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

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The Top 50 Shag Songs of

2023



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 50 DJs send in their Top 50. Many thanks to the DJs for taking the time to submit their top songs.

A total of 504 different 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 song 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. Excel spreadsheet made the calculations and sorting easy.

This is the 3rd time that a song hit #1 two years in a row. "Blowin' Smoke" by Teddy Swims was #1 in 2022 and 2023. In 2017 & 2018 "Call my Wife" by Linsey Alexander was #1. It is still hot at #46 in 2023. "Marvin Gaye" by Charlie Puth was #1 in 2015 & 2016. It made it to #75 in 2023.

I Ain't Leaving Mississippi was the #1 song in 2019, and still made it to #14 in 2022, and #18 in 2023. Very popular song.

Cold Heart by Elton John & Dua Lipa was #3 in 2022 and only dropped to #5 in 2023. HOT!

"Got to Be You" by Dr. Victor was #2 in 2019 and still made the Top 10 this year. "San Miguel" by Delbert McClinton was #3 in 2019 and made the Top 50 again in 2023. "Cry to Me" by Solomon Burke was #9 in 2019 and moved up to #6 this year. "Come Get to This" by Marvin Gaye was #12 in 2019 but moved up the list to #9 in 2023.

"Lady Soul" by the Temptations is a true classic shag song. It was in the Top 10 from 2015 thou 2019 and it is still in the Top 10 in 2022. In 2023 it made it to #4.

Three country songs made the Top 50 this year, Old Love Songs at #3, Texas Time at #2, Lonely Side of Town at #20. All three were in the Top 50 for 2022.

Other great shag songs like How do You Stop by James Brown, Ms. Grace by The Tymes, Happy Ever After and Alone by the Bee Gees, and I Used to Cry Mercy Mercy by the Lamplighters made the Top 50 again.

I want to thank all the DJs for submitting their top songs. Without your input the ABSCDJ can't preserve great shag songs for future Shaggers.

DJ Gary Jones Jacksonville FL

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1	Blowin' Smoke	Teddy Swims
2	Texas Time	Keith Urban
3	Old Love Song	Zac Brown Band
4	Lady Soul	Temptations
5	Cold Heart	Elton John & Dua Lipa
6	Cry To Me	Solomon Burke
7	Got to be You	Dr. Victor
8	62 Chevy	Keb Mo
9	Come Get To This	
	When It Was Wrong	Marvin Gaye
10	_	California Honeydrops
11	One Scotch, One Burbon, One Beer	Delbert McClinton
12	Eight Four Three	Jim Quick & Coastline
13	Baby Come Back Home	Mr. X Safford
14	Bright	Peter White
15	San Miguel	Delbert McClinton
16	In This Mess	Snooky Pryor
17	8-3-1	Lisa Stansfield
18	I Ain't Leaving Mississippi	Jaye Hammer
19	Dance With Me	Niko Moon
20	Lonely Side Of Town	Old Dominion W/ Gladys Knight
21	Getaway Car	Hall & Oates
22	I Can't Think	Band Of Oz
23	How Do You Stop	James Brown
24	Hold On To The Blues	Lonne Givens
25	Going Home To Jesus	Clovers
26	Happy Ever After	Bee Gees
27	Black Coffee And Cigarettes	Mighty Mo Rodgers
28	Come Get To This	L.J. Reynolds
29	Ms Grace	The Tymes
30	Breakin News	Benny Turner
	Picture Of You	Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot
32	Stand By Man	Mr. Sam
33	I'm Glad I Fell In Love With You	O.C. Smith
34	Let Me Make Love To You	Gene Chandler
35	I Used To Cry Mercy Mercy	The Lamplighters
36	Fly Me To The Moon	Frank Sinatra & Count Basie
37	Give Me You	Billy Ward & The Dominoes
38	Mr. So And So	Smokehouse
39	Let's Walk	Austin de Lone
40	True Love	Hardway Connection
41	Broke	Teddy Swims
42	Cause I Love You	Mike Morgan & The Crawl
43	Love Contract	Musiq Soulchild
44	Don't Play That Song	Bruce Springsteen
45	Tequila On Ice	Wayne Free
46	Call My Wife	Linsey Alexander
47	Brenda	O.C. Smith
48	Donut And A Dream	The Mills Brothers
49	Can't Get Enough Of Your Love	Barry White

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Jazzy Lady

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Richard "Dimples" Fields

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 2023. Thank You

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

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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.

