

The Official Newsletter of the Society of Brunswick Shaggers

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The Beach Beat!

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Message from our President...

Well, Spring is finally here! Finally! I hope everyone is ready to put on their dancing shoes and enjoy the SOS Spring Safari. Remember that I have challenged our club to have 100+ people walking/shagging as a part of our shag troupe parade entry. Come enjoy the fun! Join us for the tailgate party before the parade, the parade, and then our free pour after the parade. This is one of your best ways to get to know other members of our shag club.

Thanks to everyone for doing their part in helping to keep our shag parties a success. We couldn't do it without the members. Every little bit helps... setting up + working the door + selling 50/50 tickets + cleaning up = SUCCESS! We always have fun in doing so as well.

Soon lazy, hazy days of Summer will be here and people will start travelling more and having family visit which may mean we will see fewer members at our dances. Please rest assured that we will miss you and look forward to your return.

Keep shagging...

Ellen Wester, President



2015 Society of Brunswick Shaggers Board...

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



Chuck Boney, *Membership*
Joe Malinowski, *Publicity & Newsletter*
Robert Carter, *Immediate Past President*



DON'T FORGET...

SOS Spring Safari
April 17-26
and
Parade & our Club
“FREE POUR”
Saturday, April 25
See Page 8 for Info!

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2015...

Present: Ellen Wester, Bahre Willis, Pam Bacon, Chuck Boney, Mamie Brown, Kim Brown, Robert Carter, Pam Duncan, Diani Johnson, John Hutton, Katy O'Neill, Butch Underwood

Meeting was called to order by Ellen at 6:05 PM.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the Secretary's Report of February 4th was made, seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Diani gave the Treasurer's report from January net profit was \$3,898.39, the bank balance in February was \$4,327.23. There are 134 members in good standing. Motion was made to accept Treasurers report for January and approved. Motion was made to accept February report and approved.

Old Business: Our February 13th Valentine's dance at the VFW had a good turnout and two ladies were given Orchids. Our February 27th dance also at VFW collected donations for SOAR and raised \$540.00. SOAR also did a presentation at the dance. Bahre and Ellen will deliver the check to SOAR. We had the dance at the VFW since we were trying to get the permit to sell beer and wine and was not able to get this in time. The DJ was late getting to the dance so Robert filled in for him until he got there. But the dance floor stayed full and turned out to be a great dance.

Our March 13th dance will be at the VFW. The DJ will be Gene Sistare. Food will be pot luck. Theme: Irish food for St. Patrick's Day. March 27th dance will be at the Lazy Turtle Bar & Grill, the DJ will be Chigger Woods and food and drinks can be ordered from the bar. We talked to Julie about using the Lazy Turtle for the dance on the 4th Fridays. She would pay ½ of the DJ fee during the summer but it would also be open to her members. She would be willing to close during the off season as a private party for the dance on March 27th. We can order food and drinks from the bar.

April 10th dance at the VFW will be an Easter-Spring theme with DJ David Harris and door greeters, Jeff and Pam Duncan. Food will be potluck.

New Business: The SOS parade will be April 25th and will start at 1:00 PM. We will meet at the BI-LO parking lot for a tailgate party and to decorate the 10 cars. The theme will be "American Muscle." Katy gave us a report of items that she would need to order. Motion was made by Bahre to give Katy the go ahead to place the order (\$325.00). Pam seconded, motion carried. Joe Malinowski will be coordinating the tailgate party.

Membership: Chuck will not be at the next two dances so he gave Ellen membership cards to give out if needed. Also he gave Diani money from the Pennell's for their membership. We discussed sending out an email to the members who have not rejoined to make sure it was not an oversight. Chuck will work on this email and send it to Ellen.

Open Discussion: We will discuss the "Free Pour" at the next meeting. There was discussion about the ABC permit and our Tax ID Status. Bahre went to Raleigh to see about getting the permit and found out that our tax ID for the club is not a non-profit status, so we cannot get a permit for the dances. Since finding this out that also makes us not tax exempt from paying sales tax on the admissions of our dances. We can apply for a new Tax ID as tax exempt (Form 1023 EZ) at a cost of \$400.00. Chuck Boney made a motion to investigate our options of non-profit status. Bahre seconded, motion carried. Bahre will check with attorney, Garland Lowe about our options and bring this back to our next meeting.

