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Message from our "New" President...

Hello fellow SOBS!

Thank you for having the confidence in me to let me serve as your club President for the year 2014. I look forward to the year ahead and the continued growth of our club. Thank you, Mamie Brown, for the great job and all you have done the past two years in leading our club. We have two new board members Ellen Wester as our new Vice President, and Pam Bacon as our new Secretary, Bill Brown has agreed to be our Treasure again for 2014. I would like to thank the following volunteers for the great job they did in 2013: Joe Malinowski, Newsletter; Sandy Brown, Pam Duncan, Mary Ann Gregory, Cathy Skelps, Committee Coordinators; John Hutton, DJ Coordinator; Ken Koehly, Web Master; Chuck Boney, Membership; and Butch Underwood for all there help last year. Our club is only as strong as our members and you are what makes the SOBS such a success.

I heard the Christmas Party was a great time with DJ Jerry Burrage keeping the dance floor full, and they said the food was good. Thank you Sandra Bruton for donating your 50/50 winnings to the Toys For Tots program. We will start off the New Year on January 10th at the VFW, since it will be cold bring chili or soups to warm us up before dancing. Bill Ruth will be our DJ for the night.

The Mid-Winter SOS is January 19-21, 2014, so see Butch Underwood for your 2014 SOS cards. On Friday, January 24, 2014, we are having our annual "RE-UP / JOIN UP" at the Moose Lodge on Long Beach Road. Your meal is free with your new or renewed membership. Our meal will be pulled pork BBQ, potatoes, slaw, baked beans & rolls. Our 50/50 drawing will be donated to the Brunswick Food Pantry. They can buy so much more food with our donation of money than we can provide by donating canned food. The legendary "Fessa" John Hook will be our DJ that night.



DON'T FORGET...

To fill out your

Membership Application

Form and bring it to the

RE-UP/JOIN-UP Dance on

January 24!

Robert Carter, President 2014

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*



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

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - December 5, 2013...

Attendees: Mamie Brown, President; Robert Carter, Vice President; Bill Brown, Treasurer; Joe Malinowski, Publicity; MaryAnn Gregory and Sandy Brown, Committee Coordinators; and Ellen Wester, Members

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the Secretary's Report of November 7, 2013, was made, seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance. The Secretary thanks Sandy for taking notes!

Treasurer's Report: Bill reported a balance of \$3486, not including \$200 in the cash box. Uplink total paid to VFW was \$4635 (including ticket sales, auctions, donations, and 50/50). The check to the Moose's "Feed the Veterans" will be \$555. Bill adjusted the Treasurer's Report to reflect an additional \$60 for the New Hope Clinic fundraiser which now totals \$658. The committee confirmed that the 50/50 from the Re-Up Dance will go to the food pantry. A motion to accept the amended treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance.

Old Business: The New Hope Clinic fundraiser was rescheduled from the Beach Day rainout to a special dance held November 17, 2013, from 2 to 5 pm, at the VFW. Steve Smith volunteered his time to DJ! Admission was \$5, with a 50/50 and donation jar. The Committee decided to hold a dance for the New Hope fundraiser again next year instead of the Beach Day – less work, no weather worries, plus – we get to dance!

The December 8, 2013, "Christmas" dance will feature DJ Jerry Burrage. On the door are the Favers from 6 to 7 PM, Procacci from 7 to 8 PM and the Swankos from 8 to 8:30 PM. Mamie will teach the Biker Shuffle. Dinner will be provided by the club. We will pay the Moose \$7.50 to serve chicken quarters, boiled whole potatoes, green beans, tossed salad and rolls. Sandy Boney will get a sheet cake. Mamie will present the check to the Moose for "Feed the Vets". Members are asked to bring a toy for an Oak Island child. Admission is \$3 for SOBS and \$10 for anybody else. Joe will take RSVPs so we get a count for the Moose. The election of officers will be held.

New Business: The Re-Up / Join-Up Dance will be held January 24, 2014, at the Moose with DJ "Fessa" John Hook. Admission will be \$20 for the meal and the 2014 membership or \$10 if a person wishes to eat and not join. The Moose will provide the food for \$7.50 a person. The meal will be pork barbeque, boiled potatoes, slaw, baked beans and rolls. The club will furnish a cake for dessert.

