

The Shag Rag

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Shagbark . . .



It's been a busy timeframe since I last wrote an article for the *Shag Rag*. We had the July 31 party with instructor Ellen Taylor from Edisto Beach and SOS fame, and visiting DJ Jessie Griffin spinning the tunes. Then on August 7, we boarded the Lady St. Johns riverboat where we ate and danced the night away. The food was wonderful and there was lots of it—our DJ for the night was Jimmy Lucree.

Now we get to Labor Day weekend and all the festivities associated with it. On Saturday at 2:00 p.m., we had an exhibition dance and lesson at The Landing in conjunction with their "Beach Days at the Landing." Saturday night, September 4, we travelled to The Ballroom in Ormond Beach to attend the induction of four individuals to the Florida Shaggers Hall of Fame, two of whom are First Coast Shag Club members, Doug Harrington and Paul Spaulding.

On Sunday, September 5, we held our second Jam Session at River City Brewing Company. Jane Harrington, a First Coast Shag Club member from Valrico, Florida, was our DJ. We gave away tons of door prizes and everyone (so far as I know) came away happy. It was a busy weekend but one filled with a lot of shaggin'.

SOS is fast approaching and I can hardly wait!! Ten days of non-stop fun, seeing old friends and getting a lot of hugs. Fall Migration also brings with it Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. It just doesn't get any better than that.

Next on our agenda is our Halloween Party at Club Savoy on October 30. Costumes are encouraged as there will be prizes for many different categories! Then on November 13, FCSC is partnering with the River City DJ's as they host their annual "Throwdown" at Club Savoy. The theme will be "Wine, Cheese, and Blues."

Who knows, there might even be an extra party or two between now and then. We're always looking for an extra opportunity to party and dance!

In the meantime, your Executive Board is hard at work planning the 2012 ACSC Summer Workshop, hosted again by First Coast Shag Club here in Jacksonville.

'Til next time' . . . *ANNE*



FCSC Weekly Dancing

Every Wednesday @ River City Brewing Company – 835 Museum Circle, Southbank Riverwalk Downtown, Jacksonville, FL.

Free Shag Lessons – No partner necessary.

Intermediate Shag 7-7:30pm

Basic Shag 7:30-8pm

Open Dancing 8-10:30pm – FCSC DJs

Wooden Dance Floor, excellent food and bar, smoke free, happy hour 4-7, free parking, no cover charge.

Every Sunday @ Sliders – 1998 S. Fletcher Ave., Fernandina Beach, FL.

Free Shag Lessons – no partner necessary

Intermediate Shag 4-4:30pm

Basic Shag 4:30-5pm

Open Dancing 5-7pm – FCSC DJs

Wooden dance floor, excellent food and bar, ocean atmosphere, smoke free, free parking, no cover charge.

Ask your instructors about purchasing Basic or Intermediate FCSC instructional DVDs.

Make all our members feel welcome by asking someone new to dance each week!

Remaining 2010 FCSC Party Dates

Sept 5: Jam Session 2 at RCBC (4-7)

Oct. 30: Halloween Party at Club Savoy

Nov. 13: Partnering with the DJ Throwdown for a 'Wine, Cheese, & Blues' Party at Club Savoy

2011 FCSC Party Dates

Jan. 29: Cancer Benefit, Club Savoy

Feb. 5: To be determined

Feb 19: 18th Anniversary Party

Dance Venues Other than FCSC

Club Savoy – 6354 Arlington Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32211. Visit www.clubsavoyatjax.com to keep current with their dance calendar. Nice atmosphere, floating wood dance floor, free parking.

Florida Boppers (FBI) – www.floridaboppers.com.

Dance Venues Other than FCSC cont'd

Dance Night at the VFW – every 1st and 4th Saturday. Shag, bop, swing, ballroom, Latin and party hits from the '50s to '80s; VFW, 6184 Highway 1 South, St. Augustine; 7:30-10:30 p.m., cash bar available, \$5 at the door.

The Ballroom – dancing 7 days a week @ 465 S. Nova Road, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. Visit

www.theballroomonnovaroad.com or contact Frank Anderson 386-341-7900 for Salsa, Waltz, Foxtrot, Rumba, Cha Cha, Tango, Hustle, West Coast Swing, Shag instruction and open dancing time frames.

September

11: FBI "Summer Scorcher" party @ Savoy. Visit www.floridaboppers.com.

17-26: SOS Fall Migration, Myrtle Beach, SC. Ellen Taylor will be conducting a 'ladies only' footwork workshop on Thursday, 9/23, @ 10:30.

October

9: Savannah Southern Charm at the American Legion Post 135. Visit www.savannahshagclub.com.

