

# **THE** **BURLINGTON** **SHAG** **RAG**

**BURLINGTON SHAG CLUB**  
**P.O. Box 1174**  
**BURLINGTON, NC 27216**

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**OFFICERS:**

**President: Mike Flanigan (227-0902)**  
**Vice-President: Danny Brown (229-4367)**

**Secretary: Karen Bullard (222-8517)**  
**Treasurer: Gail Wright (227-7324)**

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***Spotlight John Richmond.....***John is the man who heads up the Burlington Shag Club Entertainment Committee. He lead the way on the Luau, which was very successful, and most recently our Halloween Party held in Master's on October 26! The Entertainment Committee is one of the toughest jobs in the club! Their job is to try to entertain you by having parties and functions purely for your enjoyment! Most of the time they have to go on just instinct as to what you would really enjoy, up front input is a little slow coming! Hats off to John and the Entertainment Committee.....GOOD JOB GUYS!!!!

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## ***The October Meeting***

The October meeting was held in The Alamance Room of the Ramada Inn. This meeting was without a doubt the best attended meeting of the Burlington Shag Club! There were 37 members present. Thank you for coming out....it means a great deal to the club. The November meeting will have several things that will require your vote so please plan to attend.

- 1-The Golf Shirts with our logo was discussed and it was decided to order the tape. Several members came forward and placed an order for the shirts. Gail Wright is going to be handling the shirts. If you would like to order your shirt contact Gail at 227-7324.
- 2-We have a very nice wrist watch with our club logo on it also. If you are interested in purchasing either the man's or woman's "Burlington Shag Club" watch, the cost is \$20.00, contact Mike Flanigan at 227-0902. We plan to order, at this time, eight women's and four men's watches.
- 3-A motion was entered, in writing, as prescribed by our by-laws, to change our meeting night to the third Saturday night instead of the third Friday night. This will need your vote.
- 4-Due to the many private Christmas Parties held in December, it has been suggested we not have a formal meeting in December. As you know Friday and Saturday nights work best for Christmas Parties! Again this will required your vote.

***Burlington Shag Club Monthly Meeting***  
***Friday, November 15, 1991***

## *A Little Stutter Step*

*By Mike Flanigan*

It was the summer of 1949...the place was known as the Hayloft at White Lake, NC. I was twelve years old and approaching the "BIG" thirteen. My cousin Wallace and I had gone with my sister, Pat, up to the Hayloft. It was upstairs over the public bath house. At the top of the stairs, to the left, was a large wooden dance floor, the Jukebox was at the far end, to the right of the Jukebox you overlooked the clear lake, to the left was the Ferris Wheel. Wallace and I would watch the "big guys" dance and could not help but notice the girls enjoying everything going on! There was one guy that was a very good dancer....we called him "Little Man". Pat assures me he had another name...none of us remember it, so "Little Man" it must remain!

"Little Man" wore a wind breaker with the sleeves cut out and you had better believe Wallace and I took notice! There were girls all over him! We did the proper thing....we remove the sleeves from our jackets, my Aunt May was not impressed.

The top fast song being played, and the only one I remember from that year, was "Drinkin' Wine Spo-Dee-O-Dee" by Stick McGhee. Pat and "Little Man" would dance to the fast songs and "Little Man" would sweat! He carried a towel around his neck. Now we call them Shag Rags...then, we called them "a towel around the neck", not very original but accurate.

Wallace and I not only had "Little Man" jackets but we tried the towels as well...still no girls! However Wallace could sweat in a snow storm, so there we stood...him soaked to the skin, looking as if he had just returned from the dance floor and me bone dry....just a lanky kid with a funny jacket wearing his "mommy's" towel around his neck! It was several years before I realized it was the dancing not the dress that attracted the girls!

So in 1949 the "Fast Dance" was going strong in North Carolina and that was when I happened upon it....it was going on much earlier than that!

To say the "Shag" was born in any one place is really reaching...it would appear it was born in the Carolinas, but I have no doubt that North and South Carolina are the real parents of the Shag, and proud parents I might add!

Pat lives in Raleigh and still gets "Happy Feet" every time she hears "Sixty Minute Man"!

Wallace is the "Official in Charge" of the National Weather Service at Buxton, NC and he still shags when he gets the chance!

"Little Man" where ever you are...THANKS!

