



FROM THE HARDWOODS :

President's Corner:

Hello friends,

It has been an exciting first half of 2025. So many great contest hosts and participants at each of them. In July, Lynn's Dance Club kicked off the second half of the year with a 2 day contest. Friday night the Amateur division had eight competing couples which included first timers Lisa Stegall and Paul Thomas. Returning to competitive dancing, Jamie and Patty Clontz and John Rosette with Andrea Shell. Jeff Harmston and Mitzi Sheeks got the win and it was the third win for Jeff in the Amateur division so they are moving to the Novice division!

The Fun Mixed Doubles contest followed with 20 pairings of social and competitive dancers entertaining the crowd. The top placements were #3-Tae Bowden & Jane Renger. #2-Jim Hern & Mitzi Sheeks. #1-Steve Balok & Lauren Cookman. Congrats all!

Saturday evening the Novice division had twelve couples to compete. Sid Strawderman and Jane Renger along with Steve Booth and Janis Grimes are back to compete in this strong group. Congratulations Novice winners and first time CSA competitors, Michael Bravo and Lauren Cookman! Both former Junior competitors.

Some of the most accomplished dancers are in the Senior Pro division. Six of those couples lit up the floor for the crowd! Gene Pope and Tobitha Stewart took home first place!

Five Pro couples put on a show! The cheering, clapping...filled the club. Kristal Bravo Fisher and dance partner Ashley Stewart were back in the action this night. Your winners, Steve Balok and Myer Floyd. Congratulations!

"Thank you" to Tom Bare and his Lynn's Dance Club team of hard working men and ladies, and DJ Jr Norfleet for playing the tunes that kept us on the floor.

President's Corner:

Cont:

Eno Beach Shag Club was host for the August 9 contest in Durham, NC. The Umstead Pines Golf & Swim Club was the beautiful backdrop for this jam packed one day event. The Amateur division started the afternoon with six couples including Robby and Caryn Helms who have been dealing with health challenges over the past year. Also, Zane and Emma Cummins, who were planning and preparing for their new life path as a married couple. So happy to have both returning! And back on the scene this year, Matt and Lauren Fogel won for the second time, Lauren's third and they will move on to Novice!

Next up, Novice had 10 couples dancing. This group currently has the most participation and is affectionately called "The Blood and Guts" division of CSA. Michael Bravo and Lauren Cookman won the first place trophy!

The five competing couples in Senior Pro always bring the heat. This group of experienced Shag dancers have many, many wins among them. Gene Pope and Tobitha Stewart were the winners!

The Pro division had five talented dancing couples. Kevin and Jennifer Payne have been away from the competition floor for a while but back along with Carlton Vinson teamed up with Vickie Chambers. This exciting division was won by Joey and Jennifer Sogluizzo!

A big "thank you" goes out to Eno Beach Shag Club for a great event.

To Hall of Fame DJ Craig Jennings, our "Thanks" for all the best music and being the emcee as well.

To the judges of both these contests, we are so very appreciative of your time and knowledge in scoring the Shag dances of the CSA competitors.

Thank you to the CSA Board members for your hard work, dedication and excitement for the Shag dance. These terrific people are all around on contest days to keep things organized and running smoothly. They are doing those same things when it is not a contest day to make CSA a strong, long lasting, fun organization to be part of. Please take a moment to like and become a subscriber to the CSA YouTube channel. There is no charge. This is a great way to support all the dancers and CSA. We invite you to be a member of CSA as well. Dancing member or a friend. Both options are available.

