

R & B Shag Club of Spartanburg



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APRIL 2009

Association of
Carolina Shag Clubs



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Association



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A Message from your President:

If You Offer It They Will Come

Thank you R&B Shag Club members for making **Learn Our State Dance** a great success! It was a rainy Friday night in March, and as I was driving to the Marriott for the "First" learn to shag night, I said to **LeRhea**, "Soup and the couch would sure feel good tonight." I hope enough folks show up to make all the effort the club members and the Marriott put into this is worth it. The little magnet on our frig was in the back of my mind. "Doors are everywhere—open them." By 6:45 we had about 20 club members and a hand full of guests. **David O'Quinn** our DJ and I were nervous. David is always nervous—the boy takes DJing and shagging real personal and always is striving for the best. I walked over and greeted a few folks and paused by the main door. A line of folks was forming down the hall. I hopped up on the stage and told David to go take a look. He looked outside, turned around, and ran back to the stage—eyes wide. "We gonna need more chairs," he said. Well, over 400 folks showed up to learn to shag. In the 60s we called this a "Happening." Our only problem was that our **Steve Day**—our shag instructor--was in bed sick, but **Chip Knothe** stepped up to the plate to partner with **Kathy Day** to get things started. Then, **Martha Medford** took Kathy's place to make it a fantastic night.

To quote **Mark Felbinger**, our rep at the Marriott, "It was a win-win event for everyone and a great start for a summer of fun shagging and maybe the start of some new events at the Marriott. It's now time to follow up and keep the ball rolling." R&B is on it!

Our next big event is the **Sparkle City Celebration** at the **Marriott** and will introduce you to some of our new Bop friends and to Tandem swing dancing. You don't want to miss this. Demos and teaching by **Gary & Charlotte Chaney** from St. Louis will be a special added attraction. Get your room and tickets early.

By the way, the contract has been signed for a **Shaggin' New Year's Eve** with the **Out-of-Towners** band to repeat last year's sell-out event at the Marriott.

The **First Thursday Music on Main** in April was rained out but there are lots more to come through August. On Sunday, May 3, at 4:00, **East Coast Band** will perform on the Church Street Stage at **Spring Fling**. R&B will provide the dance floor, and Steve & Kathy Day will do shag lessons before and during the band's breaks. Bring a chair but no coolers.

A lot of our club members are visiting other shag clubs, and this a great thing. When you go to other clubs, spread the word about Spartanburg and Sparkle City Celebration. Pick up a few flyers from the Information Table at our VFW parties to take with you. Take your R&B membership card with you because most clubs charge a reduced party fee for members of other shag clubs.

Our new web site—**rbshagclub.org**—is getting many viewers and is generating contacts every week from folks from around the area. It seems that R&B is the club to contact for helping with shagging in Spartanburg. Lots of new opportunities could be in the works.

Several of our members had a big night at **Lake Lure Shag Club's** party, and R&B will be making a recommendation at the ACSC meeting at SOS for their admittance to the Association. They are a hard-working group of shaggers.

I hope every one of you shows up for our **SOS Warm-Up Party Friday, April 17, at the VFW**. You can still buy an SOS card at the special \$30 rate from the check-in desk at Friday's party.

Be looking in the back of the closet, the attic, and the storage room for your old transistor radio for the May party.

Life's Short; Let's Shag
Tom Armstrong

Happy Birthday! Shaggers

APRIL '09

01 Irene Marco
 02 Jane McLean
 09 JoAnn Waddell
 13 Trudi Sarratt
 14 Sam Arnone
 14 Sharon Damani
 15 Sarah Alexander
 16 Annette Burdette
 18 David Blackwell
 18 Ellen Gramling
 19 John Gramling
 20 Betty Pritchett
 22 Don Hansen
 25 John Casey
 26 Betty Y. Kirtley
 29 Jan Ward
 30 JoAnn Stewart

MAY '09

01 Reg Martin
 05 Barney Harmon
 05 Floyd Ross
 08 Ray Jones
 11 David Atkins
 16 Ann O'Quinn
 17 Dale Worthy
 21 Greg Byrd
 22 Don Graham
 23 Martha Bainbridge



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to add these shaggers to our club's roster. **Greg Brown, Cathy Campbell, Carol Cumbie, Deanna Ewing, Ken & Lisa Hawkins, Ralph Heatherly, Ray & Sue Jones, Phil & Lori Mariani, Martha Medford, Cy Miller, Richard Mitchell, Sam & Libby Swad, and Mike & Marilyn Swords,**

We look forward to getting to know you better and sharing a dance with you. It's also great that so many members have renewed their memberships for 2009. We now list 230 members on our roster.

ON THE MEND

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers as they progress through difficult times.

We've missed seeing **Mary Coggins** who has been not been feeling well for several months

Joyce Smith is off the dance floor for a while because of back problems.

CONGRATULATIONS

Alan Caldwell & Lynn Lamb married on March 28. We wish them many years of happiness together.

NEED A PLACE TO STAY FOR SOS?

OD Beach & Racquet Club 98 N.Ocean Blvd 843-249-1436
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SPARKLE CITY CELEBRATION

It's **time!** Time to volunteer to help make this our fourth annual wonderful BIG party at the Marriott as great a success as the previous three. Committee sign-up sheets will be at Friday's party. Yes, it's a bit of work that takes about 30 minutes or 1 hour away from your 28 hours of "play" time at the weekend event, but these events don't happen by themselves. What can you do to help? Consider helping decorate Friday afternoon, or serving as a Door Greeter, or helping register guests at the Sign-in Desk, or helping in the Hospitality Suite. How can you benefit by helping? You get to know folks better by spending time with them while on duty, and you learn to put names with the faces you see at shag events, and you feel good by giving back to the club that gives so much pleasure to you.

