FROM THE HARDWOODS :

President's Corner:

It was a great weekend in Winston-Salem, NC for the Midway Music Hall CSA Contest. Midway hosted a Friday night Vinyl Party with DJ's George Ward, Jamie Clontz, Adam Holmes and Graylen Kirby. All who attended had a big time!

Saturday competition started at 3:00 pm with 7 Amateur couples. We had one new couple, Charlie Bell and Sandra Boswell in this division. The Flogel's, Matt and Lauren, who have been away from competition for a while, came back strong with a win on Saturday. They all started our day with high energy and good dancing!

The Novice division was next with 6 couples competing and entertaining the crowd. Tae Bowden and Shana Crabtree recently connected to compete and put the winning dance on the floor Saturday afternoon.

Senior Pro had quite the talent roster with 5 couples in this match up. Gene Pope and Tobitha Stewart captured first place in this exceptional division of Shag dancers.

To wrap up the competition, 7 Pro couples wowed the spectators with their style and finesse. It was great to see JR and Hanna Roberts on the contest floor again. Brother and sister team, Trey and Kayla Henley were back to compete as well. Steve Balok and Myers Floyd collected the first place trophy in this challenging division.

We played a little Shag Trivia during the division breaks along with the terrific music provided by DJ Darrell Gaither for the open dancing and competition. Thank you to Darrell for keeping the dance floor full.

To the judges who graciously gave of their time, knowledge and experience to score the dancers in each division, thank you very much!

The Midway Music Hall with Donna Cheek and Sandra Marshall leading the team of wonderful men and women, worked to make the CSA Contest a success. "Thank You" for putting a great weekend together. We appreciate the spectators who came to cheer on the dancers all afternoon and evening.

The CSA Board contest team of Adam Holmes, Erica Russell, Cameron Thigpen and Marcus Thigpen worked hard to keep everything and everyone on track. Adam and Erica also had the task of getting the contest live stream on YouTube. There were some bumps along the way. The WIFI signal was a bit weak for what was needed. They certainly gave their best efforts to provide those not in attendance a look at the event. Other members of the Board on hand to help or fill in as needed: Rick Hahn, Ashley Lauer, Brandi Dockery, Carlton Vinson and Mark Casey.

Thank you dancers for continuing to dance and support the Competitive Shaggers Association

Everyone is invited to join us on the dance floor,
--
Robin Casey, President
Competitive Shaggers Association
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Upcoming events:

2025 Sanctioned CSA Contest Schedule

COMPETITIVE SHAGGERS ASSOCIATION

April 11-12
Loafers Beach Club Raleigh, NC

June 21
Midway Music Hall Winston-Salem, NC

July 11-12
Lynn's Dance Club Charlotte, NC

August 9
Eno Beach Shag Club Durham, NC

August 29 – 30
Fat Harold's Beach Club
North Myrtle Beach, SC

October 4
Shag Shack Augusta, GA

October 24 -25
Seaboard Shag Contest Hamlet, NC

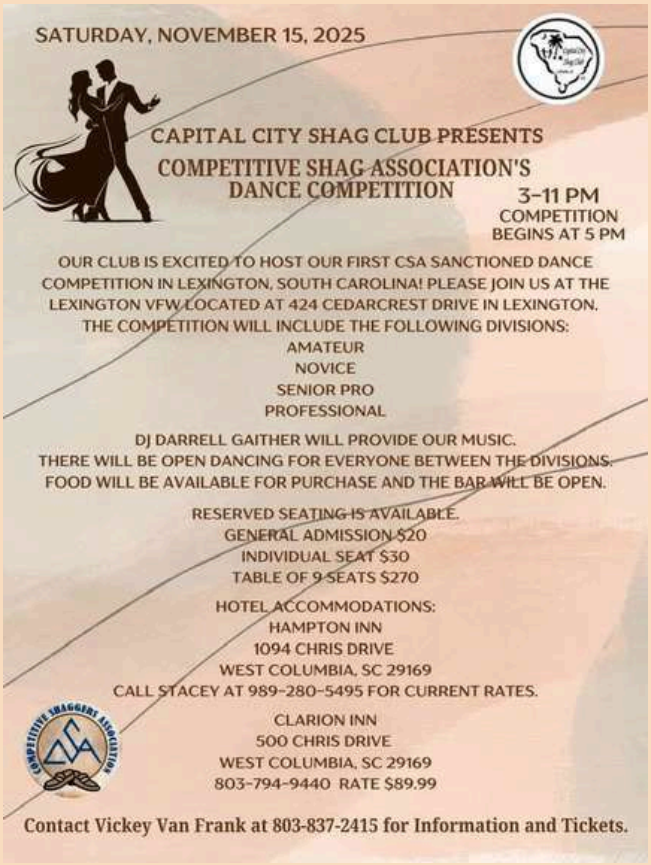
November 15
Capital City Shag Club Lexington,SC

JUNIOR SHAG ASSOCIATION

NEXTGEN

July 15-20 2025

Details about our next CSA Social coming soon.