Thank you to the competitors for continuing to dance and support the Competitive Shaggers Association. On behalf of the CSA Board, Merinda Swaim-VP, Adam Holmes-VP, Erica Russell-Secretary, Brandi Dockery-Treasurer, Cameron Thigpen, Mark Casey, Ashley Lauer, Rich Hahn, Carlton Vinson, Vickie Chambers, and Dale Hern, you are always welcome to join us on the dance floor,

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Robin Casey, President
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**SAM AND LISA INVITE YOU TO
HAMLET, NC FOR THE**



SEABOARD SHAG CONTEST

The Ballroom - 3 W. Hamlet Ave., Hamlet NC
WEEKEND DJ - Darryl Gaither

OCT 24 FRIDAY NIGHT
7:00 Doors Open
8:30 Amateur Division followed by Mixed Doubles

OCT 25 SEABOARD FESTIVAL
Stroll down Main Street in Hamlet. Shop the vendors, grab a bite to eat, and enjoy one of the best fall festivals in North Carolina.

AFTERNOON
2:00 The Ballroom opens for practice
3:00 Shag-a-Rita Free Pour

GENERAL ADMISSION
\$10 per person each evening

RESERVED TABLES
\$100
Weekend Admission for 2 guests

SATURDAY NIGHT
6:00 Doors Open
7:00 Novice followed by Senior Pro Professional Awards

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL SAM 910-995-3278





SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025




**CAPITAL CITY SHAG CLUB PRESENTS
COMPETITIVE SHAG ASSOCIATION'S
DANCE COMPETITION**

**3-11 PM
COMPETITION
BEGINS AT 5 PM**

OUR CLUB IS EXCITED TO HOST OUR FIRST CSA SANCTIONED DANCE COMPETITION IN LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA! PLEASE JOIN US AT THE LEXINGTON VFW LOCATED AT 424 CEDARCREST DRIVE IN LEXINGTON. THE COMPETITION WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS:

AMATEUR
NOVICE
SENIOR PRO
PROFESSIONAL

DJ DARRELL GAITHER WILL PROVIDE OUR MUSIC. THERE WILL BE OPEN DANCING FOR EVERYONE BETWEEN THE DIVISIONS. FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND THE BAR WILL BE OPEN.

RESERVED SEATING IS AVAILABLE.
GENERAL ADMISSION \$20
INDIVIDUAL SEAT \$30
TABLE OF 9 SEATS \$270

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Winners





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 & Vickie 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 Robinson, Linda Walker, Gerald Medford, David Townsend





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MARCH
21-22
2025

**ATLANTIC BEACH
CONTEST**

Amateur Division

1st Place - Jeff Hammon & Mitzi Sheeks
2nd Place - Sean & Marlene Kirk
3rd Place - Jerry & Karen Byrd
4th Place - Dwayne 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 Swain
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 Sogliuzzo

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 Sogliuzzo, Phil Jones, Marsha Rose, Pat Joyce

Pro Division

1st Place - Joey & Jennifer Sogliuzzo
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 Toague & Susan Salley
5th Place - Terry Turbyfill & Debbie Green
6th Place - Jasson Phillips & Ursala Krihtal

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 Fogel
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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JULY 11 & 12 Lynn's Contest



Amateur Division

1st Place - Jeff Harmston & Mitzi Sheeks
2nd Place - Matt & Lauren Fogel
3rd Place - Jerry & Karen Byrd
4th Place - Paul Thomas & Lisa Stegall
5th Place - Jamie & Patty Clontz
6th Place - Chad & Stella Duggins

Judges

Hanna Roberts, Cody Edwards, Nancy Pope
Burt Lawson, Erica Russell

Novice Division

1st Place - Michael Bravo & Lauren Cookman
2nd Place - Steve Booth & Janice Grimes
3rd Place - James & Leah Bryant
4th Place - Jason & Merinda Swaim
5th Place - Clay & Cheryl Parker
6th Place - Tae Bowden & Shana Crabtree

Judges

Ashley Stewart, Adam Holmes, Bonnie Rhodes
Jesse Bradshaw, Vickie Chambers

Sr. Pro Division

1st Place - Gene Pope & Tobitha Stewart
2nd Place - Gerald Medford & Karen Workman
3rd Place - Jim & Dale Hern
4th Place - Bruce Yates & Barbara Banks
5th Place - Alan Grider & Bonnie Rhodes