### *November Birthdays!*

13 Jimmy Brooks  
15 Mary Ann Sinatra  
21 Jo Ann Mangum  
24 Van Williams  
27 Donnie Boone

14 Keith Andrews  
15 Steen Farlowe  
21 Susan Wilbanks  
27 Susan Cobb  
29 J. C. Johnson

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!**

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### *New Members For November!*

Christine Morrison  
Sheila Hogan  
Penny Pettigrew  
Karen Wells  
Jesse Justice

Bonny Powell  
Ed Ricker  
Phil Wells  
Kevin Hester  
Linda Justice

*Be Sure to Tell Them Welcome When You See Them!*

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### *What's Happening!*

Nov. 15 Burlington Shag Club Monthly Meeting, Ramada Inn  
Nov. 22-24 Holiday Shag Explosion, Burlington, NC  
Dec. 6-8 ShagAtlanta-Christmas Party  
Dec. 20 Burlington Shag Club Monthly Meeting, Ramada Inn  
Dec. 21 Burlington Shag Club Christmas Party, Ramada Inn

#### **1992 Events:**

Jan. 10-12 Midwinter Association Meeting & Shag Classic, N. Myrtle Beach, SC.  
Feb. 21-23 Lake Norman Chicken Pickin, Association Workshop  
Feb. 29-  
Mar. 1 Richard Nixon III Annual DJ Extravaganza, Lake Wyle  
Apr. 29-  
May 3 SOS Spring Safari  
June 26-28 Summer Fun Festival, Charlotte, Association Workshop  
Sept. 16-20 SOS Fall Migration

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### *Monday Morning*

This past Monday morning I awoke with a start....Mondays and February are a lot alike! The best that can be said for either is "BLAGH"!! February has 28 days except in Leap Year then it has 29....Monday on the other hand has 28 hours except when it rains then it has 29 hours....it should be noted the 4-5 extra hours are normally found between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. In February you watch to see if a groundhog will see his shadow....on Monday morning the taste in you mouth leaves no doubt as to where he stays until he comes out to check on his shadow!

The government has clearly recognized the problem with Mondays...all of the past Presidents, heros, etc, are now born on Monday! It is just a matter of time before the Congress and Senate declares February a legal holiday, thus allowing them to take the entire month off....don't they do that now? As for the rest of us, we need to do something about Mondays and February!!

Mike

## *Steppin' Out*

*by Van Williams*

Several of our club's members attended the Make-a-Wish Foundation benefit at Studebaker's in Sanford, recently. It was a great example of what a small club can do in a big way when they apply themselves. Our club's recent benefit for Mike & Shirley Valle was a great success, but remember that, as shag clubs go, ours is quite large. By contrast, the Sanford Area Society of Shaggers (SASS), headed by Terry Myers, is very small. What they lack in numbers, though, they more than made up for in enthusiasm.

Their event to raise money for Make-A-Wish was essentially just a dance, but quite a bit of planning, soliciting, and phone calling made it a success. Beth Brown, owner of the Meat & Cleaver Restaurant, donated the heavy hors d'oeuvres, and they were fantastic! Mike Lewis was the DJ, and he brought his bubbly wife Lydia, whose effervescence alone will start any party off right. The club owner let them use his facility without charge (cash bar). All the SASS members were highly visible, because they all wore their hot pink logo T-shirts. They had also publicized their event well enough (mainly through hand-carried flyers) that a large number of other shag clubs were represented. There were members from Fayetteville, Greensboro, Durham and Raleigh clubs that I recognized, and there may have been others. All night I could see that the SASS members were doing their PR work, thanking people for coming, and introducing themselves. Their 50/50 drawing collected a total of over \$500! The night was thoroughly enjoyable, and the SASS members did a great job. It just reinforces what I said in the last newsletter--that our club has the potential and the leadership to promote a major event. We just need to decide what and when!

Two places that played a major role in this benefit bear further mention. If you have never eaten at the Meat & Cleaver in Sanford, do yourself a favor and go. Ask Danny Brown about the size of a "Small" prime rib, before ordering anything larger! Be SURE to get reservations--it's a small place and it's always packed--and you can shag afterward with the SASS members if you go on a Friday night! Studebakers.....I didn't even know there was a Studebaker's in Sanford, but it's nearly identical to what we know at the beach. It's a really fun place to go--HUGE dance floor!

Speaking of out-of-town events, Master's, and therefore our club, is becoming host to an increasing number of out-of-town guests. I have recently met several couples from Durham, Chapel Hill, and Greensboro. I know we all come to Master's to have a good time, but try not to forget that these people may form their opinion of our club from how they are greeted here. Try to welcome people you know are new to us. We certainly wouldn't want our club to be known for the same aloofness as has been characteristic of some others. Shaggers are fighting extinction, you know!

