



CAPITAL CITY SHAG CLUB NEWSLETTER

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CCSC Mission Statement:

THE PURPOSE OF THE CLUB SHALL BE TO PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP AND HARMONY AMONG ITS MEMBERS, TO PRESERVE SHAG DANCING AND BEACH MUSIC, AND TO INTRODUCE SHAGGING TO JUNIORS AND OTHERS THROUGH SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE EVENTS, AND WORKSHOPS.



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PO Box 53
Irmo, SC 29063



President's Greeting



Marie and I are founding members of Capital City Shag Club. Marie gave the club its name. Thank you for placing your trust in me as the next president of the Capital City Shag Club. This opportunity to serve and lead our outstanding club fills me with both excitement and purpose. Our club has grown strong over the past decade, thanks to the dedicated work of past leaders and active members like you. Moving ahead, my focus will center on making our club more visible, growing our membership and supporting shaggers of all ages. Your ideas and participation will shape the future of our club. My door stays open to your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions.

Let's work as one team to advance our club and support each other's growth. Looking forward to serving you!

*Barney Mims, President
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Capital City Shag Club Executive Board 2026



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Capital City Shag Club's Past Presidents

Marlene Steiner, 2008

Will DiMirra, 2009

Bob Mergle, 2010

Cleo Gleaton, 2011

Carole Cooper, 2012

Josiane Horton, 2013

Josiane Horton, 2014

Otis Paris, 2015

Josiane Horton, 2016

Carol Gasque, 2017

Carol Gasque, 2018

Marlene Steiner, 2019

Marlene Steiner, 2020

Carol Richardson, 2021

Carol Richardson, 2022

Liz Smith, 2023

Vickey Van Frank, 2024

Vickey Van Frank, 2025

Capital City Shag Club's Committees

Bylaws

Rosemary Dalton,
Chair
Deborah Ward

Communications

Terry MacKinnon
Rhonda Ruff

Newsletter

Rhonda Ruff

Photographer

Membership

Betty Jeffcoat

Nominating

Olga Cristy, Chair

Ways and Means

Liz Smith, Chair
Scott O'Brian

Social

Janis Ruff

Historian

Carol Gasque

Finance

Duane Ward,
Chair
Ronnie Elliott

DJ Scheduler

Mark Swygert

Web Site

Shawncee Sapp

Shag Extravaganza

Henry Dowd, Chair
Vickey Van Frank
Liz Smith

Decorating

Liz Smith, Chair
Phyllis McKay
Frances Miller
Janis Ruff
Rhonda Ruff
Deborah Ward
Judy Wasieczko



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please give thought and consider serving on one of the CCSC committees. Contact anyone on the Nominating Committee if you are interested in serving on the CCSC Board.



Capital City Shag Club Birthdays

Happy Birthday !!

JANUARY

<i>J. R. Dinkins</i>	03
<i>Gayle Gay</i>	03
<i>Sherry Robinson</i>	05
<i>Jerry Hartsoe</i>	07
<i>Les Johnson</i>	08
<i>Erik Bailey</i>	09
<i>Tricia Estridge</i>	09
<i>Bill Taylor</i>	10
<i>Billy Fanning</i>	16
<i>Chris Barton</i>	17
<i>Betty Jeffcoat</i>	27

FEBRUARY

<i>Alice Spigner</i>	03
<i>Mary Jane Phipps</i>	06
<i>Vicki Nettles</i>	07
<i>Furman Dominick</i>	09
<i>Louis Truesdale</i>	09
<i>Ora Fuller</i>	11
<i>Sam Mitchum</i>	11
<i>Judy Wasieczko</i>	12
<i>Jenny Fletcher</i>	14
<i>Bebe Street</i>	19
<i>Donnie Sanders</i>	20
<i>Marie Mims</i>	27

MARCH

<i>Jim Lane</i>	04
<i>Robert Lampley</i>	05
<i>Phyllis McKay</i>	08
<i>Kevin Bluemel</i>	11
<i>Judy Dawson</i>	11
<i>Steven Gunderson</i>	15
<i>Otis Paris</i>	16
<i>Wayne Cabaniss</i>	18
<i>Vickey Van Frank</i>	24
<i>Johnny Dowd</i>	26
<i>Rodney Christian</i>	27
<i>Paul Blackwelder</i>	30
<i>Clark Thomas</i>	30
<i>Garth Knapp</i>	31



Please email capitalcityshagclub.sc@gmail.com if you notice a missing birthday, thanks!



Capital City Shag Club Calendars



Monthly Board Meetings are held at the Lexington VFW at 5:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month. Scheduled meeting dates for 2026: 02/11, 03/11, 04/08, 05/13, 06/10, 07/08, 08/12, 09/09, 10/14, 11/11 and 12/09.

