



**July**

**Newsletter**

**2025**



Hello all – hope your summer is going well. I know for sure it is summer because the temperatures keep rising and it is truly hot.

What a PARTY!!!! Our June party, Prom Night was magical. Everyone took it to heart and the dressing up was first class. A big congratulations to Rick and BB Morrison in winning “King and Queen of the Prom.” Our Social Committee did their usual outstanding job on the decorations and I thank them for all their hard work. And a

big thank you to our floor committee for putting down and taking up the dance floor to keep it safe. Our DJ, Glenn Pridgen, played lots of great tunes and kept the floor full of dancers. We had a great crowd and some visitors. Thanks to the club members that make sure the visitors feel welcomed at our club.

Remember our Friday night Meet and Greets, always a great time. We will not have one on the 4<sup>th</sup> because of the holiday. So our first one for the month will be July 11<sup>th</sup> which will also be our Junior night and our DJ for the night will be Jesse Gavigan. Then our other Friday night will be July 25<sup>th</sup> with Frank Price DJing. Hope everyone can come out and enjoy your M&G nights, just a laid back and fun night.

Looking forward to our July party it will be our Independence party – wear your red, white and blue and celebrate with us. It will be on July 19<sup>th</sup>, with doors open at 6:30. Our DJ for the night will be Mark Swygert. Come out and join in all the fun. You know that the Rock Hill Shag Club is known as the party animals.

It is that time of year to work on our officers for the 2026 year. I have appointed the below Nominating Committee for that purpose and if anyone is interested in serving

your club and is interested in a particular position please contact one of the below people:

**Chairs:** Dean Baker (803) 230-1605  
Phil Long (803) 517-8824

**Members:** Kay Funderburk (803) 448-1111  
Mack McCarley (803) 517-9957  
Ramona Stone (803) 322-6341

Everyone enjoy your Summer and make sure your travels on vacations are safe.

If in town 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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WOW! What a fantastic ‘PROM NIGHT’ party. A huge thank you to Penny and her committee for all your hard work to make this party happen. Congratulations to the Prom Queen & King (BB & Rick Morrison). Terrific!

I hope you have all marked your calendars for our upcoming **MEMBERS ONLY PARTY ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 2**. Flyer is attached. This is our way of giving back to our members each year. It is always a fun time. Please remember – this is just what it says “members only”. No guests please. Bring your swimsuit and a chair and plan to just enjoy yourselves.



To date, we have sold (63) SOS Cards. That leaves us with only (37). If you plan to go to Fall SOS, please see me to get your cards before they are gone.

<b>SOS</b>
<b>Fun Monday Drawing</b> <b>September 15, 2025</b>
<small>Portion of Profits Donated To: Caring 4 Kids through the SOS Charitable Foundation, Inc. Donation \$10.00 per ticket</small>
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<small>SOS Charitable Foundation, Inc. <b>\$5,000 First Prize</b> Donation \$10.00 per ticket</small>
Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Selling Club _____
Sales Person _____
Cash or Check # _____
<small>Make Checks Payable To Fun Monday Need not be present to win</small>

**NEXT UP ON THE CALENDAR IS FUN MONDAY TICKETS.** The sale of these tickets provides the bands for FUN MONDAY during FALL SOS. An interesting note, all the proceeds after expenses go to several charitable organizations that the SOS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION helps to support: **Caring 4 Kids, Junior Shag Association, Ellen Taylor Foundation, First Responders, and Tunnels To Tower Foundation.** Please read the separate article by John Carpenter that explains how it works.

**All tickets are \$10 each.** If you buy or sell (20), you will get a Free Orange Ticket. All tickets must be sold and mailed in by August 25. Also note, that ***if you sell the winning first place ticket, you will receive \$100 and the person who sells the most tickets will receive \$100.*** We are responsible for selling (100) tickets. I hope you will all participate and help sell these tickets. Let's not wait till the deadline. Let's jump on them. The club will purchase the first (10) to get the ball rolling and Dennis & I will take the next (10) to sell to others or purchase ourselves. That leaves only (80) tickets for the rest of the club to sell.

