



March

Newsletter

2026



Our February was filled with tons of fun parties – starting with our Mardi Gras Party and ending with our Winter Beach Blast Reunion.

All I can say is WOW! Gonna be a tough act to follow.

March is here and, as I write this, it is 77 degrees outside. Hope that hangs around for a bit, but we won't count on it. We have (2) Meet & Greets this month along with our St Patrick's Day Party on March 21, and (2) Sunday Afternoon Shaggin' on the Patio at the Cambria. Check out Sandy's article for all the details.



Ron Blaney is in full swing with plans for our SOS Parade Float coming up in April. Here is the float we will use, but with Ron's genius, it will not look like a r/w/b theme. Our them will be "Shagging on the Boulevard for 45 Years". He will be asking for volunteers to help decorate the float at

the beach and riders in the parade. Count me in!!

Here are the shirts we are asking everyone to order. Remember, the deadline to order is Sunday, March 8. Please get your orders in today. You can go to www.sweattearefill.com and click on "The Spirit Shop" and scroll down to RHSC. You can choose from several items, but the green and coral have the 45th anniversary theme. For the ladies, you can also choose the V-Neck (limited colors). There are also Crew Necks in these same colors.

Choose to have shipped to your home or you can pick them up in York by first of April. Please don't wait. Get yours today.



Coming up dates to remember:

COME SEE ME BEACH BLAST – APRIL 17 – 5:30 – 10:00.

SPRING SOS – APRIL 17 – 26 (PARADE ON SATURDAY – APRIL 25)

SOS SHOOTER PARTY – THURSDAY – APRIL 23 BACK ROOM FAT HAROLDS

SUMMER WORKSHOP – JULY 17 – 19 IN COLUMBIA. FLYER ATTACHED

JR SOS – JULY 14 – 19

SOS CARDS: As you know, Penny Blaney has the new SOS CARDS for our club. Please be sure to purchase yours asap. Please note that your card carries discounts to several venues and restaurants that are good year-round, not just during SOS. Sales were back down a little last year. Please show your support and get your cards today.

SHAG CLASS: We have (36) registered for our Adult/Junior Beginner 1 Class starting on Tuesday, March 3 at Elks Lodge. Beginner 2 Class will be in April and an Intermediate Class in May. Check out the flyers and get registered today.

MOOSE LODGE NEWS: FRIDAY FISH FRY – March 20 – 6:00 pm – includes flounder OR catfish, fries, hushpuppies, and coleslaw. \$12 pp – First come, first serve.

WEDNESDAY EATS: Home-cooked meal every Wednesday at 6 pm. \$10 pp – First come, first serve.

I think that about does it for now. See separate article of Winter Beach Blast Reunion recap. Again, be sure to read your emails to stay “in the know”. See you on the dance floor.

Keep Shaggin'
Debbie Brown
President



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

February Wrapped in Mardi Gras Colors

February brought joy, laughter, and plenty of dancing to the Rock Hill Shag Club.

Mardi Gras Party – February 21

Our Saturday Night Mardi Gras Party was bursting with color and celebration! Members arrived decked out in beads, feathers, masks, and all the festive flair of New Orleans. **DJ Butch Davidson** kept the floor alive with great music, and the room glowed with energy and movement.

A huge thank-you to our Social Committee team—**Michelle Hall (lead), Amy Wood, Lisa Taylor, Judy Varnin, Sharon Hefner, and Denise Steverson**—for transforming the lodge into a Mardi Gras wonderland. Their decorations, teamwork, and dedication made the night shine. As they say in New Orleans: *Laissez les bons temps rouler* — *let the good times roll!*

We are deeply grateful for both the **Social Committee** and the **Floor Committee**. These teams make every party possible, and they always need extra hands. If you can help with set-up or close-down on a Saturday, please reach out. With 5–6 volunteers, set-up takes only about an hour.

❄️ Winter Beach Blast – February 28

What a night! With **340 tickets sold**, this year's Winter Beach Blast was one of our biggest events ever. While the number felt daunting at first, our president **Debbie Brown** assembled a powerhouse committee that worked together seamlessly. The result? A **HUGE success**.

The **Raffle Cooler** and **Silent Auction Baskets** were overflowing with generous donations—thank you to everyone who contributed items.

A special highlight was the performance by the **Junior Shag Dance Team**. Their talent, energy, and love for the dance lit up the room. It's inspiring to see the next generation carrying the tradition forward.