Quarterly General Membership Meetings are held at the VFW at 6:30 pm. Meeting dates for 2026: 02/28, 06/06, 09/05 and 12/12.

Shag Night - Dancing Together with Palmetto Shag Club: Thursdays and the third Wednesday at the VFW at 424 Cedarcrest Drive in Lexington, SC. Doors open at 6:30 pm, music at 7:00 pm. Note that there is no dancing at the VFW on the third Thursday of the month.

Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. If you don't bring a food item, please consider making a cash donation in the Green Box. Also, be sure to support the DJs and bartenders with your generous tips.

2026 Party Schedule

February 28	Membership Re-Up (<i>catered</i>)
May 23	DJ Rumble
June 6	Anniversary Party (<i>catered</i>)
August 22	Junior Shag Workshop (3:00)
September 5	Appreciation Party (<i>catered</i>)
October 29	Halloween Party
December 12	Christmas Party (<i>catered</i>)

2026 SOS Schedule

January 15 - 18	SOS Mid Winter
April 17 - 26	SOS Spring Safari
September 18 - 27	SOS Fall Migration



Where We Dance !!



VFW
 424 Cedarcrest Dr
 Lexington, SC 29073
 No Cover
Thursdays at 6:30 pm
3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Hosts: Capital City and
Palmetto Shag Clubs

VFW
 424 Cedarcrest Dr
 Lexington, SC 29073
 \$5 Cover
Fridays at 7:00 pm
except 3rd Fridays
Host: Columbia Shag Club

Dance & DJ Schedule

01/08	Billy Fanning
01/14	Mark Swygert
01/22	Barney Mims
01/29	Furman Dominick
02/05	Barney Mims
02/12	Mark Swygert
02/18	Billy Fanning
02/26	John Fletcher
02/28	Barney Mims (Membership Re-Up)
03/05	Barney Mims
03/12	Billy Fanning
03/18	Dan Spivey
03/26	Mark Swygert

Dance & DJ Schedule

Butch Davidson
(unless Butch is out of town)



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Capital City Shag Club Membership Benefits

Our Membership Year is Jan 1st to Dec 31st. Please join or reup to share an exciting year of fun, dancing and socializing. Your membership includes:

1. Four Great Catered Parties
2. Junior Shag Day to promote the Shag to the next generation
3. Shagging most Thursday Nights at Our Favorite Shag Place
4. Outstanding Deejays playing Fantastic Beach, Shag Music and a little line dancing
5. Four (4) issues of our Newsletter
6. Communications on upcoming shag events, special events and happenings throughout the Shag World
7. CCSC Facebook page and a website to post and share club events, pictures and other shag related information
8. Membership in the Association of Carolinas Shag Clubs (ACSC)
9. A \$5 Discount on SOS Cards
10. Membership in the National Fast Dance Association (NFA)
11. Friendships and memories to last a lifetime!
All this for \$50 - What a Deal!

Please complete the membership application (page 11), and make your check payable to Capital City Shag Club, and mail your application and dues to:

Capital City Shag Club
P. O. Box 53
Irmo, SC 29063

Applicants, 21 years of age and older, will be considered for membership. Forms must be signed by all participants. Renew your membership now to stay on our active roster and not miss any announcements.

Thank you!

CCSC Membership Chair

Member News, Sympathy, Prayers

Let's continue to keep our members in prayer including:

Michele Jent, as she continues to recover from her recent surgery. Michele joined us last Thursday for Dancing Together! Get well wishes can be mailed to Michele at 155 Chippenham Circle, Columbia, SC 29210.

Also, Ron Polites is recuperating at home after being hospitalized for cardiac care. Get well wishes can be mailed to Ron at 828 S. Parker Dr., Apt. D, Florence, SC 29501.

Do you have news, celebrations, milestones that you want to share with club members? Or, if you know of an illness or death of a CCSC member or their family that can be shared, please email

Sounding Off



To begin the new year, Barney, our new CCSC President, is soliciting your feedback. This new sounding-off board is a place for open, honest dialogue and idea sharing. It is intended to gather feedback, perspectives and concerns to help explore ideas before decisions are made. Participation is encouraged, and all viewpoints are welcome as we listen, learn, and improve together. Please be constructive, no foul language and refrain from using names in any personal opinions.

Email your comments, concerns, and/or feedback to the CCSC email address:

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All emails will be forwarded to the President for discussion and consideration.

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Mary Gregory, the SOS Web Master, has shared the following instructions on how to add the SOS App to your mobile device. This App allows you to view all the SOS event schedules for the clubs including DJs, bands and workshops. Also, it provides access to the Carefree Times including Archives and ACSC Club Information.

