

**April** 

**Newsletter** 

2024



Welcome to Spring Time!!! Its finally starting to warm up!!! And the pollen is doing a number on everyone who has allergies. Here comes our busy month – yes its April and we all know that SOS is just a few weeks away with parties, dancing and shag work shops. In addition, there is parade and we have a float entered. We have our float volunteers who have signed up to assist with decorating the float and then walking and riding in the parade. This is always a fun time and fellowship with our members. Don't

forget the Rock Hill Shag Club's Shooter Party in the back of Fat Harold's on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Lots of good old Chicken Bog for all to eat and tasty shooters. Ron Blaney is our Parade Chair for the float and will let the volunteers who are assisting with the float know the time and place to report before the parade which will be on Saturday, April 27th. Most of all be safe to all of you that are going down to have fun and return home safely. Also one of our club DJs will be playing in downtown Rock Hill for their Come See Me Beach Bash – Larry Snipes. It will be on Friday night April 12<sup>th</sup>, please come out and support him.

The March party was jammed packed. We had guest from the Lake Tillery Shag Club and Boppers joining us for a great night with music provided by our own club DJ, Dean Baker. The Social Committee did their usual outstanding job decorating for our party. 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 April party is right around the corner and we hope all those who have not already headed down to SOS will join us for a great time. Our theme will be April Showers (hope that doesn't bring in the rain) and our DJ for the evening will be Tim Boggs. If

you see someone you don't know then please make sure they feel welcomed at our club.

We will only have one Meet and Greet in April due to SOS and our party. It will be April 5<sup>th</sup> and Phil Long will be the DJ for the night. It will also be our night to welcome the Juniors to come out and dance with us – please make them feel part of our group because they "are" our future. 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 the fun.

I want to say a "BIG" thank you to Sandy Long who has agreed to head up the September Beach Party. So when Sandy comes around and ask for assistance or supplies for this party, please give a heartfelt "yes" to help make this a great time for all.

Debbie Brown and her group of instructors will be starting an Adult Beginners 2 class at the Elks Lodge and it will run Tuesday nights (April 2. 9, 16, and 23).

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
Rock Hill Shag Club



#### "NEWS!" FROM YOUR VP

## **Debbie Brown 803-242-6104**

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Happy Spring! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and was able to spend time with your families. It is one of my favorite times of the year.



To date, we have sold (65) SOS Cards. I just mailed off our 2<sup>nd</sup> batch which was due in by April 1. That leaves us with only (35) cards. Even if you are not going to SOS until the Fall, go ahead and get your cards now. Please don't wait. They may be all gone. My contact info is above.

#### **CLUB FUNDRAISER**

\_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. This is our major club fundraiser for the year. If you have not already gotten tickets to sell or purchased your own, please see Penny or Ron today. The drawing will be held at our

5<sup>th</sup> 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!





#### "APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS"

BB Morrison – Social Director 704-575-8182 or bbunker3@aol.com

Hi Everyone,

WOW is all I can say about the turn out we've had at our Friday night Meet & Greets and also our monthly parties. We had a lot of guests joining us on Friday nights during March and at our monthly party. We had 95 members and 38 quests at our monthly party. It was an awesome party with great shooters, food and drinks. A big thank you to the Social Committee on decorating led by Marrilyn Harmon and to the Floor Committee. You did an awesome job! Thank you to our club DJ Dean Baker for playing the tunes to dance to and to the kitchen staff and bar tenders.

Also kudos to Jesse Gavigan on his line dance classes. Even though this is not part of the Rock Hill Shag Club, a large number of our members attended. I think he had over 70 people sign up and take the classes. The classes were a lot of fun and I met a lot of new people. He will have new classes starting April 10th. If you're taking the class and you meet someone new, this is your opportunity to invite them to come to our Meet & Greets and monthly parties. As club members, remember we want to make our guests feel welcomed. This is how we keep our club growing and known as one of the BEST.

Another reminder, Debbie Brown will be offering a 4 week Adult Shag Class at the ELKS LODGE in Rock Hill on Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:30pm beginning April 2, 2024. Lessons will consist of basic variations, sugarfoot, the boogie walk and the pivot. If you're looking to learn or just brush up, this is an excellent class. The cost is \$30 per person. I for one always learn or improve on a step by attending. Hope to see many of you there.