**Here are the winning prizes:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$5,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$1,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$500; 4<sup>th</sup> Place: \$250; 5<sup>th</sup> Place: \$250**

The drawing will be held in an open forum on Main Street, North Myrtle Beach, on Monday, September 15, 2025 during **FUN MONDAY**. You do not have to be present to win. Check out the attached flyers to see the bands performing. Also, note – **FUN SUNDAY** is back this year with JIM QUICK & COASTLINE taking the stage.

# CLUB FUNDRAISER



This is our BIG FUNDRAISER for the year and we need every members' help to make this a success. This year we will be raffling off (3) items – A WINE BASKET, A BEACH BOGG BAG, AND THE LARGE LIQUOR WAGON. There are still (400) tickets that have not been signed out to sell. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU SELL TICKETS TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY OUTSIDE THE SHAG CLUB AS WE ARE ASKING EACH MEMBER TO TAKE AT LEAST (20) TICKETS TO SELL.** I know everyone has at least (4) friends that would be happy to buy tickets. (5 for \$20) **If you have not already gotten tickets to sell and/or purchased your own, please see Penny or Ron today. The drawing will be held at our August 16<sup>th</sup> Party.** Also, if you signed up to bring items to fill the baskets and wagon, please get those items to Penny & Ron Blaney ASAP. **The deadline to turn everything in – all items and all tickets and money – is Saturday, August 2 at the Member's Only Party.** This is such an easy way to raise funds for our club and help us to be 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! Please reach out to Penny at 803-984-2578 or [pmblaney@yahoo.com](mailto:pmblaney@yahoo.com)



# SOS Historical Corner "1980 in the Beginning"

*"... The history of the S.O.S. is penned in ink of happenstance. Our book is filled with bolts from the blue rather than genius of grand plan or design. When people ask me what is the S.O.S. going to do two or three years from now, I shudder. Long range planning just doesn't fit our "on-the-edge" philosophy. We won't even buy green bananas! Fate will certainly help shape the future of the S.O.S., as It has so deftly molded our past."*

*Gene Laughter*

Below is an article by SOS founder, Gene "Swink" Laughter (pictured below), published in the Fall 1986 Carefree Times. The article is a humorous account of just how happenstance played a huge role in his, and SOS co-founder, Tom Lilly's, plight to put on the very first SOS. I am reminded of how gifted a writer the late Gene Laughter was. He often referred to SOS as "the S.O.S." From time-to-time we hope to republish articles such as this one to revisit our past and keep it alive. We have a covenant with future generations for us to say, "This is who we were, this is what we loved, and now it is in your hands."

Foster McKinney, SOS Treasurer

## Snoopy Saved the Day

by Gene Laughter

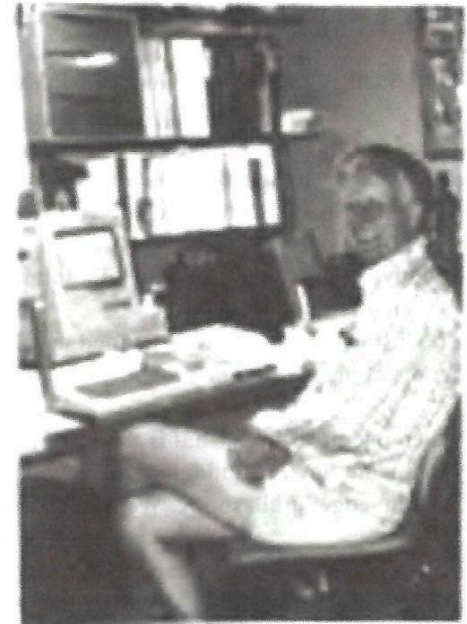
We were dog-tired on that Saturday afternoon back in the early part of the summer of '80. It had been a long, fruitless day of hunting party space - a headquarters for the first S.O.S., and Tom Lilly and I were quietly depressed as we stood at the Alpine Deli bar up in the Surfwood Shopping Center. We had been put down at every call. No one was interested in providing party space for that first S.O.S. The beach community wanted golfers, not old jitterbugs. We had talked with the Chamber of Commerce, hotels, motels. Let's face it, we had zero credibility!