March: A Touch of Irish Spirit

Our Saturday Night Party falls just after St. Patrick's Day this year, but we're still chasing that pot of gold! Dressing in green is encouraged—but never required. Just bring your smile, your dance shoes, and your good-time spirit.

A Little St. Patrick's Day Story

Long before green beer, parades, or pinching, there was a young man named Patrick—who wasn't Irish at all. Born in Roman Britain, he was taken to Ireland as a slave and later returned by choice to bring hope and new ideas. Legend says he plucked a tiny shamrock from the grass to explain big mysteries, and that little three-leaf plant became a symbol that traveled the world.

Centuries later, Irish families carried their traditions across oceans. In 1601, in a small Florida town, they held the first St. Patrick's Day parade—long before Ireland ever hosted one. Over time, Patrick's original blue shifted to the bright green we know today, thanks to Irish pride and a bit of folklore claiming leprechauns can't see you if you're wearing it.

Today, the celebration stretches from Chicago's emerald-green river to small towns filled with music, dancing, and laughter. What began as a quiet observance has become a global celebration of heritage, resilience, and a touch of magic.

March DJ Lineup – 2026

Meet & Greet

March 6 – Dean Baker

March 13 – Frank Price

March 27 – No M&G (Camden Party)

Saturday Night Party

March 21 – DJ Gene Sistare

Theme: St. Patrick's (just a little later in the month!)

Shaggin' on the Patio

March 15 – Frank Price

March 29 – DJ Ron Blaney

粒 Social Committee Assignments

Meet & Greet – Set Up & Close

March 6 – Judy Baker

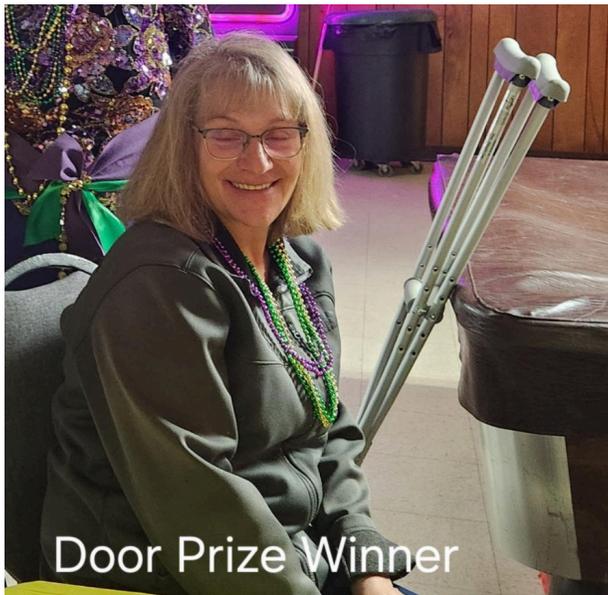
March 13 – Libby Alexander

Saturday Night Party – St. Patrick's Theme

March 21 Crew:

Leigh Freeman(lead), Jessie Cartwright, Savannah Gavigan, Penny Blaney, Heather Buss, and Tammy Harrelson

Feb Door Prize Winner – Michelle Smith- Rock Hill Shag Club



Feb 50/50 Winner- Judy Dawson – Columbia Shag Club



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WINTER BEACH BLAST REUNION



What a fantastic celebration of our club's 45th anniversary. It was a sold-out crowd with 340 in attendance. The preparation for this event started eight months ago with the forming of a (32) member committee – which I must say was absolutely the best group of hard-working people. Some were “old hands” at planning this event and some were newbies. Then came booking the venue, the band, the DJ, special attraction, planning decorations and menu, ordering food, securing beer, choosing shooters to be served, choosing who would take care of what, filling workstations, getting donations for shooter set up and raffle cooler, silent auction items, and tons of stuff in between. The promoting and selling tickets. It always has me on edge until we are sold out, which we were a month before the party. Prices have gone up since we last held this event in 2019, so I also had to plan a budget. This was our fundraiser for the year and, fun aside, you always want to make enough profit to secure your club for the year. I am so proud of how this event turned out.



The Silent Auction was a huge success with (35) items being donated. Tickets of 25 were sold for \$20. At the end of the night, tickets were drawn and prizes were claimed. Savannah & Jesse Gavigan oversaw this event. They were new to this event, but worked it like pros. Awesome job.



I think we had a record amount of 50/50 tickets sold. Thank you to Allan & Joni Moss and all those who helped in this area. The Liquor Cooler was awesome. Our Shag Instructors donated the cooler and club members provided all the liquor and other items to fill it.



