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BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BOOGIE

IN NORTH WILKESBORO, NORTH CAROLINA



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### Welcome 2012!

As we begin 2012, I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone for a great year with BMSC! An additional congratulations to all newly elected board members and officers! We've certainly had a lot of fun dancing, and we can be proud of the funds we have raised to support our community!

In 2011, we made contributions to the following charities and organizations:

- 1) Blue Ridge Opportunities Council (BROC) \$1,000 donated in February plus \$1,000 donation in November from our Silent Auction proceeds
- 2) Care Net, a United Way of Wilkes Partner Agency - \$500 donated in February
- 3) Samaritans Kitchen - \$500 donated in February plus \$1,000 in November from our Silent Auction proceeds as well as 259 pounds of food
- 4) Hospice of Wilkes - \$1,000 in November from our Silent Auction proceeds
- 5) Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) - \$1,414 donated in November from our Silent Auction proceeds and from free shag lessons in honor of our BMSC honorary lifetime member, Josh Severt
- 6) Communities in Schools (CIS) Friends of Youth (FOY) - \$200 donated in May for their annual activity for underprivileged kids
- 7) Crazy Eights Junior Shag Team - sponsored by Ashley and Tobitha Stewart - \$100 donation to help minimize the parent's costs associated with shag team competition thereby "keeping the dance alive"
- 8) WSGE 91.7 Radio Station - \$100 donation to the beach music radio station playing all the shag music we love

BMSC has done outstanding work, please give yourself a big hand for your participation in our great shag club!

Our membership grew to 132 in 2011, and as we begin a new year I look forward to seeing you all again. That means it is also time to re-up or join BMSC! The annual fee remains at \$15, which includes a Christmas dinner, and lowers the cost per dance to \$5 versus \$7 for non-members. You are guaranteed to have a good time in a safe environment, dancing to great tunes played by great deejays.

*Pat Hicks*



# A Recap of 2011



- Revamped our BMSC **W**eb site by Andy Massengill and Bill McLeod (brushymountainshag.com)
- Established the Brushy Mountain Boogie Newsletter, **f**eaturing our club members and events
- Introduced the Brushy Mountain Boogie **L**ine-dance, choreographed by our own Becky Doran
- Danced at the **C**ommunities in School (CIS) fundraiser, "Texas Night Out"
- Visited the Friends of the Library and held a shag demonstration for junior shaggers and others, while **p**roviding a brief history of shag dancing and beach music
- Provided free shag lessons by BMSC members in exchange for club **m**embership
- Danced for the residents of the Wes **T**wood Hills Nursing Home
- Members, Ronnie and Kathy Bunnells, donated 50/50 winnings to the Alleghany County "Dancing with the Stars" fundrasier, directly benefiting a **w**orthy Alleghany High School student
- **L**earne**D** about the history of the BMSC and how the club was formed
- Joined the National Fast Dance Association and **b**ecame licensed under ASCAP (American Composers, Authors and Publishers), thus protecting BMSC from fines and allowing our club to play music at our dances
- Made history at Fall SOS in N. Myrtle Beach by setting a record for having the most shag **d**ancers in one place at one time, becoming a part of the Guinness World Record
- Trekked to SmartStart giving a shag demonstration and brief shag lesson in an effort to entice junior shaggers to **d**ance
- Headed to Sparkle City in Spartanburg , receiving second place with the most members attending from a shag club....all while having a wonderful tim**e**
- Raised dollars for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation while "shagging for a cure" at Oakwoods Country Club in honor and love of our honorary life-time member, Josh Severt**!!!**

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# A time of Thanks



## BIRTHDAYS



### JANUARY

George Brown  
Cindy Caudle  
Phillip Church  
Doug Jones  
Mike Mizerak  
Kim Newman  
Janet Shanahan  
Donna Solana

### FEBRUARY

Ronnie Bunnells  
Mike Butler  
Tim Davis  
Kenneth Foster  
Steve Foster  
Brian Gilliam  
Tim Hauser  
Pat Hicks  
Becky Jones  
Mike Kemp  
Norma Laws  
Andy Royall  
Wanda Shew  
Delita Staley  
Steve Staley  
Steve Thomasson  
Johnny Worley

Just as Hillary Clinton said in her presidential campaign in 2007, "It takes a village to raise a child," the same rings true that it takes an entire group to make a successful shag club. Brushy Mountain Shag Club would not be the success it is today if it had not been for the entire membership making the club work! Without each of you showing up to dance each month, we wouldn't have reason to dance!