Our day, and trip, had been completely wasted. A burn-out. Forget it! Time for a few beers. The Alpine Deli just happened to be the closest bar at hand.

They were definitely standouts, those flashy pants Tom was wearing! They were white and embellished with little embroidered red and blue Snoopies piloting their open-cockpit airplanes. Snoopy was diving and flying all over Tom's pants; goggles gleaming, scarves trailing, firing bursts of tiny machine guns at invisible Red Barons that lurked behind nonexistent clouds. I was embarrassed!

We finished up the first beer in short order and called for a second round. Our mood had changed. Forget the S.O.S. problems. Suddenly we were laughing, kidding and joking.

A stranger walked up and stood next to us at the bar quietly listening to our conversation. "I really like those pants," he said to both of us in general. He was only making polite bar conversation.



# July News



Hello Shag Friends and Family

The Rock Hill Prom Night was an enormous success. Those who wanted to participate in dressing up came in looking amazing. It was great seeing the ladies all dressed up in beautiful dresses and pantsuits. There were lots of us wearing corsages and boutonnieres. Plus, a big shout out to the men in our shag family...as they came in looking like sharp dressed men. The winners for Prom King and Queen were Rick & BB Morrison. They both looked so nice. DJ Glenn Pridgen came up from North Myrtle Beach and did great with playing lots of songs that fit our special prom night.

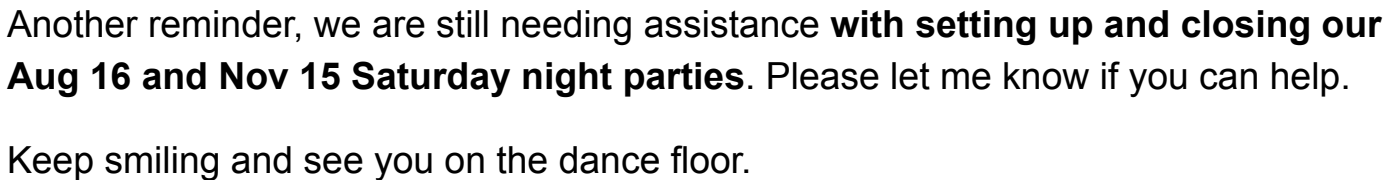
Penny Blaney and her crew did a wonderful job again with the décor for the party. The balloons, lights and tables set the stage for us to think we were back in time, young and still in love. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen.

The Saturday Night Party theme is Red- White- Blue with DJ Mark Swygert, hoping everyone can come and celebrate our independence that was implemented on July 4, 1776.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July, is celebrated across the US with parades, fireworks, concerts, and other festivities and is notable for its displays of patriotism, as Americans commemorate the day by flying the American flag and dressing in flag colors. Looking forward to RHSC wearing (if you wish) red-white- blue to represent our country.

In case you have not heard we are partnering with the ELKS Lodge again this year collecting Back to School supplies for local students. Please bring all donations to our Meet and Greet Friday night gatherings. We have boxes set up for you to drop any items off. The cut off is July 11. Thank you in advance for helping with this project.

**Below is the list of items needed.**



Sandy Long  
Social Director  
704.562.5072  
[sboysworth@yahoo.com](mailto:sboysworth@yahoo.com)



## **July 2025 PLAY DATES:**

<b>JESSE GAVIGAN:</b>	July 11: RHSC MEET & GREET
<b>RON BLANEY:</b>	July 15: LWSC – TUESDAY SHAG
<b>PHIL LONG:</b>	July 18: FLORENCE SHAG CLUB
<b>FRANK PRICE:</b>	July 25: RHSC MEET & GREET
<b>DEAN BAKER:</b>	None