Ron & Penny Blaney were in charge of this, and it was amazing.



We had a BBQ meal with slaw, potato salad, baked beans, rolls, and tons of desserts. Everything was so good, when I finally ate mine on Sunday. The desserts were provided by club members and were so tasty. The ladies working in this area had their hands full and truly stepped up to the plate. Thank you, Debra Ledford, for heading up this area.



We provided (5) different shooters, plus some Jello shooters. We had plenty and everyone seemed to enjoy them all. They were going all night long. Dennis Brown and Chris Davis oversaw this area. We also provided beer on tap, which went well, but we had plenty left over. This is always iffy area. Sometimes we run out and sometimes we have plenty. Better safe than sorry (always). Thank you, Steve Williams, for taking care of the beer kegs.



The night started off with the newest member of the DJ Hall of Fame, Frank Price, spinning the tunes for us. Frank is always so kind to donate his time and this party was no exception. Thank you, Frank, for always stepping up and congratulations on your induction. Well, deserved.

After everyone ate came the first highlight of the night – The Entertainers took the stage. From that point on, they rocked the house. I have to say, they earned their name. They sure know how to entertain a crowd. Hailing from Charlotte, NC and celebrating (46) years in the business, they truly are one of the greatest bands around. Thank you to Earl Dawkins and the entire band for joining us. Fabulous job.



During the band break, we were entertained by The Junior Shag Dance Team. This team ranges in age from 7 to 19, and from SC, NC, GA, and Florida. They are the US Open reigning Team Division Champions. In March, they will do an exhibition dance at the National Dance Championships in Ocean Drive. In May, it is on to the USA Grand National Championship in Atlanta; and in November, they will head back to California to defend their Team Championship Title. It has always made me feel so proud to hear folks in the “swing” world talk about how polite and well manner the “shag” kids are. Says a ton about our

community. The crowd really stepped up and made this group feel welcome and showed great support. They Danced for Dollars to two songs and took away \$1,180 off the floor. When donations handed in that night from RHSC and other shag clubs represented, as well as individuals and some businesses, they ended up with a grand total for the night of \$3,330.00. I am so very proud of everyone who showed their support to these juniors.



Well, we ate, drank, and danced the night away until it was time for prizes and money.

SOS CARD: The winner was Joy Parker from Rock Hill Shag Club.

50/50 Winner of \$780: Vickie Smith from Charlotte Shag Club



Liquor Wagon: Steve Williams from Rock Hill Shag Club



In celebration of 45 years, we shared pictures of those club members that we have lost; our participation in the SOS Parade since 2007; our Hall of Fame Foundation parties; past Winter Beach Blast events; events for juniors that we



support; and Shag Classes.

We also displayed our Wall of Fame Recipients.



When all was said and done, band packed up and gone, those faithful club members stayed and packed up our belongings, emptied the trash, and headed home for a much-deserved good night's rest. In closing, I must say that it has been my honor to head up this event once again. Believe me when I say, this is not a one person show. It is truly a team effort. I could not have pulled this off without my amazing committee and all our

devoted club members who showed up to help who were not on the committee. You are the reason for the success of this event. I apologize if your photo is not shown here. Could not get everyone, but please know that I love and appreciate each and everyone of you.

Debbie Brown

CLUB DJ PLAY DATES MARCH 2026

DEAN BAKER: MARCH 6 – RHSC MEET & GREET

FRANK PRICE: MARCH 5-7 – DJ THROWDOWN @ FAT HAROLD'S
MARCH 13 – RHSC MEET & GREET
MARCH 15 – “SHAGGIN ON THE PATIO” @ CAMBRIA
MARCH 21 – SOUTH STRAND SHAG CLUB

JESSE GAVIGAN: NONE

PHIL LONG: MARCH 5-7 – DJ THROWDOWN @ FAT HAROLD'S

RON BLANEY: MARCH 24 – LWSC – TUESDAY SHAG
MARCH 25 – PART TIME PARTY TIME SHAGGER @
MONROE AMERICAN LEGION- 6-9 PM
MARCH 29 – “SHAGGIN ON THE PATIO” @ CAMBRIA

PRAYER REQUESTS: MARCH

TOMMY & GAIL DAVIS – HEALTH ISSUES

JUDY PRATHER – HEALTH ISSUES

DAVID MCMANUS – HEALTH ISSUES

DUNCAN COOKMAN – HAS MS (doing good)

