

The Official Newsletter of the Society of Brunswick Shaggers

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Message from our President...

As my last letter to our club as President, there are a lot of things I want to share. I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to be your President this past year, it has been a honor. I would also like to thank our board members & committee for all their tremendous help. Ellen Wester has been a great Vice President for making my job a lot easier, Pam Bacon has done an excellent job as our Secretary, and Bill Brown has done a great job as Treasurer. I also want to thank Joe Malinowski for the professional job on our newsletter and everything else he does for the club; John Hutton for selecting the greatest DJs for our club this year; Ken Koehly for keeping our website up to date; Chuck Boney for keeping track of our membership; and our committee coordinators who do so much to make our dances a success. I would also like to thank Mamie Brown & Butch Underwood for all their advice when I needed their guidance. I could not have asked for a better group. They worked very hard and please don't forget to thank them!

It has been a great year for this club! We have accomplished a lot of things and you should feel proud about the contributions we've made and given back to our community. I want to encourage everyone to get involved. Some members have said they don't want to get involved in the politics of the club, but if you truly care about this club you need to be aware of what is going on behind the scenes and understand the by laws and the impact they have on our club. Don't vote the majority without knowing why. Lastly, I want to thank the members who came out and gave of their time and money to make each event a success. None of this would be possible without you.

Remember, our Christmas Dance is on Saturday, Dec 6th at the Brunswick County Southport Senior Center with DJ Jerry Burrage. We will also be electing our new officers. So if you don't like the direction the club is going, this is your chance to get involved. We will also be taking nominations from the floor. Remember to bring an unwrapped toy to the dance to help out the Oak Island Family Resource Center.

Glenda and I would like to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years! Keep shagging...



Robert Carter, President

2014 Society of Brunswick Shaggers Board...

Robert Carter, *President*
Ellen Wester, *Vice President*
Pam Bacon, *Secretary*
Bill Brown, *Treasurer*



Chuck Boney, *Membership*
Joe Malinowski, *Publicity & Newsletter*
Mamie Brown, *Immediate Past President*

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Remember!

Club Officer Elections are being held at our December 6, Christmas Shag Dance!



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2014...

Present: Robert Carter, Ellen Wester, Pam Bacon, Mamie Brown, Bill Brown, Sandy Brown, Butch Underwood, Joe Malinowski

Meeting was called to order by Robert at 6:07 PM.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the Secretary's Report of Oct 2nd was made, seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Bill gave the Treasurers Report. We have \$3,441.00 in the bank which does not include the \$200.00 in the cash box.

Old Business: The final net profit of Uplink was \$5,158.00. A motion was made to disburse the funds as follows: VFW - \$4,658.00 for the telephone cards, Moose Lodge "Feed the Vets" - \$500.00. We will give the VFW their check on our Nov 14th dance and Robert and Ellen will go and deliver the check to the Moose Lodge. The New Hope Clinic Fundraiser was a low turnout, but we raised \$424.00 for the clinic. Butch made a motion that the club add \$76.00 to the \$424.00 to make it \$500.00. Motion was approved. We will give the check to New Hope Clinic also at the Nov 14th dance.

The dance at the Brunswick Center had good feedback, some concerning how to improve the setup and takedown of tables and maybe a new way of selling the drink tickets. Mamie had feedback from Cape Fear Shag club who were really impressed with the venue, especially the dance floor.

New Business: Our Thanksgiving dance will be held at the VFW on November 14th. Brad will prepare a holiday dinner with turkey, dressing, white/sweet potatoes, cranberry and rolls. The cost will be \$7.00 per person and Joe will send out an email for the RSVP. Our Christmas dance will be on Dec 6th at the Brunswick Center and Brad will cater this dance and the club will pay for the meal. The cost for the meal for other Shag Club members and Guests will be \$15.00. Members will pay \$3.00 for admission. It will consist of prime rib, potatoes, salad and bread. Brad and Ellen will go and look at the kitchen at the center to prepare for this dinner. Also this will be our annual toy drive, we ask that members and guest bring an unwrapped toy for children ages 3-15.

Open Discussion: There was some discussion about working on the food list for the dances since sometimes there is a shortage of food at some of the dances. We will look at this and see if we can come up with a new system. Bill Brown had two checks for the National Fast Dance Association for the music we play at our dances. One check was for \$316.02 based on number of people at the dances and the other for \$57.60 based on number of club members. These checks were mailed on Friday. Dues will also be coming due for the ACSC and we will be sending this in when the invoice arrives.

Next Board meeting will be December 4th at 6:00 pm at the VFW.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Pam Bacon, Secretary



WELCOME to our Guests and new Members...

On November 2nd we held our 2nd Annual New Hope Clinic Fundraiser dance at the VFW. A fairly good crowd came out to support this great cause as they danced to the tunes of our own President & DJ, Robert Carter.

