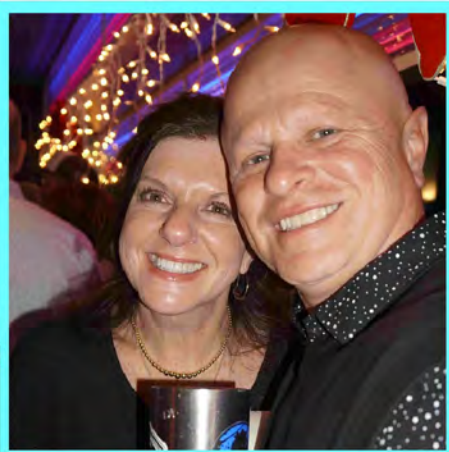
Dee is a member of the competitive shag association and has been a shag instructor for all levels for 25 years. She, along with her husband Kevin, serves as the club's dance instructors, teaching shag lessons weekly and posting instructional videos for members.

She has conducted workshops for her club and other sister clubs. As a member of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs, she has served as the club's DJ every other week since 2015.

For 6 yrs, Dee chaired the club's annual party – Shagging on the Boulevard. She served on various other committees for this major dance event, designing and selling event tickets, creating event fliers and pamphlets, and working with local media on event coverage.

Charleston Area Shag Society recognized Dee for her commitment, hard work, and dedication over the past 27 years. She is an ambassador for her club and is deserving of the 2026 Icon Award.

Congratulations to All



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"OUR TIME" Celebrates 38th Anniversary

By: Jim Coley

The Our Time organization celebrated their 38th anniversary on February 13 & 14, 2026. The 2026 Our Time event was held at the O.D. Beach and Golf Resort.

Our Time was organized in 1987 when a group of like-minded individuals came together with the intent of forming an organization of "Old Timers" to meet on an annual or semi-annual basis. In a subsequent meeting in 1987, the founding members decided that the organization would be known as "Our Time".

The founding members wanted the organization to focus on the "Older Music" (no disco or Motown) as well as controlling the maximum attendance. It was decided by the founding members that this goal of attendance would be obtained by establishing hosts that could invite up to 12 couples. It was agreed to limit the number of hosts to 25. This limit of hosts is still valid. Currently, hosts have the ability to invite up to 12 couples. Over the years, we have had hosts retire, and unfortunately, we have lost too many hosts over the past 38 years. When it is necessary to replace hosts, the remaining hosts nominate and vote on the new hosts.

The very first Our Time was held at Harold's on the weekend of February 5th and 6th, 1988. In the following years, Our Time was held at various locations in North Myrtle Beach with the weekend immediately preceding President's Day (third Monday in February) being agreed to in 1989 as the best weekend for the party since some members/guests did have President's Day off as it is recognized as a federal holiday. The President's Day weekend also provides lower lodging rates due to this period of time being considered the off season for North Myrtle Beach. To this day, with very few exceptions, the guidance of our founding members is still being adhered to today.

For additional information on the Our Time event, please contact Jim Coley at jrcoley@live.com.



DJ Throwdown - 35 Years Strong The Tradition Lives On!



By: Craig Jennings

DJ Throwdown 35, held March 5–7, 2026 at Fat Harold's Beach Club, was a rousing success! The three-day celebration featured more than 50 DJs spinning great music and bringing together friends from across the beach music community.

A big thank you to LuLu and the entire staff at Fat Harold's for being such wonderful hosts, and to Dennis Brumble for leading the planning and execution of another fantastic Throwdown.

Friday night featured the induction of two new DJs into the Beach Music DJ Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Danny Navey (Atlantic Beach, NC) and Frank Price (Rock Hill, SC) for this well-deserved honor. Larry Edwards also made history by becoming the first ever two-time recipient of the ABSCDJ Richard Nixon Award.

Vinyl lovers were treated all weekend long, with multiple DJs spinning records in the back room until closing.

