



March

Newsletter

2024



Hello my fellow shaggers. February has flown past and March is blowing in quickly. There are a lot of things going on with our Shag Club and I hope you will all participate and make our club better than ever. Ron and Penny Blaney are working on our Liquor Wagon fund raiser. They have printed out the tickets and are trying to get them all handed out to club members to sell. Please contact them and either buy, buy, buy or get a batch to sell. Ron is also

our chair for the Parade Float and will be looking for assistance from you all to help get it all put together. He has come up with a great theme and the float will really look good when put together. If you have never participated in the club float, then you are missing a great time.

If you missed the February party, you missed a great one. It was beautifully decorated by our social committee. The crowd was fabulous and looked like they were having a great time. Thanks to Billy Waldrop for being out DJ. Thanks to all who volunteered to cover the door and our floor committee for always doing a great job putting down the floor and taking care of getting it up and putting it away for safe keeping.

Our March party will be here soon and we hope you will all make it to party with us. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and our DJ will be our own Dean Baker. We have invited some special guests – members from the Boppers and Lake Tillery Shag Clubs. If you see any of them please make them feel welcome.

Our March Meet and Greet nights will be March 1 with Ron Blaney as our DJ, March 8 with Larry Snipes as our DJ and March 22 with Dean Baker as our DJ. We are happy with the attendance we have been having somewhere between 50 and 60 and that is great. If you have not been attending our M&G nights, come out and join in.

I am still looking for someone to head up the Beach Party in September. I have lots of members that will be happy to help just need an organizer. If you feel this would be a way for you to help our club then give me a call at (803) 322-4130.

Also remember the folks at the Moose Lodge, they have been very gracious and accommodating to our club and given us a wonderful home for our club to meet. They are also working on different things to raise money to help pay for their liquor licenses. The line dance class started last week and my understanding was it was a magnificent response – the class was so big they have split it in half and one group comes at 6:00 and the second group comes at 7:00pm. Thanks Jess Gavigan for helping out the Moose and getting this going. They also have a comedy night coming up on March 23rd at the Moose – tickets are currently on sale for \$10.00 ahead of time or \$15.00 at the door. Ask Amanda for a ticket.

Another reminder is Debbie Brown will be starting a new Junior Beginners Class that will run Tuesday nights (March 12, 19, and 26).

Spring is in the air. Join us on Friday nights for M&G and/or our Monthly party and let's dance.

Debra Ledford, President



NEWS FROM YOUR VP....



Debbie Brown

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Hope your 2024 is off to a great start. I know our club certainly is, with great attendance at our first two parties and the numbers on the rise for Friday Meet & Greet.



To date, we have sold (40) of the (100) SOS Cards that we are asked to sell. Our next batch has be to mailed in before April 1. Be sure to get yours ASAP. Spring SOS is April 18 – 28. Remember, when you purchase your card from the club, it is \$30; at the beach, \$35. Remember, SOS Card sales are how

SOS is funded. Let's show our support and be the first to sell 100 cards.



ACSC is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. This year also marks the 40th Anniversary of “shag” becoming the State Dance of SC. Let's do our part to make it another 51. **There will be a special celebration at Fall SOS.**

Make plans now to attend. More information is forthcoming!

Just a note of interest: ACSC purchased SOS in 1989, which was founded by Gene “Swink” Laughter. The first SOS was held on September 11, 1980.

CLUB FUNDRAISER



OUR FUNDRAISER HAS STARTED!! Ron & Penny Blaney are in charge of this project. Since this is a “Club Fundraiser”, we need every members’ help to make this a success. There are 1,000 tickets that need to be sold. **We are asking each member to take at least 20 tickets to sell.** You will sign them out and sell to friends and family. The price is (5) tickets for \$20, which means if you sell to four friends, you have sold your 20. When you are approached, please take the tickets gladly and let’s get all tickets sold ASAP. The drawing will be held at our 5th Saturday Party on June 29th. There will also be sign up sheets for the liquor to go in the wagon. Please be sure to sign up for one of these items. This is such an easy way to raise funds for our club and help us to able to do all the fun stuff throughout the year. As always, a great big ‘Thank you’ for your support. You are a great group and you are what makes our club the best!



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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Hi Members,

February came in and left in a whirl wind and it was a very busy and fun month. The first Friday of the month Meet & Greet, we had 74 people which included 8 junior shaggers. The Browns, Crumps, Williams and Morrisons were proud to have our grandchildren in attendance along with some of their friends. Everyone seemed to have a good time and made the juniors feel welcomed. Phil Long did a fantastic job playing some great music and keeping the floor hopping.

