



The Official Newsletter of the Society of Brunswick Shaggers

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The Beach Beat!

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Message from our President...

Season's greetings to my fellow shaggers,

This calendar year has been an active one for the Society of Brunswick Shaggers. I'm sure next year will be just as eventful. Our last dance for 2015 will be on December 12th at the Moose Lodge. I hope to see as many of our group as possible. Come dressed in your finest holiday attire! We are collecting unwrapped toys for the Oak Island Family Children Services. Please share your good fortune with others in the area.



I would like to thank all of the members of the shag club for their support this year. It has been my privilege to serve as your President this year. I would also like to give a huge shout-out to my fellow officers: Bahre Willis, Vice-President; Pam Bacon, Secretary; and Diani Johnson, Treasurer. I would also like to thank several other valuable members of the board: Chuck Boney, Membership; John Hutton, DJ selection/Parade/Free Pours; Ken Koehly, Webmaster; Joe Malinowski, Newsletter/Communication; Katy O'Neil and Mary Ann Gregory, Operation Uplink Fundraiser; Butch Underwood, SOS card sales; and Robert Carter, Current Past President. They have been a wonderful wealth of information during our meetings. I hope many of our newer members will get actively involved in the coming year. Our club is a large group and the members can "share the wealth" when it comes to getting involved. Many hands make for light work. Keep up the good work!

During this holiday season, I sincerely hope that everyone has a chance to spend some quality time with family and friends. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please stay safe during the holidays

Keep shagging... and see you on the dance floor!

Ellen Wester, President

Don't Forget...

Club Officer Elections are being held at our December 12, Christmas Dinner Dance!



2015 Society of Brunswick Shaggers Board Members...

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*

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

Present: Ellen Wester, President; Bahre Willis, Vice President; Diani Johnson, Treasurer; Pam Bacon, Secretary; Joe Malinowski, Newsletter

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Ellen.

Addition to Agenda: Discussion of By-Law changes.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the Secretary's Report of Oct 7th was made, seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Diani gave the Treasurers report from Oct 7th; the bank balance is \$7,660.37. Diani also gave a report on the uplink fundraiser. The total so far is \$4,184.00 but this is subject to change since there are still some discrepancies that need to be finalized. There is \$250.00 in the cash boxes.

Old Business: Oct 10th dance at VFW – "Chef Brad" served Hamburgers and Hot Dogs; Betty Brown was a new DJ for our dance. Overall it was a great dance.

Uplink Fundraiser – Was held at the Moose Lodge on Oct 24th. Ellen is going to request a follow-up meeting with Katy and Mary Ann to discuss the event. We need to look into some issues that took place this year to see if we can get these corrected for a smoother event next year.

November 13th Dance at VFW – Bill Ruth will be the DJ. The theme is Thanksgiving. Mamie, Ellen and Mary Ann Darzano will cook turkeys that will be provided by the club along with Cranberry Sauce. Members will be ask to bring a side dish or dessert. Bill and Linda Jenkins will be door greeters. Joan Slowik will be teaching the "Superstition" and "Country as a Boy Can Be" line dances.

December 12th at Moose Lodge – This will be our Christmas dance and we will also have the elections of officers and bylaw changes. The DJ will be Jerry Burrage. Ellen will be getting in touch with Sherry at the Moose to finalize the food menu. Angela and Jim Trent will be door greeters. Also this will be our opportunity to bring a new unwrapped toy for the Oak Island Family Children Services. The club will supply cookies for dessert.

New Business: G-Mail account. Joe and Ellen have been working on getting an email set up thru GMAIL. The address will be societyofbrunswickshaggers@gmail.com. This should be up and running by December. Look for more information in the newsletter for this new link and startup.

Bylaws Amendments – Discussion was made on the changes to the current bylaws. Preparation to bring these amendments will be sent out in the next week so that we can vote on these at the December 12th dance.

ICON Nomination: All of the paper work has been sent to the ACSC for our club's nomination.

Next meeting will be Dec 3, 2015, 6:00 PM at the VFW, Oak Island. All members are invited to come.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Minutes Submitted by:
Pam Bacon, Secretary



Meet Some of Our Members...



Bob and Ginny Prunty... have been married for 43 years and have three children and 11 grandchildren, ranging in age from 3–11 years, including two sets of twins.

