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The Beach Beat!

“Last” Message from Madam President...

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Hello fellow SOBS!

Our “Beach Day” fundraiser on July 1, 2013, may have rained out, but it’s hard to stop SOBS “He-He-He!” Our New Hope Clinic benefit dance on November 17, 2013, was a big success thanks to you and a few others. We raised \$598, kudos! Which makes me wonder why we work so hard in the sun and heat to grill hamburgers and hotdogs to raise the same amount when we can just dance? It wouldn’t have been as easy if DJ Steve Smith hadn’t donated his time. Thank you Steve! Also, thanks goes out to Rich and Chris Kitts for donating their 50/50 winnings.

Our next dance is our club Christmas Party, December 7, 2013, at the Moose Lodge on Long Beach Rd. with DJ Jerry Burrage. *Please don’t forget to bring an unwrapped toy for the Oak Island Family Resource Center!*

Thank you to all who worked the doors and sold 50/50 tickets and helped to clean up after our dances and worked at the fundraisers. Both the VFW and the Moose Lodge loan us the use of their facilities at no charge to us, so it is expected that we leave the facilities in as good a shape as we found it. That means clearing the tables, taking out the trash and whatever other mess we may have made. We do not have a cleaning committee so often it is Kim and I. I’m saying this just as a reminder for the upcoming year and the new officers who should not be expected to do it all themselves. I don’t mean to sound like a gripe, it’s just a reminder.

I’ve had a wonderful time this year as the club president. At our December 7, 2013, dance we will elect our new officers. A big thank you to the SOBS Board Members listed below! I hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you all on the dance floor next year!



Mamie Brown, President 2013

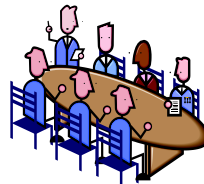


DON’T FORGET...

Bring an unwrapped toy to our Christmas Dance to be given to the Oak Island Family Resource Center.

2013 Society of Brunswick Shaggers Board...

- Mamie Brown, *President*
- Robert Carter, *Vice President*
- Sue DeMeyer, *Secretary*
- Bill Brown, *Treasurer*
- Chuck Boney, *Membership*
- Joe Malinowski, *Publicity*



- Sandy Brown, *Committee Coordinator*
- Pam Duncan, *Committee Coordinator*
- Mary Ann Gregory, *Committee Coordinator*
- Cathy Skelps, *Committee Coordinator*
- Ken Koehly, *Webmaster*
- John Hutton, *DJ Selection*

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2013...

Attendees: Mamie Brown, President; Robert Carter, Vice President; Sue DeMeyer, Secretary; Bill Brown, Treasurer; Joe Malinowski, Publicity; MaryAnn Gregory, Pam Duncan, Cathy Skelps and Sandy Brown, Committee Coordinators; Chuck Boney, Membership; Butch Underwood and Sandy Boney, Members

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the Secretary's Report of October 10, 2013, was made, seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Bill reported a balance of \$3,413, not including \$200 in the cash box. Uplink total is \$4,635 (including ticket sales, auctions, donations, and 50/50), up \$300 from last year. Kudos to all, especially MaryAnn and Mamie, for a job well done! The donation to the Moose's "Feed the Veterans" will be \$515. Bill will submit an amended report reflecting the Uplink dance 50/50 going to Uplink.

Old Business: The November 8, 2013, "Thanksgiving" dance will feature DJ David Wade. Mamie and Pam will cook turkeys and supply the cranberry sauce and members will be asked to bring sides. Mamie will present the Uplink check to the VFW at the dance. Brenda and Bahre Willis are on the door. (Secretary's note: 2, 20 lb. turkeys and a roasting chicken were enough to feed 60 shaggers.)

The New Hope Clinic fundraiser has been rescheduled from the Beach Day rainout to a special dance to be held November 17, 2013, from 2 to 5 pm, at the VFW. Steve Smith has volunteered his time to DJ! Admission will be \$5, with a 50/50 (to include cash and a few prizes) and donation jar. Discussion was held about ideas for this fundraiser for next year again, but no decision was reached.

New Business: The Christmas dance at the Moose will be Saturday, December 7, 2013, and feature DJ Jerry Burrage. Mamie has asked that several people sign up for the door so that all may dance and will have a sign-up sheet to that effect at the November 7, 2013, dance. Dinner is provided by the club. Mamie will negotiate the price of the meal. The menu is tentatively set with chicken quarters, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and sheet cake purchased by the club. (Sandy Boney volunteered to do this.) Members are asked to bring toys for Oak Island's less fortunate children. Joe will send out an email requesting RSVPs so we have a number to turn in to the Moose. Admission is \$3 for SOBS and \$10 for anybody else.

Open Discussion: Chuck Boney is chairing the nominating committee. The slate is as follows: For President: Robert Carter. For Vice President: Ellen Wester. For Treasurer: Bill Brown. For Secretary: Pam Bacon. The election will take place at the December dance. A suggestion was made to have the current Executive Committee meet with the new one in January to assist in the transition.

It was decided to donate the 50/50 from the January 24, 2014, dance to the Brunswick County Food Pantry.