Saturday morning kicked off with a full dance lesson class taught by Ashley and Tobitha Stewart. Later, the Significant Other Hoedown (SOHO) party took place in the back room featuring food, a photo booth by John Williford, and a fun "How Well Do You Know Your DJ?" game in a Newlywed-style format. Special thanks to Candy Long, Sandra Pridgen, Peggy Cavin, Sandra Brumble, Lucy Adams, Dionne Mills, Sally Edwards, Kris Gaither, Linda Fanning and Mary Laney for organizing the event.



How Well Do You Know Your DJ Game

Saturday afternoon brought the always entertaining DJ Dance Contest. Thanks to Randal Hight and Jerry Hill for planning and running the contest. This year's winners were Chad Farlow and his daughter Ava Farlow. In the final round, dancers were given costumes to match their song. Chad dressed as a bottle of wine and Ava as a wine opener while dancing to "Drinkin' Wine Spo-Dee-O-Dee." Frank Price and his partner Candy Long took second place.

Throughout the weekend, a special video montage played featuring photos from past DJ Throwdown events as well as tributes to DJs we have lost over the years. Buck Crumpton did a fabulous job putting this together, and it can be found on the ABSCDJ Facebook page.

All money raised from the 50/50 raffles each night was donated to the Hall of Fame Foundation.



DJ Dance Contest

1st - Chad Farlow & Ana Farlow
2nd - Frank Price & Candy Long

Make plans now to attend DJ Throwdown 36, coming March 4–6, 2027!

DJ Hall of Fame

Danny Navey – Atlantic Beach, NC
 Danny Navey began his DJ career at just 14 years old after receiving a reel-to-reel recorder for Christmas. Using a portable sound system, he quickly developed a passion for music and entertaining—something he continued throughout his high school years. While serving in the United States Air Force, Danny kept his love for DJing alive by

performing at private parties and at the NCO Club. After completing his military service, he spent more than 30 years providing music for parties, reunions, and receptions, building a reputation for quality entertainment and dedication to his craft. After relocating to Atlantic Beach, North Carolina, Danny became a familiar name in the local beach music scene. He performed at numerous popular venues, including Memories, Loafers, Boulevard Grill, Pirates Cove, Ducks, O.D. Arcade, Saville's, Tackle Box, and the Topsy Turtle. Danny has also been a sought-after DJ for shag clubs across the region, including the Sanford Area Shaggers, Moore Area Shaggers, East Carolina Shag Club, Twin Rivers Shag Club, and Richmond Shag Club. His work at shag events includes favorites such as "Gathering of the Trash" at Loafers, "Shucking and Shag," "Just Friends Shaggin'," "Shucking the Blues," and "Queing the Blues."

A passionate supporter of beach music culture, Danny was instrumental in founding the Beach Music Festival in Atlantic Beach. He served as chairman of the festival for eight years and also performed as a DJ at the event for seven years.

2026 Inductees

Frank Price – Rock Hill, S.C.
 Frank Price has been a DJ for over 25 years and has been a member of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs (ABSCDJs) for more than 20 years. He also served as the club DJ for the Rock Hill Shag Club for 16 years.

Over the years, Frank has played for numerous shag clubs including Florence, Sandy Beach, Lake Hickory, Gaston, Shelby, Roanoke, Boone, Charlotte, Chester, Lancaster, Columbia, Piedmont, and Twisters, among many others. He has also performed at well-known shag venues such as Lynn's, Thoroughbreds, and JB's in Charlotte, as well as Fat Harold's, O.D. Arcade, Ducks, and Boulevard Grill in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Checkers and Mickey's Shag Shack in Fort Mill, S.C.

Frank has also enjoyed a long career in radio. He began as a radio DJ in 2005 at WSGE 91.7 in Dallas, N.C., moved to the Carolina Breeze Radio Network in 2015, and transitioned to Jukin' Oldies in 2017.

In addition to his DJ and radio work, Frank has served in a variety of leadership roles with the Rock Hill Shag Club, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms.



Welcome to 2026 SOS Spring Safari



The OD Shag Club extends a warm welcome to everyone coming to our little bit of Paradise in Ocean Drive for SOS Spring Safari! We hope you have a great time while you are here and come back often to tear up the dance floor!