Next meeting will be at Diani Johnson's house located at 2958 Legends Drive, in St. James. Her number is 910-854-0550, please let he know if you are coming so she can let the gate keeper know to let you in. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Minutes Submitted by: Pam Bacon, Secretary



WELCOME to our New Members & Guests...

Our March 13th "St. Patrick's" SOBS dance was at the Oak Island VFW. Due to a family emergency for scheduled DJ Bill Ruth, also popular DJ Jerry Burrage came to our rescue in a day's notice. We had 53 SOBS in attendance and 2 guests (*Ken & Cecelia Weston*) from Coastal Shag Club. We also had 4 more members "re-up" their memberships. The "potluck" was delicious and plentiful as usual! Thanks to the members who brought those great dishes and desserts!

Our March 27th dance originally scheduled for the Brunswick County Southport Senior Center was moved to The Lazy Turtle Bar & Grill on Oak Island. We had a great turnout of 41 SOBS, 15 guests and 6 from other Shag Clubs. DJ "Chigger" Woods kept the floor full with his first appearance at The Lazy Turtle. We again apologize for the short notice for the change in venue and hope it wasn't an inconvenience. Thanks to all who attend our dances to keep alive the "dance of the South!"

GUESTS:

- Cathy Boule'
- Jimmy & Phyllis Cubbins
- Kenny Fey
- Daniel Gregory
- John & Susan Leggett
- Bill & Carol McCall
- Eric & Joyce Nielsen
- Fred & Sue Scherr
- Michael Slowik
- Cookie Woods



MEMBERS OF OTHER SHAG CLUBS:

Ken & Cecelia Weston



Bill & Carol Ruth



Doug & Delaine Milton
Art & Maggie



April Birthdays...

- 1st... Glenda Carter
- 13th... Butch Underwood
- 14th... Colleen Hurley
- 16th... Gail Roberson
- 23rd... Maryann Darzano
- 23rd... Bill Reardon
- 25th... Bill Bacon
- 26th... Ken Koehly



April DJ Information...

Fellow SOBS,

We are having lots of great opportunities to dance this year. I hope you all enjoyed our extra Sunday afternoon dance at the VFW with Robert Carter. Due to SOS we are only having one dance in April. Spinning the discs for that dance is:



David "Hey Boy" Harris at the VFW Friday, April 10th



David is a Tennessee native, and had a career with Nortel. He now lives in Cherry Grove Beach, S.C. David grew up in Durham, NC in the late 60's and was into Soul and R & B. David began his career as a DJ in the Raleigh area in 2002 and began playing at Fat Harold's in Ocean Drive in 2005 and has been playing there and at Harold's On the Beach in Cherry Grove ever since. David hasn't missed an SOS since 1992 and enjoys being a part of the Beach Music and Shag community. Come out for a great evening of music and bring your request list.

I am looking forward to our upcoming SOS Parade entry for Saturday April 25th. It looks as if we will have our best turnout ever. See you at 11:00 AM for the tailgate party. Please remember our traditional after parade club members only "Free Pour" at the Ocean Drive Pavilion. If you have any questions about the parade or "Free Pour" please feel free to contact me.

John Hutton, DJ Selection

From our Friends at Coastal Shag Club...

Our dance this month is on Saturday, April 18, "*Shagalicious SOS*" *Shag Dance* at The Moose Lodge, 253 Holden Beach Road, Shallotte, NC. Cost is \$5/CSC members and members of other Shag Clubs, \$8/all other guests. Time: 7:00 to 10:30 PM, with DJ TBD. Fantastic, large, wooden dance floor; 50/50; cash bar; please bring a snack or dessert to share, non-smoking dance room. We're located just 20 minutes north of Ocean Drive and Main Street. Come join Brunswick County's friendliest shag club!

Any questions, contact Pat Boyd at coastalshagclub@coastalshagclub.org

Visit their website at: www.coastalshagclub.org

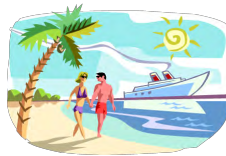


Shagging on the High Seas...



