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Fat Harold's co-owner dies Friday afternoon

The co-owner of iconic North Myrtle Beach nightspot Fat Harold's Beach Club and one of two men responsible for the shag being named the state dance of South Carolina died at 2 p.m. Friday, his business partner said.

Harold Bessent, 82, died after a long period of declining health, said Harold Worley, who co-founded the club with Bessent in the 1980s.

"He was a real humanitarian," Worley said. "He never met a stranger."

Bessent was a quiet, but significant contributor to Camp Kemo, a facility for children with terminal cancer, near Columbia, said Shannon Briggs, the North Myrtle Beach Club's manager for 18 years.

She said he earned a national award for the millions of dollars he raised for the camp and was a member of the Shriner's Millionaire Club because of the money he donated to the care of sick children.

Briggs said Bessent had a grandson who died of cancer.

Bessent and his sister, who lives in Chapin, were separated as children, Briggs said, although she wasn't sure why. She was raised in Conway and he grew up with relatives in Little River.

"He kept the shag alive," Briggs said of another of Bessent's passions.

The dance was the centerpiece of Fat Harold's and was an annual Grand Strand celebration after Bessent co-founded the Society of Stranders in the early 1980s.

If Bessent couldn't remember your name, Briggs said, you would be called "Bo" if you were a man and "Shug" if a woman.

She said there is an annual Fat Harold's Day in North Myrtle Beach and Memphis, Tenn., where a friend of Bessent's owned a club on the famous blues strip of Beale Street.

Bessent appeared in the movie "Shag," which starred Bridget Fonda, and was filmed at the Spanish Galleon, which Bessent co-owned before selling it to Worley in 1980. Bessent's authorized biography, "Fat Harold, The Legendary King of Shag," was published in 2012.

"He lived for the shag," Briggs said.

Worley said he and Bessent spoke last year about what should happen at the club if Bessent passed away.

Worley said it was Bessent's wish that the club remain open for its regular hours, only close for the funeral and then reopen afterward for good food and good conversation. Worley confirmed that Bessent's wish will be fulfilled.



Now you know a little more about the man and Shaggin Icon



May Birthdays

April New Members

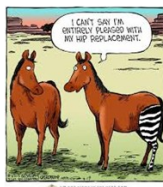
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5/21 C.B. Wolfe
5/24 Ann Sigmon
5/27 Vann Simpson
5/28 Nelson Teague

Tammy Burris
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Vann Simpson
Bonnie Vasseur

*Note: Birthday Babies get in FREE!

2017 YTD Membership: 81



We have had some great parties this year with our average attendance of 80 folks. Let's continue having fun... keeps you young and frisky!!! If you have a suggestion for our club, please talk with a Board member.

May is Kentucky Derby time BUT there will be another important event. I am hosting my 10th anniversary of my 60TH birthday. I have invited family & friends from all over. Some may even show up. I need all the assistance, understanding and smiling faces on this birthday! Billy Waldrep will be the DJ and there is no doubt Billy will be playing great music.

Remember "Volunteer – Make a Friend"

See you on the dance floor!!

Your Prez,

Ann

Some pictures from Spring Safari



Walt & Beth Graves



Debbie & Mike Pace



Wild Bill & Judy



Tootie & Maxine Brown
w/Mike Honeycutt



Judy & 'HOF' Don Bunn



** Stay tuned for more stories/pics from the Shag World **



Club Member News



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**Editor's
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Editor's 'My Ole Kentucky Home' racing news

























If you have never been or even watched the Kentucky Derby you have missed one of the great sports events around. I was fortunate enough to see Secretariat make his triple crown run in 1973. 'Big Red' set the track record for all three races. You can watch his races on youtube. If you can, watch the Derby (Saturday May 6 @ 5:30pm) before you come out to the party.















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LHSC Party Schedule

Dates	DJ
5/6	Billy Waldrep
6/3	Daddy George
7/1	Fast Eddie
8/5	Butch Metcalf

Time: 7:00pm—11:00pm



Shag



Lessons

LHSC
Party location:
VFW Post 1957
1615 12th St Dr NW
Hickory, NC 28601
828-328-8281

For May Class Sign-up

Send email to: jmlndn2@charter.net
include name(s) & mobile #

When: Wed. May 3,10,17,24

- Beginners:** 6:30pm
- Intermediate:** 7:00pm
- Next Steps:** 7:30pm

Where: Hickory VFW

Instructors: Jim & Judy Mauldin
\$20 per person / Jrs (<21) Free



Some more "COOL" than others!



Some had more fun than others!



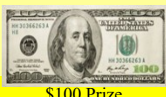
Some Taller than others.



Becky
1/2 & 1/2
Winner



Jennifer
Guest
Winner



\$100 Prize



None
Member
Winner



Laminda
CD
Winner

LHSC
Awesome
Party

Important Shag Dates



To view SOS live:
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For all Shag Clubs' events visit:
www.shagtours.com

Local Area Happenings

Fri. May 5,12,19,26
@ Finish Line Lounge
Twister's S.C.
Mooresville

Sat. May 27
@ H.I. Express
Brushy Mtn S.C.
N. Wilkesboro

Sat. May 6
@ VFW
Statesville S.C.
Statesville NC

Sat. May 20
@ Elks Lodge
Sandy Beach S.C.
Morganton

You are cordially invited to our annual
KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY
May 6th at 2:00 p.m.
Southern Fare • Mini Jellies
Whiskey and Wagering
Sat. May 6th:
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Next month's party theme:

SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY

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