### **Note:**

July 4<sup>th</sup> – NO MEET & GREET

July 19 - SATURDAY NIGHT PARTY - MARK SWYGERT

# Prayer REQUESTS



*Contact*

*Savannah Gavigan*

*2025 Secretary*

843-864-3328

Or at

[rockhillshagclub@gmail.com](mailto:rockhillshagclub@gmail.com)

## **Please Pray For**

**TOMMY DAVIS (health issues)**

**DEB HOWELL (health issues)**

**THERESA HYDE (bypass surgery – she is doing great)**

**JUDY PRATHER (health issues)**

**FRANK PRICE (home, doing PT, improving each day)**

**HARRIET PRICE (knee replacement – doing well)**

**STEVE WILLIAMS (loss of wife, Maria)**

**CINDI CRADDOCK (loss of her mother)**

**MADELINE JACKSON JACOBS (pancreas transplant – home & doing well)**



Thank you

Thank all of RHSC for the prayers  
for Maria. She love all of you  
and thank you for being a part  
of her life. It will take time for  
me but I know I have the Shag  
Club to help me

Love all of you

Steve Williams



# July



7/8 Vicky Walkup  
7/8 Roy Williamson  
7/9 Sandra Dinoto  
7/12 Angie Kelly  
7/13 Judy Baker  
7/13 Mac Michaelis  
7/14 Ken Becknell  
7/15 Mike Copeland  
7/15 Carol Kimble  
7/15 Scott Prosis

7/17 Margot Glinski  
7/18 Fred Funderburk  
7/21 Fred Spears  
7/25 James Mroz  
7/26 Gene Huss  
7/26 James Lamb  
7/28 Leigh Ann Freeman  
7/28 Sharon Hefner  
7/31 Theresa Hyde  
7/31 Dee Reeves

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

7/23 Ken & Jennifer Becknell  
7/28 William & Leigh Freeman



# **SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

## **"Shagging on the Patio"**



**SUNDAY—JUNE 29, 2025**

**4:00 - 7:00**

**CAMBRIA HOTEL FORT MILL**

**340 Amistead Avenue**

**Fort Mill, SC 29708**

**COME OUT FOR A FUN &  
RELAXING AFTERNOON OF  
GREAT MUSIC, DANCING, & FRIENDS.**

**FOOD & A COOL BEVERAGE CAN BE  
PURCHASED AT THE FOXHOLE  
RESTAURANT & BAR.**

**HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US.**



# YORK SHAG CLUB 4TH OF JULY DANCE

SATURDAY JULY 5, 2025  
7PM-11PM

SPRING LAKE COUNTRY CLUB  
1375 SPRING LAKE ROAD  
YORK, SC 29745



## DJ GENE HENSLEY

CASH ONLY ADMISSION:

MEMBERS \$5

GUESTS \$10

50/50 DRAWING

CASH ONLY BAR

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE FOR THE SNACK TABLE!

*See you on the dance floor!*



# Rock Hill Shag Club

No Membership  
Required

7/11/2025 DJ:

**JESSE  
GAVIGAN**

JUNIORS WELCOME

FRIDAY NIGHT



MEET & GREET

GREAT  
GRILL!!

NO COVER  
CHARGE

7 - 10 pm

**DANCE DANCE DANCE**

**DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM**

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## **"Shagging on the Patio"**



**SUNDAY—JULY 13, 2025**

**4:00 - 7:00**

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Rock Hill Shag Club

# Independence Day Celebration

Members \$5

Guests \$7

50/50 Drawing  
Door Prize  
Free  
Shooters!

