

# The Official Newsletter of the Society of Brunswick Shaggers

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## Message from our President...

### Hello fellow SOBS!

Wow, what a crowd we had at our February 14th Valentine's Dance... there was standing room only. Our club continues to grow and I would like to welcome all our new members and guests. Thank you Cape Fear Shag Club, and Coastal Shag Club for coming out and joining us. We hope you had a good time and will visit us again. The heart healthy food everyone brought was also great, and Terry McPhail did a great job as always entertaining us. We will continue to hire the best deejays from the "Association Of Beach And Shag Club Dee Jays" to keep us entertained and up to date on all the new beach music. I think we have the best shag club on the East Coast, but that's just my opinion.

Thanks to all our volunteers who help out with all the needs of the club. Without you our club would not have the success it has today. If you would like to volunteer, see one of the officers and let them know. We always need people to do the door, 50/50 and help clean up after the dance.

Ellen and I presented a check for \$186 to Dave Goudy of the Brunswick County Food Pantry and they were very appreciative of our donation... to everyone in our club "thank you."



We have our SOS parade coming up on April 12 beginning with our tailgate party at 11:00 AM before the parade and our Free Pour at the OD Pavilion after. If you haven't purchased your SOS card, contact Butch Underwood at 910-512-6901, you will need a card to get into any of the clubs during SOS. The only place that doesn't require a card is the OD Pavilion where we will have our Free Pour. See page 8 for more information.

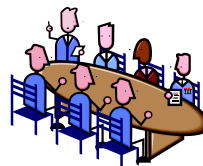
See you on the dance floor!

*Robert Carter, President*



## 2014 Society of Brunswick Shaggers Board...

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



Committee Coordinator, *VACANT*  
Chuck Boney, *Membership*  
Joe Malinowski, *Publicity*  
Mamie Brown, *Immediate Past President*





**DON'T FORGET...**  
To buy your SOS Card from  
Butch Underwood  
before our last dance this  
month!

## *Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2014...*

**Attendees:** Robert Carter, President; Ellen Wester, Vice President; Chuck Boney, Membership; Joe Malinowski, Publicity; Pam Duncan, Committee Coordinators; Butch Underwood, At Large Member.

Secretary's report and Treasurer's report dispensed with due to absence.

### Old Business:

January 24 Re-Up dance – we collected \$147 from 50/50 and the winner (Aaron from Moose Lodge) contributed \$50 from his winnings to be given to Brunswick Food Pantry. Robert and Ellen will schedule a time to go to present the \$187 check. Robert noted that we forgot to tip the servers from the Moose Lodge. We agreed tips should be given to them while we are present (at next dance.)

### New Business:

February 14 Valentine's dance – Heart Healthy food brought by members; DJ Terry McPhail; Door – Pam and Jeff Duncan; 50/50 – Robert and Glenda; Judy will be teaching the West Coast Shuffle; Pam will get with Cathy about decorations; Sandy Brown will get 2 one dozen bouquets to give away to 2 ladies that night.

When Pam and Robert volunteered at the board meeting to cover the door and 50/50 Ellen brought up that we should ask the members who agreed to volunteer instead of doing it all ourselves. Pam agreed that we should have Sandy call the list of volunteers and ask which date and function they prefer to do.

February 28 dance at Moose Lodge – DJ Lynn "Redbone" King; S.O.A.R. pet food drive; Joe will check on what types of donations are accepted (cash, check, food, etc.) and include it in the email about the dance; our theme is Mardi Gras; discussion was held about whether to have a special menu for food – decision to have everyone order their own from the grill. (The decision was made later to not worry about Mardi Gras theme – girls burned out from last month's decorations).

March 14 dance at VFW – DJ Gene Sistare; St. Patrick's theme; members bring Irish food.

### Open Discussion:

Ellen attended the session offered by the Southport/Oak Island Chamber of Commerce (SOICC) on the new NC tax situation. She brought back information about the changes in the law. In simple terms, we will have to start paying tax on the admission charges throughout the year. The first 2 dances are exempted. Discussion was held and more information is desired. Mamie, attending for Ellen, will ask at the Winter Workshop for guidance from the ACSC.

Ellen noted that in the SOICC's information on the Coastal Consumer Showcase someone was offering free shag lessons. She asked if anyone was involved with the event. No one was aware of it so Ellen said she would investigate more. SOICC replied that it was someone from Coastal Companion that was doing the lesson.