Our November 14th dance also at the VFW was our annual Thanksgiving Dance. VFW's Chef "Brad" offered a great Thanksgiving turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Ever popular DJ Terry McPhail played his beach tunes to a crowd of 67 SOBS and 17 guests. This was our largest dance at the VFW this year! Thanks to all who attend our dances to keep alive the "dance of the South!"

Guests:

November 14th... Fred & Barbara Acton
 Steve & Avery Boyette
 Bob & Carolyn Ballou
 Mark & Lu Hagel
 Wilfred & Joan Slowik
 Steve & Patti Smith
 Ronnie & Beverly Weinstein

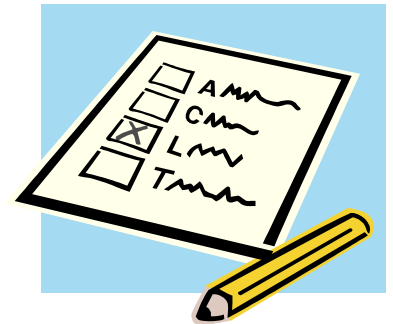


SOBS Club Officer Election...

Just a reminder... the SOB Club Officer Election will be held at our Christmas Shag Dance on Saturday, December 6, 2014, being held at the Brunswick County Southport Senior Center. Our nominees for our new officers are:

Ellen Wester, President; Bahre Willis, Vice President; Pam Bacon, Secretary; and Diani Johnson, Treasurer

The floor will still be open to nominate yourself or someone else for club office until we elect new officers at the dance.



December Birthdays...

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| 2nd... Penny Carroll | 11th... Johnnie Webster |
| 2nd... Barbara Domen | 14th... Beverly Williams |
| 2nd... Danette Sral | 15th... Charles Smith |
| 2nd... Ellen Wester | 17th... Maynard Chipman |
| 4th... Mona Biskup | 20th... Kathy Malinowski |
| 4th... Jim Trent | 22nd... Cathy Pennell |
| 7th... Mike Williams | 23rd... Linda Jenkins |
| 8th... Mamie Brown | 24th... Bill Berry |
| 9th... Tom Boniface | 24th... Joe Malinowski |
| 11th... Bill HyLwa | 29th... Linda Messmer |
| | 31st... George McVeigh |



October DJ Information...

Fellow SOBS,

If you missed our Thanksgiving dance with DJ Terry McPhail, you missed some great dancing and a good time! You know I have been writing about the DJs this year and we have danced 2014 away. I hope that you have enjoyed my DJ selections. Remember, every one of our DJs takes requests! Come out and enjoy a Christmas Prime Rib meal on the club and dance your way into the holidays. Playing the music for our only December dance, our annual Christmas Party is:



Jerry Burrage, Saturday, December 6th, at the Southport Senior Center

Don't forget... Bring an Un-wrapped 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 and a DJ on the Annual Blues Cruise. Jerry has been Vice-President of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs.

I am working on booking the DJs for 2015. Our first dance of 2015 will be January 9th at the VFW with former SOBS club president Bill Ruth. "Fessa" John Hook will play for our annual Re-Up Party on Friday, January 23rd at the Moose Lodge. Katy and I wish you all a great holiday season and look forward to seeing you on the dance floor in the coming year.

John Hutton, DJ Selection

From our Friends at Coastal Shag Club...

Our dances are 7:00 to 10:30 PM. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share unless the dance is a designated Dinner/Dance event. All soft drinks, water, beer, wine and liquor can be purchased from the Moose Lodge. Admission is \$5 for members of other ACSC Sanctioned Shag Clubs and \$8 for Guests and Visitors.

ALL DANCES ARE HELD AT THE SHALLOTTE MOOSE LODGE, 253 HOLDEN BEACH RD., SHALLOTTE, NC



DANCE DATE

December 20, 2014

DJ

David Sessoms

Meet some of our Members ...



Don & Jeannie Fowler... Jeannie and I met in 1982–83. We were married in 1984. She has one son and two grandsons in Danville, VA. I have a daughter and two grandchildren in Wake Forest, NC. I also have a son in Thomasville, NC with two grandchildren.

I was born in San Francisco, but moved to the East Coast when I was 3. My parents lived in New York and in Florida before settling down in Charlotte, NC. I lived in Charlotte from 1958–1975. And, in 1975–2009 lived in Winston–Salem. In 2009 until the present time in Oak Island. Jeannie was born in Washington, DC. She moved to Winston when she was in the 2nd grade and remained in Winston until we moved here. A friend from high school had a

house in Long Beach and invited us down 20 years ago. We looked at a lot of different cities, but Oak Island kept calling us back. Best move we could have taken.

