

college junior dropped out of school, got married, and spent his every waking moment readying the Jolly Knave. Continued on pg 2

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When the doors opened, the dancers poured in, and the legendary stories began. Fletcher had access to thousands of records — the beachy R&B music that fueled the craze — and his superior jukebox gave diehard shaggers a place to meet up, learn from each other, and dance till closing time. "The Knave was its own culture," he says. "We partied together. We cried together. We danced together. We hugged commodes together. You don't do all that and forget those relationships."

Still, he was surprised by the lasting affection for the Jolly Knave all these decades later. When someone on Facebook suggested a reunion, he replied: "If you're serious, maybe we can

do that." Within 700 friends on a was held in 2010 hosted a second had opened a



two weeks they had an organizing committee, a mailing list, and designated Facebook page. The first Knave reunion oa en at Raleigh's Loafers Beach Club. Last year, Fletcher get-together, this time in Atlantic Beach, where he Jolly Knave outpost on the causeway in 1971.

When Ann Poole, a regular at the Raleigh and Atlantic Beach Knaves, heard that Fletcher was hosting another reunion, she jumped at the chance to go. "There was a real closeness at the Jolly Knave," says the 72-year-old, "and it came from the friendships that were formed there — and, of course, the love of beach music, the dance, and the jukebox."

The original Jolly Knave in Raleigh was famous for its 26 steps — a granite one

at the door and which occupied building had unshagging. Fletcher Knave jukebox

2/20 Mike Burris

2/22 Martha Stetz

2/23 Mike Honeycutt

2/21 Bill Perry



two sets of wooden steps that led up to the club, the second floor of a former rooming house. The finished hardwoods throughout, making it ideal for tore out walls to create one large dance hall, with the fabled Jolly against the front wall. A long wooden bar ran along a side wall,

and there were rails throughout to lean against and set down a beer. Fletcher says his distributor told him that the Knave crowd consumed more beer -26 kegs a week, on average — than any other club in Raleigh.





Membership Benefits:

2 members only parties

Free b-day party month

Members' drawing



*Note: 2018 Members' Birthdays listed above get in FREE.

Discount cover Discount SOS card SOS beach party, etc...

2018 YTD Membership: 68



The Jolly Knave reunions brought together shag-dancing legends Doug Perry (left) and Norfleet Jones (right), and the man whose club fueled the craze in NC, Fred Fletcher.

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We have a great DJ lineup for our monthly parties this year and I hope you make plans to join us for dancing, socializing and a chance to win some cash. We are also planning some special fun events for our members. Someone once said that this dance is a lifestyle and I can say after the 28 years that I've been involved that's probably an understatement. I encourage each and every member of LHSC to visit other shag events meet and dance with dancers and if you've never been to SOS try to go this spring I promise you'll have fun.

We have a dedicated board, great dance instructors and some great dancers in this club. We have Hall Of Fame DJs, a great venue with reasonable drink prices. As your President I will work to make 2018 a year to remember.

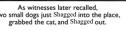
So what's missing....YOU are.

We need help on some committees, if you have volunteered to help THANK YOU!

The Success Of Teamwork Coming together is a beginning Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. ~ Henry Ford ~

J. Mike Honeycutt POTLHSC

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DANCE STUDIO



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

Our Gang Club House News.....

- Membership drawing is now \$75. You must be present to win.
- Renew your LHSC membership for 2018, just \$20 per person.

pg 2. And like all clubs - free benefits are not really free. There is a hidden price on any-

Our 'Club House' committee is working hard to finalize some VFW updates to improve the looks of our venue...stay tuned!





LHSC's Super Bowl drop off location

MICHAEL JORDAN

HUSBAN **DAY CARE CENTRE**

NEED TIME TO YOURSELF ? NEED TIME TO RELAX ? WANT TO GO SHOPPING ?

EAVE YOUR HUSBAND WITH US WE LOOK AFTER HIM FOR YOU ! OU ONLY PAY FOR HIS DRINKS



Editor

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January BBN you'll see where I'm going with this. When only a few put in the work, effort, & participation it takes it's toll & in time we lose some of our dedicated workers & the club suffers. When the majority participates then very little effort is needed by any one person or small group for our club to succeed & prosper. Bottom line - If an Officer or Director ask for your help this year, please consider doing your fair share. We will never ask

you to do any more than we are willing to do (or have done) ourselves.

into an organization by those few members willing to step up and make the club a fun & inviting place to go. For any club to prosper & survive takes hard work, time, & dedication by the 'membership'. Some, of course,

& participation on our committees. If you will go back & read President Mike's 'Inaugural Address' in the

puts in more than others & some only pay their dues, & that's OK. However, for a club or organization to reach

it's full potential requires the majority of the membership to participate not only financially but with their ideas