We had quite a few guest this month at our Meet & Greets as well as our monthly party. Some of these guest were from Debbie Brown's beginner classes and others that were just invited by members. As members of the Rock Hill Shag Club, it is our responsibility to share our love of the state dance (the shag) with others and to invite them to our events. With that being said, please remember to ask men and woman without a partner to dance so they don't feel left out and if you see someone wanting to learn the dance, lend them a hand. The younger people is what is going to keep this dance alive so on the first Friday of the month, invite your children and grandchildren. Bring a friend or two or more with you and let them see how much fun we have. Let's keep our club strong and growing.

I want to thank the Social Committee headed up by Julie Long for all the hard work and decorations at our February party and the tasty shooters. Also a big thank you to the DJ Billy Waldrop and to the Moose Lodge for the great food the kitchen prepared and drinks prepared by our bar tenders. Please remember that when we have a large crowd to be patient with the kitchen. They are working as fast and hard as they can and everything is made fresh when ordered.

In March we look forward to the time change, the beginning of Spring and hopefully some warmer weather. Friday, March 1st our junior shaggers are invited to come join

us at Meet & Greet. I hope you will come out and share in the fun and maybe even share a dance with them. They are doing an awesome job learning new steps and enjoy dancing with some of us older adults. This month's party will be held on March 16th and our very own Dean Baker will be the DJ bringing the music so come out and support him and the club. If you are new or old to the club and would like to be on one of our committees, please let me know or one of your other Board Members who are Debra Ledford-President, Debbie Brown-Vice President, Penny Blaney-Secretary, Ann Chevalier-Treasurer, Chris Stevenson-Sgt of Arms and BB Morrison-Social Director.

See you on the dance floor.

BB Morrison

Social Director

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MARCH 2024 PLAY DATES:

RON BLANEY:

March 1 – RHSC Friday M&G

PHIL LONG:

Feb. 29 – DJ Throwdown – Fat Harold's

March 2 – Lake Norman Shag Club

FRANK PRICE:

March 2 – DJ Throwdown – Fat Harold's

March 26 – Sumter Shag Club

DEAN BAKER:

Feb. 29 – DJ Throwdown – Fat Harold's

March 16 – RHSC Monthly Party

JESSE GAVIGAN: NONE

LARRY SNIPES:

March 1 – DJ Throwdown – Fat Harold's

March 8 – RHSC Friday M&G

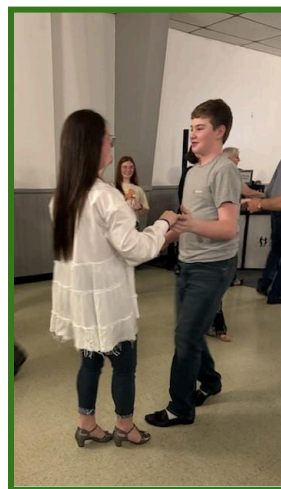
March 12 – LWSC Tuesday Shag

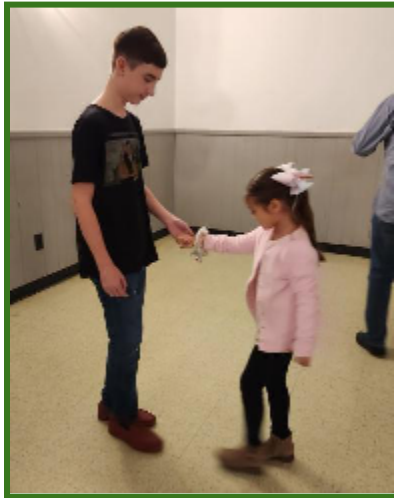
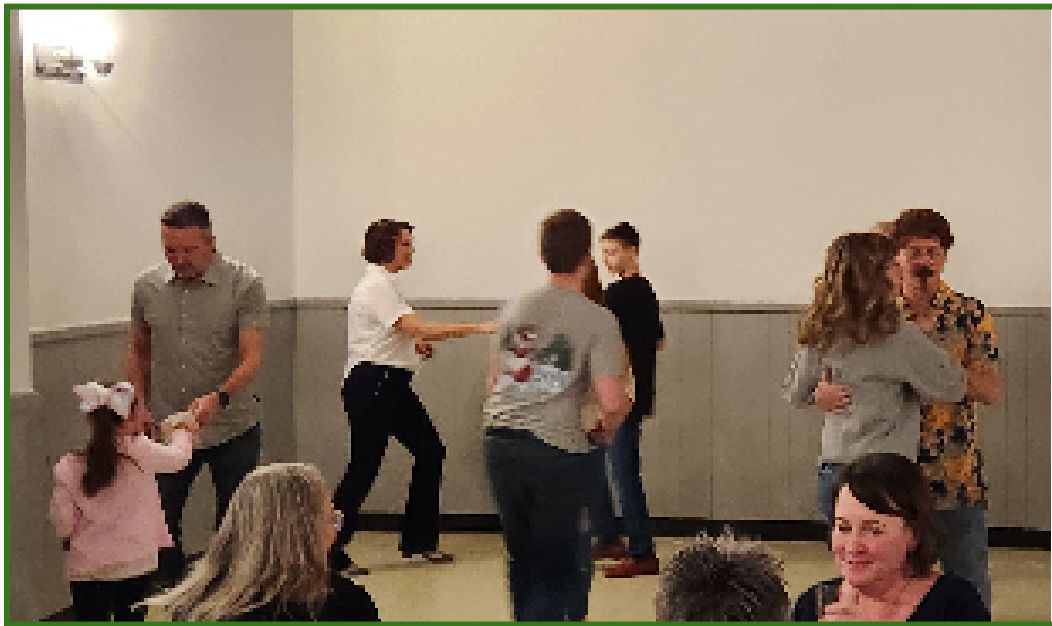


