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the BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BOOGIE

IN NORTH WILKESBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Yes oh yes.... It's S.O.S. !!!

No, not a call for distress – but a call for a big party!!!

Myrtle Beach bound to the Society of Stranders – better known as S.O.S.- I call it “Shaggin’ on the Sand,” but my feet never hit the sand, only the dance floor at Fat Harold’s, Duck’s, OD Arcade, Pirates Cove, OD Café and more! I put at least 10,000 miles on my dance shoes the week of S.O.S.

For those times that we aren’t at the beach, or let’s just say that at any time....S.O.S can be, “Spirit of Shag”, where it really doesn’t matter where you dance....just that you dance! Wherever life may find you, keep that spirit going! Those of us at the beach, will miss the wonderful tunes that that our very own member George Brown will spin! As you peruse the newsletter, you’ll learn more about DeeJay Brown!

The Spring Safari in April and the Fall Migration in September each hosts 10 days of magic with beach music, shaggin,’ sun and fun. When you come home, you have many new friends, new dance steps and tired feet.

Whether you’re taking lessons from some of the all time greats, Sam & Lisa West, Jackie McGee & Charlie Womble, or Ellen Taylor or picking up steps from a new-found friend, you are sure to be having a time like non other!

There are parties all week, and free food and drinks if you hit the right spot at the right time! Our first stop is to get the ‘carefree times’ magazine which gives you the agenda for the 10 days of partying, lessons, bands, dee jays and where to go!

Pirates Cove has “Gospel” shag on Sunday, and usually they will serve shrimp and grits (free) for brunch – now that draws a crowd! The Gospel shag music is a hit, and the shrimp and grits hit the spot. Try it out if you are there!

Special thanks to Patsy and Tim Hauser for decorating for our dance and for stepping in to fill our dancin’ shoes while we are away! Have a blessed evening and remember, “I hope you Dance.”

Sincerely,
Pat Hicks
Prez



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News Flash!!!
Help “Crack” the
Case
MISSING!!!
Prez Hicks
the hunt is on!





They are Eggs-Tra Special...



Did you know?

That George was an officer in the Army and served our country in Vietnam?

That petite Janet is a former New York State Women's Amateur Archery Champ?

Meet Janet Shanahan, born in West "By God" Virginia (stated by Janet)! We are delighted that Janet has made her way to Wilkesboro where she has made her home since her retirement in 2006. This dainty, "Biker Babe," is mother to Debra, John, Earl and Alisa and grandmother to 11 wonderful grandchildren, one of which will enter med school this fall! Her family doesn't stop there. Janet has a love of dachshunds and to prove it, Max, Heidi, and Kaiser share her home!

Receiving her degree in Business Administration from Pace University, Janet held a variety of job titles over a career of 35 years, serving once for a large conglomerate in New England as Treasury Administration Manager. She now spends her time enjoying shag, line and ballroom dancing. No chance of Janet getting bored! When she's not dancing, she takes delight in crocheting, knitting, quilting, singing, cooking, working crossword puzzles, walking and working in her yard.

Janet first learned to dance in 2007 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church by BMSC members. She also is a member of Boone and Morganton shag clubs. Her favorite tunes, spun by her favorite DeeJay George Brown, include, "Happy Ever After" and "Love Don't Come No Stronger." It's apparent that Janet lives her life similar to her favorite Psalms, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

In comes beau DeeJay George Brown, significant other to Janet for the past two years. George was born in Richmond, VA and arrived in Boone via Lumberton in 1995. George is not a newcomer to North Carolina, as he attended college and graduated as an NC State Wolfpack! Upon his arrival in Boone, George opened The Brown House, featuring wild bird supplies and gifts. He has two children, Bonnie and George "Tripp." There are no grandchildren as in the Brown household yet, but George is still holding out hope!

George has a love of music and took shag lessons about 12 years ago, enjoying dancing ever since. Holding office at the Boone Shag Club for over six years where he has taught dance lessons and spun tunes, he finds time to be a member of our fine BMSC! His favorite shag song is, "One Way Love" by the *Drifters*.

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They Found a Golden Egg...



Did you know?

That in the early 70's when the first POW's came back from Vietnam, Earl & Frances went to the Norfolk Naval Air Station at 2:30 AM (in the cold rain) to help welcome them home as heroes. John McCain was one of those they welcomed. When the plane started to land, the crowd began singing "God Bless America," and everyone was crying and feeling so proud. They will treasure that memory forever.

If you want to meet a classy couple, then let me introduce you to Frances and Earl Brewer! Earl was born and raised in the Suffolk, VA area, and although Frances was born in Portland, ME they both attended the same high school in Portsmouth, VA. It took another 10 years, after Earl finished college and returned from the Navy Reserves in Pensacola, for the two to meet at Virginia Beach through a mutual friend. That was in July 1970, and after dating for only two months, they became engaged and then married about six months later. And now, a little over 40 years (!!) later, here they are in Wilkes County.

The Brewers first moved to Wilkes County about 25 years ago. Earl is a CPA with a Masters in Taxation from ASU. He is a graduate of Emory & Henry College in Southwest Virginia (near Abingdon) and also attended Old Dominion University in Norfolk for post-grad accounting studies. His specialty for over 30 years was large corporation taxes. Earl worked for Lowe's for about eight years, and then went to LADD Furniture Co. in Greensboro another eight years, until they were acquired by La-Z-Boy in late '99. About a year later, his former LADD CFO-boss asked Earl to join him in Atlanta to work for Simmons (Beautyrest) Co., where he was a Senior VP until retiring 12/31/10. Always knowing that the Brushy Mountains would be the home they'd like to retire to, they kept their house in Wilkes. For 18 years though, they lived the 'commuting' lifestyle, with a house here and a house, condo, or apartment in the Triad or in Atlanta, wherever Earl worked. Frances became a pro at creating a home wherever they landed.