Pam reported on the survey results. 32 people responded. She sent the results to the four officers for further discussion. She suggested that a committee investigate other venues since it was a request of many. Name tags, side trips and teach steps midway through the dance were other suggestions.

Pam also made suggestions on clarifying some of our bylaws. The officers will look at the bylaws and see how changes could be made to make our bylaws clearer to all.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

**Minutes Submitted by: *Pam Bacon, Secretary***



## ***“WELCOME” other Shag Clubs, Guests and our NEW SOBS...***

Our February 14, 2014, Valentine’s Day “Sweetheart” shag dance at the VFW Post had 49 SOBS (17 Renewals), 8 from other Shag Clubs and 6 guests dance to the music of DJ Terry McPhail. The “Heart Healthy” potluck theme brought the best in some our cooks.

Our February 28, 2014, “Support SOAR” shag dance at the Moose Lodge brought in one our largest crowds. We had 90 SOBS (3 Renewals), 2 from other Shag Clubs, and 10 guests. Not to mention, we also had 8 new members join us as a result of some great Shag instruction in the past 2 months!

Thanks to all our members, other Shag Clubs, guests and to all who brought in food to share!



Shirley Courtney



Dorea Hardy  
Mark Heffner  
Wayne Holden  
Sheila Horrell  
Karen Newirth

***Our new SOBS...*** Glenn & Gail Baker  
Joe & Corinne Butera  
Peter & Nancy Chesterton  
Rob & Diani Johnson  
James & Rie Meehan

***Our Guests...*** Hank & Diane Davis  
Paul & Marcie Dumm  
John & Roberta Goryance  
Shirlet & Scurry Hazel  
Rob & Diani Johnson  
Becky Miles  
Fred & Sue Scherr  
Darryl & Linda Taylor  
Hand & Diana Toman

## ***Committee Coordinator Needed!...***

The club is still in need of a 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.



## March Birthdays...

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 7th... Robert Barbieri   | 19th... John Biskup    |
| 8th... Rob Johnson       | 19th... Ben Hinson     |
| 9th... Pam Berberich     | 19th... Don Stout      |
| 13th... Edie Milano      | 21st... Ron Bowers     |
| 13th... Bill Russell     | 25th... Robert Carter  |
| 18th... Marilyn Green    | 29th... Claudia Lowe   |
| 18th... Dorothy Robinson | 30th... Deborah Biddle |
|                          | 30th... Joe Wheeler    |



## March DJ Information...

### Fellow SOBS,

Haven't we had some great dance opportunities so far this year? I don't know of any club that offers its membership this many venues to get together and dance. I hope you will all come to our extra Sunday afternoon dance at Rumor's with Terry McPhail on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Spinning the discs for us in March are:

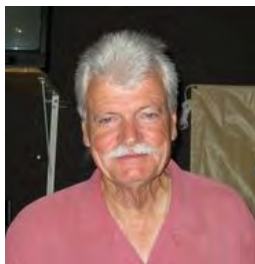


***Gene Sistare at the VFW on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>***

***&***

***Claude Collins at the Moose Lodge on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>***

On March 14<sup>th</sup> Gene Sistare will be playing for us at the VFW. Gene Sistare has played for us before and keeps the dance floor full. He is from Lancaster, South Carolina. Gene has been involved with the Lancaster Shag Club since 1993 and began doing DJ work in 1997. Since 2000 he has been a staff DJ at the Beach Music Cafe and at the Spanish Galleon in the Ocean Drive Beach Resort. In addition he is a staff DJ at Fat Harold's Beach club where he plays each month and during SOS events. Gene is a lifetime member of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's and also a member of the National Association of Rhythm and Blues DJ's, he has played for over 50 different Shag clubs over the years. Put it on your calendar and bring your request list.



Claude Collins is NC born and raised, growing up about 60 miles from Ocean Drive, SC. He began working as a DJ in 1966. He is a member of and a past Board Member for the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs. He is a member of the OD Shag club and since 2000 is one of the house DJs at the Ocean Drive Pavilion. Where, by the way, we will be having our club's Free Pour after the annual SOS parade on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. (more on that in the newsletter). Claude lives in the North Myrtle Beach area. Put Friday night March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Moose with Claude Collins on your calendar. We hope to see you there on the dance floor!