I hope you all enjoyed the Fall and Winter months but like me are ready for some warmer weather! Spring and Summer are always my favorite seasons....I guess because I don't like to be cold! Warmer weather means, getting out in my yard, taking walks and working in my flower beds and other out door opportunities. Now that

Spring is here, a lot of things are coming up starting with Rock Hill's "Come See Me" starting April 11th and then Spring SOS which starts April 18th. Just a reminder that RHSC will have a float in the Spring SOS parade and our SHOOTER party will be April 25th in the back of Fat Harolds. I will not be there this time but I'm sure as always Brenda will have some tasty shooters for all to enjoy. Our monthly party will be APRIL 20th at the Moose Lodge in Rock Hill. This month and next we will be merging our theme "APRIL SHOWER BRING MAY FLOWERS". I hope if you're not already at SOS that you will come out and support our club and dance to some great tunes played by the guest DJ Tim Boggs. You won't be disappointed. He plays some awesome music.

If you're traveling to the beach for SOS, please have safe travels and dance one for me..... in each club.....I like to support all of them.

Keep smiling and see you on the dance floor.

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#### **APRIL 2024 PLAY DATES:**

**RON BLANEY: None** 

#### **PHIL LONG:**

April 5 – RHSC M&G

April 21 – SOS Fat Harold's Back Room 1-5pm

April 25 – SOS Fat Harold's Back Room 5-9 (Our Shooter Party 6-8)

April 27 – SOS Fat Harold's Vinyl 1-5pm Back Room

#### **FRANK PRICE:**

April 21 – SOS Fat Harold's

April 23 – SOS Pirate's Cove

**DEAN BAKER: None** 

JESSE GAVIGAN: See Line Dance Flyer

#### **LARRY SNIPES:**

April 2 – LWSC Tuesday Shag

April 12 - Come See Me Beach Bash - Downtown - 5:30 -



#### JUNIOR CORNER

Debbie Brown Junior Liaison 803-242-6104

Our **JUNIOR SHAG CLASS** finished up on March 26th with (10) in attendance. They learned the basic, start, female turn, trail, male turn, and sugarfoot all in (3) weeks. That is awesome. They were very eager to learn and worked really hard. What a terrific group of young folks! It was such a privilege to work with each one of them.

**JUNIOR SHAGGERS "SPRING FLING PARTY":** We will be hosting, along with Charlotte Shag Club, a party for our juniors on Saturday, May 18 – 2:00-5:00 at Lynn's Dance Club. We will have snacks, sodas, desserts and lots of Door Prizes. Dean Baker will be our volunteer DJ. We want to make this a very special event for all our juniors. See attached flyer and feel free to share. All kids are invited to attend even if they have not had a shag class. Please spread the word.













March also brought us the **40**<sup>th</sup> **CONTEST OF THE NATIONAL SHAG DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS** held at the Spanish Galleon in North Myrtle Beach. Barry Thigpen is the founder of this event, which started in 1984 and is the longest continuously running shag dance contest in the US. The NSDC is held over two weekends each year with the Preliminaries occurring the last weekend in January and the Finals in early March. In addition to hosting the annual contest, the NSDC established the "Beth Mitchell Memorial Scholarship" in 1998 to annually assist in the education of a

deserving college student who is a current or past contest participant in the NSDC. Scholarship recipients are announced each year at the Finals of the NSDC. Since its establishment, there has been over \$260,000 in scholarship monies awarded. This year was the most monies awarded (\$40,000) in a single year This is so awesome to be a part of a community that gives so much to the furthering of young peoples' education.

#### Congratulations to this year's recipients:

\$5,000 each: Tucker Brown, Lauren Cookman, Caleb Kirk, Bennett Rusmisell, and Kali Walters,

\$3,000 each: Jackson Batten, Lizzie Batten, Gracie Pandure, Allison Pittman, and Mack West



#### ONE OF OUR OWN:

We must also say congratulations to our very own Lauren Cookman and her partner, Michael Bravo for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Non-Pro Division in this competition. This is their first time to compete in this division since ageing out of juniors last year. To place 2nd is a tremendous accomplishment. Great job.