Rick Kosko
2026 ODSC President

Please join us for one of our monthly events.

April 19	Spring Safari Brunch	10am	OD Arcade
April 25	SOS Spring Parade	1pm	Staging Area
May 16	Monthly Party	6pm	Fat Harold's
June 20	Monthly Party	6pm	Fat Harold's
July 25	Charity Fun Run	12pm	TBA
Aug. 15	Nominations Party	6pm	Fat Harold's
Sept. 19	Charity Golf Tourn.	8am	Eastport Golf
Sept. 20	Fall Migration Brunch	10am	OD Arcade
Oct. 17	Halloween/Elections	6pm	Fat Harold's
Nov. 21	Thanksgiving Party	6pm	Fat Harold's
Dec. 19	Christmas Party	6pm	Fat Harold's

The ODSC is selling raffle tickets for a Low-Speed Vehicle/Golf Cart in the parking lot of Fat Harold's during Spring SOS.

OD Shag Club Merchandise will be displayed and sold in Fat Harold's parking lot during Spring SOS.

Membership Applications are available on our website:
www.odshagclub.com

ELECTRIC CITY SHAG CLUB 2026 "THE STORM" PARTY



The 2026 Storm Party which was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Anderson, SC February 6 - 8th was attended by 220+ Shaggers from as far away as Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and many of our sister SC clubs, including our Coastal friends. What an awesome mix of shaggers who arrived prepared to "Party Like It's 1776" with everyone being asked to wear their Red, White & Blue. Starting at Registration, each attendee was presented with a Welcome Bag which included a USA bracelet, a United States Flag lapel pin, USA Flag Koozies, snacks, lots of essentials for a weekend away from home. A cash bar was well stocked and there were awesome vendors to shop throughout the weekend. As you entered

the ballroom, US Flags hung over the dance floor and a Lady Liberty Welcomed the shaggers...There was a special hallway with Veterans photos on display...many who served during war time. Those photos of young men and women are today members, friends or family of our ECSC shag club. Everywhere you looked, there was such Patriotism on display and in everyone's hearts. A Military Uniform from an ECSC Veteran was on display, with Flags from all Military Branches standing firmly in their brass stands on either side of the DJs. Friday evening focused on reunions of old friends and making new friends, lots of great dancing and beach music by Norman Mills, Mike Swords, Becky Wilson and Gene Sistare, our Guest DJ. Our DJs wore their patriotic hats & ties, with their white starched shirts. Our Saturday started with a breakfast buffet, followed by a full dance floor for the morning line dance class taught by Maggie Weathers, Dionne Mills & Cheryl Hughes. Everyone learned 2 new routines...but the favorite by far, was a refresher on "Fireball." The shag step class led after lunch by Guest Instructors, Ashley and Tobitha Stewart was wall to wall shaggers. Saturday evening, a delicious catered meal was served and everyone was in their seat for the start of our program. There was anticipation...a feeling of celebration in the air. When the ballroom doors opened, the Honor Guard from the American Legion Post 52 marched in and set the tone for the entire evening by presenting our South Carolina Flag and our USA Flag, followed by the DJ's leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Every Veteran, 46 in number, was invited to line up and were presented a Commemorative Challenge Coin celebrating America's 250th Anniversary, and each Veteran received a handwritten Thank You note from members of the Electric City Shag Club. All this was made possible by donations from a group of ECSC members who gave generously to help fund the tribute and gifts. Our party ticket registrations, 50/50 ticket sales and our Lucky Draw Raffle are what drives our success. My sponsors are the icing on the cake...most of the



time, unseen Heroes...but this time they were the presenters of the Coins & Notes. The Mayor of Anderson, SC - Mayor Terence Roberts - was an invited guest and presented a Proclamation to ECSC President, Cheryl Hughes, honoring our Shag Club and our Veterans. ECSC member, Mr. Johnny Price was recognized as a 100 year old Veteran who served in WWII and can out-dance most!! The ballroom erupted into singing Lee Greenwood's, "God Bless the USA" as everyone raised their beloved American flags, the symbol of FREEDOM...There wasn't a dry eye in the house and the pride and patriotism will be something that I will remember always. So many hugs, handshakes and appreciation being expressed by every shagger. What a night...Wanda Robertson and myself have headed up this party for many years...Each year trying to come up with a theme to be enjoyed by all...This year was certainly that!

