

The Official Newsletter of the Society of Brunswick Shaggers

PO BOX 274, Oak Island, NC 28465

Visit our website at: <http://www.societyofbrunswickshaggers.com>

"LIKE" us on FACEBOOK at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/115766191843385/>

NOVEMBER 2015



Inside this Issue:

Board Meeting Minutes	2
Did you know? Veterans Day	3
Dance / Party Schedule	4
Welcome new SOBS & Guests	4
Visiting DJs Info	5
November Birthdays	5
10 Commandments	6
2016 Slate of Club Officers	7
"Operation Uplink" Update	7
ACSC 2016 Work Shop	8
New Year's Palmetto Shag	9
SOBS Membership Form	10

Message from our President...

Last week we had our annual Operation Uplink fundraiser. I hope everyone will thank Katy O'Neil and Mary Ann Gregory for the fantastic job organizing the event! Thanks to everyone who participated by securing donations, helping during the event, attending, and/or purchasing items. Great job everyone! We have an estimated total of over \$4,100 collected. Final totals will be available next month.

2015 is winding down, but we still have 2 great dances to end our year. Our Thanksgiving meal and dance will be on Friday, November 13th and our Christmas dinner and dance will be Friday, December 12th. I hope to see as many of you as possible at these dances. Turkey and cranberry sauce will be provided by the club for Thanksgiving and members should bring a side dish or dessert. Christmas dinner is on the club for members. More details will follow prior to each dance.

I'm happy to report that as of this newsletter we have 189 members. Even this late in the year, we have had 11 members join in the last month and several more who are planning to join in November. I would love to see our membership hit 200 before the end of the year and it looks like we are on track to do so! Please encourage any friends who are considering joining to do so before the end of the year to help us meet that goal. Any memberships paid for now will continue through 2016. This continued membership growth is a tribute to our club. Way to go SOBS!

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

Ellen Wester, President



Don't Forget...

Our nation will remain the land of the free so long as it is the home of the brave... give your Veteran a hug & kiss and say, "THANK YOU!"



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 – October 7, 2015...

Present: Ellen Wester, President; Bahre Willis, Vice President; Diani Johnson, Treasurer; Pam Bacon, Secretary; Joe Malinowski, Newsletter; Pam Duncan; Katy O'Neill

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

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the Secretary's Report of September 2nd, was made, seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Diani gave the Treasurers report from September 2nd; the bank balance is \$3,265.47 and \$250.00 in the cash boxes. Motion was made to accept September report and approved.

Old Business: September 11th dance was at the VFW. It was a good turnout. September 25th dance was at the Moose Lodge. They have changed management again; the new manager is John Banks. John and Katy taught a shag step lesson.

New Business: October 9th dance will be at the VFW with DJ Betty Brown. Joe & Linda Harlow will be the door greeters. Chef Brad will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs. Joan Slowik will teach a line dance.

October 24th will be our "Operation Uplink" dance held at the Moose Lodge with DJ "Fessa" John Hook. Ben & Troye Hinson will be the door greeters. Ellen & Bahre will talk to the new manager about doing a reduced menu.

Committee Reports: Joe will be adding a reminder in the newsletter about members to wear their name tags at the dances.

Operation Uplink: Katy gave a list of items that will be used for the silent auction and raffles. Katy & Mary Ann have been completing the final touches for this event. Katy will have DECA and Honor Students to help with the setup. Katy proposed spending \$100.00 for decorations for the evening. Bahre made a motion to give her the funds. Pam Bacon seconded, motion carried.

Shagging for Shelter: Providence Home Teen Shelter event is the same night as our Uplink dance. Ellen asked if the board would be willing to give a donation from the club for this event. Pam Bacon made a motion to give \$500.00 to this event. Diani seconded, motion carried.

Changes at the Moose Lodge: At the last dance that was held at the Moose Lodge, new club manager John Banks spoke with Ellen about the club signing a contract for us to hold our dances there and to also pay a rent fee. Ellen would like someone who originally set up our original agreement with them to go and find out what the new agreement would be. Katy said that John Hutton would go by tomorrow and talk with him.

Nominating Committee: Ellen has selected Ben Hinson and Jim Trent to the Nominating Committee. This will be brought up at the October dances. The Secretary position has to be filled because Pam Bacon has served 2 consecutive terms. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer positions are also open, but current officers may serve one more term is elected.

