



SHAG
Rock Hill Shag Club

December

Newsletter

2023



The Christmas holidays are all most here!! Soon it will be Christmas time and the New Year will be right behind. It's been a great year at Rock Hill Shag Club!!! We have had some great monthly parties and our Friday night Meet & Greet events have been just as great!!

The November party was fabulous! We honored our Veterans, had guests from the Marine Corp League as well as the color guard from Northwestern High School. I want to thank Lt. Col. Adam Christopher for bringing in his color guard to present the colors to our veterans and members of Rock Hill Shag Club for our Veteran's Day program.

I can't brag enough about our members that we have in our shag club!!! Again, Rock Hill Shag Club came through with abundant donations for the Toys for Tots drive. I personally want to thank all of you for the support for the donation of toys and bicycles that were given. The Marine Corp League will be distributing the donations to less fortunate children that may not have had a Christmas without the support of the Marine Corp League as well as Rock Hill Shag Club.

Our November party was also our Re-Up Party. Billy Fanning played some great shag music and kept the dance floor full. If you haven't renewed your 2024 dues to the Rock Hill Shag Club, it's not too late. So please come out and renew your 2024 membership as soon as you can.

We have planned a great Christmas party coming up on December 16th. It's gonna be one that you don't want to miss!!! The cover charge for the Christmas party will be \$10.00. Our board members will be serving the members and guests that attend this party. Buck Crompton will be our DJ for the night. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Christmas Party.

As I wind down this year as President Of Rock Hill Shag Club, I want to give a HUGE SPECIAL THANK YOU for the support, hard work and the hours to all of the board members that served while I was President of this wonderful club. Thank you to all of our committee chairs and the committee members!!!! It takes a lot of hard work to plan and provide for the Rock Hill Shag Club parties and activities for the enjoyment of members and guests. I can honestly say THAT YOU ALL ARE THE BEST!!!

It has been my honor to serve as your President of Rock Hill Shag Club for the past two years. We have accomplished a lot in the past two years. I will say to all of our newest members of Rock Hill Shag Club that have joined in the past two years, to get more involved in our club and find a committee to serve on and support our club. We have the best club in the shag community, and the best time when all get together any where we go. We represent!!!!!!

So now the end is here, and I face the final curtain as President of Rock Hill Shag Club. My friends, I will make it clear. I will state my case of which I'm certain. We live life that's full, we travel many many highways, and more so much more, WE DO IT OUR WAY!!!!!!

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!!! Celebrate this time of year with your family, friends and loved ones. All of you in the Rock Hill Shag Club are my family.

As Joey the Clown would say "Be nice to everyone, for all we have in this whole world is each other".

See y'all on the dance floor

Larry E Snipes
President
Rock Hill Shag Club



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Hello Members,

What a wonderful November party we had honoring our members who served in the military. The re-up party was a huge success and the toy collection for Toys For Tots was fabulous. Thank you to everyone for your generosity of gift giving. The Marines Corp representatives were very pleased and we are grateful for the part they do each year to give less privileged children a nice Christmas.

The Social Committee and Board Members have already started working on our annual Christmas Party so mark your calendars for December 16, 2023. We will serve dinner, have door prizes and a prize for the most festive dress attire. There will also be a “special guest”. Cost will be \$10 per person. Hope you can all come dance, eat and celebrate with us.

I must say that this is my favorite time of year. The decorations, lights and smell of Christmas warm my heart but most importantly God sent his Son into the world to be our light and give us hope.

I reflect on this past year and all the people that have come and gone in our lives and I feel blessed to know and have known so many wonderful people in our club. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard on the Social Committee this year and to other members who stayed after our parties to help take down decorations. I appreciate and thank each of you from the bottom of my heart.

If you are interested and willing to help on the Social Committee for 2024, please let me know either by e-mail, text or phone call. This is a great opportunity to serve your club and meet and grow closer to members you may not know.

There will only be two Meet & Greets this month.