I'm still selling the Commemorative Challenge Coins to those who want to honor a fellow Veteran, a friend or a family member. Like to purchase a coin, please contact me at the number below. ECSC knows how to work together, pray together and play together...I am a Past President, a Hall of Fame Member and a former Vice Chairman of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs. I am one proud girl of how we honored and showed appreciation to all those who have served and continue to serve to protect our freedoms...What are you and your club waiting for? This is America's 250th Anniversary!! Celebrate every day... Celebrate large! ECSC met the challenge with great success...and it really felt good! Honor, Service & Sacrifice.

Lisa Caveny, 803-984-4144, lmcaveny@aol.com



2026 Beth Mitchell Memorial Contest

By: Pat & Archer Joyce Photos by: Max Madrin

The contest was held January 10, 2026 at the Wyndham Gardens in Greensboro, NC. The contest has been held since 2004 with the exception of two years during the COVID pandemic. Since the initial formation, the Triad area alone has raised \$171,237.00 including this year's tally of \$12,745.00. All monies raised are for scholarship assistance for anyone wishing to further their education (and there is no age limit).

This year's contest featured forty three dancers in five divisions: Junior 1, Junior 2, Amateur, Novice and Pro/Hall of Fame, all supported by seventy sponsors. Music was provided by DJ Extraordinaire Darrell Gaither and he filled the floor between competing couples. Our own Max Madrin (Hall of Famer) was again present taking photos everywhere. Don Henley again provided hot dogs and Bar-B-Que. The organizing committee, as always, pitched in and did a wonderful job providing planning and administrative help, dancer signups, scoring and decorating. The committee members are:

Nancy Lee Mitchell (Beth's mom)
Tina and John Phillips

Vickie Chambers
Marsha and Les Rose

Darrell Gaither
Patricia and Archer Joyce, Co-chairs

Junior 1

1. Sadies Honeycutt & Carson Fogel
2. Claire Fogel & Idris Bah
3. Elana Lassiter



Junior 2

1. Graylen Kirby & Easton Brown
2. Maci Walters & Zane Morgan
3. Liv Kirby & Hunter Matthews



Amateur

1. Jerry and Karen Byrd
2. Charlie Bell & Sandra Boswell
3. Michael Chamelin & Angela Tulloch



Novice

1. Jeff Harmston & Mitzi Sheeks
2. James & Leah Bryant
3. Rick Hahn & Jo Simokat



Pro/Hall of Fame

1. Kayla Henley & Sammy Clelland
2. Mandy Holt Roberts & Caleb Kirk
3. Erica Russell & Alan Grider



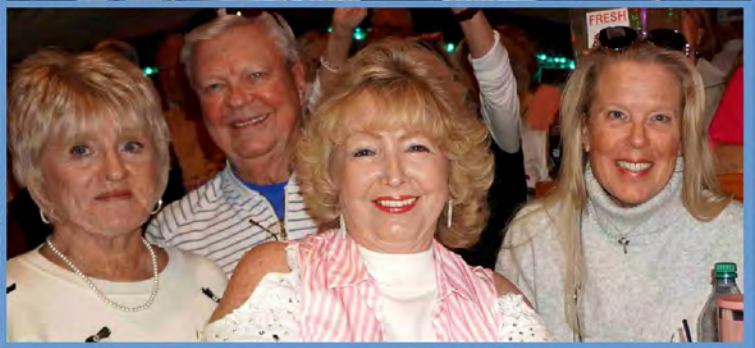
Thanks to all who made this possible. The 2027 event will be held on January 9, 2027 at the same location.