Frances and Earl are really enjoying themselves now, staying fairly close to home, and shagging on the weekends. They can be found dancing at a variety of clubs, including BMSC, W-S, Boone, Sandy Beach, Land Harbor, as well as a few others. "I Need You Now" by Lady Antebellum is Frances' favorite shag song, and the Navy in Earl has him shagging to the tunes of, "Slow Boat to China" by Ronnie Dove. The couple grew-up dancing/shagging in the Tidewater area of VA, Norfolk-Portsmouth-Virginia Beach, and think their style may be a little different than folks around here. We are so glad that Frances and Earl joined our very own BMSC a couple of years ago, after joining the Winston shag club three years ago. They find dancing a lot of fun and enjoy seeing so many nice folks who share the same 'need to shag'.

When the Brewers aren't dancing, they have many other hobbies that keep them busy. They find working in the yard, landscape gardening, etc. extremely enjoyable. They also enjoy eating out and taking day-trips shopping and sight-seeing. While Earl likes playing golf, Frances prefers arts & crafts, painting/decorating, decoupage, and jewelry making. Oh yes....did I mention that she has an ultimate love of "SHOPPING?" She is also a voracious reader.

Frances and Earl may not have any two-legged children, but they've always been big-time animal lovers. At one time many years ago, they had 5 cats and 2 dogs --- at the same time! They now have only one cat, Rosie, now 18 and recently diagnosed with diabetes, needing two shots a day, 12 hours apart. That sort of limits their ability to travel longer distances, but it's a sacrifice they are more than willing to make.

When asked her favorite saying, Frances responded that although her mother always said, "Frances, behind every cloud.....is another cloud," she considers herself more of a pragmatist, while Earl is the ultimate optimist.

BIRTHDAYS



APRIL

Lois Byrd
Susan Christenbury
Patsy Hauser
Greg Luck
Jimmy Pittman
Sue Ritzotti
George Schieren
Preston Taylor

MAY

Dennis Brown
Marcia Conley
Mary Earley
Larry Huneycutt
Joe Samuel
Dale Younger

Sunshine News



- Special prayers to Faye Ayers' sister, Brenda, who is undergoing chemotherapy
- Congrats to Marcia & Jim Conley's son, Patrick for his upcoming graduation in May from NCSU!
- Welcome Saint Paddy's Day baby, Jayden Lynn, precious granddaughter of Judy Walker



Email Pat or Judy any news to be shared.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - THROUGH MAY

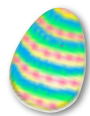
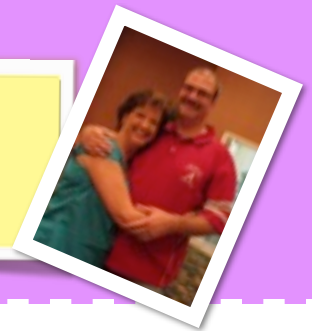
Date	Event	Location	Time	DJ/Band
Friday-Sunday April 8-17	SOS Spring Safari	North Myrtle Beach, SC		
Friday, April 8	Statesville Shag Club	Statesville VFW Post 2031	8:00 -11:30	Roy Childress
Saturday, April 16	Why Don't We Just Dance	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 -11:00	George Brown
Friday, April 22	Statesville Shag Club	Statesville VFW Post 2031	8:00 -11:30	Bigfish Calhoun
Friday, April 28	Band of Oz (\$10 each)	Blackmon Theatre Mount Airy	7:30 -10:00	Band of Oz
Saturday, April 29	Coastline Band (\$10 each)	Blackmon Theatre, MA	7:30 -10:00	Coastline Band
Thursday, May 5	Black and Blue (\$10 each)	Blackmon Theatre, MA	7:30 -10:00	Black and Blue
Friday, May 6	Legends of Beach (\$10 each)	Blackmon Theatre, MA	7:30 -10:00	Legends of Beach
Friday, May 13	The Tams	Blackmon Theatre, M	7:30 -10:00	The Tams
Friday, May 13	Statesville Shag Club	Statesville VFW Post 2031	8:00 -11:30	Randy Roland
Saturday, May 14	Celebrate Mother's in May	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 -11:00	Danny Kimrey
Friday, May 20	Too Much Sylvia (\$10 each)	Blackmon Theatre, MA	7:30 -10:00	Too Much Sylvia
Saturday, May 21	Sandy Beach Shag Club	Morganton Elk's Lodge	7:30 -11:30	Kyle Beam
Saturday, May 21	Yadkin Valley Wine Festival	Elkin	11:00 -6:00 3:00-6:00	Mixed Emotions
Thursday, May 26	The Embers	Blackmon Theatre, MA	7:30 -10:00	The Embers
Friday, May 27	The Fantastic Shakers (\$10)	Blackmon Theatre, MA	7:30 -10:00	Fantastic Shakers
Friday, May 27	Statesville Shag Club	Statesville VFW Post 2031	8:00 -11:30	Gene Sistare
Saturday, May 28	Linville Land Harbor Dance	Linville Recreation Center	7:30 -11:00	Steve Coley

Continue to check emails for dance reminders. Our intent is to publish as many events as possible, but with so many events across the area, it is often difficult to include everything.



Don't Forget to Support Brushy Mountain Shag

Membership - \$15
Half and Half Tickets Available
Support All Shag Clubs
Bring those Yummy Desserts



Case Solved!! Prez Hicks found shaggin,
taking lessons and having a great time at
SOS!!!

