

THE BURLINGTON SHAG RAG

BURLINGTON SHAG CLUB

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"FOUNDED AUGUST 3, 1985"

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The Burlington Shag Club has started into our 7th year! There are a few clubs that have been around longer but not many! That is something to be proud of!! Our re-joining of members has been a little slow but it seems most clubs start off that way. If you know a former member that has not re-joined, please remind them...we need their support!

During this new year "The Little Stutter Step" format will be a little different. This year it will focus on the dance (Shag) and the North Carolina people that gave us the music we dance to! I will need all the input from anyone who has good shag dance/music information!

The February meeting was held on February 21, in the Alamance Room of the Ramada Inn. We had a very large attendance...could be the election of officers. As you can see from our front page banner, you have elected the same officers for 1992! That to us, the officers, is a real nice compliment! Thank you for your support and we will try to do a better job in '92!

Please plan to attend our monthly meeting on March 20. We will be covering the following:

1-The newly proposed Cancer Benefit. It was proposed we make this a two day program. However, the weekend of June 12-13 is not the best as far as a double date. There are parties at: Lancaster, SC, Jacksonville, FL (4 day), Johnson Co. Shag Club, Smithfield, NC, Carolina Shag Club (3 day). It may be better to revise our thinking to just June 13, Saturday night. Be thinking this over so we can all pitch in and get this ball rolling! June 13 will be here before we know it.

2-We need to settle on Luau and Christmas party date so that the Entertainment Committee can make the reservations. We need suggestions as to the dates and locations. Also I'm sure the committee has a few ideas other than those noted.

3-Most Shag Clubs have been holding amateur shag contest. Want to? How about a "Smoothies"? It would be a nice way to make money.

A Little Stutter Step

By Mike Flanigan

The Shag....when did it really start and where...I would say no one really knows! Here is one story that I found very interesting...it touches the "when" but not the "where"!

On the cover of LIFE magazine for the week of August 23, 1943 (that's right 1943) there was a picture of a young couple doing what was called the "Lindy Hop". The young man, on the cover, was 17 at the time.

Some years later that same young man, wrote an article telling how he happened to end up on the cover of LIFE. The young man's name was Stanley Catron. Some of you may know that name. He has attended SOS's.

At the time, Catron was working in a musical comedy called "Something for the Boys", as a chorus boy. The "Big" star was Ethel Merman; and the music was written by Cole Porter. The odd thing was that this musical was the only one Porter ever wrote that did not produce a hit song!

Like all new actors, moonlighting was a way of life and Catron was no different..he was working as a model. One day, his agent called and asked him to do a photography session with Gjon Mili. Mili was working with strobe speed photography. The session was to be on the dance of the day, "Lindy Hop" and as luck would have it, his female partner, like so many of us...had trouble putting her feet down in the correct order...could not dance a step!

Stan talked with the LIFE editor and explained this would not work unless they had someone who could do the dances of the day, Lindy, Shag, Boogie and Shorty George (?).

So, was the Shag around in 1943? In New York? It sounds like it was! Heaven forbid, was it a northern dance?

Stan found his own partner from the chorus of the musical he was in. The next morning they started the session...since it was action photography they had to dance the full session! The record they danced to was "Cotton Tail", by Lucky Millinder. Can't say I've ever heard it but from Stan's words, it sounds a little quick!

World War II put Stan's acting career on the back burner. Somehow it just stayed there. But on the bright side, he met and married Betty Kirkpatrick ("Kirk"), one of the early Shag Hall of Famers!

The information for the above article came from "Life Magazine Reminisces" by Stanley Catron, in Beach Roots.