Judges

Krystal Fisher, Steve Balok, Les Rose
Vickie Chambers, Pat Joyce

Pro Division

1st Place - Steve Balok & Myers Floyd
2nd Place - Adam Holmes & Erica Russell
3rd Place - Ashley Stewart & Krystal Fisher
4th Place - Jesse Bradshaw & Pat Joyce
5th Place - Tim & Ashley Lauer

Judges

David Townsend, Kaylee Bravo, Gene Pope
Marsha Rose, Alan Grider



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AUGUST 9th 2025

ENO BEACH CONTEST



Amateur Division

1st Place - Matt & Lauren Fogel
*Couple moves to Novice
2nd Place - Jamie & Patty Clontz
3rd Place - Robby & Caryn Helms
4th Place - Terry Turbyfill & Debbie Green
5th Place - Bill & Lisa Himes
6th Place - Zane & Emma Cummins

Judges

Susan Leggett, Tae Bowden, Robin Casey
Ashley Stewart, Archer Joyce

Novice Division

1st Place - Michael Bravo & Lauren Cookman
2nd Place - Tae Bowden & Shana Crabtree
3rd Place - Jason & Merinda Swaim
4th Place - Steve Booth & Janis Grimes
5th Place - Danny Scott & Susan Welch
6th Place - James & Leah Bryant

Judges

John Leggett, Erica Russell, Trey Henley
Jennifer Payne, Alan Grider

Sr. Pro Division

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

Judges

Adam Holmes, Kevin Payne, Kayla Henley
Joe Honeycutt, Debbie Brooks

Pro Division

1st Place - Joey & Jennifer Sogliuzzo
2nd Place - Trey & Kayla Henley
3rd Place - Adam Holmes & Erica Russell
4th Place - Kevin & Jennifer Payne
5th Place - Carlton Vinson & Vickie Chambers

Judges

Tobitha Stewart, Jesse Bradshaw, Gene Benfield
Pat Joyce, Joe Honeycutt



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**August
29th & 30th
2025**

Labor Day Contest



Amateur Division

1st Place - Sean & Marlana Kirk
*Moves to Novice
2nd Place - Jamie & Patty Clontz
3rd Place - Jerry & Karen Byrd
4th Place - John & April Brooks
5th Place - Terry Turbyfill & Debbie Green
6th Place - Henry Wiggins & Widget Moore

Judges

Henry Dowd, Cheryl Parker, Bruce Yates
Renee Scott, Jeff Hargett

Novice Division

1st Place - Steve McKinney & Meredith Furst
2nd Place - Steve Booth & Janis Grimes
3rd Place - Henry Dowd & Vickey V. Frank
4th Place - Jason & Merinda Swaim
5th Place - Rick Hahn & Jo Pat Simokat
6th Place - Tony & Page Payne

Judges

Keith Smith, Pat Folds, Jackson Batten
Autumn Jones, Grayson Free

Sr. Pro Division

1st Place - Gene Pope & Tobitha Stewart
2nd Place - Keith Smith & Carmen Vaughn
3rd Place - Bruce Yates & Barbara Banks
4th Place - Jim & Dale Horn
5th Place - Gene & Kathy Benfield

Judges

Joey Sogluizzo, Mandy Holt, Scott Campbell
Myers Floyd, Bob Myrick

Pro Division

1st Place - Grayson Free & Autumn Jones
2nd Place - Jackson Batten & Mary Elizabeth Jacobs
3rd Place - Scott Campbell & Kelsey Vaughn
4th Place - Steve Balok & Myers Floyd
5th Place - Joey & Jennifer Sogluizzo

Judges

Archer Joyce, Mary Lynn Myrick, Larry Hales
Kristen Leggett, Charlie Reese



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