Ginny grew up in Franklin Lakes, NJ, and after high school went to University of South Carolina where she met Bob in the marching band. Bob grew up in the Carolinas and spent some of his younger years in Myrtle Beach, SC, and Richmond, VA, then landed in Columbia, SC, where he graduated from high school and attended the University of South Carolina.

Then Navy life took them to lots of interesting destinations, including Pearl Harbor, HI, Niantic, CT, Charleston, SC, Portsmouth, NH and Orlando, FL. They finally settled down for a while in the Cary, NC area, where they lived for 20 years. Job transfers then took them to Essex, CT for three years, then New Market, MD until April of this year when they finally retired and moved permanently to Indigo Plantation in Southport.

Bob is an engineer and retired Naval Reserve submarine officer. He worked for Carolina Power and Light Company in Raleigh where he helped facilitate the construction and licensing of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant. During the last half of his career Bob worked for Bechtel Power Company on various nuclear plant licensing projects. Ginny worked primarily in marketing and communications for several health system organizations, including serving as communications director for Carolina Donor Services, which serves all hospitals and transplant centers in central and eastern North Carolina. Prior to her retirement in March she managed market development for Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland.

Bob loves playing the guitar and working on home and yard improvement projects. He also enjoys singing in the Southport Presbyterian Church choir and playing in the chime ensemble. Ginny enjoys home décor sewing and gardening, taking her grandchildren on hikes, learning to play the dulcimer and playing in the church chime ensemble. They both enjoy boating and kayaking.

They only started shag dancing three months ago, but had taken ballroom dance lessons for a few years, so some of the similar dance moves have been helpful in picking up the shag. They just finished beginner shag lessons with Chuck and Sandy Boney this Fall in Southport. They love the beach music and can sing along with so many of the songs. They just joined the SOBS in November.

From what they can see so far, the SOBS seem to be so friendly and active with lots of opportunities and events. Keep up the good work!

Did you know? – A little bit of shag history...

(republished from Encyclopedia of North Carolina, University of North Carolina Press.)

The shag is a popular dance most commonly associated with the beach towns of North Carolina and South Carolina. It is a two-person, male-led dance with a basic step that allows much room for improvisation and imagination. The dance looks deceptively easy but is actually quite complicated. The origins of the shag are slightly cloudy, but some historians trace its evolution back to early settlers of the Carolina Couple dancing or shagging, Nags Head, NC, 1948.

From Conservation and Development Department, Travel and Tourism Division Photo Files, North Carolina State Archives, call #: ConDev7198D. colony who, in an effort to preserve their European musical lineage, formed the St. Cecilia Society in Charles Towne (Charleston), S.C., in the 1760s. Others trace it back even further to African roots. In either case, in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the slow grind jazz dances popular in some North Carolina and South Carolina clubs made their way to clubs in the Northeast, and dances such as the Charleston and jitterbug were born, leading eventually to the modern shag.

Although the evolving shag was done to jazz and swing music in the 1920s and 1930s, the modern shag began gaining more popularity on the coast of North Carolina and South Carolina in the 1940s and early 1950s. Billy Jeffers—who deemed himself a "fast dancer," not a shagger—became one of the first "stars" associated with the dance during the 1940s and early 1950s. Next came names such as "Chicken" Hicks and "Big" George Linberry, who helped infiltrate the Carolina coast with the smooth sound of "beach music" and practiced the smooth steps that would become the modern shag.

There were many beach club pavilions sporting dilapidated outsides and wooden dance floors where teenagers would sneak off and dance the night away. Probably the most famous of all of these dance clubs was the Pad in Myrtle Beach, S.C. In its prime, the shag became more than just a dance; it was a social phenomenon, with teenagers from all over the Carolinas drawn to its image of daring and excitement.

The first use of the term "shag" most likely appeared in the early 1960s, just when enthusiasm for the dance was waning. In 1954 Hurricane Hazel had demolished most of the old dance pavilions and rock 'n' roll had surpassed shag music in popularity. The shag was revived in the early 1970s, however, when a competitive dance circuit formed in Atlantic Beach inspired a renewed interest in the dance. In the early 2000s, the Society of Strandors (S.O.S.) and the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs listed thousands of members, and there were estimated to be 800,000 people nationwide familiar with the dance.