The Making Waves Cruise 2015 was a big success! The Embers featuring Craig Woolard, and special guest Ronda McDaniel kept the dance floor full every night. Our Carnival Cruise ship sailed out of Tampa, FL and visited Belize, Grand Cayman Island and Honduras. The SOBS were well represented by...

Floyd & Mary Lou McLeroy, Bill & Sandy Brown, Bev & Mike Williams, Kim & Mamie Brown, Gail Robinson & Charles Smith; Dave & Susan Morgan and John Hutton & Katy O'Neill. Friends Avery and Steve Boyette joined us as well.



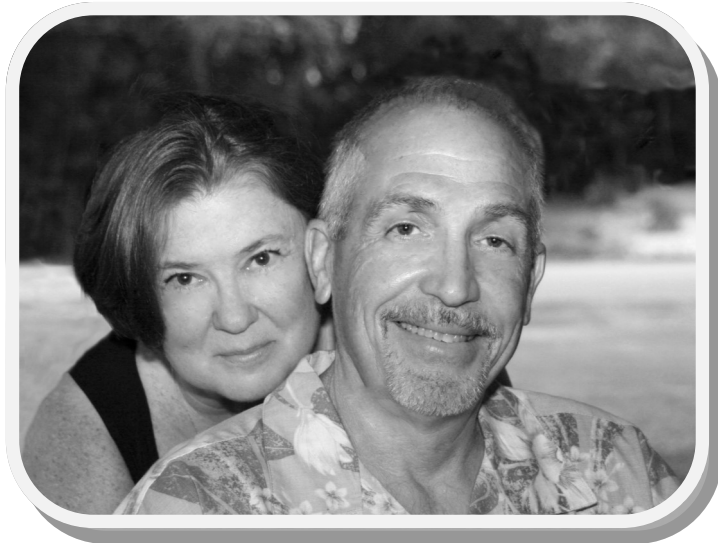
Like to have a good time? Like to dance? Think about a Shag Dance themed cruise. We have gone on a number of such cruises and have had a good time every time. We are going on more between now and February 2016. The first one in October is with the Holiday Band (one of the best bands in today's beach music) and leaves out of Jacksonville, FL in late October. The cruise has in addition a number of Beach Music personalities and performers; it looks to be a lot of fun with ports of call in the Bahamas

The second cruise will probably go down in the annals of Beach Music as the one with the most potential to be the best ever. It will host "The Embers" with Craig Woolard, one of the hottest bands in beach music today and "Too Much Sylvia" as well as Female Vocalist of the year, Rhonda Mc Daniel! It leaves in February 2016, out of Port Canaveral, FL. In addition to the bands, there will be DJs to provide music during other times of the day. We went on this fantastic cruise last year. Ports of call this year will be Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, the Dominican Republic and Grand Turk. We know it will be a great time.

Interested? For the October "Holiday Band Cruise" call Sharon Euliss at All About Cruises, 1-800-832-7993. For the February 2016 cruise contact "All About Travel" at 1-800-452-3880. It would be great to have more SOBS along for these good times. Questions? Give me a call at 201-9993 or by email at jsh66@earthlink.net. Hope to see you on the dance floor... of the cruise ship!

John Hutton & Katy O'Neill

Meet some of our Members ...



Dick & Janice... Dick and Janice Ely have been married for 42 years and have 2 sons, Rich is married and lives in Youngsville, NC, and has 3 children. Rob is married and lives in St. Albans, WV.

Where are you from? We both grew up and raised our family in St Albans, WV. We met in Junior high school and became sweethearts.

What brought you to the Brunswick County area?

In 1961, Dick's dad and mother bought property in

The Town of Long Beach and it soon became the family vacation destination. When Janice and I got married in 1972, it became our vacation spot too. In 1985, we built our vacation home on NW 22nd Street, Oak Island. It was our dream to retire and move here some day. In 2009, we made the dream a reality.

What's your background? Dick worked 36 years for a chemical company and Janice was a pharmacy technician for CVS drugs.

What are your hobbies? Dick loves playing golf, fishing and fixing things (piddling!). Janice enjoys quilting, cooking and shopping.

How long have you been shag dancing? We started learning 2009.