We would like to offer our additional gratitude for the great service and assistance provided by all of our members. A special thanks to Josh Severt for being at every dance to pull the lucky 50/50 number and the dessert drawings. Josh does a great job and always has a smile for us, we hope to see him at every dance during 2012! To highlight just a few of our member contributions: first, thanks to all of those who have contributed to newsletter profiles; to those who have brought desserts to dances; to all of you who work to sign in members and guests, as well as you all who have worked to sell 50/50 tickets - we've certainly had a winning year! To those of you who arrive early to help set up our dances - we wouldn't be able to have such great dances without you! Thank you to Andy Massengill for your work as official BMSC photographer in helping to record those events as well! Thanks to Judy Walker for an outstanding newsletter enjoyed by all! We encourage each of you to contribute to the newsletter, either through a profile or by adding news or pictures. The newsletter will have greater meaning if the information comes from a variety of sources. To all of you who have donated your time to give shag lessons, and to all who have participated in our community events, your help is very appreciated and is crucial to keeping shag alive! To our deejays, we certainly have the best around, thank you for your hard work! To all others who have served in the club, and those who have simply been involved in the day to day activities that help keep us going, your efforts are greatly appreciated!

We are fortunate to have an outstanding group of people in BMSC that allows us to have a great time and be an important part of the community. We hope all of you are able to continue this incredible level of support for BMSC, and encourage everyone to become involved in community and club events that they think they would enjoy or would like to promote. Last, our thoughts and love go out to those who have lost loved ones, to the brave who are fighting illness, to the strong who overcome life's obstacles, and to new births in our families bringing new life.



### In Sympathy & Love

- In the death of Becky Doran's mother & Patricia Park's father
- **Comfort Thoughts**
- To all those sick, under the weather, or going through difficult times
- **Congrats** to Robin & John in their marriage



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - THROUGH JUNE 2012

Saturday, January 14	BMSC Re-UP Party	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 - 11:00	DJ Frank Price
January 12-15	SOS Mid Winter	N. Myrtle Beach, SC		
Friday, January 27	Statesville Shag Club	VFW Statesville, NC	8:00 - 11:30	DJ Gene Hensley
Friday, February 10	Statesville Shag Club	VFW Statesville, NC	8:00 - 11:30	DJ Frank Price
Saturday, February 18	BMSC Valentine Dance	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 - 11:00	DJ Gene Sistare
Friday, February 24	Statesville Shag Club	VFW Statesville, NC	8:00 - 11:30	DJ Gene Sistare
Friday, March 9	Statesville Shag Club	VFW Statesville, NC	8:00 - 11:30	DJ Roy Childress
Saturday, March 17	BMSC Dance	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 - 11:00	DJ Gene Hensley
Friday, March 23	Statesville Shag Club	VFW Statesville, NC	8:00 - 11:30	DJ Norman Mills
Saturday, April 14	BMSC Dance	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 - 11:00	DJ Steve Coley
Fri-Sun, April 20-29	SOS Spring Safari	N. Myrtle Beach, SC		
Saturday, May 19	BMSC Dance	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 - 11:00	DJ Norman Mills
Saturday, May 19	Yadkin Valley Wine Festival	Elkin, NC		
Saturday, May 26	Linville Land Harbor	Linville, NC		
Saturday, June 23	BMSC Dance			DJ Big Fish Calhoun

### *Dancing at Oakwoods Country Club*

We will be dancing from 5-7 pm the third Sunday of each Month! This is a great time to socialize with BMSC and OCC friends, listen to good music and dance.

Oakwoods Lounge will be open, and there is NO charge to come into the club and dance

To find out about upcoming dance lessons, check your email or contact Pat Hicks for information on the various lessons planned



Don't Forget to Support Brushy Mountain Shag  
Membership - \$15 - SOS Cards Available for \$30 (see Pat Hicks)  
Door Prizes Available - Support Area Shag Clubs - Bring those Yummy Desserts