Minutes Submitted by:

Sue DeMeyer, Secretary 2013

Committee Coordinator Needed!...

The club is still in need of an COMMITTEE COORDINATOR. We are so lucky to have so many members, both MEN & WOMEN, that would be great at this position. Don't be shy it is very rewarding. Please contact Robert Carter (Pres.) or Ellen Wester (VP) if you are interested. The COMMITTEE COORDINATOR responsibilities are:

- Plan and coordinate special events such as fund raisers, and community services activities.
- Contact standing committee leaders regarding upcoming activities and coordinate how the standing and ad hoc committees will relate to specific tasks.
- Become an ex-officio member of all committees.

SOBS On-Line Survey...

The purpose of the survey is to provide our newly elected Board Members with ideas for the coming year! It's an easy survey with just 4 questions where you can help the club with your ideas. Please complete the survey by January 31, 2014, and we will publish the results for the Board's consideration. The link to the survey is:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/27T6YQ9

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

Our December 7, 2013, "Christmas Party" shag dance at the Moose Lodge Family Center was an overwhelming success! We had 95 SOBS and 11 guests attend our last dance for 2013. Where did this year go? The Christmas Dinner was "on the club" and included chicken quarters, potatoes, string beans, corn, rolls and cake. Dinner was cooked and catered by the Moose Lodge. Our SOBS also demonstrated their generosity through all the toys they donated to the Oak Island Family Resource Center. In addition, our 50/50 winner, Sandra Bruton, donated her winnings to purchase more toys! Thanks to all for coming and making this one of our biggest dances of 2013!

Guests... Bill & Carol Berry
Dennis & Colleen Burns
Jim & Madelyn Clow
Tom & Pat Harrington
Becky Miles

Another Opportunity to Learn or Sharpen your Shag Steps...

Here's another chance to learn or sharpen up your steps doing the Shag "The Legendary Dance of the South". Lessons are available thru the *Brunswick County Parks & Recreation Department* at the two locations below.

Southport, NC

Classes will be held at the Brunswick Senior Center in Southport (located behind the Wingate Hotel). Beginning Thursday, January 9, 2014. classes will be held for 7 consecutive weeks thru February 27, 2014. Beginner classes start at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Intermediate classes start at 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. To register for the Southport classes, please call Ruthie McHugh at Brunswick County Parks and Recreation at 910–253–2583 or Chuck Boney at 910–454–4150. You can also email Chuck at rmcb4@yahoo.com

Calabash, NC

Classes will also be held at the South Brunswick Island Center (located at 9400 Ocean Highway, Calabash, NC). Beginning Tuesday, January 28, 2014, classes will be held for 7 consecutive weeks thru March 11, 2014. Beginner classes start at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Intermediate classes start at 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. To register for the Calabash classes, please call Ruthie McHugh at Brunswick County Parks and Recreation at 910–253–2583 or John Hutton at 910–201–9993. You can also email John at JSH66@earthlink.net

The cost is \$60.00 per person for the 7 weeks. It's easy to learn and great fun!

January Birthdays...

3rd... Nick Kowalchuk 12th... Katy O'Neill 4th... Art LaMontagne 16th... Jean Stout 6th... Frank Darzano 18th... Amanda Kiel 6th... Mary Ann Gregory 22nd...Fred Milano 6th... Jean McVeigh 23rd... Peggy Whitacre 26th... Chris Kitts 11th... Sandy Boney 29th... Arlene Bauer 11th... Barney Doherty 12th... Rich Kitts 29th... Bill Brown



January DJ Information...

Fellow SOBS,

Happy New Year. Where did 2013 go? We danced the year away! I will be continuing to write this year letting you know about each month's DJs. Spinning the discs in the month of January are:

Friday, January 10th - DJ "Wild" Bill Ruth at the VFW and Friday, January 24th - "Fessa" John Hook at the Moose Lodge for our annual Re-Up /Join-Up Party

Starting out our year will be former club President Bill Ruth. He and his wife Carol now live in Little River, SC. They are excellent dancers! Bill plays often in North Myrtle Beach at Fat Harold's, and the OD Pavilion and has been associated with Beach and Shag music for the last 30 years. His beach music tastes are grounded in the traditional oldies of Beach and Boogie.