How & where did you learn to shag? We took John & Katie's beginners lessons and Chuck & Sandy's intermediate lessons. We also had a lot of help and encouragement from many other club members and officers.

What do you like about shag dancing? We really like the social aspect! pot luck dinners etc. The dance looks really cool too!!!

How long have you been a SOBS? 4 years and counting!

What are your hopes for the club? We hope we can maintain the club's tradition. It's very special! We would like to see our effort devoted to preserving and fostering "the shag dance".



2015 Dance & Party Schedule (Subject to Change!)...

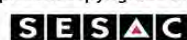
<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ENTERTAINMENT</u>
APRIL 10	VFW POST #10226, OAK ISLAND, NC	DAVID "HEY BOY" HARRIS
APRIL 17-26	SOS SPRING SAFARI - N. MYRTLE BEACH, SC	
APRIL 25	SOS PARADE & SOBS (FREE POUR) @ O.D. PAVILION, N. MYRTLE BEACH, SC	
MAY 8	VFW POST #10226, OAK ISLAND, NC	JIMMY BUFFKIN
MAY 22	BRUNSWICK COUNTY SOUTHPORT SENIOR CENTER	GENE SISTARE
JUNE 12	VFW POST #10226, OAK ISLAND, NC	ROY CHILDRESS
JUNE 26	BRUNSWICK COUNTY SOUTHPORT SENIOR CENTER	BUTCH ADEIMY
JULY 1	OAK ISLAND BEACH DAY	
JULY 10	VFW POST #10226, OAK ISLAND, NC	"CHIGGER" WOODS
JULY 24	BRUNSWICK COUNTY SOUTHPORT SENIOR CENTER	JERRY BURRAGE
AUGUST 14	VFW POST #10226, OAK ISLAND, NC	MIKE HUDSON
AUGUST 28	BRUNSWICK COUNTY SOUTHPORT SENIOR CENTER	TERRY McPHAIL
SEPTEMBER 11	VFW POST #10226, OAK ISLAND, NC	EDDIE BAKER
SEPTEMBER 18-27	SOS FALL MIGRATION - N. MYRTLE BEACH, SC	
SEPTEMBER 19	SOBS (FREE POUR) @ O.D. PAVILION, N. MYRTLE BEACH, SC	
SEPTEMBER 25	BRUNSWICK COUNTY SOUTHPORT SENIOR CENTER	ROBERT CARTER
OCTOBER 9	VFW POST #10226, OAK ISLAND, NC	BETTY BROWN
OCTOBER 24	BRUNSWICK COUNTY SOUTHPORT SENIOR CENTER (CLUB FUNDRAISER)	"FESSA" JOHN HOOK
NOVEMBER 13	VFW POST #10226, OAK ISLAND, NC	BILL RUTH
DECEMBER 12	MOOSE LODGE FAMILY CENTER, OAK ISLAND, NC	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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2015 SOS Spring Safari Parade...

Fellow Club members,

We are finishing our work on our 2015 Spring Safari Parade entry. Please let me know if you want to be a part of the fun as we still need people to be a part of our entry. The parade will begin at the BI-LO Supermarket in North Myrtle Beach aka Ocean Drive on Saturday, April 25th at 1 PM. Come early for the tailgate party starting at 11 AM in the BI-LO parking lot. Be a part of a great tradition for the SOBS in an effort to continue our 'winning streak'.

Our theme this year will be patriotic "American Muscle". We have our 10 cars committed. We are also looking for military service veterans who might like to ride in a muscle car as the epitome of "American Muscle". The line-up will be impressive. Thanks to our club members for their support! We still need members to let me know that they will be a part of the walkers/marchers and dancers group. They have the most fun as they get to interact with the crowds, pose for photos and toss the beads along the way. Decorations and "parade accessories" are finalized and ready to use.

Ben Hinson and Gary Goldenbaum will be leading off with our banner as they have in years past. Robert Carter will again be our DJ. Joe Malinowski has agreed to be our tailgate party coordinator and Chuck and Sandy Boney will have the "Mimosas". That is always part of the fun. Last year we had nearly 70 people participate and this year I am hoping for more. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

In a few days, Joe Malinowski will be sending out another SOS information email. PLEASE READ IT and help out where you can!