TERRY TURBYFILL – HEALTH ISSUES

DEBBIE GREEN – EYE SURGERY

DEBRA LEDFORD – GALL BLADDER SURGERY

KATHRYN WOOTEN – DEATH OF HUSBAND (Wayne)

BECKY & JEFF SISK – HEALTH ISSUES

ANGIE KELLY – HEALTH ISSUES

Prayer REQUESTS



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March

3/1 Ken Hudspeth
3/2 Marilyn Barker
3/3 Barry Branch
3/12 Billie Backer
3/12 Mirna Machado
3/13 Haskel Kitchens

3/13 Angela Walton
3/16 Tammy Covington
3/16 Beth Galloway
3/25 Tim Heeg
3/27 Shannon Higgins
3/29 Julia Davidson



3/1 Shawn & Jessica Cartwright
3/16 James & Kathy Mroz
3/17 Allen & Joni Moss
3/23 Dru & Rhonda Trader
3/24 Phil & Candy Long
3/26 Cecil & Susan Martin

ROCK HILL SHAG CLUB PRESENTS

ADULT SHAG CLASS

**BEGINNER 2
CLASS**

**MUST KNOW:
BASIC, START,
FEMALE TURN
MALE TURN**

**Tuesdays: March 31 &
April 7, 14, 21**

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**
- **Bellyroll**
- **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

ROCK HILL SHAG CLUB PRESENTS
ADULT & JUNIORS
SHAG CLASS

**BEGINNER I
CLASS
LIMITED TO
(30)**

Tuesdays: March 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 6:30 pm

Cost: \$30 per person

(JUNIORS FREE)

**ALL FEES PAID IN
ADVANCE AT 1ST CLASS**

**CASH ONLY
NO CREDIT CARDS**

5 LESSONS

- **Basic & Start**
- **Female Turn & Trail**
- **Male Turn**
- **Tuck Turn**
- **Come to Me Turn**



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

Rock Hill Shag Club

No Membership
Required

3/06/2026 DJ:

**DEAN
BAKER**

JUNIORS WELCOME

FRIDAY NIGHT



MEET & GREET

7 - 10 pm

GREAT
GRILL!!

NO COVER
CHARGE

DANCE DANCE DANCE

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM

www.rockhillshagclub.com

RH Moose Lodge 1025 Ebinport Road Rock Hill SC



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day
With Lake Wylie Shag Club
Saturday, March 7

Wear your green!

DJ: Tommy Samole

50/50 Drawing!

Bring a dish to share!
Doors open at 6:30
Members \$3
Guests \$10

Fort Mill Moose Lodge
1676 Harris Road
Fort Mill

May good fortune bless you.



YORK SHAG CLUB

St. Patrick's Day Party

SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2026

7PM-10:30PM

SPRING LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

1375 SPRING LAKE ROAD

YORK, SC 29745

DJ WAYNE CHRISTIE

SOS CARDS ON SALE \$40

**50/50 DRAWING
CASH BAR**



**ADMISSION:
MEMBERS \$5
GUESTS \$10**

See you on the dance floor!

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE FOR THE FOOD TABLE!

Rock Hill Shag Club

3/13/2026 DJ:

**FRANK
PRICE**

No Membership
Required

FRIDAY NIGHT



MEET & GREET

**GREAT
GRILL!!**

**NO COVER
CHARGE**

7 - 10 pm

DANCE DANCE DANCE

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON

"Shagging on the Patio"



SUNDAY— MARCH 15, 2026

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.



