

The Association of Beach and Shag Club DeeJays



*Dedicated to the
memory of Charlie
Byrd (Carawan) and
The Charlie Byrd
Beach Blast*

The Top 50 Shag Songs of

Listed on the opposing page are the Top 50 Shag Songs of 2004 as compiled by the Association of Beach and Shag Club Deejays (ABSCDJs). At the Association's Board meeting in January, 2004, it was moved and passed that this list would be compiled and distributed in the future as the official annual Top 50 list for the ABSCDJs. This list follows the annual list compiled by the late Charlie Byrd and will be dedicated to Charlie and his syndicated radio show, *The Charlie Byrd Beach Blast*, as long as it is compiled and published in the Association's name. As many of you know, Charlie was always in the forefront of Beach and Shag Music and had thousands of listeners across the southeast who eagerly awaited his annual (done early each January) Top 50 show where he counted down the Top 50 shag songs of the previous year. We miss Charlie and dedicate this effort to him.

How was this list compiled? What made the top song number one and why weren't certain other songs included on this list? The regular membership of the ABSCDJs were invited to submit a list of their top 50 shag songs for the year 2004. They were given the following guidance in developing their individual lists:

1. What songs filled the dance floor most consistently over the year and what songs did you receive the most requests to play?
2. Do not overlook songs that were strong at the beginning of the year but faded towards the end. Use your subjective memory to identify and list those songs that were the strongest for you in clubs and shag club parties, over the course of the entire year.
3. This is a list of the Top 50 SHAG songs of the year. Please do not include any slow songs or line dance favorites.

This list is not a list of the Top 50 NEW shag songs of 2004, but of the Top 50 shag songs that CONSISTENTLY filled the floors. Therefore, feel free to include older songs from years past that you still get requests to play and that always fill the floor.

Sixteen members of the ABSCDJs took the time to think back over the past year and rate their top 50 songs. This was not an easy task, and took some time and soul searching in an effort to best portray the Top 50. From these sixteen lists, I assigned point values to each song that was submitted based on where it was ranked by the submitting Deejay(s). For instance, if a Deejay listed "Song A" as his number 1 song of the year, it received 50 points. His number 2 song of the year received 49, his number 3 got 48 and so on down to his number 50 song which received 1 point. Then I totaled up the points and the 50 songs receiving the most points were rank ordered as the Top 50 Shag Songs of the year.

For those interested, there were a total of 328 different songs submitted by the sixteen Deejays. Of these, 23 were repeats from last year's list. Some other trivia derived from taking a close look at the lists are as follows:

1. The oldest (based on release date) song to make the Top 50 for 2004 was "I Used To Cry Mercy, Mercy" by The Lamplighters, released in 1954. The runner-up was Marvin Gaye's "Come Get To This," released in 1973.
2. 16 of the songs were recorded by our local beach bands, indicating their hard work at coming up with "danceable" songs for the shag world.
3. 5 of the songs came originally from the Top 40 charts, proof that shaggers like good music from any source with a good danceable beat.

The 16 Deejays who took the time to participate in this effort are listed on the back page of this document. Please support them, as well as the rest of the members of the Association of Beach and Shag Club Deejays, in the coming year. I hope you enjoy reviewing this list and dancing to the songs you see.

David Sessoms

The ABSCDJ's Top 50 Shag Songs of 2004

1. Nine Times A Man Don Covay/Wilson Pickett
2. Party Til The Lights Go Out The Hardway Connection
3. Back That Thang Up Tyrone Davis
4. Zing Went The Strings The Attractions
5. Wrapped Up, Tied Up, Tangled Up The Carpenter Ants
6. I Slipped Roy Roberts
7. Can't Change My Heart The Rickey Godfrey Band
8. Remember Me Tommy Brown
9. Corrine Corrina Leon Daniels
10. Chasin' Dreams North Tower
11. Love Don't Come No Stronger Craig Woolard
12. Jerry's In Love The Chairmen
13. 8-3-1 Lisa Stansfield
14. Stand Up In It Theodis Ealey
15. Boogie Children Finis Tasby
16. Sunrise Simply Red
17. Loving My Baby The Memphis All Stars
18. Last Night Chris Anderson & DJ Robbie
19. Juke Joint Slide Lee "Shot" Williams
20. Quiet Place The Embers
21. Big Blue Diamonds Percy Sledge
22. I'm Man Enough The Holiday Band
23. Rub It In Batson & Chase
24. She's Got The Look Gary Brown
25. Sweat The Coastline Band
26. Step In The Name Of Love R. Kelly
27. There's No Me Without You The Chairmen
28. I Used To Cry Mercy Mercy The Lamplighters
29. She Wants To Dance With Me Eugene "Hideaway" Bridges
30. Come Get To This Marvin Gaye
31. Who's Been Rockin' In My Bed Lee Morris
32. Beautician Blues Bryan Lee
33. Give It To A Good Man The SugarBees
34. Is The Magic Still There Gary Brown
35. Hole In My Heart Burton Gaar
36. My Heart's Got A Mind Of It's Own Marty Ojeda
37. Dixie Moon Mark Roberts
38. Maudie Doyle Bramhall
39. Movin' And A Groovin' Eugene "Hideaway" Bridges
40. Something Smooth Rick Strickland
41. Let's Be Friends (Skin To Skin) Bruce Springsteen
42. Lady Soul The Temptations
43. Dixie Moon Ray Charles
44. Till The Day After Craig Woolard
45. Let Me Be The One Daryl Hall
46. I'm In A Beach Music Mood Rick Lawson
47. Satisfy My Soul Paul Carrack
48. I'm Alive Celine Dion
49. Don't Tell Me What I Need Roosevelt Dean
50. Hey Mr. DJ Van Morrison

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