Bylaws Changes: We discussed some recommended changes by Ellen. The committee will look over the changes and give her feedback at our next meeting.

Thanks to Pam Duncan for volunteering to store our club decorations at their house.

Katy O'Neill said the Coastal Shag club had asked if we had anyone willing to judge the Shag competition at the Oyster Festival, on Sunday Oct 19th. Ken & Judy Koehly will be judges and Chuck & Sandy Boney will do the registration table.

Next meeting will be November 4th at Ellen's House, 5218 Windward Way, and Southport at 6:00 PM. Her number is 919-215-4680 if you need directions. The December board meeting will be December 3rd at the VFW at 6:00 PM. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes Submitted by:
Pam Bacon, Secretary



Did you know? – Veterans Day... (republished from History.com Staff – November 2009)

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

Veterans Day Facts

In 1954, President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11th, due to the important historical significance of the date.

Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World Wars I and II on or near November 11th. Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 AM every November 11th.

Veterans Statistics

The brave men and women who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life; they are parents, children and grandparents. They are friends, neighbors and co-workers, and an important part of their communities. Here are some facts about the current veteran population of the United States:

- 9.2 million veterans are over the age of 65.
- 1.9 million veterans are under the age of 35.
- 1.8 million veterans are women.
- 7.8 million veterans served during the Vietnam War era (1964–1975), which represents 33% of all living veterans.
- 5.2 million veterans served during the Gulf War (represents service from Aug. 2, 1990, to now).
- 2.6 million veterans served during World War II (1941–1945).
- 2.8 million veterans served during the Korean War (1950–1953).
- 6 million veterans served in peacetime.
- As of 2008, 2.9 million veterans received compensation for service-connected disabilities.
- 5 states have more than 1 million veterans in among their population: California (2.1 million), Florida (1.7 million), Texas (1.7 million), New York (1 million) and Pennsylvania (1 million).
- The VA health care system had 54 hospitals in 1930, since then it has expanded to include 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community, and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 live-in care facilities for injured or disabled veterans.

2015 Dance & Party Schedule (Subject to Change!)



<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ENTERTAINMENT</u>
NOVEMBER 13	VFW POST #10226, OAK ISLAND, NC	BILL RUTH
DECEMBER 12	MOOSE LODGE FAMILY CENTER, OAK ISLAND, NC "CHRISTMAS PARTY!" & CLUB OFFICERS ELECTION	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



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



WELCOME to our New Members & Guests...

A big WELCOME to our newest SOBs, Steve & Avery Boyette, Ray Carroll, James & Sadie Graham, Dean & Beth Jones and Ron & Tanya Nickson! Also, a WELCOME BACK to Ted & Gayle Manos!

Our October 11th SOBS dance was held at the Oak Island VFW. We also had for the first time DJ Betty Brown who kept the dance floor full as we had a nice crowd of 39 SOBS in attendance, 2 members of OD Pavilion Shag Club, 2 members from North Virginia Shag Club, 5 members from Cape Fear Shag Club and 16 guests. "Thanks" again to Joan Slowik for teaching the "Shuffle Boogie Soul" line dance! Also, a big thanks to the members who brought their "dessert pot-luck" to share... outstanding as usual! Thanks also to "Chef Brad" from the VFW for again providing great hamburger and hotdog meals!

Our October 24th dance was our "Operation Uplink" Fundraiser shag dance held at the Oak Island Moose Lodge with shag DJ legend, "Fessa" John Hook. We had a great turnout with many guests and a very active Silent Auction and Raffle. We didn't keep a sign-in list for this dance since we had a \$5 entrance fee for all attendees. The Moose Lodge also offered a great menu that included a prime rib dinner. Thanks to all who attended to help out in such a worthy cause!

October 9 – GUESTS:

Pat & Colleen Naughton
Trish & Sam Sherrill
Beth & Dean Jones
Ward & Gina Mannering
Ronnie & Lisa Boysoth
Jim & Lisa Anderson
Sam & Teresa Benson
James & Sadie Graham

Members of other Shag Clubs:

OD Pavilion – Wayne & Jennifer Bell



North Virginia – Tom & Linda Romero



Cape Fear – Debbie & Lloyd Bowden
Cheryl & Rick Parrish
Beth Sykes



November DJ Information...

Fellow SOBS,

I hope that you have enjoyed our dances and DJ selections, it has been a great year of music for our club. October offered us 2 good opportunities to dance. Our "Project Uplink" Fundraiser was well attended. I would like to thank all the people who came to our house to help us move the auction items, set up, decorated, worked and cleaned up at the Moose Lodge. There are too many to name, but you know who you are.



