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# the BRUSHY MOUNTAIN BOOGIE

IN NORTH WILKESBORO, NORTH CAROLINA



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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*Whether Lent, Mardi Gras, Saint Patrick's Day...*

March is a season of *celebration!*

Let us not forget that, "People are always in good company when they are doing what they really enjoy."-- Samuel Butler. Here at the Brushy Mountain Shag Club, take one look around and you'll notice that this group of wonderful individuals are enjoying their dancing!

We welcome the many new couples that have come out for Tuesday night beginner shag lessons at the Elks Lodge. We were simply overjoyed when 30+ people responded to the recent ad in the Wilkes Journal Patriot and are hopeful that these newcomers will come out and see for themselves just how much fun our BMSC members have when we get together! We encourage our new friends to take advantage of the bargain of joining our club for just \$15 a year (and this includes a Christmas dinner worth that and more)!!! Tonight these newcomers get in free of charge! Gary and Becky Doran are also offering lessons at St. Paul's Church and we are doubly blessed to be able to reach so many potential shaggers! Join us at 7:15 before our dance and you can learn a new line dance, taught by our own talented Becky Doran!

Eddie and I recently represented our shag club at The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs, Inc. (ACSC) Winter Workshop in Columbia, South Carolina. Events such as this provide a venue for communication between shag clubs which is vital for promoting and preserving beach music and shag dancing!

We hope you are with us tonight, Saturday, March 12, as we eagerly await the arrival of spring. Enjoy the wonderful tunes of DJ Roy Childress, support our club by purchasing 50/50 tickets, and take time to get to know your club members! Special thanks to the Tetzlaff's and Younger's for heading up this dance with decorations!

Sincerely,  
*Pat*  
Prez Hicks



# Riches Come in Many Forms



## Did you know?

That Shirlene is devoted to helping the homeless find housing, food and clothing?

That Josh and Shirlene are *celebrating* March birthdays?

A Wilkes County Native, Shirlene Severt was born in Wilkes County, graduated from North Wilkes High School, and worked in the afternoons in a small ice cream shop to help support her youngest brother so he would have the things others had! Shirlene never missed a day in school, and attended classes at Wilkes Community College studying law and psychology. The family moved to W VA where Shirlene began work at the VA hospital in the outpatient Pharmacy and later into computers. Her spouse was a coal miner and naturally she followed him. This proved to be a great move for the family! After 13 years they transferred back to NC where she began work at the Social Security Adm., working 31 years with the federal government!!!

Shirlene started shag lessons with Joe and Lisa Samuel two years ago and loves learning new steps! She loves spending time at our events, always having a great time! Shirlene states that she doesn't have a favorite shag tune but could sit and listen day and night to, "Board Walk Angel." There are many things that put a smile on her face, but her private smile is when she gets up each night between 1:00-3:00 AM to watch Josh as he sleeps. She sees his perfect face and thanks GOD every day for him!



Our honorary lifetime member, Josh, loves to ride 4 wheelers, play basketball, and visit Tweetsie and Disney World. Josh loves everyone and has a smile for everyone he meets. He loves to sing and dance, especially the Twist! Josh really enjoys eating out, although his Mom is not sure where he thinks the money comes from. When his singing becomes a little more than Mom can handle, Josh heads outdoors so he can sing to the dog, his favorite miniature Dachshund!

Shirlene states, "At the end of my day it is a comfort to think that I have made a difference in someone's life." On behalf of BMSC, I can say with certainty, that it's our club that benefits from the difference these two members have made in our lives! If you haven't had an opportunity to dance with Josh, do so and you are sure to experience a joy like non other!

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# Soaring to New Heights



*“Let’s Keep Dancing”*

*- Kathy Bunnell*

## **Did you know?**

*That upon his retirement, Ronnie pledged to give Kathy all that she wanted?*

*That Kathy and Ronnie have been together since he was 16 and she was just 15?*

## BIRTHDAYS



### MARCH

Earl Brewer  
Kathy Bunnells  
Judy Davidson  
Gene Hensley  
Doug Laws  
Josh Severt  
Shirlene Severt  
Phil Tomlinson

### APRIL

Lois Byrd  
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## Sunshine News



### In Thought & Prayer

A speedy recovery to:

- Zana Younger’s Mother
- Elaine Royall (cracked elbow)
- Elaine’s Mom (bad cut)
- Andy Royall (recovering from heel injury sustained at fall SOS)
- Special prayers to Faye Ayers’ sister, Brenda, who is undergoing chemo

Email Pat or Judy any news to be shared.

