CSA NEWSLETTER MAY/JUNE 2025

FROM THE HARDWOODS :

Hello CSA members:
Welcome to our first installment of "From the Hardwoods". This will be a bimonthly newsletter letting you know of all the recent wins and upcoming contests plus a little fun and facts. We hope that everyone had a fantastic SOS and enjoyed workshops, dancing and socializing with everyone. If there is anything you would like to see in our newsletter, please forward to Ashley Lauer. alauer213@gmail.com.
See you on the dance floor!
CSA Board 2025

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President's Corner:

It was a terrific weekend of shag dancing in Raleigh, NC. Gary and Deborah Gibson along with their staff and club members welcomed all to Loafers Beach Club CSA Contest.

Friday night the competition in the Amateur division was exciting! There were 6 couples competing and it was the first contest for 2 couples. Great dancing and music choices by everyone. The Mixed Doubles contest that followed, had many from the crowd who were not competitors join in the fun. Board members, Cameron and Marcus Thigpen were the coordinators of this fun and kept everything moving and grooving right through the Mixed Doubles awards.

Saturday night events began with a Pig Pickin' for sponsors, judges and dancers. It was delicious! BBQ right off the smoker, all the sides and desserts too. Friday night they had hot dogs for us, all of it no charge. No hungry people in that building!

The Novice division, ten couples, began at 7:00. One couple in this division just moved up from Amateur after their third win. The Senior Pro division had 6 couples light up the floor with their dances and the crowd loved them all. To round out the night, five Pro couples showcased their expertise on the hardwood. Two competitors in this division are also professional West Coast Swing dancers who are now Shag dancers as well. What performances we witnessed!

Thank you to all the competing dancers this weekend. We appreciate your commitment to Shag dance preservation.

To all the judges, thank you for accepting the responsibility of judging the competitors. It can be a challenge for sure.

We had two great DJs this weekend, Gary Gibson and Rodney Holmes. Thank you for making it a fun time for all.

Our hosts, Deborah and Gary Gibson, Loafers Beach Club staff and members, put together a wonderful CSA Contest weekend. Thank you all so very much!

Thank you to the CSA board. Merinda, Brandi, Carlton and Dottie were our lead team for dancer processing. Adam and Erica did the recording of dances, YouTube live and photos from the contest. Cameron and Marcus ran the Mixed Doubles Contest. Mark, Rick and I were the fill in crew.

Upcoming events:

Winners

COMPETITIVE SHAGGERS ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 11 2025

CHARLESTON SHAG CLASSIC

Amateur Division

1st Place - Steve McKinney & Meredith Furst (Third Win moves to Novice)
2nd Place - Doug Strother & Robyn Hyatt
3rd Place - Charlie & Nancy Leonard
4th Place - Ron Teague & Susan Salley
5th Place - John & April Brooks

Judges
Eric Horton, Mary Elizabeth Jacobs, Ashley Lauer, Page Payne, Tony Payne

Novice Division

1st Place - Tim & Ashley Lauer
2nd Place - Tony & Page Payne
3rd Place - Danny Scott & Susan Welch
4th Place - Lou Martino & Dottie Dean
5th Place - Mark & Robin Casey
6th Place - Rick Hahn & Jo Patrick Simokat
7th Place - Henry Dowd & Vickey Van Frank

Judges
Adam Holmes, Barbara Banks, Steve Balok, Myers Floyd, Erica Russell

Sr. Pro Division

1st Place - Gerald Medford & Karen Workman
2nd Place - David Townsend & Pat Joyce
3rd Place - Bruce Yates & Barbara Banks

Judges
Grayson Free, Adam Holmes, Lynn Stocker, Erica Russell, Elizabeth Horton

Pro Division

1st Place - Steve Balok & Myers Floyd
2nd Place - Grayson Free & Mary Elizabeth Jacobs
3rd Place - Adam Holmes & Erica Russell
4th Place - Eric & Elizabeth Horton
5th Place - Todd Barker & Lynn Stocker

Judges
Bruce Yates, Claude Robertson, Linda Walker, Gerald Medford, David Townsend

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MARCH 21-22 2025

ATLANTIC BEACH CONTEST

Amateur Division

1st Place - Jeff Harmston & Mitzi Sheeks
2nd Place - Sean & Mariana Kirk
3rd Place - Jerry & Karen Byrd
4th Place - Dewayne Rivenbark & Sheila Fulcher
5th Place - John & April Brooks
6th Place - Chad & Stella Duggins

Judges
John Phillips, Lyn Honeycutt, Pat Joyce, Barbara Kiger, Gene Benfield

Novice Division

1st Place - Rick Hahn & Jo Pat Simokat
2nd Place - Jason & Merinda Swaim
3rd Place - James & Leah Bryant
4th Place - Tony & Page Payne
5th Place - Clay & Cheryl Parker
6th Place - Danny Scott & Susan Welch

Judges
Jesse Bradshaw, Nancy Pope, Bruce Yates, Vickie Chambers, Joey Sogluizzo

Sr. Pro Division

1st Place - John & Tina Phillips
2nd Place - Gene Pope & Tobitha Stewart
3rd Place - Gene & Kathy Benfield
4th Place - Bruce Yates & Barbara Banks
5th Place - Jesse Bradshaw & Pat Folds

Judges
Joe Honeycutt, Jennifer Sogluizzo, Phil Jones, Marsha Rose, Pat Joyce

Pro Division

1st Place - Joey & Jennifer Sogluizzo
2nd Place - Caleb & Emily Kirk
3rd Place - Adam Holmes & Erica Russell
4th Place - John & Tabitha Bradshaw
5th Place - Eric & Elizabeth Horton

