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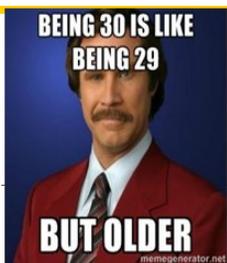
'This is not the news you would like to read, this is the news you need to read!'



'Best Little Shag Club in the Valley!'

**KEEP CALM**  
ITS ONLY  
**YOUR 30TH BIRTHDAY**

**Lake Hickory Shag Club**  
*Promoting and Preserving Shagging and the Heritage of Beach Music*



**'#1 Valley Party'**

**'20 Years of FWB'**

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### March Prez's letter

The upcoming party on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> will be filled with memorabilia from the last 30 years!! We have the photos albums dated from 1987 thru 2007 which we be "interesting" to see how we all have stood the test of time!!! And we will have Boogie Bear present to oversee all the fun!

For the long time members, we will be glad to share our "stories" or memories, some may be embellished a bit, but full of fun & laughter!

As most of you know the founder of SOS, Gene February 14<sup>th</sup>.

I remember him well at SOS in the early 1980's Shag Life is definitely a life style that keeps you blessed with wonderful friendships that last all thru the years.

I hope to see all of our members at our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to share in the fun and make yet more memories. Keep on Shaggin,

Your Prez, Ann



"Swink" Laughter passed away on & on thru the years, always with a young in spirit and heart and you are

I will be 29 until further notice!

This is my 2 week notice!



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As you get older, 3 things happen. The 1st is your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two.

Happy Birthday LHSC!

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### The continuing stories of the 'Bad Boys of Shag'....

The featured article this month is about some famous names in the early days of shag. It's a reprint by Bo Bryan, the Author of the 'Shag Book'. Some of the names have been previously featured or mentioned in your BBN

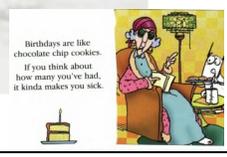
### OF BAD BOYS IN THE LAND OF SHAG (Part 3 of 3)

The atmosphere around Billy was not particularly bad, rather gentle, the decor of the living room in his house in Florence was decidedly feminine. His wife, Wanda, seemed obviously, and by agreement, to dominate the nest. While Billy sat in an easy chair, with his feet up, telling stories about the old days, him casually dressed after church, for it was a Sunday; Wanda busied herself in the kitchen, making final preparations for going back to church that evening, her immaculately turned out and coiffed, with a formal hair arrangement that reminded me of my mother's ritual visit to the beauty parlor once a week.

Billy Jeffers



(If you missed parts 1 & 2 please read Dec & Jan BBN issues 1st.)





DON'T BE JEALOUS JUST BECAUSE I LOOK THIS GOOD AT 30



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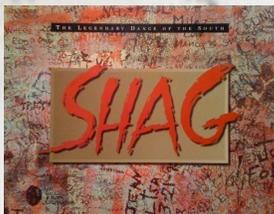
Wanda Jeffers, however, had been Billy Jeffers dancing partner for a lot of years, thus, by extension was an aspect of Billy's legend, which was kind of unsettling for me, I guess because my mother was not a dancer, and I had not expected to meet someone so powerfully traditional as Wanda in a formal hairdo, headed back to church on Sunday night. It was impossible to imagine her in Capri slacks, boogie walking through the wooden floored saloons where the shag dance grew up.

Billy told me stories, and I took notes for a book that I had decided to write. Wendy Gill and I, Will Maddox and a lot of other people, worked for sixteen months to get the story straight. We did the best we could. Perhaps we told one tiny fraction of the whole truth. Hopefully we got to the heart of it: the shag dance was not invented, it evolved, like the species of good girls and bad boys who take it up.

The dance came from sub-Saharan Africa and the Christian courts of Western Europe. It was transported on tall ships to the New World, and later rode choo-choo trains to the ghettos of New York City. It flew south again with jitterbugs and lit upon the steel magnolias of the lost Confederacy. It grew up and almost died, then resurrected itself, because legends are worth remembering, are even necessary to hold onto for dear life, in a time when all of history is moving. The madness of the world seems farther away on a dance floor. In the close- hold position, arm in arm with a loved one, or just a friend, the madness seems to disappear altogether.

The abiding feature of the shag, it seems to me, is love, and the possibility of romance, which is the key motive, the hoped-for result, of most social dancing. The desire for love is as strong as the need of hope, without which dreams die, the music stops, the dance is over and legends descend into graves, where they do not belong.

And so we dance in order to endure, a circle in space and time, the end ar- with each old song and live with legends



which is the duty of all survivors. The shag in- rives at a new beginning. We are born again dancing in our memories.

By Bo Bryan, Author of the Shag Book

The 'Shag Book' makes a great gift to anyone who loves the dance and wants to learn it's history.

On sale at ebay for \$14.49 (free shipping)



**\*\*March Birthdays\*\***

- 3/06 Gwen Teague
- 3/12 Linda Wolf
- 3/20 Regina Reep
- 3/23 Kenny Reep



**\*\*February New Members\*\***

- Michael Burris
- Jamie & Patty Clontz
- Todd Cook
- Greg & Judy Gostall
- Pat Drolet
- Tommy & Anita Helton
- Doug & Geneva Massey

- Darnell Setzer
- Suzanne Willis

**\*Note: Birthday Babies get in FREE!**

**2017 YTD Membership: 53**



Another Shaggin Icon  
**Wanda English Jeffers 1985**

Reprint from the Shagger's Hall of Fame



**You are only young once,  
but you can stay  
immature indefinitely.**

Ogden Nash

Bennettsville is located only 9 miles from the North Carolina line but is as deep south as Plains, Georgia. Going barefoot and wearing shorts downtown to dance at the Renezvous in the afternoon, dating and going to movies at night, parking on the golf course to "neck", eating hamburgers, and drinking a milkshake at Ye Old Tavern was what we did in the early 40's in the town where I grew up.