"Fessa" John Hook will be playing at our January 24, 2014, Re-Up / Join-Up Dance Party at the Moose. "Fessa" is one of 3 legendary DJs of Beach Music along with Charlie Brown and Ted Bell. John has been involved in Beach Music since the early 1970's. He is the author of "Shagging in the Carolinas" which chronicles the history of Shag dancing and beach music. His latest publication is the 2 volume set "Beach Music Guide, 1945-2006" which contains extensive information on Beach Music artists and entries of over 26,000 beach music songs. He now syndicates three radio shows weekly on 25+ radio stations across the United States. He has been affiliated with numerous radio stations through the years in various capacities. His thorough knowledge of beach music has rightly earned him his nickname of "Fessa". His presence at our Annual Re-Up Dance Party should make this an event to be remembered.

I look forward to seeing you at all of our club's dances. Katy and I will miss the upcoming SOS Mid-Winter events at North Myrtle Beach over Martin Luther King weekend since we and 2 other couples from the club will be on the annual Holiday Band Cruise from Tampa, Florida to Grand Cayman and Cozumel. We will let you know what a great time we had! See you on a dance floor somewhere!

John Hutton, DJ Selection

Meet some of our Members ...



John Hutton & Katy O'Neill... live with their two cats Kitty and Leo. John has 2 children from previous marriages: Trevor in California and Mandy in Seattle area. Both are happily married and parents to 3 and 2 children respectively. John and Katy went out to visit with them this past summer and plan to go on a California cruise with the whole clan next summer. They envy those SOBS who jump in their cars to visit the "grands."

John grew up in Burlington NC, shagging since he started walking. He spent high school summers working in Ocean Drive, SC. After attending UNCW (then Wilmington

College) he was drafted into the army ending up in Honolulu. Katy grew up in Baltimore, Maryland and attended college there beginning a teaching career in Hawaii. They met at a street dancing party in Honolulu on Valentine's Day. Love at first sight, Katy took a leave from teaching to follow John delivering a boat to NC.

John's parents always had a beach house at Carolina Beach, and he had family in the area, so they decided to move to Carolina Beach to attend grad school at UNC-W. After graduating they worked in Brunswick County for a year and then made their way back to Hawaii via their sailboat "Late Flyte." They taught school on Oahu and lived aboard on their boat in Honolulu for 10 years. A decision to move to NC was made and since John's family is originally from the Ash area, pre-Civil War days, they looked back at Brunswick County falling in love with the small town flavor of Oak Island in 1998.

They started shagging that year attending SOS with high school buddies of John's and have been shagging ever since. They take lessons at every SOS and from Jeppy McDowell in the summers. The SOBS was down to 6 members at the first meeting they attended and became President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary all at once, taking over the club and moving it to Oak Island. Good times were ahead... they found places to dance, have parties and the rest-as they say, "is history."

True to island lifestyle, John's hobby is ocean swimming (100 miles a year!). He also is a voracious reader of military history and over the years they have both enjoyed Civil War reenacting. Katy pursues hobbies in the arts, most recently in pottery.

They love seeing folks take to shag dancing and hope to expand events for our club at SOS, including even more participants in the parade. Maybe even entering a parade float one day!

Meet some more of our Members ...



Jerry & Sue DeMeyer... went "steady", went to proms, attended college, got married, had a daughter, worked 30+ years, and retired. Details! Details! Okay! Sue grew up in South Bend, IN, and Jerry grew up on a farm outside of town. They met in 4th grade when Sue's family moved to "the country". Sue has a degree in teaching. Jerry earned his degree in mechanical engineering. They married in 1972 and moved to Rochester, MI, where Jerry took a position in the automotive industry working on safety restraints and Sue began teaching students

with learning disabilities. They were blessed with a daughter, Lauren. Jerry and Sue retired to SE North Carolina about 5 years ago. They chose this area because it reminded them of the many vacations they took at Hilton Head (sun, sand, golf) and to be near Lauren, who works at the hospital in Wilmington.