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Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame Shagattack 2026

Inductees March 27 & 28 at Spanish Galleon

Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame

SHAGATTACK

Keepers of the Dance

The Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame held its annual Spring ShagAttack Party on March 27th and 28th, 2026 at HOTO's in North Myrtle Beach. On Friday evening, Bill Moore was the DJ. On Saturday night, Eddie Anderson entertained the crowd. While playing great Rhythm and Blue music, these two DJs kept the floor full with social dancing the entire weekend and the club was full of folks enjoying old and new friendships throughout the weekend.

The anticipation for new inductee announcements built throughout the weekend. Around 10:15 pm on Saturday evening, the announcements were made for the 2026 Keepers of the Dance and the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame inductees. Executive Board Member Bob Myrick announced the two new Keepers: Kayla Henley and Sammy Clellan, who will be inducted in October.

Maureen Little, Bob Myrick, Danny Johnson, and Nick Columbus announced the newest Hall of Fame inductees. First, Mike Rink and Jessica Worley were announced as Honorary Members of our organization. The four female inductees voted on by the Selection Committee earlier that afternoon were Jessica McAlhany Edwards, Vivian McFarland, Jackie Perry-Medlin, and Robin Griffin Powell. The four male inductees were Johnie Davis, Matt Free, Ned Gregory, and Jeff Hargett. All ten new Hall of Famers are well-deserving and will be inducted at Fall ShagAttack, which is scheduled for the weekend of October 9th – 10th at The Spanish Galleon, North Myrtle Beach.

Photo is courtesy of Max Madrin. Pictured left to right: Danny Johnson, Johnie Davis, Nick Columbus, Mike Rink, Bob Myrick, Jackie Perry-Medlin, Robin Griffin Powell, Jessica McAlhany Edwards, Ned Gregory, and Maureen Little.

By Maureen Little



Female Inductees

Jessica McAlhany Edwards
Jackie Perry-Medlin
Vivian McFarland
Robin Powell

Male Inductees

Ned Gregory
Johnie Davis
Matt Free
Jeff Hargett

Honorary

Mike Rink
Jessica Worley

Keepers of the Dance

Kayla Henley
Sammy Clelland

We would love to have you join us in October.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Preferred Phone Number _____

Cost is \$60 per person. Checks should be made payable to BSNHOF and mailed to BSNHOF,
PO Box 299, N. Myrtle Beach SC 29597.



Circles of Dedication: **The 2026 Junior Shag Dance Team Steps Into a New Season**

By: JSDT Leadership

On a polished wooden floor, fifteen young dancers lie shoulder to shoulder in a circle, laughing between rehearsals. Even in moments of rest, their bond is clear.

The 2026 Junior Shag Dance Team (JSDT) is more than a performance group — it is a family united by rhythm, resilience, and a love for the Carolina Shag.

This spring, the team has been hard at work preparing an exciting new routine choreographed by Brennar Goree, Jennifer Sogluizzo, and Joey Sogluizzo, with leadership from Ashley and Tobitha Stewart and Kayla Henley. Practices have been filled with discipline, growth, and joy as the dancers refine their footwork, timing, and musical expression.

Fundraising advisors Gene and Nancy Pope are helping guide creative fundraising efforts, beginning with the team's raffle ticket fundraiser. Team treasurer Pat Joyce manages the funds raised by the juniors. JSDT proudly operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The 2026 roster includes fifteen talented dancers from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida: Maci Walters, Joel Sogluizzo, Saddie Honeycutt, Jackson McLaughlin, Rebecca Hodges, Parker Caldwell, Abigail Hodges, Sam Williams, Claire Fogel, William Benoit, Bri Benoit, Idris Bah, Bella Swaim, Carson Fogel, and Kat Journey.

The team will continue practicing as they prepare for their first performance at the 2026 USA Grand Nationals Dance Championships in Atlanta, Georgia, during Memorial Day weekend, hosted by Michael and Leann Norris.

Behind every dancer are countless practice hours, long car rides, and the unwavering support of families who believe in the power of dance.

Looking ahead, JSDT will host the "Shag Shindig" Adult Party on October 24, 2026, featuring workshops taught by professional shag dancers, multiple DJs, a silent auction, food, drinks, and a night full of dancing and fun.