# Prayer REQUESTS



Contact Penny Blaney

2023 Secretary 803-984-2578 Or at

#### rockhillshagclub@gmail.com



## **April**

4/1 Teresa Brunson
4/8 Larry McKay
4/9 Jeff Sisk
4/18 Kathryn Wooten
4/19 Gregory McNeely
4/20 Amanda Newhouse

4/20 Gail Davis
4/20 Randy Davis
4/22 Alice Hovis
4/22 Tommy Reynolds
4/27 Rick Morrison



4/2 Lewis & Julie Long
4/3 Terry & Marilyn Barker
4/4 Barry Ratliff
4/4 Jan MCallister
4/14 Jimmy & Connue Eubanks

**ROCK HILL SHAG CLUB PRESENTS** 

# ADULT SHAG CLASS

BEGINNER 2 CLASS

MUST KNOW: BASIC, START, FEMALE TURN MALE TURN Tuesdays: APRIL 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 6:30 pm

Cost: \$30 per person

ALL FEES PAID IN ADVANCE AT 1ST CLASS

CASH OR CHECK NO CREDIT CARDS

#### **5 LESSONS**

- . Basic Variations
- . Sugarfoot
- Boogie Walk
- . Pivot



To register in advance, text Debbie @ 803-242-6104
OR e-mail: shagdeb@gmail.com

Location: Elks Lodge, 535 Hollis Lakes Rd., Rock Hill, SC





### **York Shag Club**

# DANCE PARTY

SATURDAY, April 6, 2024
7PM - 11pm
Spring Lake Country Club
1375 Spring Lake Road York, SC 29745



#### **DJ Lamar Walker**

Bring Cash for the SOS Basket Drawing! Bring a dish for the snack table to share.

#### **ADMISSION**

Members \$5 Guests \$8



50/50 Drawing Cash Bar



See you on the dance floor!

21 and up to Enter



The Kitchen & Bar opens at 530pm class starts at 6pm

\$20 in person, or \$25 online. Or discount for annual pass - \$200 or \$210 online (Includes Complimentary Moose Membership {\$80 Value})

Where: 1825 Ebinport Rd, Rock Hill www.gaviganentertainment.com/linedance

# Come See Me BEACH BASH

Friday - April 12th

Location: 155 Johnson St.

Rock Hill, SC

Time: 5:30 - 10:00

DJ: Larry Snipes



Band: Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot

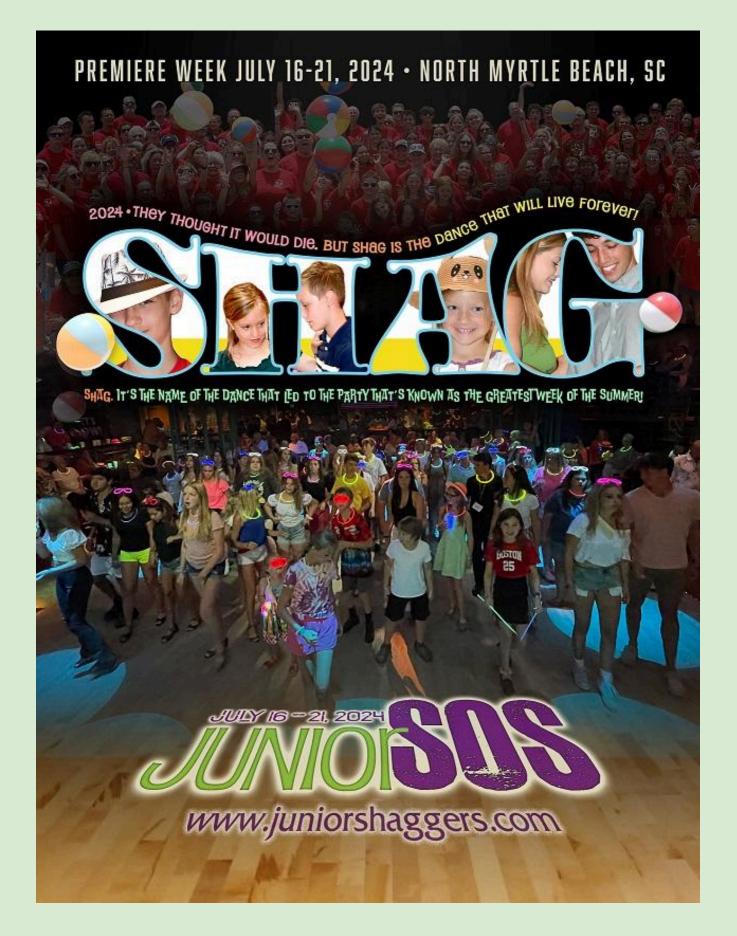


No pets or coolers, please; Food available for purchase; Beverage Tickets \$5











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