**Burlington Shag  
Club  
November Meeting**

At

**The Ramada Inn  
In  
The Alamance Room**

**Special Menu**

**Hamburger Plate.....\$4.80**

**Grilled Chicken.....\$7.57**

(Baked Potato, Veg. & Salad)

**Salad.....\$4.73**

(Includes Tax & Tip)

*Please Attend - You Do Not Have To Eat!*

**Date: Friday, November 15, 1991**

**At 7:30PM**

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October 15, 1991

Dear BSC Member:

The Club year is rapidly coming to a close! Christmas is almost upon us! Our club is approaching 250 members and this makes us an above average Shag Club as far as the number of members go. But we all know 75% to 80% of our members, for what ever reason, do not come to our parties (and they are NICE) or to Master's! In looking down our membership list I find a large number of people I do not know and I am sure they do not know each other.....we want to meet you!!! This is for ALL Members! So beginning in November:

**-FOR MEMBERS ONLY-  
-FREE DANCE LESSONS-  
8 PM TO 9 PM**

**Master's Tavern, Ramada Inn, Burlington, NC**

November 2 - Line Dance "Tush-Push".....Ellen Dodson  
November 9 - Beginner Basic Steps.....Gail Wright & Steve McHone  
November 16 - Line Dance "Barroom Boogie"..Donna Mann & Gail Wright  
November 30 - Start & Turn Steps.....Gail Wright & Steve Mchone

*Free Light Hor's D'oeuvres  
Bud, Bud Light & Bud Dry  
(7 oz. Long Neck) 2 for \$1.00*

We look forward to seeing you and becoming your friends! Come on out, join the fun and learn to shag at the same time!

Yours truly

*Mike Flanigan*  
Mike Flanigan

October 29, 1991

Burlington Shag Club  
1706 Broadway Dr.  
Graham, NC 27253

Attention: Mike Flanigan

Dear Mike:

On behalf of the Coordinators, Members, Volunteers, Friends and Shaggers who attended the 7TH Annual Summer Shag Explosion, we the Board of Directors and Officers would like to express our sincere thanks for your club's participation in making the Summer Shag Explosion this past July a FUN TIME for those that were there. It was due to your club's efforts that Summer Shag Explosion can be called a HUGE SUCCESS!!!

In addition, we would also like to express our gratitude to your club for it's help in sponsoring the 1st Annual Junior Shag Explosion. All of the kids, especially those from the Children's Home in Lexington, had a GREAT TIME!!!

Again thanks for your past and continued support of Shaggers Ltd., USA and Shag Explosion.

Sincerely,



Patrick Gibson  
Secretary-Treasurer



Susie Gibson  
President

PS: Please put on your calendar the 7th Annual Holiday Shag Explosion to be held November 22, 23 & 24, 1991 at the Ramada Inn Convention Center in Burlington, NC.



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**Holiday Shag Explosion**

**NOVEMBER 22, 23, 24, 1991**  
**Ramada Inn Convention Center**  
I-85 Exit 143, Burlington, NC

**Explosion D.J.'s:**

Butch Metcalf	Gene Petty	Harold Beaver	Gary Bass
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**RAMADA INN**  

**WEEKEND RESERVATIONS & PACKAGES**

Call Ramada Inn Sales Office (919) 227-5541  
Monday - Friday 9:00-5:00  
*Credit Cards Accepted*

Friday & Saturday	Dbl \$159	Single \$119
Saturday Only	Dbl \$119	Single \$89

**WEEKEND PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

Weekend Ticket	Fri. & Sat. Evenings Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
Fri., Sat., Sun., Liquid Sunshine	Saturday Continental Breakfast
Sat. Afternoon Luau	Sun. Breakfast Buffet
Free Draft Beer (while it lasts)	Free Shag Dance Workshop

**WEEKEND TICKET**  
\$20.00 per person  
*May be purchased at Door (Night door cover available)*  
*Ticket covers all but breakfast & lunch*

**GENERAL INFORMATION**  
Shaggers, Ltd., U.S.A., P.O. Box 6482, High Point, N.C. 27262, (919) 841-SHAG

**RENEWAL**

***Burlington Shag Club Membership Application (1992)***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership is \$5.00 a year per person and runs from January 1 through December 31. Applications may be mailed to Burlington Shag Club, PO Box 1174, Burlington, NC 27216-1174*

***Burlington Shag Club Meeting***  
***November 15, 1991, 7:30 PM***



# Shagging Down The East Coast, Beach Music May Go Nationwide

By Mark Faris  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

In most parts of the county, it's just called R & B...that cool, shimmering groove that makes you feel good, makes your body move. But down South, especially along the Carolina shore, there's a different name for it.

