

# The Official Newsletter of the Society of Brunswick Shaggers

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## Message from our President...

Are you ready for warmer weather? I know I am. I'm a little tired of the cold right now. At least our dances are keeping us warm. Again this month we have 3 dances. Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> is our annual St. Patrick's Day dance. Wear your green and bring a potluck dish with an Irish theme. Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> is a dance (courtesy of the Goldenbaum's, Hill/Uberto, Hinson's, and Koehly's) at the VFW. Our Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> will be at the Lazy Turtle (food and beverages available).

The SOS Spring Safari is right around the corner. Please check out the information provided by John and Katy who are chairing our parade entry. "American Muscle: We Can Do It!" is our theme. Look for more details. We really need as many people as possible to walk and dance in the parade. We are judged by the number of people participating. We will have a tailgate party prior to the parade. Our free pour will be held afterwards at the OD Pavilion. Look for more details in the April newsletter.

Thank you for your wonderful participation in our SOAR fundraiser. Between donations at the dance and our 50/50 raffle we donated \$560 for this worthy cause. What a great amount from such giving members and guests at our dance!

In case you didn't know, Butch & Sherri Underwood have moved to Little River, SC. We thank them for all the support they have given the club. I'm sure they will be with us as often as possible. I'm letting you know this because I am now selling the SOS cards. If you do not have yours yet, please see me at our dances to get yours. Each card is \$30; if you wait until you get to North Myrtle Beach they will cost you \$35 each. I have to mail back extra cards by April 1<sup>st</sup> so please don't hesitate to purchase yours. If you are new to the club, they are used to enter all clubs (except OD Pavilion) at Spring Safari and Fall Migration.

Our next board meeting will be held April 1 at 6 PM at the home of Diani Johnson at 2958 Legends Dr. Our board meetings are open to any member. If you would like to attend, please let me know or contact Diani so she can arrange for a pass at the St. James gate.

Thanks to all of our members for your support at each of our dances and events. Without your help we would not have such a wonderful time! If you have any suggestions to improve our club, please don't hesitate to let an officer know what they are. Keep shagging...

*Ellen Wester, President*

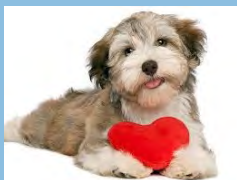


## 2015 Society of Brunswick Shaggers Board...

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*



**THANK YOU...**

Your donations at our S.O.A.R. Pet Food drive on February 27, 2015, shag dance totaled \$560. You SOBS are the BEST!

## *Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2015...*

**Present:** Ellen Wester, Bahre Willis, Pam Bacon, Joe Malinowski, Ken Koehly, John Hutton, Butch Underwood  
Meeting was called to order by Ellen at 6:10 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion to accept the Secretary's Report of Jan 6<sup>th</sup> was made, seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Diani was not present to give the Treasurer's report we were given a preliminary report but we will hold until next meeting to approve the treasurer's report.

**Old Business:** The January 9<sup>th</sup> dance was held at VFW and everyone agreed the food and dance was enjoyed by all. The Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> "Re-Up/Join-Up" dance was a good turnout despite the weather. Joe mentioned that next year we could try and work out a better system for the door and the membership cards. We need to make the flow easier and the collection of the money more accountable so it would not be confusing reconciling the applications. We had 89 Re-Ups and 9 Join-Ups.

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> dance will be at the VFW with DJ Terry McPhail and door greeters John Uberto and Marilyn Hill. It will be a Valentine's theme. Chef Brad will provide a dinner of roast beef with all the trimmings for \$6. Joe will send out an email for the RSVP's to send the total to Brad. Mamie will pick up two dozen roses to be given to two lucky ladies. The club will provide cookies or cake for dessert. Feb 27<sup>th</sup> dance will be held at the Brunswick Senior Center with DJ Lynn "Redbone" King and door greeters Ben and Troye Hinson. There will be no food and will benefit the SOAR Pet drive. It has been recommended that we give money donations since they can make the money go further. If members want to bring food or supplies that is okay. Bahre made a motion that we tip the janitor at the Brunswick Center \$40 to set up and take down the tables and chairs. Motion was second and passed.

March 13<sup>th</sup> dance will be a "potluck dinner" at the VFW with DJ Gene Sistare and an Irish food theme for Saint Patrick's Day. Door greeters will be Linda and Bill Jenkins.