Jerry is an avid bridge player, having earned his life master title a summer ago. He also likes to trade stocks. Sue volunteers at SOAR as a dog walker, sings with the Sea Notes, and plays golf. They enjoy traveling, especially cruising, and visiting friends and family around the country.

Shag dancing became part of their lives when they took lessons in 2010 from Jim Sterner and Donna Rosen, and then Henry and Johnnie Webster. Jerry and Sue joined the SOBS three years ago. Sue served as SOBS Secretary this year. They like shagging for the great music and many wonderful people they meet and have fun with at dances, lessons, and parades. Jerry and Sue hope the SOBS will dance on for another 20 years, continuing to work to involve all the members as well as welcome new ones.

2014 SOS Cards are Available...



Our Club is in possession of the 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. See Butch Underwood at our dances to purchase your cards!

2014 SOS Dates

Mid-Winter - January 17-19, 2014 Spring Safari - April 4-13, 2014 Fall Migration - September 12-21

2014 Dance & Party Schedule (Subject to Change!)...

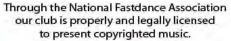
<u>DATE</u>	LOCATION	<u>ENTERTAINMENT</u>
JANUARY 10	VFW BILL RUTH	
JANUARY 17-19	MID-WINTER SOS (NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, NC)	
JANUARY 24	MOOSE (RE-UP / JOIN-UP) – 50/50 to Brunswick Food Pantry "FESSA" JOHN HOOK	
FEBRUARY 14	VFW (VALENTINE DANCE) TERRY McPHAIL	
FEBRUARY 21-23	WINTER WORKSHOP (COLUMBIA, 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











SOBS Membership Application Form...

Please fill out and bring to the "RE-UP / JOIN-UP" DANCE on January 24, 2014



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The Society of Brunswick Shaggers is a proud member of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs and SOS MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM FEBRUARY 1ST THROUGH JANUARY 31ST

New	-	Renewal
His Last Name		First Name
Her Last Name		First Name
Address		
City/State/Zip		
His Phone	_ E-mail_	
Her Phone	E-mail_	
Birthday (Month / Day) His:_		Hers:
FUNDRAISING (50/50, ANYTHING NEEDED (AI	, Door Du Clean-Up Charity Ev	ty, Inter-Club relations) , Food, Decorations, Dance Lessons) ents, Sponsorships) bove plus any special skills)
Comments:		
		ayable to: Society of Brunswick Shaggers
Amount Paid Received	d Bv	Date

"The Cost of a Shag Club... by Renee Baker

It takes more than just people showing up to dance to support a shag club!

Membership – Why pay a membership fee? Lots of people are content to pay more money for entrance to parties rather than save money by paying a membership fee and paying the lower entrance fee to parties, because they don't want to have to "do a job" in the club. Well, memberships are needed for clubs to survive. Clubs that are members of the ACSC have to pay a yearly fee (this also entitles you to buy your SOS card at a reduced amount). Clubs have to pay a fee to the one of the music associations in order for the DJs to be able to play artists music for the public. Clubs have expenses such as websites and their upkeep, newsletters to publish, flyers for parties or events, and other expenses just to exist. Membership money doesn't cover the cost of weekly or monthly parties.

Some clubs are fortunate enough to have a restaurant or club to support them and allow them to use their facilities free of charge. These clubs are few and far between. Most clubs have to pay rent for the facility and also pay for the DJ to play. Venues aren't cheap. This is why clubs must also charge a fee at the door for the party and sell raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets. An average club will have to pay at a minimum \$400 or maybe even \$600 to have a party. That would be \$4-\$6 a piece entrance fee for 100 people... see where I'm going with this? Then, even if you have a cash bar and members bring food or snacks, the club has to furnish plates, napkins, forks. Decorations? Not required, but people prefer a little something. You need tickets to have a raffle, paper, pens, books to keep track of people signing in, expenses, etc.