Minutes Submitted by:

Sue DeMeyer, Secretary 2013



"WELCOME" Visitors of other Shag Clubs & Guests...

Our November 8, 2013, "Thanksgiving" shag dance at the VFW Post had 57 SOBS, 2 guests and 2 members of the Harnett Area Shag Association. The Thanksgiving fixings included turkeys cooked by Mamie Brown and Pam Duncan and all the fixings thanks to those members bringing side-dishes and dessert!

The November 17, 2013, "New Hope Clinic Fundraiser" shag dance was also held at the VFW Post and had 51 SOBS, 4 members of the Coastal Shag Club, 2 members of the Harnett Area Shag Assn., and 2 members from the OD Shag

Guests... Fred & Betty Benson
Debbie Bonvouloir
Melissa Howard
Jimmie & Lynn Sanders
Dorcas Webster



Gary and Shirley Coble



Jim Johnson
Carol Jutte
Walt & Marlene Luniewski



John & Nancy Paldini

Our Fundraiser Results...

Charity

We had an extremely active few past months due to all the planning, organizing, soliciting, advertising, staffing and eventual "Show-Time" of our 10th Annual Beach Music Dance and Charity Fundraiser and "New Hope Clinic" Shag Dance. The success of our 2 fundraiser events couldn't have been possible without our committees and volunteers. For the New Hope Clinic Fundraiser, thanks to DJ Steve Smith for donating his time and to Rich and Chris Kitts for donating their 50/50 winnings. **Thanks to you and our guests we raised:**

\$4,635 to VFW's "Project UpLink" Program
\$555 to Moose Lodge's "Feed the Vets" Program
\$598 to New Hope Clinic!

December Birthdays...

2nd... Penny Carroll
 2nd... Barbara Domen
 2nd... Danette Sral
 2nd... Ellen Wester
 4th... Jim Trent
 7th... Mike Williams
 8th... Mamie Brown
 9th... Tom Boniface
 11th... Johnnie Webster

14th... Beverly Williams
 15th... Charles Smith
 20th... Kathy Malinowski
 22nd... Cathy Pennell
 23rd... Linda Jenkins
 24th... Joe Malinowski
 27th... Martin Teague
 31st... George McVeigh



December DJ Information...

Fellow SOBS,

If you missed David Wade and Steve Smith, you missed some great dancing and good times! You know I have been writing about the DJs this year and we have just about danced 2013 away. I hope that you have all enjoyed my DJ selections. Remember, every one of our DJs takes requests! Come out and enjoy a Christmas meal on the club and dance your way into the holidays. Playing the music for our only December dance, the annual Christmas Party is:

***Jerry Burrage, Saturday, December 7th, at the Moose Lodge
 Don't forget... bring an unwrapped Toy and your dance shoes!***



Jerry Burrage has played for our club a number of times over the years and has been a Christmas Party tradition for as long as I can remember. He and his wife Marilyn are Hall of Fame dancers and have competed in Shag competition for many years. Jerry has been spinning and collecting tunes for over 20+ years. He is one of the house DJs at the landmark Ocean Drive Pavilion during the summer. Jerry has been Vice-President of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs.

I have finished booking the DJs for 2014. Our first 2014 dance will be January 10th at the VFW with former SOBS club president Bill Ruth. "Fessa" John Hook will play for our annual Re-Up Party on Friday, January 24th at the Moose. Katy and I want you all to have a great holiday season and look forward to seeing you on the dance floor in the coming year.

John Hutton, DJ Selection



Meet some of our Members ...



Butch & Sherry Underwood... grew up in the High Point/Thomasville area and after a year of marriage moved to Hickory, NC in 1977. They have two children and two grandchildren. Their son, Skip, resides in Denver, North Carolina with his family, which includes a three year old granddaughter Allie. Their daughter, Kasha, lives in Johnson City, Tennessee with the other granddaughter, Alexandra, who is 13.

Butch is retired from 37 years of furniture and cabinet finish marketing work for a large chemical company. Sherry retired from a law firm in the Hickory area. They moved to Oak Island in 2004 after visiting Sherry's mother for over 30 years on the Island. They both still work part time to finance their "dancing habit".

Besides Shagging, Butch and Sherry enjoy flounder fishing and an occasional round of golf. Butch started Shagging in the early 1960's at the Rol-A-Rink in High Point when he was still roller skating competitively. Sherry learned the step from her former sister-in-law about 1972.

Butch and Sherry danced with the local group at Shucker's on Oak Island and at night clubs in Hickory prior to moving to the Island. They became "card carrying SOBS" in 2005. The close knit Shag community and fun times encouraged them to become more involved in the Dance and the Club. Butch served as Vice President in 2008 and President in 2009 and 2010. Sherry held the Committee Coordinator position and did all of the work while Butch was President.

Butch and Sherry both hope that the Society of Brunswick Shaggers never lose sight of the history of the Shag Dance and the Music of the Dance. They feel that the Dance should retain as much of its original identity as possible and are sure that the "fun factor" will not diminish.

Election of 2014 SOBS Officers...