**New Business:** John and Katie have begun to work on getting ideas together for the SOS parade this year. The theme this year is "Third Beginning", so they would like for us to use the American Made idea. For example American Muscle, Patriotic theme that could include some SOBS veterans ride in the cars with signs showing branch of service, etc. The women can dress like Rosie the Riveter and the men in white t-shirts and blue jeans. We will give out red, white and blue beads. Joe volunteered to help John as the tailgate party coordinator. After the parade we will have our traditional "free pour" at the OD Pavilion. We told John to tell Katie to let us know what she needed to spend for the beads and supplies and the club will reimburse her.

**Web Page Update:** Ken has made changes to the webpage and he asks that we point out things that need to be changed so he would be able to keep the webpage current. He responds when things are brought to his attention and to keep him informed. We discussed that it needs to be kept current for visitors coming into the area and we also thought it would be a good idea to have a backup for him in case he is out of town. Joe agreed to be the backup for Ken.

**ABC Permits:** Bahre has been checking with the ABC board to see what we can do about having a permit for us to have beer and wine for our dances at the Brunswick Center. There is a "one time use" permit that we can get from the local ABC board. The permit is \$50.00 and we would also need to get an insurance policy to cover the liability portion of this permit. Bahre was waiting to see how much the policy would cost. We would be able to sell beer and wine and any profit would be to the club. Bahre will bring back to the board when he gets all the figures together and we will discuss with all of the membership.

**Open Discussion:** Bahre has checked into the Sales Tax situation and apparently we do not fall into the entertainment category and we are exempt from this tax. We are beginning to look into the option of having a golf tournament on Oct 24<sup>th</sup> for our Operation Uplink fundraiser and to see if this would be a good fundraiser for us to pursue. Bahre has been involved in organizing and operating these tournaments for several years in the past for other nonprofit organizations.

Next meeting will be March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Bahre Willis house the address is 1620 Golfer Ridge Drive, Winding River, Bolivia. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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



## ***WELCOME to our New Members & Guests...***

Our February 13<sup>th</sup> "Valentine's" SOBS at the Oaks 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 52 SOBS in attendance and 6 guests. The "potluck" was delicious as usual! Thanks to the members who brought those great dishes and desserts!

Our February 27<sup>th</sup> "SOAR Fundraiser" dance was moved at the last moment from the Brunswick County Southport Senior Center to the Oak Island VFW. We had a great turnout of 42 SOBS, 8 more who renewed their memberships, 11 new members, and 17 guests. DJ Lynn "Redbone" King came back for his 2<sup>nd</sup> appearance and kept the floor full. We 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!"

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWSEST "SOBS"

Don Buckley  
 Leon & Evelyn Buffkin  
 John Clary  
 James & Joanie Cross  
 Kirk & Donna Davis  
 Becky Farrar  
 Janice Graham  
 Lorraine Harrington  
 Leslie Lajoie  
 John & Betty Lewis  
 Bill & Andrea Reardon  
 Dave & Cindy Reed  
 Joan Slowik  
 Steve & Beth Uhl  
 Steve & Patti Smith  
 Art Willet

### GUESTS:

Roger & Susan Albizu  
 Teresa & Sam Benson  
 Jeanine Friday Bicknell  
 Megan Carroll  
 Cathy Fitzgerald  
 David & Barbara Goff  
 Ken & Carol Huber  
 Joy Langdon  
 Emily Moore  
 Bill O'Neal  
 Steve Salerno  
 Linda Tony  
 Vicki Vaughn  
 Bob & Judy Williamson



### MEMBERS OF OTHER SHAG CLUBS:

Tom Romero  
 Linda Romero



## ***March Birthdays...***

2nd... Chuck Kutyla	18th... Dorothy Robinson
3rd... Don Beckley	19th... John Biskup
7th... Robert Barbieri	19th... Ben Hinson
8th... Rob Johnson	19th... Don Stout
9th... Pam Berberich	21st... Ron Bowers
10th... Catherine Cunningham	25th... Robert Carter
13th... Edie Milano	29th... Patty Blackmon
13th... Bill Russell	29th... Claudia Lowe
13th... Ann Williams	30th... Deborah Biddle
18th... Marilyn Green	30th... Joe Wheeler