How to Install the SOS App.

1. Scan this QR Code either with a QR Reader or your Camera

	Or if you use your Camera: It will come up  Click on the eventapp.to (box)
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1. If Android Phone Click on the Install Icon at the top  and then click install. (it will be installed)
2. If iPhone, If you Scanned by **QR Code** or clicked on the "**eventapp.to**" box the following screen appears:
3. Then click on this icon:  and **scroll down** and click on "**Add to Home Screen**"



4. Name it: **SOS APP** and Click **ADD**.

Capital City Shag Club Weekly News



**Stay Connected with Us Through Our
Various Platforms:
CCSC Email Address
capitalcityshagclub.sc@gmail.com**

**CCSC Website with Our Club Information,
Updates on Extravaganza, Dancing Events,
Our Current Newsletter, and Fun Photos
<https://capitalcityshagclubsc.org>**

**CCSC Facebook Page with Our Latest Club
Information on Extravaganza, Club Parties,
Weekly Dancing, and Community Events
facebook.com/ccsc/capitalcityshagclub**

**CCSC Smugmug Page with All of Our Fun
Photo Galleries
www.capitalcityshagclub.smugmug.com**

KEEP IT CLASSY OR COUNTRY
FOR OUR BLACK AND WHITE
CAPITAL CITY SHAG CLUB
MEMBERSHIP RE-UP PARTY
FIRST QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Guests:
\$30

DJ
BARNEY MIMS

FEBRUARY 28 AT 6:30 PM

RSVP BY TEXT TO CAROL GASQUE 803-312-5375.

DINNER CATERED BY
MATHIAS SANDWICH SHOP.

LEXINGTON VFW
424 CEDARCREST DRIVE
LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

CAPITAL CITY SHAG CLUB PRESENTS
SHAG EXTRAVAGANZA XVI



**CHEERS
TO
16
YEARS**

**AUGUST 7-8, 2026
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON
2100 BUSH RIVER ROAD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH
CAROLINA**

TICKET INFO :
803-837-2415
www.capitalcityshagclubsc.org

Park & Party

- Friday and Saturday, August 7-8, 2026
- DoubleTree by Hilton, 2100 Bush River Rd, Columbia, SC 29210
- 3 Shag Lessons, and 1 Line Dance Lesson by Sam and Lisa West
- Spotlight Dance by Sam and Lisa West (National Shag Champions)
- Tickets \$100 each
- **Friday DJs: Mark Swygert and Gene Sistare**
- **Saturday DJs: Norman Mills and Buck Crumpton**
- Hospitality Party, Friday and Saturday
- Two Meals: Dinner Friday and Saturday Evening
- Complimentary Breakfast for DoubleTree Guests
- Great Vendors
- Silent Auction, Chinese Auction, Raffle & 50/50
- Friendships and memories to last a life time
- Shag Extravaganza is a great value!

For Double Tree Hotel Reservations, Call 866-247-3572 between the hours of 8 AM-4 PM, M-F. Specify Group Code CDT90Q, \$119 for basic room and \$139 for two room suite (per night) plus taxes and applicable fees. You can also book online <https://hil.tn/0mfu9y> Reservation Deadline - July 7, 2026.



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Capital City Shag Club
Columbia, SC
Membership Application
January 1—December 31
Year 2026

Mail completed application with payment to:

Capital City Shag Club — PO Box 53 — Irmo, SC 29063
capitalcityshagclub.sc@gmail.com

Check One: RENEWAL NEW MEMBER

#1 Last Name _____ First Name _____
#1 Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
#1 Phone# _____ Birthday: Month ____ Day ____ Occupation _____
(if retired, what was your occupation)
#1 Email: _____ Other Shag Club Affiliations _____

#2 Last Name _____ First Name _____
#2 Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
#2 Phone# _____ Birthday: Month ____ Day ____ Occupation _____
(if retired, what was your occupation)
#2 Email: _____ Other Shag Club Affiliations _____

Annual Dues \$60 Check# _____ Cash _____

Make checks payable to: **Capital City Shag Club**

Release: For and in consideration of dues paid to membership in Capital City Shag Club (CCSC), I (the undersigned) being of lawful age, hereby release and forever discharge CCSC from any and all causes of action, claims, and demands for or upon or by reason of any damages, loss or injury which heretofore has been sustained by me as a consequence of my actions at any CCSC function. It is understood that the act of admission to any CCSC sponsored event as a member is not construed as an admission on the part of CCSC of any liability to me whatsoever for any injury or loss.

#1 Signature _____ Date _____

#2 Signature _____ Date _____

Received by _____ Date _____

Support our Sponsors!



311 Blanding St
Batesburg Leesville, SC 29006
803-532-4481



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