The Nominating Committee of Chuck Boney and Jim Trent presented their slate of SOBS Officers at the November 7, 2013, Executive Board meeting. The 2014 slate of nominees for the following SOBS Officer positions are as follows:

President: Robert Carter

Vice President: Ellen Wester

Treasurer: Bill Brown

Secretary: Pam Bacon



The election will take place at our "Christmas Party" Shag Dance on December 7, 2013, at the Oak Island Moose Lodge #2059 Family Center. There will be a call for nominations for these positions from the floor before the election.

2014 Dance & Party Schedule (Subject to Change!)

DATE	LOCATION	ENTERTAINMENT
JANUARY 10	VFW	BILL RUTH
JANUARY 17-19	MID-WINTER SOS (NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, NC)	
JANUARY 24	MOOSE (RE-UP/JOIN-UP) – 50/50 to Brunswick Food Pantry	“FESSA” JOHN HOOK
FEBRUARY 14	VFW (VALENTINE DANCE)	TERRY McPHAIL
FEBRUARY 21-23	WINTER WORKSHOP (COLUMBIA, SC)	
FEBRUARY 28	MOOSE (SOAR PET FOOD DRIVE)	JIM ROSE
MARCH 14	VFW	GENE SISTARE
MARCH 28	MOOSE	CLAUDE COLLINS
APRIL 4-13	SPRING SAFARI SOS (N. MYRTLE BEACH, SC)	
APRIL 5	PARADE & FREE POUR (N. MYRTLE BEACH, SC)	
APRIL 25	MOOSE	DAVID WADE
MAY 9	VFW	JIMMY BUFFKIN
MAY 23	MOOSE	JERRY BURRAGE
JUNE 13	VFW	EDDIE BAKER
JUNE 27	MOOSE	STEVE SMITH
JULY 1	BEACH DAY (NEW HOPE CLINIC FUNDRAISER)	
JULY 11	VFW	CHIGGER WOODS
JULY 25	MOOSE	ROBERT CARTER
AUGUST 8	VFW	BILL RUTH
AUGUST 22	MOOSE	JOEY WARREN
SEPTEMBER 12-21	FALL MIGRATION SOS (N. MYRTLE BEACH, SC)	
SEPTEMBER 13	FREE POUR (N. MYRTLE BEACH, SC)	
SEPTEMBER 26	MOOSE (PROJECT UPLINK FUNDRAISER)	“FESSA” JOHN HOOK
OCTOBER 10	VFW	CHIGGER WOODS
OCTOBER 24	MOOSE	CLAUDE COLLINS
NOVEMBER 14	VFW	TERRY McPHAIL
DECEMBER 6	MOOSE (CHRISTMAS PARTY)	JERRY BURRAGE

The Society of Brunswick Shaggers is a proud member of The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) and SOS (Society of Stranders).

The SOS Website can be found at: www.shagdance.com



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“What to Wear... What to Wear ...



I have been asked many times by new Shaggers about what the dancers wear when out and about during SOS in North Myrtle Beach. I will try to explain some of the fashion styles from a traditional Southern point of view. These suggestions are, by no means concrete rules, but are based on observations over the years of the Shag.

For the men – During warm weather you will see the Hawaiian style silk short-sleeved shirts. These are worn with tails not tucked into the pants. The pants may be of traditional or pleated cut made of linen or a soft flowing fabric. If jeans are worn, a slightly flared leg is desired and a “razor” crease is visible. The “Shag Rag” (a small towel) is visible and tucked into one of your back pockets. You do not see many Bermuda shorts worn at night.

During cooler weather long sleeved shirts may show up with a moderate amount of starch and the tails not tucked. If a sweater or sweater vest is worn, it is sometimes tucked into the slacks along with the shirt! Regardless of the weather, most of the guys do not wear socks!

For the ladies – Put on the sunglasses because sparkly tops abound. Your fashion choices are much more varied than those of the gentlemen. Sequins, metallic threads, and glittery fabrics are seen throughout the Clubs. Long flowing slacks such as palazzos are seen as well as light linens. Not many shorts are worn by the ladies at night and I have only seen two pairs of Daisy Dukes. Some “razor” creased jeans will show up, but not as many as seen on the males. Dresses or skirts are also rare. The jewelry and accessories are flashy, but purses are almost non-existent. The most-carried accessory is a decorated wine glass!

I hope that this helps in some form or fashion (pun intended). Remember that most of these “preppy” fashions come out at night. During the day, you will see most anything. There is one solid rule for an accomplished dancer – Please leave the black socks and sandals at home!



Butch Underwood – Cub Reporter

2014 SOS Cards are Available...



Our Club is in possession of brand new 2014 SOS Cards! The price remains \$30 through the Club and \$35 at SOS. Cards will be available from the SOBS until March 31, 2014. We will still be able to special order more for Fall Migration after the deadline, but we will not keep any on hand. This year, they ran out of cards at SOS and many Clubs still had several (Embarrassing!). **Remember SOS Cards make excellent Christmas gifts!**

2014 SOS Dates

Mid-Winter – January 17-19, 2014

Spring Safari – April 4-13, 2014

Fall Migration – September 12-21

10th Annual Beach Music Dance and Charity Fundraiser...



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