## *March DJ Information...*

*Fellow SOBS,*

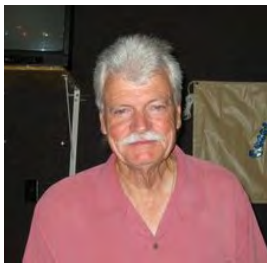
Haven't we had some great dance opportunities so far this year? I don't know of any club that offers its membership this many venues to get together and dance. It was good seeing so many of you at our extra Sunday afternoon dance at the Lazy Turtle with DJ Jerry Burrage. Spinning the discs for us in March are:



*Claude Collins at the VFW Friday, March 13th*

*&*

*"Chigger Woods" at the Southport Senior Center, Friday, March 27th*



Due to a scheduling conflict I had to switch DJ's Gene Sistare with Claude Collins due to Gene's wife having unanticipated shoulder surgery. Let's all wish her a speedy recovery. Claude Collins is NC born and raised and grew up about 60 miles from Ocean Drive, SC. He began working as a DJ in 1966. Claude is a member of and a past Board Member for the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs. Claude lives in the North Myrtle Beach area. He is a member of the OD Shag club and since 2000 has been 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 25th.

"Chigger" Woods was born and raised in Durham, NC. He is a member of a Beach Music group "The Fabulous Jellirolls". His donation of CDs to the Uplink event was gracious. "Chigger" is one of the founding members of the Eno Beach Shag Club in Durham, NC. He has been a DJ for 10+ years and plays for many Shag clubs and night clubs in both North and South Carolina. He plays at the OD Beach Club in the Spanish Galleon complex during both Fall and Spring SOS events. He has been married for over 45+ years and has one daughter. We will all enjoy our evening with "Chigger".



We hope to see you there on the dance floor. Look for our review of our recent "Embers" Shag cruise with other couples from our club.

*John Hutton, DJ Selection*

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

Our dance this month is on Saturday, March 21, "Spring Fling" 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 "Shagmonster Mike" Rogers. 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](mailto:coastalshagclub@coastalshagclub.org)

Visit our website at: [www.coastalshagclub.org](http://www.coastalshagclub.org)



***2014 Past President, Robert Carter – Thank You For Your Service...***

At our February 27<sup>th</sup> dance, current SOBS President, Ellen Wester presented 2014 Past President, Robert Carter with the “Past President” Certificate and pin. Thanks for a job well done, Robert!



## *Still time to “Re-Up/Join-Up” the SOBS...*

**WE ARE EXTENDING “RE-UP” UNTIL OUR MARCH 13 DANCE OR  
YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE EMAIL GROUP!**

OK fellow SOBS... there is still time “Re-Up / Join-Up”! Your membership in the SOBS expired on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Remember, your membership begins February 1<sup>st</sup> thru January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. It also is the opportunity to get your shagging friends to “Join-Up” with us as well. The cost is \$20 per person for the membership year. Volunteering is the backbone of our organization as well as a great chance to become familiar with the entire Membership. We are asking our Members to step up for whatever small part you would like to play. See page 7 for our Membership Application and bring it to the next dance. Our areas to volunteer are:

**HOSPITALITY** – responsible for greeting Members and Guests at the door of our dances. They collect admission fees and check off the Members/Guests list and direct questions to a SOBS Officer. These members are our AMBASSADORS!

**COMMUNICATION** – anyone is welcome to write articles or submit pictures for our Newsletter/Website.

**ENTERTAINMENT** – responsible for helping set up and clean up at selected dances. These are important positions as we need to leave our venues as we found them and the Board Members do eventually tire of the tasks.

**SOCIAL** – volunteers to participate in the SOS Parade in April, sell raffle tickets or procure items for auction at our Charity event, and to sell 50/50 tickets at our regular dance events.

**ANYTHING NEEDED** – the MEGA-VOLUNTEER who is available for most club functions.

## *Party Time -- Save the Date (March 15, 2015)...*



Here is yet another shagging opportunity brought to you by some of our SOBS. Gary & Carol Goldenbaum, Ben & Troye Hinson, Ken & Judy Koehly and Marilyn Hill & John Uberto were also lucky enough at our Operation UpLink auction to “win” DJ Robert Carter for a shag dance party!

Please save the date of Sunday, March 15, 2015. We will party from 1–5 PM at the Oak Island VFW. Please mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you then! Bar will be open and snacks available from the VFW Kitchen!



**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**

Club Use Only			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	Amount	Received By	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Check #			
Comments:			

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



**Steve & Beth Uhl...** Steve and I have been married for 35 years, we have 2 daughters. Katie who lives in Austin, TX and was just accepted to the College of Pharmacy at the University of Texas, and Samantha who lives in Chicago and is getting married this summer.