December DJ Information...

Fellow SOBS,

As I begin this I am amazed at how fast this year seems to have gone. I hope that this year has been good to you and yours. From my point of view we seem to have danced this year away and had great SOBS dances – I am looking forward to the New Year already. 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, our annual Christmas Party is:



***Jerry Burrage, Saturday, December 12th, at the Moose Lodge
Please 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 2016. Our first dance of 2016 will be January 8th at the VFW with former SOBS club president Robert Carter. "Fessa" John Hook will play for our annual Re-Up Party on Friday, January 22nd at the Moose Lodge. What a great way to start our year. 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

December Birthdays...

2nd... Penny Carroll	9th... Tom Boniface	22nd... Cathy Pennell
2nd... Barbara Domen	11th... Johnnie Webster	23rd... Avery Boyette
2nd... Danette Sral	14th... Beverly Williams	23rd... Linda Jenkins
2nd... Ellen Wester	15th... Charles Smith	24th... Bill Berry
4th... Jim Trent	19th... Adrian Carrillo	24th... Joe Malinowski
7th... Mike Williams	20th... William Eberle	29th... Ed Messmer
8th... Mamie Brown	20th... Kathy Malinowski	31st... George McVeigh



From our Friends at Coastal Shag Club...



This month is their "*Frost Fun Shag Dance*" on Saturday, December 19th, at the Moose Lodge, 253 Holden Beach Road, Shallotte, NC. Cost is \$5 for CSC members and members of other Shag Clubs, \$8/all other guests. Time: 7:00 to 10:30 PM, with DJ "Shagmonster" Mike Rogers. Free basic shag dance or line dance lessons begin at 6:30 PM. Fantastic non-smoking dance room with large wooden dance floor; 50/50; cash bar; bring a snack or dessert to share. They're located just 20 minutes north of Ocean Drive and Main Street. Come join Brunswick County's friendliest shag club! Visit their website at: www.coastalshagclub.org

Election of Slate of Officers, December 12, 2015...

Fellow SOBS,

The nominating committee presented the names for candidates for the upcoming 2016 Board elections at our October 24th and November 13th dances. Jim Trent and Ben Hinson, (nominating committee), presented to the membership the following names that will be voted on at the December 12th meeting:

- ⇒ **President: Ellen Wester, Current President**
- ⇒ **President: John Hutton**

- ⇒ **Vice President: Bahre Willis, current vice-President**
- ⇒ **Vice-President: Chuck Boney**

- ⇒ **Secretary: Mary Ann Gregory**

- ⇒ **Treasurer: Diani Johnson, current Treasurer**

There was a response from the call for additional nominations from the floor to add our current Vice-President, Bahre Willis to the slate at our November 13th dance. Nominations from the floor will be asked again at the December 12th dance and the election will take place shortly there after by ballots at the dance.

NOTE: If you would like to consider running for any of the above positions or to nominate a current member, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee below:

Ben Hinson at: benhinson@ec.rr.com

Jim Trent at: jimtrent90@gmail.com

“Christmas Dinner/Dance” Saturday, December 12, 2015...

Our last dance for 2015 will be on Saturday, December 12th at the Moose Lodge. We are collecting unwrapped toys for the Oak Island Family Children Services. Please share your good fortune with others in the area.

Members & Members of other shag clubs will be charged \$3 for admission. Guests will be charged \$6 admission. If Members of other shag clubs and Guests would like to dine with us they will be charged an additional \$10 for the dinner.



When the person checks into the dance they will receive a ticket based on their meal choice so the plate can be delivered to them at the table. This eliminates changes after reservations are made. From now on tables will be numbered so when food is ordered (like regular dances) the servers can deliver the food without searching the entire floor. Ballots for the election of Club Officers are also being prepared. When members check in at the door, they will receive a ballot. A box will be available for voting and a deadline time will be announced. Once that deadline time has passed, Jim Trent and Ben Hinson will count the votes so an announcement of the results can be made.

Some Pictures from November 13 "Thanksgiving" dance at the VFW...



More Pictures from November 13 "Thanksgiving" dance at the VFW...



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:
Society of Brunswick Shaggers, PO Box 274 Oak Island, NC 28465

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