12-16: Beach Shaggers of Birmingham's Shag a Rama 2010 at Panama City Beach. Visit www.beachshaggers.com.

15-17: Geechee Blast, Charleston Shag Club, Alhambra Hall, Mt Pleasant, SC. Visit www.charlestonshagclub.com.

December

2-4: Shag Atlanta 28th Annual Christmas Party, Holiday Inn Select, 4386 Chamblee-Dunwoody, Atlanta, GA 30341. Visit www.shagatlanta.com.

31: FBI New Year's Eve Party at Savoy

January 2011

7-9: Hilton Head Island Carolina Shag Party Island Winter Classic XVI at the Oceanfront Crowne Plaza Resort (800-334-1881). Contact Vicki Bruno at vickilu2@yahoo.com or 843-505-0152.

May 2011

26-30: Grand National Championship in Atlanta, GA. Contact 803-740-5230 or www.usagrandnationals.com.

For Other Regional Parties Visit:
www.shagdance.com and www.shagtour.com

November 15th FCSC General Membership Meeting

Mark your calendar and plan to attend your next FCSC General Membership Meeting on Monday, November 15 at 7:00pm at Club Savoy. **We need your involvement, ideas, and feedback!**

In Search of Old FCSC Pictures

Vickie Hyde, our club Historian, continues to need your old and new pictures of FCSC events to include in the club scrapbook. Touch base with her if you have photos to share.

Our Local Junior Shaggers Win 1st Place

Logan Gable, granddaughter of M Gable, and Kyle Sellers, son of Brian and Mia Sellers, displayed their shagging expertise by winning FIRST PLACE in the mixed doubles amateur division at the July Junior SOS event. Logan and Kyle did not dance as partners; their partner was determined by drawing a name out of a hat. There were over 20 competitors in the division.



Logan and Kyle also entertained us with an exhibition the evening of our July 31 party at Savoy.

Vickie Hyde is Logan and Kyle's dance instructor.

Looking for Experienced, in Good Condition, Dance Shoes

Over 200 pairs of shoes were distributed to Juniors at the July Junior SOS event in Myrtle Beach. A BIG thank you to all contributing their shoes!

Keep cleaning out your closets and find all those no longer being used, experienced, and in good condition dance shoes. Vickie Hyde is the Florida representative for the Ellen Taylor Foundation and will gladly accept your shoe donations year round for the Junior Shaggers.

SOS Cards

See Anne Henry to purchase a SOS card if you are planning to attend the September Fall Migration and do not currently have a card. The pre-purchase cost is \$30. If you wait and purchase in Myrtle Beach, the cost increases to \$35.

Change Your E-mail/Home Address or Phone Numbers?

Contact Allen Henry, Membership Chair, at 904-288-8256 or ashags@bellsouth.net to update your member information.

FCSC Personalized Name Tags

Contact Allen Henry to order a personalized, permanent name tag rather than wearing a 'stick on' name tag each Wednesday night. The cost is \$8.60.

FCSC Merchandise

FCSC men and women shirts are now available. See Marlene Pearce, Anne Henry, or LaVerne Horton for an order form.

Take an Opportunity to Check Out a Pending Book Publication about Shag Dancing

A new book is pending publication in 2012 authored by Dr. Phil Sawyer and Tom Poland. You can check out the out the Website at www.tompoland.net and click on 'Shag Book Underway' to read a synopsis.



Happy Birthday- It's Never too Late to Celebrate:

July:

- 5 - Teresa Weiser
- 8 - Dale Horne
- 14 - Anne Henry, Ann Heath, Tamiko Oishi
- 18 - Pam Hudgens
- 20 - Angela Vickers
- 21 - Kevin Miller
- 22 - Bob Sherrill
- 26 - Brenda Hoge
- 30 - Dianne Kuykendall

August:

- 1 - Linda LiBrandi, Karen Okie
- 5 - Nancy Barry
- 7 - Diane Barton
- 9 - Al Ramos
- 15 - Laura Hudson
- 19 -Candy Richards, Dee York
- 20 -Greg Henderson
- 21 -John Esposito
- 24 -Butch Berrey, Ted Bowen

Welcome New Members:

- Houston Carr
- Fred and Rosalie Carter
- Bob Hills
- Barbara Hodges
- Don and Laura Hudson
- Rob and Dilys Jagger
- Voncile Lowery
- Gail Margerum
- Donna Martin
- Brian and Mia Sellers
- Michael Sullivan
- J.B. Ulch
- Carole and John Voltmer

Our membership count is now 193!!