JUNIOR CORNER

Debbie Brown
Junior Liaison
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I am so excited for our Junior Program for 2024. As you know, we have invited our juniors to attend our Friday Night Meet & Greet the first Friday of each month. We teach our juniors to dance and wanted to provide them a place to do so. This will encourage them to continue dancing and learn more about our shag community. In January, we had (3) juniors and in February, we had (8) juniors. We hope to continue to build our junior program. We will start our first Junior Class of the year on March 12 at the Elks Lodge. We have (12) already registered for this session and hope to have more before the first night. Thank you to the Elks for allowing us to hold all of our shag classes at their facility. Also, thank you to my team of instructors for always showing up. You are the best. I encourage you all to bring your children and grandchildren to our classes and to our Junior Nights of Meet & Greet. (1st Fridays). Also, please share our junior flyers with your friends and neighbors.





February brought us the second competition of the year for Juniors. "Keepers of the Dance" Contest was held February 9 & 10 at Fat Harold's. The Keepers of the Dance was started in 1998 to honor former junior shaggers who have continued to participate in our dance,

music, and lifestyle after their junior years and who have been instrumental in “keeping” the dance and music alive. Congratulations to Chase Forrester and Garrett Spencer, the 2023 recipients who were honored at this competition.

There were several junior couples that competed with (6) making the cut. The finals on Saturday night brought some fantastic dancers with these placements: (shown right to left)



1st Place: Tucker Brown & Gracie Pandure

2nd Place: Mack West & Kaitlyn Digiovanni

3rd Place: Ben Smith & Graylen Kirby

4th Place: Joel Sogluizzo & Abigail Hodges

5th Place: Easton Brown & Liv Kirby

6th Place: Bennett Rusmisell & Rebecca Hodges

During this competition, the Hall of Fame Foundation awards the EDDIE MONSOUR/DEWEY KENNEDY SCHOLARSHIP. This is a \$2,000 scholarship that is awarded each year to a high school senior or an existing college student. The recipient of this scholarship this year was our very own LAUREN COOKMAN. Lauren is a senior at High Point University and will graduate in May with a Major in Graphic Design and a Minor in Computer Science & Studio Art. Lauren has worked very hard these last four years, earning her a spot on the Dean’s List every semester. She has taken on many leadership roles and served on several committees. She works part-time for the Concierge as a student leader for the university, where she was recently promoted to a Leadership Role for the Concierge. She works for the Office of Communication doing design work. She also works part-time off campus to help with her expenses. After graduation, Lauren will be working towards her Masters Degree. We are so very proud of Lauren and her accomplishments. Through all of her studies and working responsibilities, she remains dedicated to “shag”. She has continued to be a part of the Junior Shag Dance Team, where she served as one of the Captains during her last year. She was always there to help the new team members – whether it was learning to perfect the steps or helping with hair & make-up. She is truly an inspiration to the younger shaggers. Since ageing out of “Juniors”, she has moved into the Non-Pro Division of competitions. I have known Lauren since she was 12 years old. I have watched her grow into a responsible and mature young woman. Congratulations Lauren. We know you are going to do great things in your very bright future.





Shaggin' in Rock Hill

We started our new ADULT BEGINNER I SHAG CLASS on Tuesday, February 6. We had (35) to register for our class. We had a few repeaters, but most were first timers. It was great to see so many folks of all ages wanting to learn our state dance that we all love. I was so very proud of the way they caught on and were eager to learn. As we teach in all of our classes, both adults and juniors, “practice may not always make perfect, but it sure does make improvement”.