The season will also include Jr. SOS and the team's annual trip to The Open World Swing Dance Championships in Burbank, California, during Thanksgiving weekend, where the juniors proudly continue to share and promote the Carolina Shag.

We hope the dedication, time, and energy invested by these juniors and their families makes our community proud and helps continue the legacy of Shag for future generations.

Thank you for your time, and we hope you have a wonderful Spring Safari SOS!



The Virginia Beach Shag Club; 40 Years of Dancing, Music, and Community Service

By: Ron Bessent Photographer: Alan Michaelis
Article that appeared in Sun News community newspaper

It is 6:00 PM on a Wednesday evening and the parking lot at DanceSportVA dance studio is filling up fast. Inside members are finding their preferred tables, getting ready for the dancing to begin. Club president Jack Witzendorf, greets members and visitors alike welcoming everyone as they come into the ballroom. Meanwhile the DJ announces the line dance class for the evening. Tommy Speight is the instructor for tonight's class which is the Tush Push...the floor fills rapidly.

After the line dance class in the junior ballroom next door, Ron and Linda Bessent begin a Basic Carolina Shag lesson teaching the fundamentals of the dance. The men are a little nervous at first, but quickly relax when they realize that everyone is a beginner at this point, and the objective is to have fun while learning something new. With the encouragement from the instructors, everyone in the class seems to relax and enjoy learning the basic steps as their journey into the Shag dance community begins.

In the main ballroom, the lights go down as DJ Gary US Barnes takes over with a moderate beat R&B song. The floor fills as shaggers begin to move back and forth in the traditional eight step pattern of the Carolina Shag. Dancers of all levels and ages are enjoying the music and socializing with their friends. So goes the weekly Mix & Mingle at the Virginia Beach Shag Club (VBSC).

So, what is the Carolina Shag? Basically, it is a couples' dance that evolved from the fast dances of the 1930's, 40's, and 50's such as the Lindy, Jitterbug and Bop. However, the shag is a slower smoother version focusing on footwork and form. Most shaggers try and portray a smooth style with the best dancers appearing to slide across the floor. The music we dance to is written in a 4/4 time, usually 110 to 135 beats per minute. Many of these songs were performed by early Soul, Motown, and Blues artists and played on the juke boxes and clubs along the coasts of North and South Carolina, thus the term "Beach Music" associated with the dance. However, dancers can shag to various types of music including R&B, Pop, and even Country music. The Shag is the state dance of both North and South Carolina.

The Basic step is the foundation of all steps in shag. It is a six count, eight step pattern with couples mirroring each other in an up and back movement. Males start on their left foot while females start on their right. The pattern and count is as follows: 1 & 2 count: Step up on the 1, step together on the "&", step back on the 2; 3 & 4 count: step back in the 3, step in place on the & - 4 counts; 5 - 6: step back on the 5 and step forward on the 6.

The VBSC is a social, non-profit 501(c-7) dance club. Its mission is to bring people together with mutual interests in shag dancing, socializing, developing friendships, promoting beach music and supporting the community through special events and charitable fund raising. To that end, the VBSC has participated in many local events such as the annual Beach Music Festival, shag demonstrations, and dances at local assisted living facilities. The club's primary charitable organization is Edmarc for Children to which this past year the club donated over \$13,000.00.

Additionally, the club conducts fund raisers and supply collections for the local food bank and school children and teachers in Virginia Beach. This past year the club raised over \$3,000 for the families of the two VB police officers that were killed in the line of duty. This was presented to the Virginia Beach Police Officers Foundation for distribution to the families. Also, the club sent donations to the flood victims in Southwestern Virginia and to those in Eastern and Western North Carolina.

The Virginia Beach Shag club was founded in 1985 and has a current membership of over 250. We dance every Wednesday at DanceSportVA located at 5721 Arrowhead Drive in Virginia Beach. Doors open at 6:00 PM and we

dance until 9:30 PM. Dance lessons, both line dances and shag lessons, are conducted during every Mix & Mingle. New Beginner classes are held approximately four times a year and include the basic fundamental steps, beyond basic, and intermediate steps. Additionally, the VBSC provides Basic Shag lessons at the Princess Anne and Kempsville Recreation Centers (contact the recreation centers for more information on these classes).