Steve and I grew up in Raleigh and raised our children in the Raleigh area. We spent the past five years in Austin, TX working on our two-step moves, although we missed our shag dancing. Every time a band would play "Brown Eyed Girl" we would jump onto

the dance floor and treat the locals to some good ole shag dancing! We have vacationed at the NC and SC coast all our lives so moving to the coast had been a dream of ours for forever.

Steve received his undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering from NC State and his Masters in Business from Campbell University. Steve was previously employed in manufacturing as an engineering manager for Data General and Bell and Howell before changing careers and becoming an Oracle applications consultant which gave him the opportunity to travel across the US for various projects. Steve is now self employed as an Oracle consultant at UHL consulting. For years we owned a video store, and then opened two children's resale stores in the Raleigh area which I operated as owner and manager. Currently, I work at a local gift shop, the Mermaid Cove on Oak Island.

We enjoy playing golf, Steve is A LOT better than I am. We have a Harley that we enjoy taking out for rides, and we love to travel, listen to country music and drink red wine.

Steve learned the shag dance while taking a social dance class at NC State. He took the class to meet girls, and it worked! We met at one of the local disco's where Steve taught me the shag moves we still dance today. Our clubs played a mix of beach music as well as the popular disco music.

We are new to the SOBS, we look forward to meeting other shag enthusiast, and maybe picking up a new dance move or two!



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



<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ENTERTAINMENT</u>
MARCH 13	VFW POST #10226, OAK ISLAND, NC	CLAUDE COLLINS
<b>MARCH 15</b>	<b>VFW POST #10226, OAK ISLAND, NC ** SPECIAL DANCE ** (COURTESY OF THE GOLDENBAUM, HINSON, KOEHLI &amp; UBERTO'S)</b>	<b>ROBERT CARTER</b>
MARCH 27	THE LAZY TURTLE BAR & GRILL, OAK ISLAND, NC	"CHIGGER" WOODS
APRIL 10	VFW POST #10226, OAK ISLAND, NC	DAVID HARRIS
<b>APRIL 17-26</b>	<b>SOS SPRING SAFARI - N. MYRTLE BEACH, SC</b>	
<b>APRIL 25</b>	<b>SOS PARADE &amp; SOBS (FREE POUR) @ O.D. PAVILION, N. MYRTLE BEACH, SC</b>	
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
<b>JULY 1</b>	<b>OAK ISLAND BEACH DAY</b>	
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
<b>SEPTEMBER 18-27</b>	<b>SOS FALL MIGRATION - N. MYRTLE BEACH, SC</b>	
<b>SEPTEMBER 19</b>	<b>SOBS (FREE POUR) @ O.D. PAVILION, N. MYRTLE BEACH, SC</b>	
SEPTEMBER 25	BRUNSWICK COUNTY SOUTHPORT SENIOR CENTER	ROBERT CARTER
OCTOBER 9	VFW POST #10226, OAK ISLAND, NC	BETTY BROWN
<b>OCTOBER 24</b>	<b>BRUNSWICK COUNTY SOUTHPORT SENIOR CENTER (CLUB FUNDRAISER)</b>	<b>"FESSA" JOHN HOOK</b>
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](http://www.shagdance.com)



Through the National Fastdance Association  
 our club is properly and legally licensed  
 to present copyrighted music.



## *2015 SOS Spring Safari Parade...*

Fellow Club members,



I continue to work on our 2015 Spring Safari Parade entry. Please let me know if you want to be a part of the fun. The parade will begin at the Bi Lo in North Myrtle Beach aka Ocean Drive on Saturday, April 25th at 1 pm. Come early for the tail-gate. 11 AM on the 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 looking for 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 in the planning stage, more on that to come.

Ben Hinson and Gary Goldenbaum will be leading off with our banner. Ben has done this for so many years. Robert Carter will again be our DJ. Joe Malinowski has agreed to be our tail-gate 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. Be a part of this great SOBS tradition. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Email us at: [jsh66@earthlink.net](mailto:jsh66@earthlink.net) or call 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 Stranders (SOS)...*

(Short Version)

SOS is a gathering of dancers dedicated to the perpetuation and preservation of the Shag Dance, Beach Music, and the atmosphere surrounding the Dance. SOS stands for Society of Stranders and holds events in North Myrtle Beach, SC, in January, April, and September.