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1991 INCOME and EXPENSES

FEBRUARY 14, 1992

BALANCE FORWARD - January 1, 1991	\$ 1,731.88
TOTAL DEPOSITS - January 1, 1991 thru December, 1991	7,230.54
TOTAL INTEREST EARNED ON CHECKING	67.36
TOTAL AMOUNT - CHECKS WRITTEN IN 1991	<u>(7,922.72)</u>
ENDING BALANCE - December 31, 1991	\$ 1,107.06

LISTING OF MAJOR EXPENSES

Newsletters, Postage	\$ 760.80
Jo Jordan Family Benefit	\$ 1,000.00
Mike & Shirley Valle Benefit	\$ 500.00
Expenses for yard sale for Valle benefit	\$ 103.14
Shag Club T-shirts	\$ 431.81
Shag Club Watches	\$ 480.00
Shag Club Golf Shirts/Sweat Shirts/Logo Tape	\$ 353.70
Golf Tournaments - June, '91 933.13	
Sept, '91 839.12	\$ 1,772.25
Luau - August, '91	\$ 787.58
Halloween Party	\$ 101.05
Christmas Party	\$ 859.47

SUBMITTED BY: Gail Wright
Treasurer

STEPPIN' OUT

by Van Williams

Gene's Pub & Beach Club has become a popular Saturday night and Sunday afternoon spot for BSC members. I recently counted thirty-one of our members present on a Sunday evening. Gene's success has had one negative side--he has been required by the ABC board to become a private club. It's worth the price--join & give it a try!

Larry Wilson and Claudia Copeland of the Eno Beach Shag Club were joined in a beautiful shag wedding at Spruce Pine Lodge, north of Durham. You may not know their names, but if you saw them, you would recognize them from many shag events. The lodge is a large, rambling log cabin with two huge fireplaces, both of which were burning for the shaggin' party following the service. Terrific people, great food, DJ Mike Tewell from Durham, and unbeatable atmosphere made for an enjoyable, all-day affair. Thanks to Larry and Claudia for sharing the moment!

Congratulations to BSC members Vic Chisholm and Nancy Barnett on their recent wedding. Best of luck to two super people! Vic, do you think you could have squeezed one more person into your house for the reception, if we greased 'em up good and turned 'em sideways?

The Grand-daddy of all shag events is coming up soon--Spring SOS. April 29 will be here before you know it, so don't keep putting off ordering those SOS cards. Remember, the Association belongs to you, its members, and part of your membership fees will come back to your home club!

The Dome in Durham has installed a new DJ booth and sound system, which is really great. Owner Layton Rhew seems to be trying to do everything he can to accommodate the needs of his shag crowd, and his efforts have been appreciated by the Eno Beach Shag Club. Shaggin' has been extended to Saturday nights (previously only Thursday nights) and I'm sure we all hope it will be a success. Shag joints are becoming extinct, you know!

Smoothies contests are catching on like crazy everywhere there is shaggin'. Mike Lewis is one of the favorite DJ's for this kind of event, and he continues to pull out some "dusty disks" for each new contest. One of the founders of our shag club won FIRST PLACE in the Smoothies Contest at the Guard this February. Candy Brooks and dance partner Tony Eldridge took the top honors. Go Candy!

Looking for gourmet-quality dining and a little fast-dancing afterwards? It's still hard to beat the Meat & Cleaver in Sanford on Friday nights. Home of the Sanford club, the M & C features Mike Lewis most Friday nights. Prime rib, filet mignon, and Mississippi Mud Pie are just three of the dishes which can lead any dieter astray. Cozy bar, friendly staff and Shaggin' Beth Brown (owner) make it complete. MUST HAVE RESERVATIONS!!

**Burlington Shag
Club
February 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, March 20, 1992
At 7:30PM**

March Birthdays!

03 Jonnie Ellington
05 Penny Pettigrew
06 Jason Griffith
08 Steve Baker
10 Edna Magers
10 Pat Gumula
11 Cookie Fogleman

11 Lorene Turner
11 Steve Pettigrew
11 David Satterfield
21 Kevin Hester
24 Lock McKinnon
24 Gwen Griffith
29 Paul Horner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

New Member For February!

Ronnie Curtis

Be Sure to Tell Him Welcome When You See Him!!

What's Happening!