I would also like to thank the club members for their cards and calls during my recent recovery time from hip surgery. It's so refreshing to see people take the time to care. You can't beat the Shag community!

### ***John Hutton, DJ Selection***



## *Meet some of our Members ...*



**Henry & Johnnie Webster...** Johnnie is originally from Rockingham, N.C. and I was raised on a small farm near Red Springs, N.C. Johnnie is a graduate of Flora MacDonald College and I graduated from N.C. State University. We were married at the end of our senior year and our honeymoon was en route to Fort Lee, Virginia, where I spent the next two years as Company Commander of Headquarters Company of the 1st Quartermaster Battalion. Johnnie taught school in Hopewell, Virginia. Patrick, our only child, was born at the Fort Lee post hospital.

Following my time in the military, we made a number of moves finding our way to a long-term career. County Agricultural Extension Agent, District Sales Representative with American Breeder's Service and then a return to employment by N.C. State University as Extension Beef Cattle Specialist. While working at the university, I earned a Master's degree in Animal Nutrition. To continue my education, we spent two years at Clemson University where I acquired a Doctorate in Animal Reproductive Physiology. We returned to Raleigh, N.C. and spent the next three years as Extension Beef Specialist. Clemson University called with a job offer and I returned to South Carolina. Through all of these changes, Johnnie also had a teaching job. We both retired in 1996.

Upon retirement, we moved back to North Carolina and settled at Southport. Through previous years we were extremely familiar with Southport and North Myrtle Beach areas. Therefore, it was the natural thing to do to retire in the area. How else can a fellow walk on the beach and fish?

As a youth, I had admired shaggers I saw at Lakewood, White Lake, and Pages Lake in North Carolina. Many times I wished I could dance like that. It wasn't until we retired in Southport that I learned it might be possible! It was probably '97 or '98 that Brunswick County Parks and Rec. decided to hold their first shag class. Johnnie had Emma Thomas as a water aerobics instructor and they talked about shag lessons. Stacey and Jo Ann Shaw from Wilmington were to be the instructors. We enjoyed it from the start and took both beginning and intermediate classes from them. During the next class, Stacey had a health issue and Jo Ann called and asked us to help her finish the class. We taught shag for the next 13 years.

We met so many wonderful people and are so proud of our new shagging friends. These new friends became SOBS members and Coastal Shag Club members. I am amazed at the growth rate of both these clubs. John Hutton came to our first class to promote the club. John can tell you how small the club was at that time. Out of the classes we taught at Sea Trail came the establishment of the Coastal Shag Club. Johnnie and I are so proud of the shag dancers and we enjoy seeing both clubs continuing to grow.

*Meet more of our Members ...*



*Cole & Mary Ann Gregory...* are a blended family, Cole has 2 sons and 1 daughter, Mary Ann has 1 son. Together they have 5 Pomeranians, 1 Giant Schnauzer, 12 chickens and an unknown number of rabbits.

They are originally from Charlotte NC. Cole took early retirement from AT&T and started purchasing rental properties over 10 years ago. He needed to be close to his business and moved here permanently.

Mary Ann followed him after years of convincing. Mary Ann is employed with Bank of America and works out of their home.

They love Brunswick County and thoroughly enjoy the area. They love to fish, spend time on the beach and camp. Cole loves going auctions of any type. Mary Ann loves to work in the yard.

Being from the Carolinas they have danced at Ocean Drive off and on for years. Love the dance and the music!

This is their 3rd year in the club and love the music, people and the dance! They would love to see the club start having group outings and road trips to OD for dance and music. There is a lot of growth in Brunswick County and a wonderful opportunity for the SOBS to continue to grow with it.

*From our Friends at Coastal Shag Club...*

Our dances are 7:00 to 10:30 PM with a FREE Shag or Line Dance lesson starting at 6:30 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**



| <u>DANCE DATE</u>  | <u>DJ</u>     |
|--------------------|---------------|
| March 15, 2014     | Pat Gwinn     |
| April 19, 2014     | Gary Brown    |
| May 17, 2014       | Mike Rogers   |
| June 21, 2014      | Roy Childress |
| July 19, 2014      | Terry McPhail |
| August 16, 2014    | Eddie Baker   |
| September 20, 2014 | Ray Rigsbee   |
| October 18, 2014   | Gary Bass     |
| November 15, 2014  | Joey Warren   |
| December 20, 2014  | David Sessoms |

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

| <u>DATE</u>     | <u>LOCATION</u>                                    | <u>ENTERTAINMENT</u> |
|-----------------|--|----------------------|
| MARCH 14        | VFW  | GENE SISTARE         |
| MARCH 28        | MOOSE  | CLAUDE COLLINS       |
| APRIL 4-13      | SPRING SAFARI SOS (N. MYRTLE BEACH, SC)            |                      |
| APRIL 12        | TAILGATE, 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](http://www.shagdance.com)



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our club is properly and legally licensed  
to present copyrighted music.