For more information on the Virginia Beach Shag Club, follow us on our Facebook page, on our Web page (vbshagclub.com), or call 757-617-7318.



Lake Norman Shag Club ~ Chicken Pickin' 2026

What a way to spend Valentine's Weekend! Imagine you are at the beach for three days of fun with a great group of people, The best DJ's, lots of friends (both old and new), great food, great drinks and lots of shag dancing.

Lake Norman Shag Club hosts the Chicken Pickin' weekend party each year on the second weekend of February. It's a Thursday, Friday and Saturday event. This year was the 37th annual party. The party is held each year at the OD Arcade in North Myrtle Beach.

There are special events during the weekend. A 50/50 drawing, a special raffle of some sort (this varies year to year) and a silent auction are held with opportunities to participate until Saturday evening just prior to the drawings. There is a line dance lesson on Friday afternoon and entertainment later in the evening. A couple's shag step lesson is held on Saturday afternoon. Dinner is provided on Friday and Saturday evening. Snacks abound and there is a special "HOT" snack on Friday night.

If you like being with great people, great music and dancing a great dance, please consider joining us for the 38th annual Chicken Pickin', February 11-13, 2027 .

Sandi Surratt, President, Lake Norman Shag Club
Photographer: Becky Simon





Hall of Fame Foundation

Hall of Fame Foundation
Post Office Box 4070
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29597

The Hall of Fame Foundation held it's second "Vegas at the Beach" fundraiser in November and raised over \$25,000 to assist our friends in need. Thanks to Harold and Jessica Worley for their support and particularly for providing the Spanish Galleon for this event.

A committee consisting of Candy Long (Chairman), Robin Morley, Linda Reeder and Norfleet Jones did a great job of putting everything together. Those who assisted them were Phil Long, Marilyn Burrage, Ken Akin, Chris and Angela Jests, Glenn and Sandra Pridgen, Ronnie and Brenda Jackson, Jan Jones and Judy Mathis. Thank you to Phil Long for providing music throughout the evening and to Jim Quick who emceed the live auction. We also appreciate Janet Harrold, Vickie Harrison and Max Madrin for promoting our event. Most importantly, we want to thank our sponsors, donors and attendees for their generous contributions. Because of these people, we are pleased to say we had a very successful fundraiser!

For over 35 years the Hall of Fame Foundation has been helping those in our extended community who have found themselves facing devastating financial situations because of circumstances beyond their control. During this period we have assisted more than 350 families and paid out close to a million dollars. Without your help, that would not have been possible!

Nick Mathis, Chairman

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2026 Keepers of the Dance Contest Fat Harold's Beach Club



By: Bob Myrick Photos by: Lillie Berrios

The 16th annual Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame KEEPERS CONTEST was held at FAT Harolds Beach Club February 6th and 7th, 2026. The dancing was awesome both nights with a total of 29 great shaggers competing in the JUNIOR, SENIOR And OPEN DIVISIONS. Total cash and prizes for the weekend was over \$9,000.00. As always ... "IT TAKES A VILLAGE". Special thanks to the following:

Sponsors: First and foremost, they come through each year and, without them, there would be no contest. Fat Harold's staff: Lulu and the staff continue to provide excellent service, great venue, and a wonderful party on Saturday afternoon. Judges: We strive for the best, they give their time and expertise in performing a very difficult task. Photography: This year Lillie Berrios stepped in for Monty Lee and provided exceptional photos. Internet streaming: The contest was streamed live on Facebook on Friday night by Barbara Kiger and Saturday night by Nickie Johnson Taylor. Contest coordinators: As usual, Kristen Leggett, Jessica Mcalhaney Edwards and Mary Lynn Myrick did an exceptional job.

Saturday night the Hall of Fame Foundation announced this years Dewey Kennedy/Eddie Monsour Scholarship winner, Maci Walters, a wonderful junior shagger. In addition, the BSNHOF Keepers of the Dance and Sponsors awarded Scholarship contributions to both the Hall of Fame and JLee Foundations.