The holidays are fast upon us with festive fun. Spinning the discs for our Thanksgiving dance this month is:

DJ "Wild" Bill Ruth at the VFW, Friday, November 13th

Former club President Bill Ruth and his wife Carol now live in Little River, SC. Bill plays often in North Myrtle Beach at Fat Harold's, Duck's, and at 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. Bill will be at the VFW to help us celebrate our Thanksgiving Holiday.

I will begin booking 2016 DJ's in the next two months. I hope club members enjoy the variety of DJ's that we book. We hope they have been able to play your requests! They want us to be happy with their performance. Let me know if you hear a DJ you like. We hope to see you all on a dance floor!

John Hutton, DJ Selection

November Birthdays...

2nd... Becky Farrar

6th... Steve Boyette

6th... Don Fowler

7th... Joe Harlow

7th... Linda Messmer

8th... Leslie Lajoie

12th... Kimberly Carrillo

12th... Jean Fowler

13th... Jeff Duncan

16th... Carol Goldenbaum

16th... Sherry Underwood

20th... Joanne Belev

23rd... Marie Apicella

25th... Kim Brown

25th... Lorraine Harrington

30th... Patti Smith



From our Friends at Coastal Shag Club...



This month is our *"7th Annual Thanksgiving Feast/Re-Up/Election Extravaganza Dance"* on Saturday, November 21st, 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 Bill Anderson. Fantastic, large, wooden dance floor; 50/50; cash bar; bring a Thanksgiving side dish or dessert to share to go along with turkey, ham, rolls, and condiments provided by the club, and 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!

Visit their website at: www.coastalshagclub.org

10 Commandments of Dance Floor Etiquette...

Reprinted from National Fast Dance Newsletter dated October–December 2015...

1. ***Thou shalt not give advice to a partner on the social dance floor unless asked for it.*** There is nothing more disheartening, deflating or irritating than when a social dance partner offers an unsolicited critique, no matter how subtle or well-intended. I don't care if you do know more than your partner. I don't care if you are trying to be helpful. I don't care if you nice, encouraging language. It's still a put-down. If your partner doesn't ask, don't tell.
2. ***Thou shalt not fail to protect your partner.*** An incredible, synergistic dance is what we all want, but first and foremost, no one should get hurt trying to achieve it. This is directed more toward leaders who are in charge of maneuvering and floor craft, but it is incumbent upon anyone, male or female, to try to avoid a collision or disaster if you notice one looming. Protecting your partner from a flailing arm, a flared heel, or an out of control speedster, is your first obligation.
3. ***Thou shalt not guide your partner, nor receive a lead, with unnecessary force.*** In partner dancing, the proper amount of pressure and connection to use is the least amount necessary to get the desired result. This will vary from partner to partner of course, but it is never OK to shove, push, strong arm or clamp down on your partner's hands nor to twist limbs into positions that are anatomically unnatural. It also pretty much guarantees the receiving partner will never want to dance with you again.
4. ***Thou shalt not talk or give advice while an instructor is teaching a group lesson.*** The teacher is doing his/her best to impart useful information. Your partner is doing his/her best to listen. If you don't agree with the instructor or think you know better, leave the floor. Then you will be free to go out of earshot where you can relish your superiority with your biggest fan—you.
5. ***Thou shalt not refuse to dance with partners of lesser ability.*** Everyone likes to dance with someone who is advanced and a proficient partner. It's more challenging, more fun and, most of the time, more successful. But the truly great dancers are the ones who are happy to dance with anyone of any level, taking it as a challenge to provide a satisfying experience. I don't care how good you are, nobody likes a dance snob.
6. ***Thou shalt not apologize for your insufficiencies.*** It's rare when you are matched with a partner of the exact same ability. So whether you blow a lead or miss receiving one, there is no need for sealing it with a "Sorry" or "My bad". Move on and if you're both game, try the move again. If the Diva had been required to beg forgiveness for all of her petit faux pas on the floor, she would not have any words left with which to impart her valuable wisdom
7. ***Thou shalt not do choreographed routines, aerial lifts and flamboyant arm styling on a crowded social dance floor.*** There is a reason the dance world has competitions and exhibitions. They are the proper venues for dramatic presentations. If you are a talented dancer, it will show even if you're doing an understated beginner pattern. If you're not, all the theatrics you throw in will just make you look like a show off and a jerk. (See commandment 10)
8. ***Thou shalt not ignore or oppose the line of dance.*** Social dancing works because there are rules of the road. If you don't know them, ask a teacher to explain where to best position yourself for different dances and according to you skill level. If you prefer to be more free-form, leave the dance floor and try a mosh pit.
9. ***Though shalt not put a priority on making yourself, rather than your partner, look good.*** You will attract a lot more—and better— future partners by ensuring that your current one looks competent, relaxed and enthused. It's incumbent on both sides to find a common denominator and to make the partnership the priority, not personal aggrandizement.
10. ***Thou shalt not be a jerk!*** Really, need I say more? Be a gentleman. Be a lady. Remember the etiquette your Mother taught you? Do unto others and all that good stuff. If you keep this foremost in your mind, you will always be a gracious partner. That has nothing to do with dancing. That has to do with being a good person!