Mar. 21	Burlington Shag Club Monthly Meeting, Ramada Inn
Apr. 17	Burlington Shag Club Monthly Meeting, Ramada Inn
Apr. 29-	
May 3	SOS Spring Safari
May 14-16	Golden Oldies, Fat Harolds
May 15	Burlington Shag Club Monthly Meeting, Ramada Inn
June 13	Burlington Shag Club Benefit! More later!
June 17	Burlington Shag Club Monthly Meeting, Ramada Inn
June 26-28	Summer Fun Festival, Charlotte, Association Workshop
July 31-	
Aug. 2	Mountain Beach Boogie, IV, Ashville, NC
July (TBA)	Summer Shag Explosion, Shaggers Limited
Aug. 21	Burlington Shag Club Monthly Meeting, Ramada Inn
Aug. 28	GeeChee Blast, Charleston, SC
Sept. TBA	Burlington Shag Club Monthly Meeting, Ramada Inn
Sept. 16-20	SOS Fall Migration
Oct. 10	Burlington Shag Club Benefit!
Oct. 16	Burlington Shag Club Monthly Meeting, Ramada Inn
Nov. (TBA)	Holiday Shag Explosion, Shaggers Limited
Nov. 20	Burlington Shag Club Monthly Meeting, Ramada Inn
Dec. TBA	Burlington Shag Club Christmas Party
Dec. 18	Burlington Shag Club Montly Meeting, Ramada Inn

Burlington Shag Club Monthly Meeting

March 20, 1992

7:30 PM

Alamance Room

Ramada Inn,

Bits & Pieces

On Saturday, February 29, Mike Flanigan and Glenn Heney, President of the ENO Beach Shag Club traveled to the Association Workshop at the Lake Norman "Chicken Pickin'". The workshop started at 10:00 AM and lasted until 2:30 PM. However, we had a very nice lunch break with an excellent meal! The workshop was very informative and covered topics we can use. All clubs that belong to the Association, if at all possible, should take advantage of the workshops.

The first item on the program was a presentation by Butch Berrey, Jacksonville, FL on the Art of Negotiation with Hotels, Bars, etc, for parties.

I think the best points covered by Butch were to try and keep lodging and party in the same location, chose a motel/hotel that can use the business and start with the person at the top by telling him/her what you as a club can do for them. Keep in mind they are there for the money!

Another item was the location of workshops. The Association Club members have been divided into districts. The Greensboro Friendship Shag Club and the Burlington Shag Club are in District 2. District 2 contains 11 (as of 2-29-92) shag clubs. District 2 is scheduled to have a workshop during the Winter 1994 and Summer 1996. Perhaps the GFSC and BSC should team up and hold the Winter 1994 Association of Carolina Shag Clubs Workshop together.

You will notice in the Masters' Tavern ad there are DJ's scheduled for Saturday nights! They will be the same DJ's we have used in the past, except Tavern management has requested they play a little Top-40, Country and Shag. Good DJ's will read the crowd and play what the majority want....get my drift? Good support may get Shag back on Saturday nights!

Shag At
MASTER'S
Ramada Inn, Burlington, NC
DJ's for March and April

Friday Night

Mar. 20 - Steve Baker
Mar. 27 - Bob Bullard
Apr. 3 - Gerry Holland
Apr. 10 - Phil Edwards
Apr. 17 - Steve Baker
Apr. 24 - Bob Bullard

Saturday Night

Mar. 21 - Gerry Holland
Mar. 28 - Steve Baker
Apr. 4 - Linda Maccia
Apr. 11 - Gerry Holland
Apr. 18 - Gene Petty
Apr. 25 - Gerry Holland

Shag - Friday Nights
Top-40, Country, Beach - Saturday nights

Monday:

Free HOR'S D'OEUVRÉS
5PM - 7PM
Draft Beer - \$1.00

Tuesday:

Free HOR'S D'OEUVRÉS
5PM - 7PM
Sour & Collins - \$2.25

Wednesday:

Free HOR'S D'OEUVRÉS
5PM - 7PM
Nuts & Berrys - \$2.75

Thursday:

Free HOR'S D'OEUVRÉS
5PM - 7PM
Mararitas - \$2.50

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