Down here, they call it beach music. And Lordy, Lordy, they love it so. Nobody seems to know exactly when it took hold. Some say it was in the wake of '40s big band boogie-woogie. Others say it was the pre-rock 'n' roll '50s.

More often than not, the focal point of beach music....never to be confused with surf music....is a variety of R & B standards long forgotten by middle America.

There's 1949's "Drinkin' Wine Spo-Dee-O-Dee" by Stick McGhee, for instance. And 1951's "Sixty Minute Man" by The Dominoes.

Let's not forget Willie Tee's '65 hit, "Thank You John", or The Tymes' '74 effort, "Ms. Grace".

In the North Myrtle Beach area....long a bastion of beach music....such records are played in little party palaces nestled along the coast. There's Fat Harold's, Duck's, the Spanish Galleon and O.D. Cafe.

As the platters spin, customers move in a subtle, low-key shuffle that's been described as sort of a jitterbug on Quaaludes. That's the shag, of course. It goes with beach music the way surf goes with sand.

Although beach music traditionally has been performed by black musicians for white audiences, such color lines increasingly are becoming blurred. White artists, including the likes of Sally Windhorn ("29 Ways", "Hole in the Wall"), the Rev. Billy Wirtz ("Teeny Weeny Meanie", "Mennonite Surf Party"), Buddy Skipper ("Fannie Mae"), and even Rod Stewart ("The Motown Song") and....yes, Amy Grant ("Every Heartbeat") are making waves, too.

A story this August in Billboard magazine put beach music in the spotlight...and in focus...for all America.

It said "beach music is exploding from Maryland to Florida and threatens to break out nationally. ...Classic beach music groups such as General Johnson & the Chairman of the Board, the Showman, Bill Pinkney & the Drifters and the Tams are playing more dates in bigger venues than ever. They are also returning to the recording studios, along with newer beach music acts like Dink Perry & the Breeze Band, the Entertainers and the Fantastic Shakers."

The article said attendance is surging at beach music festivals and that membership in shag clubs is at an all-time high.

Nostalgia and disinterest in contemporary pop were cited as reasons, Billboard said, but "the biggest influence has come from county music." Tunes such as Hank Williams Jr.'s "If It Will, It Will", Reba McEntire's "Walk On", Mel McDaniels' "You Can't Play the Blues in An Air-Conditioned Room" and Kentucky Headhunters' "Dumas Walker" are all in regular rotation at many beach music clubs. (Reprinted from The Charlotte Observer, Tue. Oct. 15, 1991)

*Shag At*  
**MASTER'S**  
Ramada Inn, Burlington, NC

DJ's for November and December

Nov. 15 - Phil Wells	Dec. 07 - Linda Maccia
Nov. 16 - Steve Baker	Dec. 13 - Bob Bullard
Nov. 22 - Shag Explosion	Dec. 14 - Phil Wells
Nov. 23 - Shag Explosion	Dec. 20 - Steve Baker
Nov. 24 - Shag Explosion	Dec. 21 - Christmas Party
Nov. 29 - Walt Upchurch	Dec. 27 - Bob Bullard
Nov. 30 - Bob Bullard	Dec. 28 - Phil Edwards
Dec. 06 - John Hook (WRDX)	Dec. 31 - Bob & Steve

**Monday: Monday Night Football**  
Free Sub Sandwiches  
Bud, Bud Light, Bud Dry  
(7oz Long Necks)  
2 for \$1.00-

**Tuesday:**  
Free HOR'S D'OEUVRES  
5PM - 7PM  
Rum & Coke - \$1.75

**Wednesday:**  
Free HOR'S D'OEUVRES  
5PM - 7PM  
Gin & Tonic - \$1.75

**Thursday:**  
Taco Night - Free Tacos  
5PM - 7PM  
Margaritas - \$2.00

**Friday: Shag Night**  
Free HOR'S D'OEUVRES  
5PM - 7PM  
Vodka Tonic - \$1.75

**Saturday: Shag Night**  
Bud, Bud Light, Bud Dry  
(7oz Long Necks) 2 for \$1.00  
Vodka Tonic - \$1.75

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