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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
COMPETITIVE SHAGGERS ASSOCIATION
ATLANTIC BEACH CONTEST
Amateur Division
1st Place - Jeff Harmston & Mitzi Sheeks
2nd Place - Sean & Madana 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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JUNE 21 2025

Midway Music Hall Contest

Amateur Division

1st Place - Matt & Lauren Flogel
2nd Place - Jeff Harmston & Mitzi Sheeks
3rd Place - Sean & Marlana Kirk
4th Place - John & April Brooks
5th Place - Jerry & Karen Byrd
6th Place - Charlie Bell & Sandra Boswell

Judges
Tina Phillips, Elizabeth Horton, Rick Hahn Gerald Medford, Adam Holmes

Novice Division

1st Place - Tae Bowden & Shana Crabtree
2nd Place - James & Leah Bryant
3rd Place - Sid Stawderman & Jane Renger
4th Place - Steve McKinney & Meredith Furst
5th Place - Rick Hahn & Jo Pat Simokat
6th Place - Mark & Robin Casey

Judges
Steve Balok, Gene Benfield, Gene Pope Kristal Taylor-Davis, Marsha Rose

Sr. Pro Division

1st Place - Gene Pope & Tobitha Stewart
2nd Place - Gerald Medford & Karen Workman
3rd Place - John & Tina Phillips
4th Place - Gene & Kathy Benfield
5th Place - Alan Grider and Patricia Joyce

Judges
Scott Campbell, Lani Greene, Eric Horton Brandi Dockery, Caleb Kirk

Pro Division

1st Place - Steve Balok & Myers Floyd
2nd Place - Trey & Kayla Henley
3rd Place - Adam Holmes & Erica Russell
4th Place - Caleb & Emily Kirk
5th Place - Eric & Elizabeth Horton

Judges
William Greene, Les Rose, Kathy Benfield Kristal Taylor-Davis, Ashley Stewart

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Midway Music Hall

Thank you everyone for the great time at Midway Music Hall. Lots of fun Friday night with Vinyl party and socializing.

Darrell Gaither

Shag Trivia Questions and Answers:

1. **Who are the Shag Dance couple with their silhouette on the water tower in NMB?**

Charlie and Jackie or Jimmy and Betty Reeves

2. Who is the only Shag dancer to win a National Shag Dance Championship in every division from Jr 1 to Masters?

Sam West

3. What dance did the Carolina Shag originate from?

Lindy Hop or Jitterbug

4. What year did SC make Shag it's official state dance?

1984

5. What year was Shag, The Movie released?

1989

6. How many more National Shag Dance Championship titles does Jackie McGee have than Charlie Womble?

1

7. What year did Shag become NC's popular state dance?

2005

8. Name the R&B group, started in the 1950's, from Winston-Salem, NC?

The "5" Royales

9. What Hall of Fame Shag dancer's shoes, painted gold and mounted, hung on the wall in Thirsty's II?

Bunk Leach

10. What 1998 National Shag Champion has a memorial scholarship fund in their honor?

Beth Mitchell

11. Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame dancer, Rufus Wactor, originated what basic Shag step?

"The Rufus"

12. What area in Greensboro, NC, during the 60's and 70's, is well known for cultivating many Hall of Fame dancers?

McAdoo Heights

Getting to know our members and what shag means to them. Please feel free to reach out if you would like to write a short article about, “What shag means to you.”

What does shag mean to me

When I think about what Shag means to me, it’s really quite simple. It means making memories with my friends and listening to stories from the past from friends of my parents. Most know by now that my folks danced on the circuit for nearly 20 years loving every second of it. They forged lots of very close relationships with so many great dancers but more than that, fantastic people. Those relationships came to our side in August 2001 when we lost my Dad to cancer. An “Ernie’s Army” of the best showed up ready to help in any way possible. The love, help and support the Shag community provided to myself and my mom during that difficult time was unforgettable. Since I started competing just a few years ago, I have been blessed at most every contest with a story from some of those in that Army. The stories, no matter whether I have heard them or not, always seem to give me chills and a sense of pride knowing that even though he may not be with us, people loved them when they were dancing. My dancing journey is now in the beginning stages, and while I absolutely love the music, the people and the lifestyle, it’s the moments and stories at a contest when someone says, “you might not know who I am, but I sure did love your father and mother.” This community has been around me for my entire life, and now, I am building relationships with new people and some of the folks that have been around. So, I would sum up what this dance means to me with one world….FAMILY

And I love my Shag Family!

-Adam Holmes