Meet the Bunnells! Kathy and Ronnie have been *celebrating* married life for over 42 years! BMSC members from time to time have been able to get a glimpse of Ronnie stealing a kiss from Kathy as they are enjoying beach music! They have been blessed with two daughters, Brandy (husband, Mike) and Dawn (husband, Mark) and three granddaughters, Abby, Lauren and Madison. Apparently girls RULE around the Bunnells’ household! Ronnie is the middle child of 3 boys, born and raised in Fayetteville, NC. Kathy, on the other hand, is the oldest of 7 children born in California. The two met when Kathy’s father (a Green Beret) was stationed at Ft. Bragg.

Ronnie always dreamed of being a State Trooper and in 1974 he began his 30-year career with the NCSHP! In 1976 they put a transfer in for Avery County and have been there ever since! Ashe County was the right choice for the Bunnells! Ronnie retired from the NCSHP in 2002 where he was also an instructor for high speed pursuit driving. He now teaches a defensive driving course through the DA’s office for traffic violations. Kathy was a dental assistant. In 1985, Ronnie & Kathy decided to open a dry cleaners in Avery Co., because there wasn’t one. Today Invershiel Cleaners is 26 yrs. old with locations in Banner Elk and Boone. Kathy is now semi-retired. Daughter Dawn now owns Invershiel Cleaners. Dawn’s husband Mark is also a State Trooper and a helicopter pilot for the NCSHP. Their daughter Brandy has gone back to school to be a RN. Brandy’s husband Mike is a truck driver.

LISTEN up guys! Ronnie apparently knows the secret to a long and happy marriage! He has pledged to give Kathy all that she wants since retiring and to make her happy. Kathy wanted to go skydiving, so Ronnie arranged for a trooper who was a Golden Knight to go with Kathy. Twice now at 13,000 ft. they have soared through the sky. Next it will be tandem hang gliding and hot air balloon ride in New Mexico. Throughout the 42 years of wonderful marriage, Ronnie refused to ever go dancing or to learn to dance. Finally, last year Ronnie surprised Kathy and suggested that they go to shag lessons taught by Pat and Eddie Hicks. According to Kathy, Pat and Eddie have encouraged him and answered her dreams!

The Bunnells may be new to our club, but in the short time they have been with us, we have learned what wonderful people these two folks are. Some might call it *“Irish Luck,”* but we’ve learned that Ronnie has a knack for getting the winning 50/50 ticket! Rather than lining their own pockets, the Bunnells turned around and gave their latest winnings to Susan Irwin to support the Alleghany Education Foundation.

*“To bless is to recognize the blessing that has already been received”--Alan Cohen. Our club only gets better with members like the Bunnells!*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - THROUGH JULY

Date	Event	Location	Time	DJ/Band
Saturday, March 12 (not 19th)	Spring Shag at BMSC & Cruise	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 -11:00	Roy Childress
Thursday-Saturday March 17-19	Smoky Mountain Boogie	Holiday Inn Resort Pigeon Forge, TN		
Saturday, March 19	Return to the Roadhouse Blues (benefit for the Children's Security Blanket)	Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium Arena	7:00 p.m.	Delbert McClinton
Friday-Saturday March 25-26	Capital City Shag Extravaganza 2	Columbia, SC		
Saturday, March 26	Dancin' with the Stars (Alleghany Education Foundation)	Silver Dollar Music Park Sparta, NC		Featuring our own STARS Susan and Barry Irwin
Friday-Sunday April 8-17	SOS Spring Safari	North Myrtle Beach, SC		
Saturday, April 16	Why Don't We Just Dance	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 -11:00	George Brown
Saturday, May 14	<i>Celebrate</i> Mother's in May	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 -11:00	Danny Kimrey
Saturday, May 21	Yadkin Valley Wine Festival	Elkin, NC		
Saturday, May 28	Linville Land Harbor Dance	Linville, NC		
Saturday, June 18	Spotlight On Father's in June	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 -11:00	Steve Coley
Friday-Sunday July 8-10	ACSC Summer Workshop	Augusta, GA		
Saturday, July 16	Luau & Tiki Party	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 -11:00	Gene Sistare
Friday-Sunday July 22-24	Sparkle City Celebration	Spartanburg, SC		
Saturday, July 30	Linville Land Harbor Dance	Linville, NC		

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