The 17th annual KEEPERS CONTEST will be held at Fat Harolds on February 5th and 6th, 2027. For sponsorship information please contact Bob Myrick, cell (919) 218 2624, email robertwmyrick@aol.com.

For updated information on the KEEPERS of the DANCE, event dates, results, etc, visit the KEEPERS website: www.Keepersofthedance.com. Thanks to Max Madrin for his continued service in keeping the website up and current.

Bob Myrick, Chairman, BSNHOF Keepers of the Dance

Junior Division

- 1st - Tucker Brown & Gracie Pandure
- 2nd - Billie West & Ava Farlow
- 3rd - Easton Brown & Graylen Kirby
- 4th - Connor Sanders & Maggie Jackson
- 5th - Joel Sogluizzo & Rebecca Hodges
- 6th - Hunter Matthews & Liv Kirby
- 7th - Ben Smith & Abigail Hodges
- 8th - Mikah Valez & Savannah Bradshaw

Senior Division

- 1st - Joey & Jennifer Sogluizzo
- 2nd - Keith Smith & Carmen Vaughn
- 3rd - Milton Nowell Jr. & Rene'e Scott
- 4th - Jim & Dale Hern
- 5th - Bruce Yates & Barbara Banks
- 6th - Danny Scott & Pat Folds

Open Division

- 1st - Mack West & Karsyn Folds
- 2nd - Grayson Free & Kaylee Tuttle
- 3rd - Cody Edwards & Kayla Henley
- 4th - Sam West & Ivy Claire Huiet
- 5th - Stephen Balok & Myers Varn Floyd
- 6th - Adam Holmes & Erica Russell



2026 National Shag Dance Championships Results- March 13-14

"Afternoons at the Nationals" to benefit the Best Mitchel Memorial Scholarship

42ND Contest

2026 NATIONAL SHAG DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

1. Grayson Free & Autumn Jones
2. Johnathan Kemp & Ivy Clair Huiet
3. Mack West & Karsyn Folds
4. River Harmon & Kristal Taylor Davis

MASTERS

1. Milton Nowell, Jr & Rene'e Scott
2. Scott Campbell & Ellen Taylor
3. Rick Shoemaker & Loretta McIntosh
4. Jesse & Anna Bradshaw
5. James Parker & JoAnn Hickman

NON-PROFESSIONAL DIV.

1. Steve McKinney & Meredith Furst
2. Michael & Teresa Robinson
3. Jeff Harmston & Mitzi Sheeks
4. Henry Dowd & Vickey Van Frank

JUNIORS DIVISION

1. Carson Fogel & Claire Fogel
2. Idis Bah & Aliya Bowers

JUNIOR II DIVISION

1. Billy Weest & Ava Farlow
2. Easton Brown & Graylen Kirby
3. Connor Sanders & Maggie Jackson
4. Joel Sogluizzo & Rebecca Hodges
5. Ben Smith & Liv Kirby

SENIOR DIVISION

1. Joey & Jennifer Sogluizzo
2. Sam West & Sarah West Kemp
3. Gene Pope & Tobitha Stewart
4. Keith Smith & Carmen Vaughn



★
Overall Champions:
Grayson Free
Autumn Jones
★ ★

ODS FUN SUNDAY

September 20, 2026

1PM to 4PM

1st. Ave., Beside the OD Arcade



MC

Ray Scott



Raffle tickets will be sold for the Drawing on Fun Monday

1st Ticket Drawn \$5,000 ~ 2nd Ticket \$1000

3rd Ticket \$500 ~ 4th Ticket \$250 ~ 5th Ticket \$250

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September 21, 2026

12 PM TO 5:30 PM, Main Street OD



The Swingin' Medallions

60th Anniversary of "Double Shot"



The Tams



North Tower



MC
Ray Scott

SOS Fun Monday
SPONSORS:

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Fun Monday Drawing:

1st Ticket Drawn \$5,000 ~ 2nd Ticket \$1,000
3rd Ticket \$500 ~ 4th Ticket \$250 ~ 5th Ticket \$250