

The Shag Rag

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Shagbark



It's Shag Rag time again and I am just full of news!!! All our recent parties have been huge successes! The Jam Session held on May 1 has members wanting another (we're working on it), our Memorial Day event honored those in attendance who have served in our country's armed services, and also recognized our new members. The 'road trip' to The Ballroom in Ormond Beach for a 'partnering' party was a great first-time event.

Here's what's on tap for the next couple of months. Hang on to your hats because we have a great party coming up on July 31st, our regular fifth Saturday event at Club Savoy. However, this party will be anything but 'regular'! First of all, we have the famous Ellen Taylor from Edisto Beach, SC coming to teach a two hour workshop from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you have ever been to SOS, you will know who Ellen is. If you haven't ventured there yet, you are in for a real treat. Ellen is a member of: the Shaggers Hall of Fame, Living Legends, and National Living Legends of Dance. She was the first recipient of the GNDC Shell Award for Favorite Female SOS Partner, along with many other honors and awards. Ellen founded the Ellen Taylor Foundation for Junior Shaggers in 2007, the purpose of which is to remove financial barriers preventing those under 21 from learning and participating in the shag dance. Examples of this include providing free dance shoes, funding workshops, and providing meal, lodging, and gas vouchers for shag dance events such as Junior SOS at North Myrtle Beach. First Coast Shag Club is bringing Ellen here at no cost to First Coast Shag Club Members (another perk for being a FCSC member)! The usual Club Savoy cover charge of \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members will apply. A \$15 per-person fee will be charged for non FCSC members attending the workshop.

Our deejay for the evening will be Jessie Griffin from Savannah, GA. Jessie is immediate past president of the Association of Carolina DJs and now serves on the Board. Jessie travels throughout the Southeast plying her DJ skills and we are indeed lucky she could fit us into her schedule.

Following the July 31st party, we will board the Lady St Johns the evening of August 7th for a riverboat cruise up and down the St. Johns while dancing and eating! Does it get any better? I don't think so!

Don't forget the General Membership Meeting on Monday, August 16th, at Club Savoy. The meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. I encourage all of you to come out and be an integral part of the business of our Club.

'Til next time.....

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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 8-10:45pm – 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.

Note: Sliders will be closed to FCSC Sunday, July 4th and Sunday, September 5th.

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!

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.

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.

July

1-5: Ft Lauderdale Swing & Shag Beach Bash. Bahia Mar Hotel, 801 Seabreeze Blvd, Ft Lauderdale, FL. .

Dance Venues Other than FCSC cont'd

Jerry Siebe 772-263-8286 or Michele DeRosa 561-248-1455

9-11: ACSC Summer Workshop, Fayetteville Area Shag Association, Holiday Inn, Bordeaux, Fayetteville, NC, 910-630-1545.

13-18: Jr SOS, Myrtle Beach SC

23-25: Orangeburg Area Shag Club's Shaggin' on the Santee. Visit the Orangeburg Area Shag Club web site or 803-473-0639.

August

19-21: Tampa Bay Beach Boogie, Sirata Beach Resort, 5300 Gulf Boulevard, St Pete Beach, FL, 33760. Visit www.tampabaybeachboppers.com.

28-29: Charleston Beach Music and Shag Festival. Best Western Downtown 843-722-4000. 6 bands/DJs, shag lessons and workshops. <http://www.pivotsbeachclub.com/charlestonbeachmusicandshagfestival/>.

September

3-4: The Ballroom Labor Day Party. Contact Frank Anderson at 386-341-7900 or visit www.theballroomonnovaroad.com.

17-26: SOS Fall Migration, Myrtle Beach, SC

October

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.

For Other Regional Parties Visit:

www.shagdance.com and www.shagtour.com

Discounted SOS cards good for all 2010 SOS events are available for FCSC members from Anne Henry for \$30 (\$35 if purchased in North Myrtle Beach)

August 16th FCSC General Membership Meeting

Plan to attend your next FCSC General Membership Meeting on Monday, August 16 at 7:00pm at Club Savoy. **We need your involvement, ideas, and feedback!**

In Search of Old FCSC Pictures

Vickie Hyde, our club Historian, is looking for old and new pictures of FCSC events to include in the club scrapbook. Touch base with her if you have items to share.

Our Local Junior Shaggers

Logan Gable, Brianna Gable, and Kyle Sellers displayed their shagging expertise by performing an exhibition at the FBI's Back to the Beach event. They are all members of the Junior Shag Association.

Looking for Experienced, in Good Condition, Dance Shoes

Its time to clean out your closet 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.

If you plan to be in Myrtle Beach for Junior SOS (July 13-18) and would like to volunteer to work in the 'shoe room' fitting juniors for shoes, please contact Vickie Hyde @ 904-568-1117. For more information about Ellen's foundation, visit the site at www.ellentaylorfoundation.org.

SOS Fun Monday Tickets

September SOS Fun Monday Tickets (\$10 each) are now on sale. Take a chance on winning a prize. 1st prize - \$7,500, 2nd - \$2,000, 3rd - \$1,000, 4th - \$500, 5th - \$250. Three of our FCSC members are previous winners- Deloris Conway, Allen Henry, and Anne Henry.



The Ellen Taylor Foundation Thanks The FCSC for Their \$500 Donation

April 29, 2010

Dear Officers and Members,

The Officers and Board Members want to thank you for your generous contribution to the Ellen Taylor Foundation for Junior Shaggers. Your financial support will ensure that we have the opportunity to provide assistance to individual juniors, group, or organizations that participate in Junior Shaggers activities. This donation will help make it possible to promote and educate so that the tradition and love of the dance is ongoing.

Best regards,

Karen Callahan, Secretary
Ellen Taylor, Chairman
Ellen Taylor Foundation for Junior Shaggers

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 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 merchandise is now available. See Marlene Pearce to order your FCSC shirts. There are a variety of styles, colors, sizes and prices. Shirts must be pre-purchased before order is submitted. An order form is also available on the Web site. Shirts are \$20 each. 2x, 3x, and 4x sizes are an additional \$2. Embroidered names are available at an additional \$10.



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

May:

- 5 - Paul Gmelch, Lynn Jenkins
- 8 - Bob Hataway, Marlene Pearce
- 13 - 'M' Gable, Merle Jenkins
- 14 - Lynda Dial
- 19 - Patty Jurek Dyal
- 21 - Rocky Mistler
- 23 - Tony Gonzalez
- 27 - Jeanette Reynolds
- 28 - Dee Carmichael
- 29 - Marsha Williams
- 30 - Len Cayce, Cyndi Wahl

June

- 3 - Lynn Graves
- 5 - Jane Greenawalt, Linda McCormick, Geri Rice
- 12 - Bob King, Jeanne Scott
- 14 - Deann McNeal
- 17 - Carol Holliman
- 18 - Vickie Hyde
- 20 - Paul Baird
- 21 - Robert Dyal
- 22 - Lynda Coleman
- 25 - Adam Lundy
- 28 - Rita Davis
- 29 - Stan Greenawalt
- 30 - Judy Conahan, Karen McHugh

Welcome New Members:

- Al Ford
- Ann Heath
- Barbara Lee
- Brenda Miller
- Tomiko Oishi

Our membership count is now 174!!

Getting to Know our New Members

Judy Conahan – born in Maryland but grew up in Germany and Vienna, graduated from high school in Korea and loves to dance.

Jacqueline Dolan - born and raised in NYC retiring to Jacksonville, loves to dance and appeared on American Band Stand.

Mary Lou DuBois – oil, pastel, and watercolor artist and loves to garden.

Getting to Know our New Members (cont'd)

Lynda Dial – is a Jacksonville FL native. She has been a Beach Bopper all her life, and has now decided its time to do something different so she is learning how to Shag.

Don Estle – has been riding a motorcycles since the 60's (when it wasn't 'cool' to ride) and owns a Honda Goldwing 'the one and only motorcycle to own'.

Karen Franks - first time grandmother to Olivia 'the love of her life', comes from a military background and transferred to Jacksonville approximately 30 years ago.

Al Ford – set a record for killing the largest razorback hog in Arkansas (572 lbs) and spent 8 yrs as a radio disc jockey in Memphis TNyes, he did meet Elvis!!!

Dona Henefeld – loves dancing and estatic about joining our First Coast Shag Club family.

Danny Holden- native Floridian born in Lake City, has been dancing since elementary school, the first dance he learned was called the 'Salty Dog'...maybe someone can talk him in to giving us a demo.

Gail Lumpkin - a landscape and still life oil painting artist, avid gardener with 100 reference books in her home, a champion shrimper and can throw a 6 foot net.

Brenda Miller – born and raised in Charlotte, NC, spent a year traveling in Germany, and loves gardening.

Geri Rice – Jacksonville native and grew up eating ice cream at Rice's Spinning Wheel in 5 Points (the shop was owned by her parents). Does anyone remember an afternoon at this sweet spot?

Denise Richardson- avid horseracing fan (her mother was her instructor) and an Academic Coordinator for Nova Southeast University for the past 15 years.

Linda Sacco – lived in the Mojave Desert for 38 years teaching high school French, Spanish, and second language English, has traveled extensively in Europe, and currently teaches French for a California Community College.

Lydia Sastre - enjoys music, dancing, and singing, born and raised in New Jersey moving to Jacksonville in '81.

Jean Starling - enjoys crafts and sewing and has often displayed her creativity at craft shows. Jean indicated she was going to put her talent to work and make her own dance shoe bag.

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



Caring and Sharing:

Speedy Recovery to the following members recuperating from various ailments:

- Lynda Coleman
- Allen Henry
- Vickie Hyde
- David King
- Marlene Pearce
- Bill Winn

Our thoughts and prayers to:

Brenda Miller whose mother is ill (Gaffney SC).

Marsha Williams whose mother has recently been admitted to the hospital.

Sincere Sympathy to: Pat Gonzalez and family. Pat's mother passed away after a lengthy illness on May 10, 2010.

Other Celebrations:

John and Linda LiBrandi's daughter was married, Saturday, May 29th in Waynesville, NC.

Elaine Wheeler's granddaughter, Sarah Nicole Hickman, graduated from Peachtree Ridge High School on May 27th and will be attending the University of GA on a scholarship.

Marsha Williams' granddaughter, Mallory, will be a middle school majorette this upcoming school year. Mallory has won four 1st place twirling awards.

Deann McNeal and Alan Peltz are engaged to be married on October 10th in Maui, Hawaii.

Danny Holden's stepfather, Robert Hills, was recently featured in a Times Union article- "*Former engineer keeps his hands on time*". Bob builds clocks and the tools he uses and is often at RCBC on Wednesday evenings.

FCSC Special Event Recognition:

Marsha Williams and Pat Bell displayed their creative expertise again by organizing the first May 1st jam session at RCBC with 75 members attending. Thank you ladies! 10 members entered the Hat Contest - Anne Henry, M Gable, and Mary Lou Jankowski were the contest winners. 32 participated in the Jack n Jill contest. John Graham and Katherine Jennings were

FCSC Special Event Recognition (cont'd)

the 1st prize winners; Michelle Pickar and Fred Groover took 2nd place; M Gable and Bob King 3rd place.

Thanks to all members participating in the Mexican Hat Dance at RCBC on Cinco de Mayo. Lynda Coleman was the prize winner for her 'best guess count' of the number of tostito chips in the jar contest.

May 29th Party at Savoy -Don Estle was the winner of the new member drawing winning a free ticket for the August 7th Riverboat Cruise. Sid Ball was the lucky winner of the 50/50 ticket drawing. Marsha Williams and team- thanks for your efforts to add to the event with all the Memorial Day decorations.

June 19th Ballroom Partnering- Allen Henry, LaVerne Horton and Bill Winn assisted Frank with the cooking, Jimmy Lucree won the 50/50 drawing and Kelly and Shirley Cordell taught the 'Roadhawg'.

Congratulations to our FCSC members inducted in to the Florida Shaggers Hall of Fame – Paul Spaulding and Doug Harrington. Lany Beauchamp (Ocala) and Karen Money (Orlando) were also inducted.

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

Shag Rag Advertising

Advertisements in the FCSC Shag Rag will be run for a year beginning with the September/October Shag Rag and **MUST** be 'camera ready' photos. To advertise, contact Linda Fountain at 904-608-4700. Annual rates are:

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

Shag Etiquette Reminders

These helpful hints were written by Kevin Twohig (Charleston Area Shag Society of West Virginia) and published in the CASS Express in July 2000.

1. Asking a partner. it is equally permissible for a woman to ask a man as it is for a man to ask a woman to dance. Take your partner's hand onto the dance floor and at the end of the dance thank your partner.
2. If you don't want to dance, say 'no thank you'. Don't dance with someone else if you just turned down a request to dance. Please, if someone says 'no thanks' do not be persistent, take them at their word.
3. It is not polite to correct your partner on the dance floor. Remember this is a social club (have fun).
4. It is not polite to offer instruction to someone in a social dance setting (or in a dance class if you are not the instructor). Let's face it, you may be the one doing the step wrong. Unless they ask for help or are hurting you, don't teach. If your partner requests help, kindly take them off to the side away from the other social dancers.
5. Dancers bump into the nicest people and it isn't even a contact sport. Be aware of the dancers around you! If you bump into someone, kick someone or step on someone's foot, or if they bump into you, apologize whether it is your fault or theirs. Show concern that no serious injury has occurred. It's a fairly accepted practice that when a collision occurs, apologize EVEN if it wasn't your fault.
6. Dancers use selective floor placement. Find your Spot and keep your Slot! The first person on the floor usually has the right to set the slot of the dance. Dance Small! If you require ½ fo the floor in order to do your thing, you need to change your thing! Nobody likes to be pushed around the floor. Also save the arm waving, clapping and hand dancing for Flag Day as they may end up in another person's face. Sorry, but unless you're on a stage, you're not the only one on the floor.
7. Please step off the dance floor if you're not dancing. If you are drinking a beverage of any kind or smoking, keep off the dance floor because of damage to the floor.
8. Leaders, if dancing with a less experienced partner, keep the steps simple at first and build to the level that your partner can handle. Leading should be defined as 'the art of making your partner comfortable'. Work as a team, don't showboat.
9. Leaders, protect your partner. Since you are directing her movements, you need to be sure to protect her safety.

Shag Etiquetter Reminders (Cont'd)

10. Leaders, if you must count and give verbal leads, keep it low enough that just you and your partner can hear. It can confuse those around you and besides, just because you can count doesn't mean 'you are on the beat'.

Mary Elizabeth Robertson, journalism student, visits FCSC at RCBC.

Mary Elizabeth, sister of member Meredith Robertson, wrote an article about her dance and shag lesson experience at RCBC with the FCSC. Thanks to all of our members for making her feel welcome. Mary Elizabeth will be interning for the Jacksonville Observer and writing a twice weekly column (Tuesday and Friday) about her experiences. The column is called *New Girl in Town*.

You can view her article about the FCSC in full (with pictures) at <http://www.jaxobserver.com/2010/06/13/an-evening-of-shagging-is-always-a-good-time/>.

THE CAROLINA SHAG

The PIVOT, THE BELLY ROLL, AND ALL THOSE OTHER STEPS ARE NOT THE CAROLINA SHAG.
THE CAROLINA SHAG IS HOW YOU PERFORM THE PIVOT, THE BELLY ROLL, AND ALL THOSE OTHER STEPS.

In the world of dance,
Carolina doesn't refer to a
location; Carolina refers to a
style.

The Carolina Shag is
a smooth, graceful dance with
emphasis placed on footwork
rather than turns.



*Demonstrating the Carolina Shag at Ducks
in North Myrtle Beach*

Learn the little secrets and
subtle nuances that create
the look known as the
Carolina Shag.

The Carolina Shag: It's
about execution...execution
...execution.

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Private and group lessons available.
Please contact Ted Bowen at spanktheplanks@live.com for more information.

First Coast Shag Club Party Dates:

2010

- Jan. 30: Cake Walk/Silent Auction, Club Savoy
- March 6: 17th Anniversary Party, Morocco Center
- May 1: Jam Session, River City Brewing Company
- May 29: Party at Club Savoy
- June 19: Party at the Ballroom, Ormond Beach
- July 31: Party at Club Savoy
- Aug. 7: Riverboat Cruise
- Oct. 30: Party at Club Savoy
- Nov. 13: Party at Club Savoy

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- Jan. 29: Cancer Benefit, Club Savoy
- Feb. 5: To be determined
- Feb 19: 18th Anniversary Party

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