After high school I entered a Sheet Metal Apprenticeship and became a sheet metal mechanic in Charlotte. I moved to Winston–Salem and went to work for R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. for 28 years. Jeannie worked for a clothing manufacturing company as a Cost Analyst and office manager. She is now semi-retired. My hobbies are piddling with Jeannie. Her hobbies are yard selling, boating and keeping me straight.

My 1st attempt to shag was in 1962 at Sonny's Pavilion in Cherry Grove, Easter weekend. Having several beers I asked a girl to dance. I remember the song, "Don't Drop It" by Wilbert Harrison. When she saw I knew nothing about shagging that was our last dance. From that Easter Weekend until 1982 I watched a lot. I never tried dancing at the beach on the following trips until 1982. If I had a few I might shuffle my feet in Winston–Salem at some of the clubs.

I met Jeannie in 1983. I found out about a girl who was giving shag lessons in Winston. I talked Jeannie into taking lessons. Sharon and Jet Jackson, with help from Janet Harold, got us started. Over a period of 3–5 years we took lessons from Carol Hyatt, Susie Beaver, Archie Chase, and Shad Alberta. We danced a lot in the 1980s, some in the 1990s. Not so much anymore, going back to my beginning, watching. Hard to get thru a 3 min. record.

I think the Shag is a beautiful dance if done well. We both love the music. I love the clubs. I wish the old clubs were still around. Bushes and Castaway in Greensboro. Winston, The Guard and Polo in Charlotte, The Cellar, Papa Doc's, Johnny Dollars, Groucho's, B & G. So many clubs in Charlotte. Ocean Drive, Fat Jacks, Fat Harold's (the old place), Sonny's, and The Pad. The Pavilion is still there and that is where I usually go, in the corner, watching. I joined SOBS 5 years ago but did not attend many of the dances the first 3 years. We attended more last year and hope to attend more in the coming year.

I have been involved with two shag clubs in the Winston and Greensboro area as officers. We took trips to Charleston, Rock Hill, Hickory and of course North Myrtle. Still like OD better. A road trip might be fun, then again I might be too old. We need youth to carry on.

Thanks, Don and Jeannie (Jean). See you around the dance floor!



2014 Dance & Party Schedule (This is it for the year!)...

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>ENTERTAINMENT</u> |
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| DECEMBER 6 | BRUNSWICK COUNTY SOUTHPORT SENIOR CENTER *** CLUB 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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Calling all Shaggers...

It is that time of year again that we need to renew our memberships to SOS (Society of Stranders). I currently have 2015 Cards in my possession for sale for \$30 (\$35 at North Myrtle Beach). Here is the 2015 schedule for SOS at North Myrtle (better known as Ocean Drive or OD).

Mid-Winter – January 16–18

Spring Safari – April 17–26 (Parade on 4/25)

Fall Migration – September 18–27 (Fun Sunday 9/20, Fun Monday 9/21)

You will need this Membership Card to enter any of the participating Clubs during the above dates. You may purchase a one night admission at the door for \$10 if you do not wish to purchase a card. No Card is needed for the OD Pavilion.

See me at any of our dances, email me at Lbunder@ec.rr.com, or call me at 910-278-9039 if you wish to purchase a Card. Make checks payable to the Society of Brunswick Shaggers or simply "SOBS". Remember, they make great Christmas Gifts!!

Butch Underwood
Holder of the Cards

Operation Uplink Fundraiser (09/26/2014)...



At our "Operation Uplink" Fundraiser dance on September 26, we raised \$4658.00 from our ticket sales and the paid auction items and 50-50 raffle.

The picture is of Ellen Wester, SOBS VP and Robert Carter, SOBS President presenting the check to the VFW at our November 14th dance.

In addition, we donated \$500 to the Moose Lodge "Feed the Vets" program.

We couldn't have done it without you... THANKS!



New Hope Clinic Fundraiser (11/02/2014) ...

As a result of our fundraiser for the New Hope Clinic (NHC) Shag Dance on Sunday, November 2, 2014, at VFW Post #10226, Oak Island, the SOBS presented a check for \$500 to their Director, Sheila Roberts. **All proceeds from our dance went to the New Hope Clinic.** The DJ entertainment was our own club President, Robert Carter.

Since 1998, the NHC mission is to provide basic medical and dental care, diagnostic services and prescription drugs to low income, uninsured residents of Brunswick County and to enhance the quality of life, while preserving the privacy and dignity of every patient. NHC is located at: 201 W Boiling Spring Road, Southport, NC 28561,

Call: 910-845-5333. For more information on NHC and their services, go to their website at:

<http://newhopeclinicfree.org>



November 14, 2014, Thanksgiving Dance @ VFW...



More – November 14, 2014, Thanksgiving Dance @ VFW...