My father called square dances at X-Way pavilion near Laurinburg and did some calling at White Lake. Whenever he called, he took my brother, my mother and me and we used to watch them dance the round dance. Sometimes a couple would dance the "Shag" which was a fast upbeat, kick to the side, dip and slide back dance. My father did what they called the Black Bottom. My brother Skeebie English taught me the jitterbug which was rock twice, step twice and swing out, and this also included the Suzy-Q and trucking. All the steps are now smoothed down, danced to a slower beat and partners dance up and back instead of swinging around, however the new and the old dancers share the same love of dancing, and dedication to their era of dancing. I love it!

When I was 12 years old, I danced at the Masonic Temple in Bennettsville. I went to Ocean Drive, wore an old sailor hat with everybody's name on it and thought I was cool. The summer after my sophomore year at Winthrop College, Mary Nell Perry and I worked a while at Crescent Beach Hotel, stayed and worked at the Catalina Guest House serving breakfast and dinner. We danced at Roberts Pavilion with Ray Long, Ira Schmidt, Billy Jeffers, Jack Ward, Jimmy Batley, Bobby Rainwater, Jimmy Calcutt, Billy Jolley, and Sammy Atkinson.

The best female dancers I knew, who learned to dance at Boscobel near Clemson were Emily Trescott, and Francis "Stinky" King. One of the better male dancers was Ed Byers from Rock Hill. Winthrop during the war years and the Clemson Mid Winters were all a girl could ask for.

In September 1944 I met Billy Jeffers at Winthrop at Good Shop. We were married April 14th, 1945. The first Christmas after our marriage we went to 7 dances in 6 days. Billy and I will celebrate 40 years together on April 14th. Needless to say my dancing improved because I married the best dancer of them all.



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



### Club Member News



#### **Jan. 9, 2017 Report from Chip & Jackie Smith on their mission in Costa Rica:**

The name of the camp is Camp Casi Cielo lo-areas of CR, as the need arises & the Lord of a church that we began 2 years ago. It is being on our mission Facebook page & you are welcome

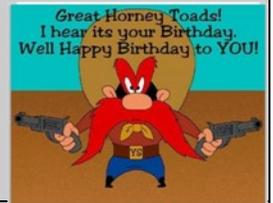


cated in La Fortuna, Costa Rica. We do work projects in different leads. We will be in Medio Queso this week continuing the building built in stages. We keep photos & updates to share them with the club.

Thank you for your support of us & we will be is needed most & the best way to get it here, as import taxes if it comes any way other than by someone flying in to CR.

[www.campcasicielo.org](http://www.campcasicielo.org)

*It's re-up time ya wiley rascal!*

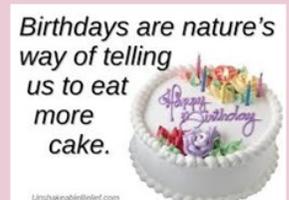


### Editor's *Commemorate* Words of Wisdom

**Editor's  
Play  
Block**

March 11, 2017 will be a day that will live in 'Shagfamy'. It's hard to believe 29 short years have come & gone sooooo fast. So let's take a moment to remember those early years & get ready for our 3rd decade of LHSC. Don't miss this historic event PAR-TA!

Jim '30 ROCKS!' Mauldin  
Editor





**BACK IN 1987**

U.S. PRESIDENT: Ronald Reagan  
 WHAT HAPPENED: ...  
 SPORTS: ...  
 MUSIC: ...  
 TOP MOVIES: ...  
 TELEVISION: ...

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**LHSC Party Schedule**

Dates	DJ
4/1	Roy Childress
5/6	Billy Waldrep
6/3	Daddy George
7/1	Fast Eddie

**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 Mar. Class Sign-up\***

Send email to: [jmldn2@charter.net](mailto:jmldn2@charter.net)  
 include name(s) & mobile #

**When: Wed. Mar 1,8,15,22**

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

**Where: Hickory VFW**

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

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**Debbie**  
1/2 & 1/2 Winner

**Todd**  
Guest Winner

**None**  
Member Winner

**Judy**  
CD Winner

**Jim**  
Past President



\$75 in March

**Important Shag Dates**



To view SOS live:  
**Google—OD Pavilion Webcam**

For all Shag Clubs' events visit:  
**www.shagtours.com**

**Local Area Happenings**

**Fri. Mar 3,10,17,24,31**  
 @ Finish Line Lounge  
**Twister's S.C.**  
 Mooresville

**Sat. Mar 18**  
 @ H.I. Express  
**Brushy Mtn S.C.**  
 N. Wilkesboro

**Sat. Mar 11**  
 @ VFW  
**Statesville S.C.**  
 Statesville NC

**Sat. Mar 25**  
 @ Elks Lodge  
**Sandy Beach S.C.**  
 Morganton

you're invited!

**30 YEARS AND COUNTING!**

Lake Hickory Shag Club

(It's a 'BIG DEAL' of a party!)

**Sat. Mar 11th:**  
**Lake Hickory SC**  
 Hickory

**Next month's party theme:**  
**'April Fools Party'**



**2017 April**  
**April 21-30**  
**Spring Safari**

**July**  
**July 14-16**  
**Summer Workshop**

**July**  
**July 18-23**  
**Junior SOS**

**September**  
**September 15-24**  
**Fall Migration**

You're putting me on...  
 That long huh?



**Happy Anniversary!**

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