## *April 12, 2014 – SOS Parade & “Free Pour”...*

The SOS Spring Safari will be here before you know it! The 20th annual SOS Spring Safari Parade, starts at 1 PM on Saturday, April 12, 2014, Ocean Drive SC. Our club will again participate in the parade as a “Shagging Troupe!”

**CLUB T-SHIRTS:** We hope all participants will order our club t-shirt. Please order a t-shirt by contacting Katy O’Neill. She can be reached 910-201-9993 or email her at [kto56@earthlink.net](mailto:kto56@earthlink.net) ASAP! Give your Name, Size (S, M, L, XL, or XXL), and quantity. Cost will be approx. \$10 ea.

### **PARADE PARTICIPANTS:**

**Tailgate:** Prior to the parade we will meet at 11 AM in the BI-LO Super Market parking lot on 720 Main St, North Myrtle Beach, SC. Bring finger food to share, a table (if you have one), chairs and prepare for the fun!

**Drivers:** Bring your convertible or classic car (so far... Hutton (2), Apicella, Procacci, Pennell, Gregory, Malinowski).

**Decorators:** Prepare cars with decorations made in advance.

**Riders:** If you would prefer to travel the parade sitting down, space is dependent on the number of cars.

**Walkers:** Shag and walk along the parade route that travels from BI-LO parking lot to Ocean Blvd. at the OD Pavilion (about ½ mile). Pass out beads along the way, or carry banners and/or previous years’ trophies.

**Free Pour:** We meet at the OD Pavilion after the parade for the SOBS annual Free Pour. *Remember, bring your current SOBS Membership Card... the Free Pour is a “SOBS member ONLY” benefit!* Below is our suggested design (final design may differ), T shirt will be red with turquoise lettering.

Front Pocket



Back of Shirt



## *Step Right Up and Get Your 2014 SOS Cards Here...*



**FACT:** SOS Cards from your Shag Club are just \$30 and will cost \$35 at North Myrtle Beach.

**FACT:** SOS Cards will allow you *FREE* entry into Fat Harold’s, Ducks, Ducks Café, OD Arcade, Pirate’s Cove, Spanish Galleon, OD Beach Club, and the OD Café for all SOS Events. Admission to the Clubs is \$10 for SOS Events.

**FACT:** The Spring Safari dates are; April 4-13, 2014. The Fall Migration Dates are; September 12-21, 2014. Yes, that is a total of 20 days of the *LARGEST ADULT PARTY ON THE EAST COAST*.

**FACT:** We will have to send our excess Cards and money back on March 29, 2014!! Therefore, if you want one, get one at any of our Club dances prior to the cut-off date.

**FACT:** Your Society of Brunswick Shaggers contact for SOS Cards is Butch Underwood at 910-278-9039 or [LBUNDER@ec.rr.com](mailto:LBUNDER@ec.rr.com). Just make checks payable to “SOBS”, as our Club sends in the “big check”.



## February 14, 2014 – “Valentine’s Sweetheart” Dance...

More pictures on our website... [www.societyofbrunswickshaggers.com](http://www.societyofbrunswickshaggers.com)



***“Chase Away the Winter Blues” – Mark your Calendar...***



**“Chase Away the Winter Blues”**

**John Hutton and Katy O’Neill will host a  
Sunday afternoon Potluck and Shag Dance**

**Sunday, March 16, 2014**

**1 - 5 PM**

**(Come at 12:30 to help set-up)**

**We’ll have Terry Mc Phail as DJ**

**(His donation to Project Uplink 2013)**

**and a cash bar**

**Please bring a potluck side dish to share**

**And some friends, too!**

**We hope to see you at Rumors Beach Club  
Oak Island Drive across from the Dairy Queen  
Oak Island, NC**

**for more info contact John Hutton at [jsh66@earthlink.net](mailto:jsh66@earthlink.net) or 201-9993**