Judges
Bonnie Rhodes, Les Rose, Barbara Kiger, Phil Jones, Tina Phillips

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APRIL 11-12 2025

LOAFERS CONTEST

Amateur Division

1st Place - Jerry & Karen Byrd
2nd Place - Sean & Marlana Kirk
3rd Place - Bill & Lisa Hines
4th Place - Ron Teague & Susan Salley
5th Place - Terry Turbyfill & Debbie Green
6th Place - Jasson Phillips & Ursala Krishtal

Judges
Mike Anderson, Debbie Brooks, Archer Joyce, Susan Leggett, Clay Parker

Novice Division

1st Place - James & Leah Bryant
2nd Place - Clay & Cheryl Parker
3rd Place - Steve McKinney & Meredith Furst
4th Place - Rick Hahn & Jo Pat Simokat
5th Place - Tony & Page Payne
6th Place - Jason & Merinda Swaim

Judges
Brian Pate, Jennifer Payne, Joe Honeycutt, Pat Joyce, John Leggett

Sr. Pro Division

1st Place - Gene & Kathy Benfield
2nd Place - Bruce Yates & Barbara Banks
3rd Place - John & Tina Phillips
4th Place - Gerald Medford & Karen Workman
5th Place - Alan Grider & Pat Joyce

Judges
Archer Joyce, Vickie Chambers, Kevin Payne, Erica Russell, Gene Pope

Pro Division

1st Place - Steve Balok & Myers Floyd
2nd Place - Adam Holmes & Erica Russell
3rd Place - Gene Pope & Annmarie Marker
4th Place - Caleb & Emily Kirk
5th Place - Jason Marker & Kayla Henley

Judges
Kevin Payne, Debbie Brooks, Larry Hales, Marsha Rose, Brian Pate

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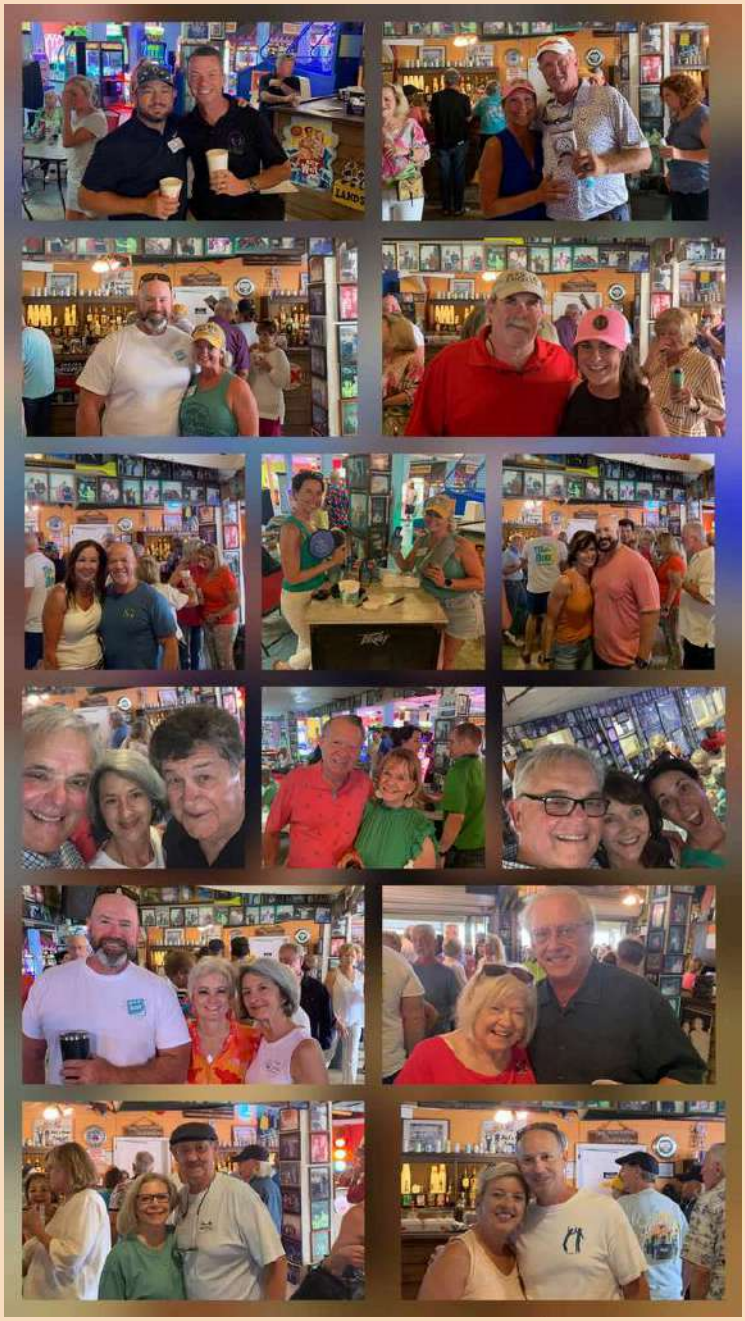
Remember to check your email for more details about the Midway Shag Contest seat reservations and hotel options.

CSA SOS Social Events

Thank you to everyone who came out to the CSA socials during SOS. What a great time we had. Make plans to join us in the Fall. More to come in the next newsletter.

Duck's Social

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