The First SOS occurred in the Spring of 1980. It was held as a reunion of all of the former Lifeguards, Stranders, and Beach Bums of years past. They expected a crowd of two or three hundred, but thousands showed up. This was the start of something BIG. The parties continued yearly, but organization was lacking. Some of this problem was alleviated by replacing bands and dance contests with DJ's.

SOS grew through the mid to late 80's, but encountered difficulties in 1988 and 1989. The founder of SOS, Gene Laughter, approached The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) in February of 1989 about buying the venue. The ACSC (formed in 1984) did so and encountered difficulties with local night clubs not requiring SOS membership for admittance.

At this time it was decided to compensate the clubs for floor space during the SOS functions in order to make up for lost revenues from their regular patrons. This is why we purchase SOS Membership Cards for the Mid-Winter, Spring Safari, and Fall Migration parties. Our Membership fees also pay for outdoor concerts, as well as food and trams.

This said I invite all SOBS to buy a Membership card to SOS and come down to North Myrtle Beach SC (Ocean Drive) anytime during Mid-Winter (January), Spring Safari(April), or the Fall Migration (September) SOS events.

The Spring Safari features a Parade down Main Street while the Fall Migration features Fun Sunday and Fun Monday free concerts outside. Check [www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com) for dates and entertainment lineups.

*Butch Underwood*

*SOBS Cub Reporter*

(This information is based on history articles found at [www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com) , the official website of SOS and ACSC.)



## *The History of the Society of Brunswick Shaggers...*

Butch Underwood has compiled the history of our club and it will be published in the next three installment of the "Beach Beat"... enjoy!

### Volume One

On March 15, 1993, a group of people (Shaggers, obviously) met at Meeting Street (logical place) in Shallotte, NC, with the purpose of forming a Shag Club. They stated the following reasons: 1) Promote Shag Dancing, 2) Social Interaction, 3) Meet with other Clubs, 4) Sponsor a Charity, 5) Form a Club for fun and Charity.

The organization would form with a minimum of 25 Charter Members. Any new members would have to make a commitment to attend the meetings at their new home base, Meeting Street. Everyone joining would also be asked to serve on a committee or in some capacity. Beth Pupp was the first Nominating Committee and named the temporary officers as follows: President – Charles Smith; Vice President – Herbie Phipps; Secretary – Geraldine (Gerri) Floyd; and Treasurer – Pam Evans (now of Coastal Shag Club Charter Member Fame).

Pam felt that it would be logical to open a bank account, so the Club needed to develop a name. Names for the Club were offered up and included: South Brunswick Island Shag Club and Shallotte Shag Society. Dues were set at \$15 per person to defray the cost of the newsletter and travel expenses for officers attending meetings and workshops. The intention, upon formation, was to petition for membership to the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs.

In the pre-internet days, it was determined that a Bulletin Board would be placed on a Meeting Street wall for Shag Club News. This led to the original formation of the following committees: Telephone (yes, they actually had a phone tree for communications), nominating, social, publicity, membership, and ways and means. Thus, ended the "Birth Meeting" of our little Club. Interest was high, so the second meeting came only two weeks later. Remember, there had not been an organized "Social Dance" yet!

It was decided on March 29, 1993, that the Club name would be the Society of Brunswick Shaggers, also known as the "SOBS". The aforementioned slate of officers was installed and the By-Laws were accepted. There is no mention of who authored the By-Laws. By the April 19, 1993 meeting, there were 42 members! (No Socials YET!) All of the new members had to be "sponsored" by a current member and voted in by a majority of the members present! The first Club social was held on May 15, 1993. There were 65 to 70 in attendance and everyone was thrilled. The SOBS were officially out of the gate.

It was determined that business meetings were to be held monthly, and that regular Club parties would be held QUARTERLY!! Notification would be by PHONE TREE and Club Newsletter (mailed at least six times per year). Now the easy part of the SOBS formation was complete. Our next history installment will cover some of the rough patches of our road to the 20th year of the SOBS (2013).

The purpose of our Club in 1993 was – and remains today: "to perpetuate and preserve the Shag Dance; to perpetuate and preserve Beach Music and the atmosphere surrounding the Dance; and to create and maintain an environment conducive to the Dance."

Volume Two will describe the activities and growth of the SOBS from 1993 thru 1999.