Questions? Contact Katy kto56@earthlink.net or John jsh66@earthlink.net or call us at 910-201-9993.

John Hutton & Katy O'Neill



Calling all Shaggers...

It is that time of year again that we need to renew our memberships to SOS (Society of Stranders). Our President, Ellen Wester currently has 2015 Cards in her possession for sale for \$30 (\$35 at North Myrtle Beach).

Below is the 2015 schedule of Here is the 2015 schedule for SOS at North Myrtle (better known as Ocean Drive or OD).

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 Ellen at any of our dances if you wish to purchase a Card. Make checks payable to the Society of Brunswick Shaggers or simply "SOBS".

The History of the Society of Brunswick Shaggers...

Butch Underwood has compiled a three volume history of our club that began in last month's Beach Beat. Below is the second of three volumes... enjoy!

Volume Two

Continuing into May of 1993, the Club decided on a Logo Design (your current Membership Card) and formally applied for membership to the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs. There was also a Social planned for June! Ideas were being traded around about a possible road trip. A membership of 58 was reported in July, 1993, and a balance of about \$650 in the bank.

As 1993 drew to a close, a pig-picking was planned. This took the Treasury down to \$250. It was then decided to try to raise some money at the Socials and the 50/50 Raffle was implemented. We are still using this to supplement our Treasury.

Meeting Street closed in October, 1993, so a new venue was investigated. The Islander, Steamers, and Shucker's were all suggested. (These places have long since closed.) The situation of a long-term venue will plague the Club for many years as public bars come and go. Also, at public bars, the Club has little control over party guests and entertainment.

Various places to party were tried throughout 1994, with some costing the Club nearly 50% of its funds. Also, discussions surfaced about increasing the dues in order to pay for the attendance of our representatives at mandatory SOS Workshops and help carry the Club through Dances with sub-par attendance. (Most Socials had between 20 and 30 attendees.) In reference to SOS Workshops, our Club was voted into the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs in February of 1994 with the Cape Fear Shag Club as our Sponsor.

The implementation of a "Phone Tree" was discussed, as it had become difficult for one person to call all 72 Members. (Was this the early stages of email forwarding?) By mid-1995 Socials were being held at private residences (pool parties, beach parties, etc.) due to the lack of a suitable venue and the accompanying expense. Also, in June, Calabash Flash and Babs are mentioned as Club Members!

Moving forward to 1996, we find \$39.09 in the bank and no place to dance! (Uh oh...we are really looking forward to the Re-Up Party and some money.) The Club made good on its pledge to promote the Shag Dance several times through various functions. Some of those being the Shag Contest at the Oyster Festival and Shag Dance exhibitions at the Boiling Spring Festival by the Lake and at the Chamber of Commerce.

During 1997, 1998, and 1999, the Board met a total of FIVE times for discussions on whether or not to keep the Club alive! There seems to have been a decline in attendance at Social Events and there was a definite lack of a "Home Base". The Club had money in the bank, but it seems as though the fun was waning.

The Secretary's Reports from this era end in February of 1999. The next installment of our history will be collected from past memories as well as some written data and will be featured in the September Beach Beat Newsletter.

Volume Three will bring us up to the present time. (The suspense is killing you - right?)

Pictures from 03/15/15 "St. Patrick's Day" Dance @VFW...



Pictures from 03/27/15 @ The Lazy Turtle Bar & Grill...



SOBS Membership Application Form (PLEASE PRINT!)...



The Society of Brunswick Shaggers (SOBS)

Proud Member of the National Fast Dance Association, the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs, and SOS.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
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: _____

SOBS cannot function without volunteers, so please mark all areas in which you can help!

_____ HOSPITALITY – (Greeters, Door Duty, Inter-Club relations)

_____ COMMUNICATION – (Newsletter, Articles, Web, Publicity, Photos)

_____ ENTERTAINMENT – (Set-Up, Clean-Up, Decorations)

_____ SOCIAL – (Fund Raisers, SOS Parade, 50/50 Raffle, Cook)

_____ ANYTHING NEEDED – (All of the above plus any special skills)

Your Comments: _____

Dues are \$20.00 per year per person payable to:
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