It's **time** to order your ticket and make your reservation at the Marriott if you plan to stay overnight. Pick up a flyer at the party or print one from rbshagclub.org and mail in your form and a check for \$60 per person. What do you get for \$60? Two nights of dancing in the Ballroom with great DJs, a great midnight breakfast on Friday and a delicious Fried Chicken dinner on Saturday, continental breakfasts on Saturday & Sunday, free pours—beer, wine, margaritas, & Peach Sparkle in the Hospitality Suite, two shag workshops, a line-dance workshop, a pool party with a duck race, door prizes, Split-the-Pot drawing, shag vendors, and lots of fun and fellowship. One-day tickets are available for \$40.

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APR 17-26 SOS SPRING SAFARI NMB Parade Sat, Apr 25

MAY 29-31 SOUTHERN COMFORT XII Palmetto Shag Club Columbia npowell09@aol.com

JUN 20 JVIN'JUNE JAM-SILVER ANNIVERSARY Lancaster Shag Club www.Lancastershagclub.com

JUL 11-12 ACSC SUMMER WORKSHOP & PARTY First Coast Shag Club Jacksonville, FL www: first coast shag.com

JUL 15-19 JUNIOR SOS NMB

JUL 24-26 SPARKLE CITY CELEBRATION R&B Shag Club at the Marriott 5:00 Fri – 10:00 Sunday. rbshagclub.org

JUL 31-AUG1 MEET ME IN THE MIDDLE Carolina Shag Club Greenville SC jrcoley@charter.net

AUG 20-22 Shag Tracks XV Choo Choo Shag Club Chattanooga choochooshagclub.com or rmkellar@aol.com

SEP 11-20 SOS FALL MIGRATION NMB Fun Monday Sep 14 R&B House Party Sat, Sep 19

OCT 16-18 GEECHEE BLAST Charlestonshagclub.com

OCT 23-24 FALL BASH Mountain Empire Shag Society Kingsport TN messdance.com

NOV 6-8 FALL CYCLONE Twisters Shag Club Cornelius, NC GoShagging.com

SHAGGING AROUND SPARTANBURG

May 5 Out-of-Towners band playing at the Cellar on Fernwood-Glendale Road

May 2, "First Saturday" at the Marriott 8:00 – Midnight DJ David O'Quinn

May 14 On each 2nd Thursday, David O'Quinn plays at Gerhard's on East Main Street 8:00 – 11:00.

May 23 2nd annual Patti's Kids (Supporting G'Ville Shrine Hospital) Woodruff Shrine Club Noon-Midnight

Every Wednesday The Big Chill (aka Dockers) Shag Lesson \$10 @ 6:00 Jeff & Dede Ward. DJ & Shagging afterward

Every Friday at the Holiday Inn on Augusta Road in Greenville

2009 Officers

President	Tom Armstrong	585-7395
Vice President	Chuck Johnson	574-5528
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GOOD MUSIC

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. Tune your computer in to beachshag.com to hear **Fessa John Hook's** radio show of great music and news of the shag world.

. Check out grandstandradionetwork.com, and you can get **94.9 The Surf** at 949thesurf.com.

BOARD MEETINGS

Members are cordially invited to attend the Board meetings on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is **Monday, May 11, 7:00 pm** in the **Main Library**. **The Board welcomes your input.**

SHAG CLASSES

Club members currently teaching shag are **Kathy & Steve Day** 578-9097 or 472-5162 or 457-4244, **JoAnn & Wayne Waddell** 476-2001. **Cv Miller 828-674-5432**

NEWSLETTER

Please send me or one of our reporters information by the second Wednesday of the month. Please share trips you have taken, major events in your lives, and other info that will interest our shaggin' friends.

drakepg@aol.com or 864-583-4656

Thanks, *Phyllis*

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www.rbshagclub.org
www.shagdance.com
www.shagtour.com
www.Keepshaggin.net



Mark your calendars or clip and save

**R&B SHAG CLUB CALENDAR
2009**

SOS WARM-UP PARTY
FRIDAY, APRIL 17
DJ David STACEY
8:00 pm – Midnight

Sat, May 30 Big Sister's Radio Party
Sat, Jun 27 Pig Pickin'
Fri & Sat Jul 24 & 25
Sparkle City Celebration At Marriott
Sat, Aug 22 Back to School Party
Sat, Sep 26 28th Birthday Party
Sat, Oct 24 Halloween Party
Sat, Nov 21 **Carolina/Clemson Warm Up**
Sat, Dec 19 Christmas Party

In VFW CLUB
325 Carolina Drive Ext. Roebuck SC 29376
**(Off Hwy 295/Southport Road
between Hwy 221 & Hwy 296)**
(Turn across from Holden's Ranch)

Mail to this Shagger:

APRIL PARTY HOST / DECORATOR
Kathy Blackwell

Membership dues are \$15 per person for the calendar year Jan--Dec. Members and guests must be 21 years or older. Members will receive a monthly newsletter with information about club parties, special events, our members, and other shag clubs' events. Party fees for member are \$3 per person for each party. Non-member / guest fees are \$5 per person for each party. Guests will receive 2 newsletters per year.

To join, mail this application with your check to the R&B Shag Club of Spartanburg address.

R&B Shag Club of Spartanburg Membership Application

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Sparkle City Celebration

Date _____