Getting to Know our New Members

Betty Blair – born in Columbus Ohio, loves to dance, read, exercise, travel and meet new people. Betty took Ballroom dancing for 3 years and participated in many spotlight dances.

Getting to Know our New Members cont'd

Don Hudson - born in FL, but raised in NC. Hobbies include boating, golfing, fishing, and dancing. Won a \$1.98 NC beauty pageant – be sure to ask Don for the 'rest of the story'.

Laura Hudson – born and raised in Wilmington, NC. Laura was a nurse for our Jaguar Team from '03-'05.

Tamiko Oishi – born and raised in Japan, loves to cook and travel internationally. Tamiko's next stop is Bali. The FCSC is her first dancing experience and she 'loves it'.

More to come in the next Shag Rag!!!!



From Ellen Taylor for the FCSC July 31st Workshop

First Coast Shag Club,

Carl and I want to express, again, how very much we enjoyed our time with you last Saturday evening. This was one of the most fun groups I have ever held a workshop for and your enthusiasm was much more than I have experienced.

Your kindness and hospitality was unbelievable. You made us feel so welcome and at home. There is absolutely nothing I would change about the entire evening. Jessie did a great job with the music and the kids, Kyle and Logan, made it all the more special and memorable.

Vickie, thank you for your assistance in the workshop and Linda and Al for sharing your home with us.

Anne and Allen, you are the best and the club is lucky to have you as their members and you, Anne, as their president. Thanks again for a wonderful and memorable evening.

With love for your friendship,
Ellen and Carl

P.S. I have to say that meeting and dancing with Mona's mom, Jewel, was one of the highlights of the evening for me. What an amazing lady.



Caring and Sharing:

Speedy Recovery to the following members recuperating from various ailments:

- Fred Carter
- Lynda Coleman
- George Cranston
- Vickie Hyde
- Marlene Pearce
- Carole Reavis
- Meredith Robertson
- Bill Winn

Our thoughts and prayers for: Pat Antoniello's mother who was recently hospitalized.

Sincere Sympathy to Denise Richardson whose sister passed away the week of July 25th.



FCSC Member Special Recognition:

Dave Hudgens for contributing 'lock up' time to raise funds to benefit the MDA (his bail was set at \$3,200).

John LiBrandi and Paul Gmelch for maintaining our FCSC banners at River City and Fernandina each week.

Mona & Bob King for opening their home to all our Shaggers for a July 4th celebration!

Melody Cason for handling/mailing of the Shag Rag paper copy edition to members without internet access.

Vickie Hyde was selected to teach Beginner I, II, and III shag lessons with Sam West at Jr SOS in Myrtle Beach.

Fred Carter won the 50-50 drawing at the July 31st party.

Cyndi Wahl contributed a number of door prizes for our July 31st party.

The combo team of Pat Bell, Betty Blair, and Linda McCormick coordinated set up of food items for our July 31st party.

Happy 5th anniversary to Tony and Pat Gonzalez.

Allen Henry has been re-elected Treasurer of the ACSC board.

FCSC Member Special Recognition cont'd

Wayne Bennett of the Golden Isles Shag Club DJ'd for the FCSC at Sliders on Sunday 8/29.

Doug Harrington and Paul Spauling were inducted into the Florida Shaggers Hall of Fame on Saturday 9/4.

Bob and Mona King entered the Jekyll Island Beach Music Festival shag contest and were co-winners.

Flip and Lynda Coleman celebrated 46 years of marriage on August 22nd.

Other Celebrations:

Joan Davis' mother celebrated her 100th birthday on August 22, and she looks marvelous!

George Cranston's daughter, Kimberly, graduated from the University of South FI with a MA in Library Science. His daughter, Ashley, graduated from Webster University with an MA in Counseling.

Marsha Williams completed a 6 week 'Anytime Fitness Gym 'boot camp' and is now a certified open water suba diver.

FCSC Committee Chairs, Dance Instructors, and DJs-Thank you for your contributions!

- Caring – Fred Groover
- Communication – Linda Fountain
- Dance – David King
- Historian – Vickie Hyde
- Membership – Allen Henry
- Parliamentarian – Butch Beard
- Phone Tree – Bob Hataway
- Photography – Need volunteers
- Social – Pat Bell and Marsha Williams
- Webmaster – Position Open/Need Volunteer

Instructors: Phil Clemons, Joan Davis, Linda Fountain, Vickie Hyde, David and Diane King, Linda and John LiBrandi, and Al Ramos.

DJs: Ray Gahafer, Tony Gonzalez, Jane Harrington, Jimmy Lucree, Paul Spaulding, and Earl Yeomans

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- Business Cards: \$24
- One-quarter page: \$48
- One half page: \$96
- Full page: \$192

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