

The Association of Beach and Shag Club D.J's

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The Top 50 Shag Songs of 2024



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

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Welcome to this year's issue of the Top 50 Shag songs as compiled by the Association of Beach and Shag Club Dee Jays.

This year we had 39 DJs send in their Top 50. Many thanks to the DJs for taking the time to submit their top songs.

A total of 399 unique songs were submitted by our DJs. Each song was given a rating between 1-25. The DJs number one song was given 25 points. Their last song was given 1 point. After all songs were in, the points were added to find the Top 50. Some songs had identical scores so I used the number of votes each song received to break a tie. Excel spreadsheet made the calculations and sorting easy.

'Blowin' Smoke' has ascended to the number one slot on the chart, clinging to the top spot for three consecutive years, a feat never seen before in the shag world.

Two new songs made the Top 5. I'd Be Lying by MT Jones released in 2023 made it to the number 3 slot. Honey by Lenny Kravitz released in 2024 made it to number 4.

Texas Time is in the Top 5 again for three consecutive years. Could be that it is a favorite line dance in many areas of the country.

Got to Be You by Dr Victor continues to be in the Top 10. Cry to Me by Solomon Burke has stayed in the Top 10 for several years. 62 Chevy by Keb Mo is a popular shag song making the Top 10 three years in a row.

We have 3 truly classic shag songs. These three songs have been on every Top 50 since 2004, for a total of 19 times. Come Get To This by Marvin Gaye, I Used to Cry Mercy Mercy by the Lamplighters, and Lady Soul by the Temptations.

Other classic shag songs that have made the Top 50 over 10 times are:

Hold on to the Blues by Lonnie Givens, x18
Getaway Car by Hall & Oates, x18
How Do You Stop, by James Brown, x18
8 3 1 by Lisa Stansfield, x17
In This Mess by Snooky Pryor, x16
Give Me You by Billy Ward & the Dominoes x14
Bright by Peter White, x13
I Can't Think by Band of Oz. 13
Let's Walk by Austin Delone x12
Come Get To This by LJ Reynolds x11
Sweetness of Your Love by L.U.S.T. x10

What a great time to be a DJ with so many great shag songs to spin.

DJ Gary Jones
Jacksonville FL

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1	Blowin' Smoke	Teddy Swims
2	Lady Soul	The Temptations
3	I'd Be Lying	M.T. Jones
4	Honey	Lenny Kravitz
5	Texas Time	Keith Urban
6	Old Love Song	Zac Brown Band
7	When It Was Wrong	California Honeydrops
8	Got To Be You	Dr. Victor
9	62 Chevy	Keb' Mo'
10	Come Get To This	Marvin Gaye
11	Dance With Me	Niko Moon
12	Cry To Me	Solomon Burke
13	Just One More	California Honeydrops
14	Eight Four Three	Jim Quick and Coastline
15	8-3-1	Lisa Stansfield
16	Cold Heart (PNAU Remix)	Elton John & Dua Lipa
17	One Scotch, One Bourbon, One Beer	Delbert McClinton
18	San Miguel	Delbert McClinton
19	How Do You Stop	James Brown
20	Going Home To Jesus	The Clovers
21	Bright	Peter White
22	Intuition	Claire Davis
23	Happy Ever After	Bee Gees
24	I Can't Think	Band of Oz
25	Let's Walk	Austin deLone
26	Baby Come Back Home	Mr. X Safford
27	Hold On To The Blues	Lonne Givens
28	Black Coffee And Cigarettes	Might Mo Rogers
29	Let Me Make Love To You	Gene Chandler
30	Getaway Car	Hall & Oates
31	In This Mess	Snooky Pryor
32	The Things You Do	Wildson
33	Please Don't Walk Away	Broken Hearts Inc
34	Brenda	O. C. Smith
35	Alone	Bee Gees
36	Fly Me To The Moon	Frank Sinatra & Count Basie
37	I'm Glad I Fell In Love with You	O. C. Smith
38	Give Me You	Billy Ward & The Dominoes
39	Baby What You Want Me To Do	Etta James
40	Cause I Love You	Mike Morgan & The Crawl
41	Keep On Rollin	King George
42	Picture of You	Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot
43	Don't Play That Song For Me	Bruce Springsteen
44	A Donut and a Dream	The Mills Brothers
45	Sleep On It	Paul Carrack
46	Back By Popular Demand	Jean, Scherrie & Lynda
47	I Used to Cry Mercy Mercy	The Lamplighters
48	Sweet Talkin' Man	Delbert McClinton
49	Tequila On Ice	Wayne Free
50	I Ain't Leaving Mississippi	Jaye Hammer

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Thanks to the following members of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs who took part in putting this list together. These are the DJs that took time from their busy schedules to assemble what they consider to be the best shag music of 2024.

Thank You

(HOF = Hall of Fame, EB = Executive Board, COS = Council of States)

Tony Gonzalez COS	Jerry Hill	Micky Salomon	Billy Cook
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No Top 50 was published in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19."

I want to thank David Sessoms a Lifetime member of the ABSCDJ and Hall of Fame. He was very helpful with his knowledge of compiling the Top 50 and sharing his knowledge with me. David compiled the Top 50 for many years. His contributions included gathering song suggestions, organizing the data, and publishing the Top 50 flyer. Recognizing the importance of preserving this valuable resource and ensuring its continued relevance, David thoughtfully passed the torch to Gary Jones, ensuring the legacy of this essential tool for the Shag community. DJ Gary Jones is current Top 50 coordinator.



Charles Windley Carawan, aka, Charlie Brown and Charlie Byrd. Born May 2, 1942 in Beaufort County NC. He passed from lung cancer at the age of 60 on November 5, 2002. He is buried in the Oak City Cemetery in Martin County NC. He DJed on many different radio stations. These are just a few that I could find on the Internet: WTMA, WDLX, WKIX, WYPR, WYNG, WEEW. He was a radio broadcaster for over 40 years and is best known for the long-running syndicated beach show "The Charlie Byrd Beach Blast. In his earlier years he was known as Charlie Brown and called his records and CDs his "Flat Friends.". He was a Hall of Fame DJ.

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. The Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ continues his tradition with the Top 50.



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