We taught in this (4) week class: the basics, the start, female turn, the trail, the male turn, and the belly roll. Some felt a little overwhelmed at first, but all of them hung in there. We have so much fun in our classes. I truly look forward to each week. You will always know who really does practice. But we do give them a chance to come in early the next week and work on areas they have trouble with or to catch up if they have to miss a class. It is a progressive class so we move forward each week. I appreciate the opportunity to teach all ages. It is my passion.

Some of our students have already attended our Friday Night M&G and some attended the February Party. They seemed to have a great time. I look forward to more attending our March Party.

I have a terrific committee by my side each week and they also pick up my slack if I have to miss. They are all the best and I appreciate each one of them so very much. I am blessed to have them all. Thank you all. Dean Baker, Ron Blaney, Don Crump, BB Morrison, and Denise & Chris Stevenson.

Prayer REQUESTS



Contact

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2023 Secretary

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March

3/1 Wayne Wooten
3/2 Marilyn Barker
3/3 Barry Branch
3/12 Mirna Machado

3/13 Angela Walton
3/16 Tammy Covington
3/20 Julie Long
3/29 Julia Davidson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3/16 James & Kathy Mroz
3/17 Allen & Joni Moss
3/24 Phil & Candy Long
3/26 Cecil & Susan Martin

Rock Hill Shag Club

No Membership
Required

3/1/2024 DJ:

**RON
BLANEY**

JUNIORS WELCOME
1ST FRIDAY EACH MONTH!!

FRIDAY NIGHT



MEET & GREET

GREAT
GRILL!!

NO COVER
CHARGE

DANCE DANCE DANCE

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM

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RH Moose Lodge 1025 Ebinport Road Rock Hill SC

YORK SHAG CLUB

Dance Party

SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024

7PM-11PM

SPRING LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

1375 SPRING LAKE ROAD

YORK, SC 29745

DJ TOMMY SAMOLE

SOS CARDS FOR SALE

50/50 DRAWING

CASH BAR

ADMISSION:

MEMBERS \$5

GUESTS \$8

MUST BE 21 TO ENTER

See you on the dance floor!

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE FOR THE SNACK TABLE!

DJ: PETE CASKEY!

DON'T MISS IT!

**LAKE WYLIE SHAG CLUB
IS CELEBRATING
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

MEMBERS \$3 GUESTS \$5

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30

MEETING 7:15 FOLLOWED BY DINNER

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

FORT MILL MOOSE LODGE

1676 HARRIS ROAD

FORT MILL

Rock Hill Shag Club

3/8/2024 DJ:

LARRY
SNIPES

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AGES 8—20

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535 Hollis Lakes Rd, Rock Hill, SC 29732

JOIN US ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AND LEARN OUR STATE DANCE

THE SHAG

BEGINNER CLASSES: 6:30—7:30

March 12, 19, 26

STEPS YOU WILL LEARN:

Basic—Start—Female Turn—Male Turn—Trail



NOTE: IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ATTEND ALL (3) CLASSES IN THE SESSION. THIS IS A PROGRESSIVE CLASS & WE WILL MOVE FORWARD EACH WEEK

TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE, CONTACT DEBBIE BROWN

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ROCK HILL SHAG CLUB

St Patrick's PARTY NIGHT

March
16th

Doors
Open
6:30 pm

"Special
Guests"
Boppers &
Lake Tillery
Shag Clubs



50/50
DRAWING

FREE
SHOOTERS

\$5
MEMBERS



\$7
GUESTS

DJ: DEAN
BAKER

RH Moose Lodge, 1025 Ebinport Rd, RHSC

Rock Hill Shag Club

3/22/3034 DJ:

DEAN
BAKER

No Membership
Required

GREAT
GRILL!!

NO COVER
CHARGE

FRIDAY NIGHT



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COMEDY NIGHT

FOOD , DRINKS & LAUGHS

Saturday
MARCH
23rd

FEATURING
The Grand Stranded
Comedy Tour



DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM &
The kitchen will serve at 6 PM

\$10.00 Tickets on Sale
at the Bar! Admission at
the door the day of will be
\$15.00

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1025 Ebinport Road, Rock Hill. SC



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HEALTH

PRESENTS THE 2024



MAY 10 6-10PM
MAY 11 10AM-10PM
STUMPTOWN PARK

FRIDAY

6:30-8PM THE TONEZ
8:30-10PM THE EMBERS

SATURDAY

2:30-4PM NORTH TOWER
4:30-6PM GARY LOWDER & SMOKIN HOT
6:30-8PM BLACKWATER
8:30-10PM THE BAND OF OZ

- BEACH MUSIC! 🏖️
- CARNIVAL 🏖️
- STREET FOOD 🏖️
- SHAG DANCING 🏖️
- SMALL SHOPS 🏖️
- EXHIBITORS 🏖️
- CRAFT BEER 🏖️

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