Our goal is to preserve and promote the shag. Shag lessons, events in the community, donations to our community or shag related causes ...? Our officers are required to attend 3 of the mandatory meetings held by ACSC (who own and maintain 50S). Should these unpaid workers have to spend their own money for gas, food, rooms, and event fees to serve their club?

Money aside, parties don't just happen. You have members that serve as Officers and Board Members. Should they have to do ALL the work for the club? No. They are the representatives and final decision makers, but they alone can't do all the work. Parties have to have a venue, they need a date, a Dj, persons to get the room ready – set up tables, decorate, persons to man the door and sign in people, take up the money, someone to organize the food, persons to sell the raffle and 50/50 tickets, someone to make the announcements, people to clean up, someone to pay the venue and the DJ, someone to send updates and pictures to the webmaster and the editor of the newsletter. What about when the party is over. Someone has to publish the newsletter, coordinate Charity functions, make flyers for upcoming events, teach the shag lessons to get new members in... the list goes on.

So what does it mean to be a member... let's see! Webster says a "constituent part of a whole". It takes the members working together as a whole to keep the group together. Everyone must play their part. Not everyone needs to perform the same task, and some are better at different tasks than others.

The club can't function without the members. Without the members, there is no party. Without a party, you don't get to talk to your friends and dance. Therefore, participate, support your club by coming to the dances, promote the club, work for the club bring new friends in to further growth of the club, have an opinion and don't expect so thing for nothing.

Article reprinted with approval from Robin Morley ACSC Vice-Chairman.

"Tips And Tidbits—Association Of Carolina Shag Clubs", December 2013, Volume 1, Issue 5, Page 10

Places to Dance at North Myrtle Beach during SOS...



"SOS Mid-Winter"

January 17-19, 2014

Please Note: The State of South Carolina has passed a law prohibiting smoking in bars and restaurants.

Most bars have an outdoor area for the smokers!

Fat Harold's - On Main Street on the left going toward the ocean. Two dance floors are available. Food is available.

<u>Duck's and Duck's Café</u> - On main Street on the right going toward the ocean (across from Fat Harold's). Two dance floors are available. Food is available.

<u>Pirate's Cove</u> - On Main Street on the right going toward the ocean just past Duck's. One dance floor is available. Food is available.

<u>OD Pavilion</u> - On Ocean Blvd at the end of Main Street on the right. One dance floor is available. Open to the Beach and the Ocean. NO SOS CARD NEEDED. Food is available. *Not usually open for Mid-Winter event.*

<u>Spanish Galleon</u> - On Ocean Blvd at the end of Main Street on the left. Look on the street for signs advertising Bands. No food available.

OD Beach Club - On Ocean Blvd at the end of Main Street on the left. The OD Café and Tiki Bar are on the ocean front beside of the Galleon, There is an upstairs (OD Beach Club) dance floor and a downstairs (Tiki Bar) dance floor. The Upstairs Club may not be open all of the time. Food is available at times. The Society of Brunswick Shaggers usually starts out at the upstairs club around 7 or 8 pm on Friday and Saturday nights or ends up there around 10 or 11 pm.

<u>OD Arcade</u> - On Ocean Blvd (turn right off of Main Street) on the right. One dance floor is available. Has a porch. Food is available all of the time.

REMEMBER, MOST CLUBS OPEN IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON DAILY FOR DANCING. THERE ARE VERY FEW DANCERS ON THE FLOORS AT THIS TIME! JUST BE SURE AND SAVE SOME ENERGY FOR WHEN THE AIR GET BLACK!

You can easily walk to all of these venues. There is ample parking behind Duck's and the Pirate's Cove (enter off of Ocean Blvd). Note that there is only one place that will allow you in without an SOS Card or admission fee (OD Pavilion). You can also go to the SOS Website at www.shaqdance.com and check on any live entertainment offered at some of the Clubs and Dance Lessons available. Twisters Shag Club offers a DJ schedule for the nightclubs at www.goshagging.com.

Remember that there will be road construction in and around the Horseshoe (between the Spanish Galleon and the OD Pavilion) and along Ocean Boulevard in front of the Galleon and Pavilion.

2014 ACSC Winter Workshop...

FYI... Any SOBS can attend!



December 7, 2013 - Club Christmas Party & Dance...