December 1-Phil Long DJ

December 8-Frank Price DJ

See you on the dance floor

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DECEMBER 2023 PLAY DATES:

PHIL LONG: DEC. 1: RHSC – MEET & GREET
DEC. 2: JUNIOR SHAGGERS CHRISTMAS PARTY
DEC. 9: ELKS UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRANK PRICE: DEC. 8: RHSC – MEET & GREET

DEAN BAKER: NONE

TOMMY DAVIS: NONE

LARRY SNIPES: DEC. 19: LWSC TUESDAY SHAG

GENE HENSLEY: DEC. 2: LAKE NORMAN SHAG CLUB
DEC. 7: THE BREW,
175 RAY KENNEDY DR, LOCUST, NC
(REDD’S SHAGGERS)
DEC. 9: GASTON SHAGGERS
DEC. 16: SANDY BEACH SHAG CLUB

RON BLANEY: DEC. 13: PRIVATE CHRISTMAS PARTY

TOMMY SAMOLE: DEC. 2: YORK SHAG CLUB
DEC. 8: LINCOLNTON SHAG CLUB
DEC. 12: LWSC TUESDAY SHAG
DEC. 16: MECKLENBURG SHRINERS CHRISTMAS
PARTY
DEC. 21: THE BREW, LOCUST, NC (REDD’S SHAGGERS)
DEC. 29: OD ARCADE



JUNIORS TAKE ON “THE OPEN”

The week of Thanksgiving, our Junior Shaggers headed to Burbank, California for “The Open” Dance Competition. This is the granddaddy of all the competitions. There are over 30 countries represented and all types of dance. I did not get to attend this year, but was able to watch it live. Awesome.



We only had two Juniors - one Rock Hill and one Charlotte - to attend this year: Lauren Cookman & Bennett Rusmisell. After the seed being planted by their parents and grandparents, both of these juniors got their start into the competitive shag world under the wings of Fran Taylor and Bill Bateman with the Charlotte Shag Club Junior Program. That was some 10-12 years ago. I have had the privilege of watching them both grow so much in our dance. Bennett is now 17 and Lauren turned 21 this year. The Open was her last time to dance with the Junior Shag Dance Team, of which she has been a member since 2018.



Because Lauren was age 21 at The Open, she had to compete as an adult in all the other divisions. She danced in the Jack & Jill Division with Trey Henley, another one of our team members who has turned 21. They were up against some pro-dancers in this division. Join me in saying CONGRATULATIONS Lauren & Trey for taking the 1st Place Trophy. We are so very proud of you.



At The Open, there is a coveted award for Juniors - “The Joy” Award. It is not advertised and is judged in a very discrete manner by a specific committee. Remember, there are a lot of Juniors at this event that are shaggers and swing dancers. This award goes to the Junior that shows joy in their dance and in life, is polite, respectful, and has a smile on their face. We are

so very proud that our very own Bennett Rusmisell was the recipient of this award. If you have ever met Bennett, you know from the start that he is very deserving of this special award. Congratulation, Bennett.

The Junior Shag Dance Team was definitely in the house. There are (15) team members and nine of those are new to the team this year. They all range in age from 10 - 21. They hail from Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. We even have a new member coming in January that lives in New

Jersey. As you can see, it takes tons of dedication just to travel that far, not to mention the hard work - hours of practice. I have watched these juniors mature in their dancing over the year. They have the advantage and the privilege to work with some of the most talented instructors and choreographers in our shag world. The great minds and talents of Kayla Henley, who danced on this team for her growing up years, Michael Norris, Jennifer Sogluizzo, and Brennar Goree. I so admire each one of these folks and they all offer something different that makes it all come together so beautifully. Then you have Ashley & Tobitha Stewart that are the glue that holds it all



together. These folks love our juniors. The time that they devote is so special. They not only work tirelessly with the team, but individually with juniors to help them improve their dance for competitions. They do this all with no compensation at all. That's what you c

all love of juniors and our dance. I count myself privileged that they let me be a part of this fantastic team.

All that being said - join me in saying CONGRATULATIONS TEAM for placing 2nd in the Team Division. They were the only "shag" team and were competing again (4) others "swing" teams. They did a fantastic dance, which you can see on The Junior Shag Dance Team Facebook page (soon). Be sure to check it out. You are all awesome!!

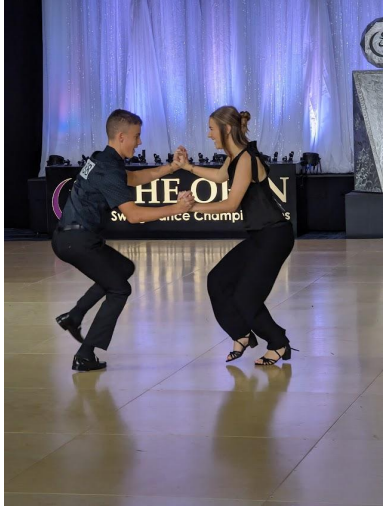
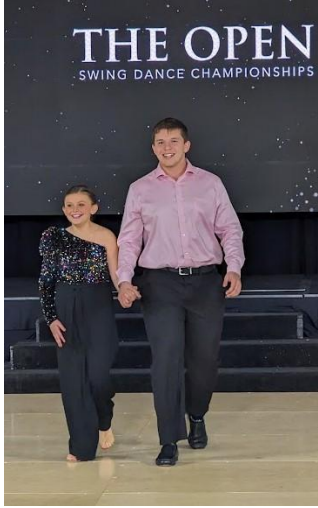
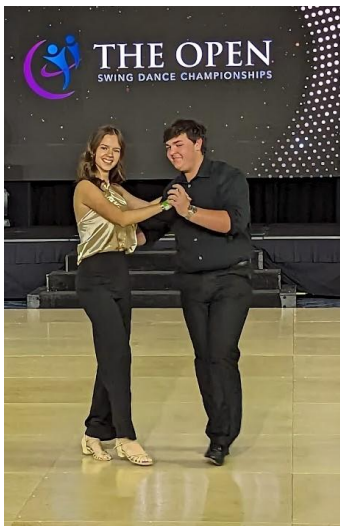
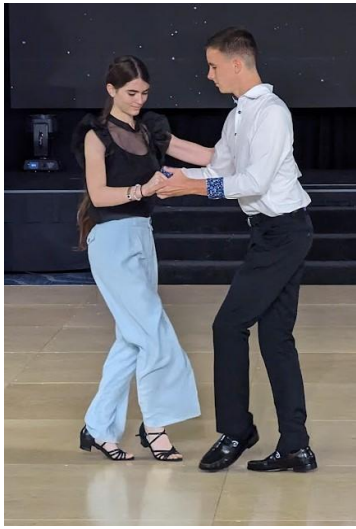


Be sure to check out the rest of the photos on next pages. They are all super stars in my book. All that matters is they left it all on the floor. I do have to shout out to our youngest team member, Saddle Honeycutt, who is 10 years old. She competed in the Pro-Am with Brennar, had a 24 hour notice of practice. She was up against (16) adult couples and placed 6th. That is amazing - you go Saddle.

Thank you Rock Hill Shag Club for your continued support of Juniors and the Junior Shag Dance Team. Thank you also to all the other shag clubs that give so generously to the JSdT.

Enjoy. I tried to get one of everyone:









Shaggin' in Rock Hill

We just finished our last Adult Beginner I Shag Class for the year, with (26) in attendance. I must say this was one of the best classes yet. Everyone learned the start, basic, female turn, trail, male turn, and belly roll. This is a progressive class, learning a new step each week. Everyone has the opportunity to come early each week for extra help if it is needed. This helps to keep the class moving so no one gets left behind.

This is the 4th Adult Class we have taught this year, along with (3) Junior Classes. We have had several members from our classes join our club this year. Some of them have already jumped in to help in some areas. This is fantastic. We look to pick up more members with more classes. Please make them all feel welcome. Be sure to ask them to dance.

We get some “repeaters” in each class. This lets us know they are serious about continuing to learn and get better. Even my instructors, including myself, take away something new and better with each class. If you want to brush up on some steps and perfect them a little, think about taking our next class. We would love to have you.

As we close out this year, I must tell you what an incredible team of co-instructors that I have the privilege of working with. They are there every week and come early to help those who need extra help. If I have to miss a week, I know they will take care of the class. Even though we charge for Adult classes, we, the instructors, do not keep the money collected. We choose to “give back” to the club in “our way”. We make a donation to our Social Committee for the purchase of “door prizes” at our monthly parties. This helps keep our party cost down a little and still have a little extra fun with a prize. But, the bulk of the money is given to our juniors, to sponsor the 3-4 parties we co-host with Charlotte Shag Club each year. Each party costs \$300-\$400. We will actually spend a little more for the Christmas party to make it extra special. To let you know what a terrific group this is, some of this money went to purchase (2) large bikes for our Toys for Tots

drive. I am so honored to be trusted with the position as the Club Shag Instructor and to work with my amazing team. It is very special to be able to “give back” to the club and our dance.

Thank you to my team: Dean Baker, BB Morrison, Don Crump, Denise Stevenson, Chris Stevenson, Ron Blaney, Larry Snipes, and Debra Ledford. You are all super and a pleasure to work with. I think we make a terrific team. Looking forward to 2024.

Merry Christmas to all and a very blessed new year. *Debbie Brown*



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December



Dec 3 Cindi Craddock
Dec 3 Lisa Taylor
Dec 4 Darlene Moore
Dec 4 Joni Moss
Dec 5 Terry Branch
Dec 8 Pat Kelley
Dec 10 Carmen Faulkner
Dec 11 Jan McCallister
Dec 13 Frankie Pitmon

Dec 16 Don Crump
Dec 18 Dean Baker
Dec 20 Chris Davis
Dec 21 Debbie Brown (Dennis')
Dec 23 Dottie France
Dec 25 Debbie Brown (David's)
Dec 29 Dennis Brown
Dec 29 Duncan Cookman
Dec 30 Linda Westerman



Dec 1 Steve & Alice Hovis
Dec 4 Wendell & Nancy Pate
Dec 16 Tommy & Sheila Samole
Dec 22 Jesse & Savannah Gavigan
Dec 31 Randy & Tammy Covington

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No Membership
Required

12/1/2023 DJ:

**PHIL
LONG**

JUNIORS WELCOME
1ST FRIDAY EACH MONTH!!

GREAT
GRILL!!

NO COVER
CHARGE

FRIDAY NIGHT



MEET & GREET

DANCE DANCE DANCE

DOORS OPEN 7 PM

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RH Moose Lodge 1025 Ebinport Road Rock Hill SC



JUNIOR SHAGGERS PARTY

"Shaggin' Around the Christmas Tree"

FREE TO ALL JUNIORS!!

*Hosted by: Rock Hill Shag Club &
Charlotte Shag Club*

*SATURDAY - DECEMBER 2
2:00 - 5:00*

*Place: Lynn's Dance Club
4819 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC*

*MUSIC, DANCING,
FOOD, & PRIZES*

DJ: Phil Long

Learn the Basic Step & a New Step.

*Bring a friend and join us
for a fun afternoon!! You do not have to
know how to "shag" to attend.
Contact Debbie @ 803-242-6104 or
Vickie @ 704-321-2196 for details.*

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12/8/2023 DJ:

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PRICE**

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Christmas Party

Saturday - December 16

Doors Open - 6:30

Cost: \$10 at door

**Christmas Dinner
served at 7:30**

SPECIAL GUEST!!!

**Prize for Most
Festive Attire!**

50/50 Drawing
Door Prizes
Free Shooters

DJ: Buck
Crumpton

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