DJ: Mark SWYGERT



**SATURDAY, JULY 19th - DOOR OPEN 6:30**

**WEAR YOUR RED, WHITE, & BLUE.**

Cash Bar - Grill Open - No outside Alcohol!  
RH MOOSE LODGE, 1025 EBINPORT RD, RHSC 29732



# Rock Hill Shag Club

7/25/2025 DJ:

**FRANK  
PRICE**

No Membership  
Required

**FRIDAY NIGHT**



**MEET & GREET**

**GREAT  
GRILL!!**

**NO COVER  
CHARGE**

**7 - 10 pm**

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Lancaster Shag Club - Pick your favorite Decade and dress the part



Saturday, July 26, 7pm-10pm with **DJ Reggie Wilson**, \$5 for club members, \$10 for guests - La Chalupa Mexican Restaurant Hwy 9 Bypass E  
Menu or Buffet, Cash Bar, 50/50 raffle



Through the National Fairness Association,  
our dance activities are properly and legally  
licensed to.







# **SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

## **"Shagging on the Patio"**



**SUNDAY—JULY 27, 2025**

**4:00 - 7:00**

**CAMBRIA HOTEL FORT MILL**

**340 Amistead Avenue**

**Fort Mill, SC 29708**

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# ROCK HILL SHAG CLUB

## MEMBERS ONLY



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 4:00 UNTIL**

**BURGERS & HOT DOGS  
WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS**

**SPECIAL DRINK, SHOOTERS, WATER, SODAS, AND BEER PROVIDED**

**SPINNING THE TUNES**

**Jesse Gavigan**

**Place: D & D Resort**

(home of Debbie & Dennis Brown)  
4029 Ivywood Dr., Rock Hill, SC





# Rock Hill Shag Club

No Membership  
Required

8/8/2025 DJ:

**JESSE  
GAVIGAN**

**JUNIORS WELCOME**

**FRIDAY NIGHT**



**MEET & GREET**

**GREAT  
GRILL!!**

**NO COVER  
CHARGE**

**7 - 10 pm**

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# Rock Hill Shag Club



## T-SHIRT NIGHT



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**

**DOORS OPEN 6:30**

**MEMBERS \$5**

**GUESTS \$7**

**50/50 DRAWING**

**FREE SHOOTERS**



**RAFFLE WAGON**

**WEAR YOUR  
FAVORITE  
RHSC T-SHIRT.**



**CASH BAR**

**GRILL OPEN**

**NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL!**



**DJ: Norman Mills**



**RH Moose Lodge, 1025 Ebinport Rd, RHSC**



# Rock Hill Shag Club

8-22-25 DJ:

**RON  
BLANEY**

No Membership  
Required

FRIDAY NIGHT



MEET & GREET

GREAT  
GRILL!!

NO COVER  
CHARGE

7 - 10 pm

**DANCE DANCE DANCE**

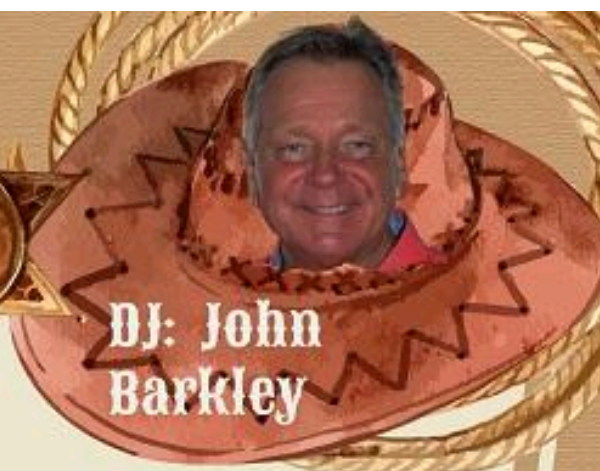
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# ROCK HILL SHAG CLUB



**DJ: John  
Barkley**

## COWBOY NIGHT

**SEPTEMBER 27  
DOORS OPEN 6:30**

**MEMBERS \$5  
GUESTS \$7**

**Come join the fun -  
wear your hat & boots!**

**RH Moose Lodge**

**1025 Ebinport Rd, RHSC**

-  50/50 DRAWING
-  DOOR PRIZE
-  FREE SHOOTERS
-  CASH BAR
-  GRILL OPEN



**NO OUTSIDE  
ALCOHOL!**





Through the National FastDance Association, our club dance activities are licensed by:





