

2006 ShagAtlanta Christmas Party Weekend



*Article by Ann McElroy
2006 Co-Vice President - Social*

When ShagAtlanta throws a big party they come from miles around. When it's the Annual Christmas Party Weekend, they come from all over the country. This 24th edition had attendees from the states NC, SC, VA, TN, AL, FL, MO, IL, and more. The Holiday Inn Northeast had been remodeled and the facility really looked great. A big "Thank You" to the hotel staff.

Thursday night was the Early Bird Party. The dancing and socializing got underway with some great music played by Jim Agee.

Friday afternoon, more of the same. Jessie Griffin played some mighty fine music and kept everyone dancing. Guests kept arriving all during the day and by Friday evening it was evident the gang was here and the festivities had begun! The Hospitality Party was Friday evening and the hors d'oeuvres and Champagne Punch prepared by the hotel was enjoyed by the large crowd. The food was just enough to jump start everyone and get them back to the ballroom for more dancing to the music

played by Billy Waldrep and Jerry "Dr. Juice" Munson.

There was a big turnout Saturday afternoon for the free workshop given by Jackie and Charlie. They also coordinated the Jack and Jill Contest, which was held afterwards. Thanks you two, you're great! Congratulations to the winners of the Jack and Jill; Marcia Baynes- Best Female Dancer and John Martin- Best Male Dancer. The buffet dinner served on Saturday night was plentiful and enjoyable. With three entrees, several vegetables, desserts and beverages to choose from I think everyone was content. You would think it would be hard to get back to dancing after a big meal, but it was back to the ballroom for more dancing with Jerry Munson and Billy Waldrep. Later in the evening, at our request, Jackie and Charlie did an exhibition. They are just fascinating to watch.

Congratulations to June Jackson who was the winner of the "Christmas Money Tree" Raffle.

See additional photos on page 8.

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ShagAtlanta meets in the Reunions Lounge of the Marriott Hotel Perimeter Center (located in the Perimeter Mall Area) every Saturday night. In addition, there are quarterly business meetings and regularly scheduled jam sessions. An annual Christmas party is traditionally held the first weekend in December. We invite all Shaggers from the out of town shag clubs to visit our web site at www.shagatlanta.com and see what's happening in our club

Peach Beat Deadline

The next deadline for the Peach Beat is set for April 15. Articles of interest to shaggers and ShagAtlanta, such as shag party experiences, are desired. Recipes and jokes or humorous anecdotes will be considered. Please type your submission in a word processor, such as MSWord, MSWorks or Wordperfect. Save them as a .doc or .txt file. E-mail them to: mwilliford@labsinc.com

President's Message

A brand new year and a brand new Executive Committee ("EC"). We have some big shoes to fill, but I think ShagAtlanta is in good hands and look forward to a year full of good times and great parties.

First, I would like to thank our 2006 EC for all their hard work and dedication to the club: Joe Woodie, Ann McElroy, Donna Ross, Sharon Clark, Mike Williford, Len Cayce, Nena Gavigan, and Richard McElroy Also, thanks to the 2006 Board of Directors: Bettie Wooten-Asip, Director Emeritus; Richard McElroy, Director Emeritus; Mike Williford Past ShagAtlanta President; Joe Woodie, current ShagAtlanta President and At Large: Carol Daniels, Bob Wood, Bob Connell and Kathy Dukes.

Your new members for the 2007 EC are Me ... Debbie Halcomb, President; Barbara Jones, VP Membership; Len & Diane Cayce and Melinda Clemons, co-VPs Social; Mike Williford, VP Communications; Joe Wansley, Treasurer; Nena Gavigan, Secretary, and Rick Sjöholm, Parliamentarian.

Also, Laura Agee, Jenny Munhall and John Nichols were voted to serve as At Large members of the Board of Directors for 2007 and we thank them for accepting this position.

Many thanks too to our Standing Committee Chairpersons for their hard work and many hours of volunteering ... Chuck Herington, Dance Floor; Ann McElroy, Grand Nationals; Richard McElroy, Golf Activities; Mike Williford, Newsletter; Sharon Clark, E-Mail and Phone Tree; Dewitt Hinson, Marriott DJs; Jim Agee, Equipment; Kay Ingalls, Camp Sunshine; Carolyn Wiggins, Photographer; Stan Mislow, Webmaster; Anne J. Henry, SOS Rep; Jimmy Ross, Shag Preservation; and Melinda Clemons, Merchandise.

So here we go with my first President's Message ... our New Year's Eve party was a huge success with a great crowd and good food!! The renewal party was as big as ever with lots of members renewing their membership for 2007 and several new members too. Let's keep in mind that we were new members once too!! Please make these new members feel welcome. Get to know them by talking to them about our club and ask them to dance when they are at the Marriott!!

Len, Diane and Melinda have some great parties planned in the future, the first being our general membership meeting and jam which will be held Sunday, March 4 at Johnny's Hideaway. Please mark that on your calendar because our jams are a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon/evening.

Folks ... we have a great club here and I found that out when I joined and made such great friends. But we could not have a great club if it wasn't for volunteers. I want to thank all the volunteers for their many hours of hard work that it takes to put our jams and parties

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Vice President Communications

Those of you who did not pick up their 2006 ShagAtlanta Yearbook should have received them in the mail by now. Please contact me or Barbara Jones and we'll see that you get one. Everyone looks forward to getting the yearbook each year and, as far as I know, we are the only shag club that produces anything like this. Our club voted several years ago to increase the annual dues \$5.00 to offset most of the cost. While I'm on the subject of the yearbook, I would like to encourage any member whose picture is old, or not reproducing very well, to please show up at one of our parties later in the year and have a new one made with the lights set up properly. Those of you who had your picture taken at the 2006 Camp Sunshine Fundraiser in November, should be able to see the improvement. I will try to be taking members pictures at least twice during the year. Also, on behalf of the officers and members, a big THANK YOU to those members who advertised their businesses on the inside front cover of the 2006 Yearbook.

Each new year, I usually reflect upon the past year and what I was able to accomplish and not accomplish. I'm sure many of you do something similar. Are we standing still, just surviving, or are we moving ahead? Most important to me is being able to come to the Marriott Reunions lounge most Saturday nights to be with my friends in ShagAtlanta. I don't miss an SOS Party at Ocean Drive Beach and I'm usually able to attend 2 or 3 other club's parties during the year. In 2006, I was seen at the Augusta Classic, Shag-A-Rama at Panama City and the Geechee Blast in Charleston. My memories of these parties and the new friends I made there mean a lot to me and will remain with me forever. This shag community of ours is very broad and quite unique. I'm looking forward to an entertaining 2007 in our shag world and I hope you are doing the same.

A sad note: I just learned that we recently lost another wonderful shagger friend, Bill "Santa Claus" Davis, from Wilmington, NC. "Billy" and his lovely wife, Evelyn, have been Harold's regulars for many years and we've seen these two there and perhaps even talked to them and danced with them. The two golden agers were very special together. A truly devoted husband and wife for over a half century. They traveled to Harold's in a motor home and Harold Bessent allowed them to plug it in right outside the front door for the time that they were there. Billy was memorialized recently by the OD Shag Club at Harold's with Evelyn in attendance donning a fake, long white beard doing spotlight dances as Billy for his many friends. When you see Evelyn sitting in her seat at Harold's, be sure to take the time to go over and say hello and introduce yourself.

- Mike

together. But we also need new volunteers and any time that you can spare would be greatly appreciated. We have several committees that are always looking for volunteers. Please call me at 770-338-0212 if you missed our committee sign up sheets at the renewal party and I will explain them all to you.

Also, we have about 300+ members of ShagAtlanta and I sure would like to see all of them at the Marriott supporting THEIR club on Saturday nights. Please come out and be a part of a great community ... SHAG!!!

– Debbie

2007 SHAGATLANTA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January	Re-Up Party Light hors d'ouerves Merchandise on Sale	Saturday Jan 6
February	Valentines Day Party Decorations King and Queen contest	Saturday Feb. 10
March	Winter Jam Session	Sunday Mar. 4
April	No Events Scheduled	
May	GNDC Kickoff/Jam Light hors d'ouerves	Sunday May 20
	GNDC Hospitality Suite Hospitality Breakfast	May 25-27 May 26 & 27
June	Birmingham Bus Trip	TBD
July	No Events Scheduled	
August	No Events Scheduled	
September	Fall Jam Session Covered Dish	Sunday Sep. 9
October	Halloween Party	Saturday Oct. 27
November	Camp Sunshine Fundraiser Election of new officers (yea!) Light hors d'ouerves	Sunday Nov. 18
December	Christmas Party	Thursday Dec 29 Friday Dec 30 Saturday Dec 1
	New Year's Eve Party	Monday Dec 31

Co-Vice Presidents Social

First of all, the new Social Committee has a very hard act to follow!

But we hit the ground running. Since we will not be able to return to the Holiday Inn Doraville for the 2007 Christmas Party, booking a venue for that event was a high priority.

We are happy to announce that we are on the verge of inking a deal with the Holiday Inn Select on Chamblee-Dunwoody Road.

Some of you are already familiar with this hotel, but if you are not, we think that you will love this facility. Renovated in 2005 - there will be plenty of rooms, a great atrium with a nice bar for socializing, and easy access to the ballroom for decorating and installing the floor. Plus - a better area in general, closer to restaurants and closer to shopping (sorry guys). More details to come later in the weekly e-mail.

Next on the to-do list was to book the March Jam session. As of this writing we are looking at Johnny's Hideaway or Smokejack for this event.

Looking ahead and considering the unfortunate closing of the 57th Fighter Group, we also have some good candidates for the Grand National kick-off jam session in May.

In closing we would like to thank all of you for supporting the club at the re-up party and especially those who signed up to help out on the Social Committee.

– Len, Diane, and Melinda

DJ's at the Marriott

Jan. 20	Jessie Griffin	Savannah, GA
Feb. 3	Jim Agee	Lawrenceville, GA
Feb. 10	Billy Waldrep	Roebuck, SC
Feb. 17	Chris Aiken	Laurens, SC
Feb. 24	Farrell Watts	Kanapolis, NC
Mar. 3	Wilkie Whaley	Marion, SC
Mar. 10	Dewitt Hinson	Norcross, GA

(DJ scheduling is always subject to change. See the listing at shagatlanta.com to check the latest DJ schedule.)

Vice President Membership

We are off to a great start for 2007! The re-up party brought many members out to renew their membership, and also brought us some new members. Our current membership is 343, and that includes 15 brand new members. Some of these new members are old friends, but still new members. I hope everybody will welcome our new members and make them feel like they truly belong to our shag family. This club has been good for me and to me, and I think it would be great if everyone who comes to this club, new to the world of shag clubs (and, oh yeah, don't forget the parties!) would come to feel the same way I do. So, please, if you see someone standing around or sitting

down and not dancing, ask them to dance!!! Let's make them be glad they joined and want to come back.

I also want to thank everybody who has helped me in the transition of assuming this position. I can't tell you how wonderful everyone has been. There were a few glitches, but, hopefully they are resolved. If any of you are having problems getting your up-date, or receiving your phone message, please let me know. If I don't know how to fix the problem, I know who to call for help!

– Barbara

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December 21, 2006

Mr. Len B. Cayce
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Dear Mr. Cayce:

On behalf of Camp Sunshine, I would like to thank you for the donation of \$5,063.64 to our program from Shag Atlanta Beach Club. This gift is important in our efforts to serve more families of children with cancer.

Today Camp Sunshine serves over 750 children with cancer and their families, reaching thousands of individuals impacted by childhood cancer. This year we celebrated our 24th annual summer camp with over 375 children attending. Our programs continue throughout the year with family camp weekends, teen retreats, pre-school programs, and sibling camp. Expanded support and educational programs are ongoing at Camp Sunshine House, the first non-residential facility dedicated to the needs of children with cancer and their families. All Camp Sunshine programs are made possible through donations such as this.

We look forward to continued success and appreciate your support for our program.

Sincerely,

Sally Hale
Executive Director

In accordance with IRS regulations, no goods or services have been received in exchange for this donation. IRS Tax ID #58-1872217

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our Shag Atlanta friends this year! We have acknowledged the individuals

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BREAKDOWN OF ACTUAL AMOUNT DONATED FROM SHAGATLANTA'S EFFORTS:

- \$ 5,063.64 Raised at our annual Camp Sunshine fund raiser
- \$ 1,200.00 Donations by ShagAtlanta friends and members to Camp Sunshine (17 donations)
- \$ 400.00 Donations by businesses collected by ShagAtlanta members for Camp Sunshine (3 donations).
- \$ 6,263.64 TOTAL**

2006 Camp Sunshine Fund Raiser



*Linda Turner,
AirTran raffle
ticket winner.*

We had an extraordinary Camp Sunshine fund raiser in 2006 with a total donation to Camp Sunshine of \$6,663.64. The breakdown is shown at the bottom of page 6.

The silent auction, AirTran raffle, and bake sale were a big part of this success.

Many, many thanks to June Jackson for organizing the bake sale. This bake sale brought in \$619.00 which is the largest total we have ever had for a bake sale.

I sent out many, many letters to organizations and every time I received a donation from them, I was so excited that they were taking the time to read our letter and make a contribution Camp Sunshine and the kids.

The silent auction was a big success with contributors such as Durango Steak House, Suzanna's Kitchen, Atlanta Braves, Atlanta Thrashers, Walt Disney World, Currahee Club, Atlanta Zoo, Atlanta Cyclorama, Yellow River Game Ranch and many, many more.

The AirTran raffle was more than we could have ever imagined. ShagAtlanta club members sold \$2,100.00 in tickets. Many thanks to Advanced Barcode & Labeling for their donation of the raffle tickets. The winner of the AirTran certificate for two roundtrip tickets from Atlanta to any AirTran domestic destination was Linda Turner who is an employee of First Bank of Henry County and a co-worker of ShagAtlanta member Donna Ross.

Thank you ShagAtlanta members for your generosity and kindness when it comes to our Camp Sunshine kids.

– Debbie Halcomb

Shag Dance Instructors

ShagAtlanta is indeed fortunate to have several qualified shag instructors in our club. Contact any of them for class schedules or information about private lessons.

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If any other member of ShagAtlanta is offering lessons in shag dancing, please contact the editor for a listing.

Hygienist Wins Suit Over Broken Finger

By Jack Warner, *AJC*

A Roswell dental hygienist whose finger was broken in a shag-dancing twirl has won a \$220,000 jury award – a record for one-finger damages in Georgia.

Linda K. Power's award in Fulton State Court last week was \$200,000 higher than any previously documented award for one broken finger.

The loser was another Roswell resident, Michael D Lastufka, with whom Powers didn't want to dance anyway.

The suit claims that on the night of May 23, 1997, Powers and her husband left their houseboat on Lake Lanier to meet friends at the Marina Beach Club. They gave Lastufka a ride to the club, and once there, the suit said, he "attempted to slow dance with Mrs. Powers, holding her very closely and tightly."

Power, the suit said, told Lastufka she didn't want to dance with him any more, and her husband Kevin warned him off, but Lastufka grabbed her hand and pulled her on the floor, where he "carelessly and negligently gripped (her) hand and moved to twirl her." However, Lastufka maintained his grip on her hand, thus breaking her right ring finger.

After surgery and therapy, Powers' doctors said she could no longer work as a dental hygienist.

Powers' attorney, Eric Hertz, said Thursday that since the injury, the Powers have had a baby boy, and his client has decided to become a full-time mother.

Lastufka's homeowner's insurance is expected to cover the judgment.

Editors note:

As strange as it seems, this was an actual article published in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that was submitted to me recently by Cooper Taylor. Efforts to find the actual date of the article were to no avail. All we do know is the date of the "incident." Many things can be learned from this incident and subsequent lawsuit, but the main thing is that if you are going to try to perform some fancy spinning or turning of your partner while shagging with her, you'd better know what you're doing. This can sometimes be a dangerous dance and you might consider allowing Cooper to show you the proper way to perform turns and spins to avoid injuring someone.

2006 Christmas Party Photos by the editor



2007 SOS Mid-Winter Classic



*Photos by
John Nichols
and
the editor*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

Wayne Raye Feb-02
 Jim Agee Feb-03
 Renee Arnold Feb-06
 Alan Halpern Feb-07
 Rich Kopels Feb-08
 Kathy Dowling Feb-09
 Roy Smith Feb-09
 John Critchfield Feb-10
 Janet Barry Feb-11
 Deryle Merchant Feb-11
 Katherine Meyer Feb-11
 Cliff Capps Feb-13
 Elaine Teague Feb-13
 Barbara Pitkanen Feb-15
 Jerry James Feb-17
 Steve Minshew Feb-17
 Brenda Rice Feb-18
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 Carolyn Molitor Feb-19
 Sandra Singer Feb-19
 Paul Harris Feb-20
 Gary Luff Feb-20
 Arlene Jacobson Feb-22
 Roy Tuck Feb-22
 Barbara Vanstory Feb-24
 Jean Bourn Feb-25
 Karen Blair Feb-28

Ann Stoudenmire Mar-02
 Nena Gavigan Mar-04
 Faye Grady Mar-05
 Linda Dunaway Mar-06
 Mary Ann Small Mar-06
 Scott Coleman Mar-07
 Sue Edmondson Mar-07
 Sandy Taylor Mar-07
 Bobby Infinger Mar-08
 Karen R. Harper Mar-11
 Genny Kelly Mar-12
 Martin Stern Mar-12
 Judy Updike Mar-12
 Joe Woodie Mar-16
 Parris McKenzie Mar-17
 Butch Wiggins Mar-18
 Alan Rachels Mar-19
 John Martin Mar-20
 Glenda New Mar-20
 Chuck Smith Mar-23
 Brenda Barr Mar-24
 Pete Gilyard Mar-24
 Linda Reese Mar-24
 Bill Stafford Mar-25
 Brenda M. Hudson Mar-26
 Robert Kelley Mar-27
 Loretta Radcliff Mar-30
 Kenneth Miller Mar-31
 Freeman Young Mar-31

Richard Morgan Apr-04
 Sarah Caldwell Apr-05
 Linda Terry Apr-05
 Nell Thomas Apr-05
 Jerry Johnson Apr-07
 Danette Burson Apr-08
 Yvonne Parham Apr-08
 Ronald Harris Apr-10
 A.J. Porter Apr-16
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 Dan Bennett Apr-18
 Robbie Pope Apr-18
 Bemis Locklear Apr-19
 Cindy Minshew Apr-23
 Lou Ann Burkeen Apr-24
 Bud Dowling Apr-24
 Carol Leathers Apr-24
 Deborah Barkhurst Apr-25
 Daniel Merriman Apr-25
 Mary Woods Mann Apr-26
 Tony Payne Apr-26
 Fred Morris Apr-29
 Barbara Edmondson Apr-30
 Charles Purcell Apr-30

MARCH

Betty Herington Mar-01
 Ronnie Frost Mar-02
 Allen Henry Mar-02

APRIL

Tom Dulaney Apr-02
 Donna Redfern Apr-02
 Debbie Halcomb Apr-03



GUESS THE MYSTERY SHAGGER

At the suggestion of an unidentified member, we are going to try starting a new little contest in each issue. This member's submission will be the very first installment of "GUESS THE MYSTERY SHAGGER."

The only hints or clues offered: He says this is the time when he first acquired his love of beer and pretty women that has continued to this day.

Contact the editor, Mike Williford, by e-mail with your guess. The first winning guess will receive a free

drink at the Marriott on Saturday night courtesy of the editor.

If you would like to submit a childhood photograph for this contest, please mail it to the editor:

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Your identity will be kept secret. How you were introduced to the shag dance and any clues or hints is optional.



Calendar of Shag Club Events

Feb 9-10: CASC Winter Shag Blast in Wrightsville Beach, NC.. Hosted by Capital Area Shag Club. Location: Blockade Runner, Wrightsville Beach, NC. Time: 5 p.m. until? Cost: \$45. DJ(s): Randy Sting, Gary Gibson, Bill Himes, Jimmy Pearce, Clyde Waller. Come party with us at the beach. There will be food, hospitality room, vendors, shag workshop with instructors Jeff Hargett and Nickki Kontoulas and lots of dancing fun. Reverse raffle with a winner of \$1000.00 on Saturday night. Tickets are selling fast and are limited so don't wait until the deadline because they may not be available at the time. Book your room now and purchase your weekend ticket and join a great party at the beach. We look forward to partying with you in February. Visit our website at www.capitalareashagclub.com for a flyer. Hotel: Blockade Runner Resort 1-800-541-1161. Contact: Deborah Gibson 919-872-5335 or email cascsocial@hotmail.com.

Feb 15-17: 19th Annual Chicken Pickin' by the Sea in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Hosted by Lake Norman Shag Club. Location: OD Arcade and Lounge. Time: Thursday 5 p.m. - 1 a.m., Friday 5 p.m. - 1 a.m., Saturday 3 p.m. - 1 a.m. Cost: \$35. DJ(s): Thursday - Jerry Burrage, John Smith. Friday - Kyle Beam, Butch Metcalf. Saturday - Tootie Brown, Gene Hensley, Ed Timberlake. Hot Dog Dinner Thursday night 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday Free Pour 5-6 p.m. with snacks, Saturday Free Pour 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Chicken Dinner 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Free Workshop with Sam and Lisa West Saturday 3-4 p.m., 50/50 raffle all weekend, Door Prizes, Special Events, Free shot at the door, portion of the proceeds to the Phil Sawyer Foundation. Hotel: Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort, Rates \$69-\$85, Mention LNSC for Special Rates. 1-800-438-9590. Avista Resorts \$55-\$125, Mention Lake Norman Shag Club or Group # 958472 for special rates. 1-800-968-8986. Contact: Brenda Kisner 704-438-1119 email: Kisners2@aol.com, or Pam Bundy 704-822-6861 email: bundyj@bellsouth.net.

Feb. 23-24: 2007 ACSC Winter Workshop - Doin' the Charleston in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Hosted by Islander Shag Club. Location: Omar Shrine Center. Cost: \$50 per person before December 31, 2006, after December 31 cost is \$60 per person. Day tickets available for \$30. DJ(s): Jim Bowers, Betty Brown, Larry 'Catfish' Calhoun, Murl Augustine and Mike Rink. Shag workshop Saturday by Ellen Taylor. Great DJ's and food all weekend. Shuttle service provided. Early Bird Party Thursday the 22nd at JB Pivots, Time: 7 p.m. Hotels: Sleep Inn - 843-856-5000 ISC Workshop, King, Queen, and Double: \$89/ night includes breakfast. Quality Inn at Patriot's Point - 843-856-8817 - Shag Workshop, Standards: \$74/ night Queen and Queen. Suites \$84/ night. Price includes breakfast. Holiday Inn Patriot's Point 843-884-6000 - ISC Shag Workshop - Queen \$92/ night. Rates for rooms apply until January 23rd. Flyer at www.islandersshagclub.com Contact: Nancy Strother 843-762-0850 nancystrother@aol.com or Mike Burnett 843-475-8964 iscnews@comcast.net.

April 5-8: Smoky Mountain Boogie IX in Pigeon Forge, TN. Hosted by Smoky Mountain Shaggers. Location: Music Road Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN. Time:

Thursday 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., Friday 2:30 to 1 a.m., Saturday 2:30 to 1 a.m. Cost: \$55. DJ(s): Larry "Big Fish" Calhoun, Rich Kopels, Ed Timberlake, Chris Aiken. Enlarged dance hall with 3200 sq. ft. of wooden dance floor. Smoke free event. 50/50 drawing. Free workshops. Vendors. BYOB. Tables and chairs for all. Free set ups. Free beer, soft drinks and water. Meal Friday and Saturday. Free pours. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Tickets go up to \$65 after January 31st, 2007. Free breakfast at hotels. The dance hall is connected to Music Road Hotel. Music Road Inn is located across the street. Pigeon Forge Trolley stops at the convention center for easy access to other Pigeon Forge location, including Gatlinburg. Hotel: Music Road Hotel and Convention Center. 800-429-7700. For flyer and registration form please go to www.smokymountainshaggers.com Contact: Bill Hughes 865-291-7941 or email metaltiger@comcast.net.

April 21-29 Spring Safari Hosted by SOS
Location: Ocean Drive, NMB
Time: 12 noon - 4 a.m. daily
Cost: SOS membership (\$35)
DJ: Numerous - see each SOS Club Schedule.
All SOS Clubs open at noon each day and have dancing until 4 a.m. Each club offers many venues during SOS. Each club will post their schedules of events in the Carefree Times, and on this website. This schedule of events will posted a week prior to the beginning of SOS. The highlight of Spring Safari is our annual parade on the last Saturday April 28th. You must be twenty-one (21) years of age to attend this party. Contact: Ron Whisenant 888-767-3113 & 803-371-4731 or email rwhisen686@comporium.net.

May 31 June 1-3: Southern Comfort X in Columbia, SC. Hosted by Palmetto Shag Club. Location: Jamil Shrine Temple. Cost: \$50 prior to April 1st. Contact: chickmims@almeaonline.com

June 8-10: Sand Gnat Shag-A-Ganza in Jekyll Island, Ga. Hosted by Golden Isles Shag Club. Time: Registration opens 12 p.m. Friday June 8. Cost: \$50 per person til May 1st, \$60 after that. DJ: Paul Spalding, Jim Bowers, Murl Augustine and Betty Brown. Kick off party for early arrivals on Thursday night June 7 at Ziggy Mahoney's on Frederica Road, St. Simons Island, GA. Pool parties Friday and Saturday, Free shag workshop, free Friday night munchies, great Saturday evening meal, and top hospitality room. Hotel: Jekyll Oceanfront Resort, N Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, Ga. Phone: 800-736-1046. Party Contact: Wayne and Judy Bennett 912-267-9077 or email shagdancers@bellsouth.net.

June 9: New Beginnings Party in Gastonia, NC. Hosted by Gaston Shaggers, Inc. Location: Absher-Flowers VFW, Hwy 29-74 W. Gastonia, NC. Time: 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost: \$4 members, \$6 guests. DJ: Eddie Teeter. Party Contact: Patsy Fuller 704-827-1770 or email patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com.

NOTE: This is only a partial listing of the various shag club parties. One day parties and parties that would conflict with ShagAtlanta's parties are not listed. Go to shagdance.com for a complete listing.

Membership Meeting and Jam Session

Sunday afternoon, March 4th

2:00 – 7:00 pm

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