FRIDAY FISH FRY

March
20th,
2026

Rock
Hill
Moose
Lodge



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FLOUNDER OR
CATFISH, FRIES,
HUSHPUPIES &
COLESLAW

\$12.00

Rock Hill Shag Club St Patrick's Day Party



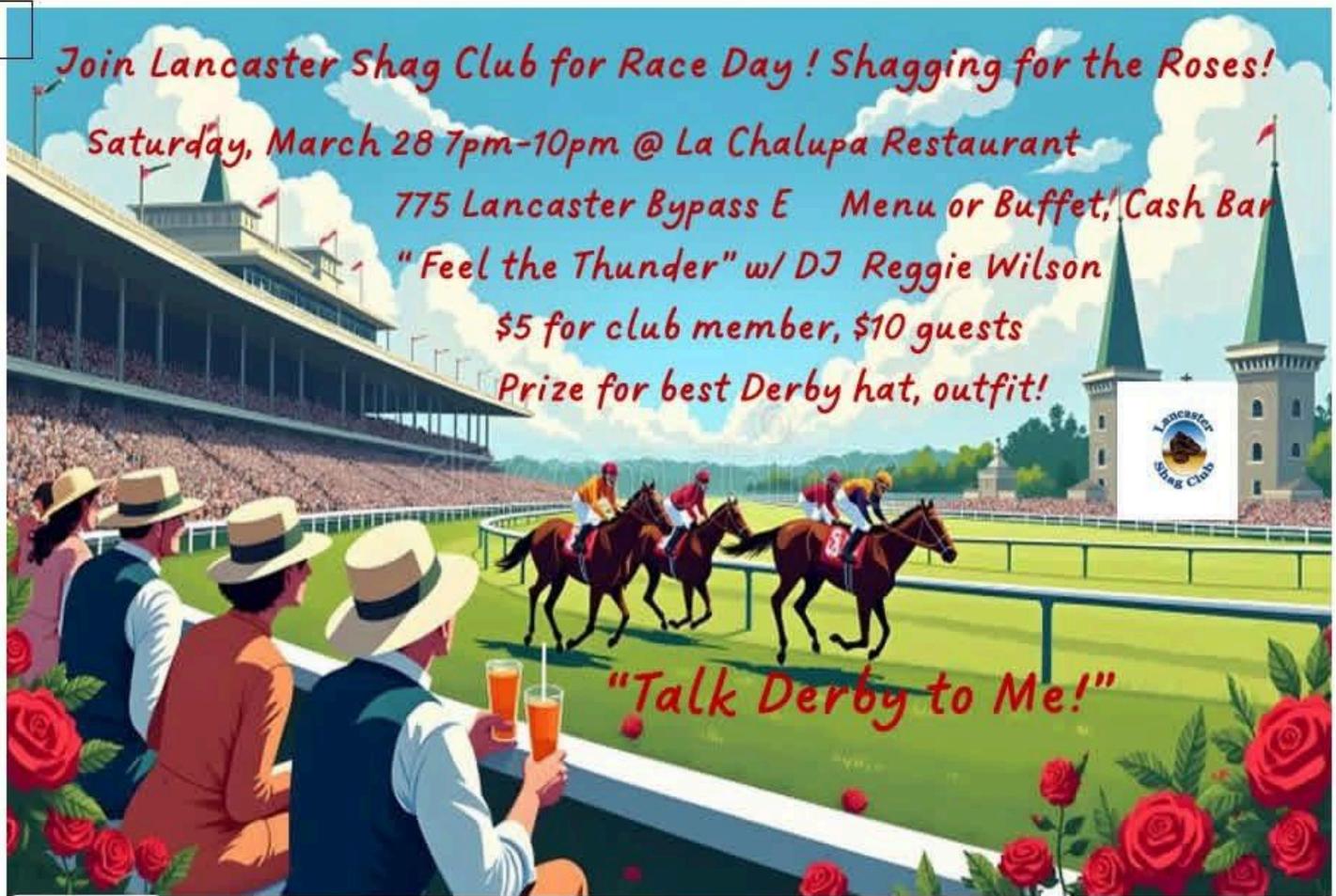
SATURDAY - MARCH 21

DOORS OPEN 6:30

Members \$5 | Guests \$7

**DOOR PRIZES - 50/50 DRAWING
CASH BAR - FREE SHOOTERS**

**RH Moose Lodge, 1025 Ebinport Rd, Rock Hill, SC
Grill Open - No Outside Alcohol!**



Join Lancaster Shag Club for Race Day! Shagging for the Roses!

Saturday, March 28 7pm-10pm @ La Chalupa Restaurant

775 Lancaster Bypass E Menu or Buffet, Cash Bar

"Feel the Thunder" w/ DJ Reggie Wilson

\$5 for club member, \$10 guests

Prize for best Derby hat, outfit!

"Talk Derby to Me!"



Through the National FairDance Association,
our dance activities are properly and legally
licensed by:



*Straight from the Horse's Mouth, we are Champing at the Bit to
Dance with Unbridled Passion Down to the Wire. Don't Look Back.
Leave it all on the track!*



SUNDAY AFTERNOON

"Shagging on the Patio"



SUNDAY— MARCH 29, 2026

4:00 - 7:00

CAMBRIA HOTEL FORT MILL

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Fort Mill, SC 29708

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