Announcement of Slate of Officers, October 24, 2015...

Greetings Fellow SOBS,

The nominating committee requested a special meeting of the SOBS on Oct 24th so that the nominating committee could present names for candidates for the upcoming 2016 Board elections. 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: Chuck Boney**

- ⇒ **Secretary: Mary Ann Gregory**

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

There was no response from the call for additional nominations from the floor. Nominations from the floor will also be asked at the November 13th dance. The election will take place by ballots at our Christmas dance on December 12, 2015. Meeting adjourned.

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

“Operation Uplink” held on Saturday, October 24, 2015...

The SOBS did themselves proud for our Fundraiser dance to help out in such a worthy cause. A final report will be published in our December newsletter as a few more checks trickled in after our event. We hope to hold a presentation of the collected funds during our Christmas Party on December 12, 2015 at the Moose Lodge.

Thanks to all who attended, solicited items for the Silent Auction, Raffle, helped in transporting items to the Moose Lodge, setting up the hall, etc.

A SPECIAL thanks goes out to our Co-Chairpersons Katy O’Neill and Mary Ann Gregory for coordinating this event over the last few months!





ACSC 2016 Summer Workshop Southern Comfort XIX

Columbia, S.C.
July 8—10 2016
Hosted by Palmetto Shag Club
www.palmettoshagclub.com

\$75
\$85 after
5/31/2016



Park and Party



Park and Party

Double Tree by Hilton 2100 Bush River Rd, Columbia, SC 29210 Bush River Rd at I-20

Room Rate: \$116 Call with Group Code PSG (803) 731-0300

or book online at <http://bit.ly/1CZ6pNh>

Reduced Hotel Room Rate ends on May 31, 2016—limited to 200 rooms

All rooms include a Refrigerator, King and two Queen Beds Available

Suites are available at additional cost

Spacious Ballroom with Professional Dance Floor



Through the National Tap Dance Association, this multi-day event is licensed by:



FRIDAY July 8

8:00am—10:00am Buffet breakfast for Hotel Guests
9:00am— 3:00pm SOS Board Meeting—Capital Room
2:00pm—10:00pm Registration

Lexington Hospitality Suite
3:00pm—6:00pm **DJ BILLY FANNING**

Congaree Ballroom
6:00pm— 9:00pm **DJ SKIP MALLIOS**
9:00pm—Mid-Night **DJ BILLY WALDREP**

SATURDAY July 9

7:00am – 9:00am Buffet breakfast for Hotel Guests
9:00am – 9:00pm Registration

Pool Party
Noon — 4:00pm **DJ SKIP MALLIOS**
2:00 pm—3:00pm Complimentary Beer & Wine

Lexington Hospitality Suite
3:00pm – 6:00pm **DJ BILLY FANNING**

Congaree Ballroom
10:00am – 2:00pm **ACSC Membership Meeting**
3:00pm – 6:00pm **DJ JOHN (FLETCH) FLETCHER**
3:00pm – 4:00pm Line Dance with

BRENDA TAYLOR
4:00pm – 5:00pm Workshop with
CHARLIE WOMBLE & JACKIE MCGEE

6:00pm – 9:00pm **DJ RODNEY STILL**
7:00pm – 8:00pm **Dinner Served**
9:00pm – Mid-Night **DJ BUCK CRUMPTON**

SUNDAY July 10

8:00 am – 10:00 am Buffet breakfast for Hotel Guests

Super Hospitality Suite
Dance Floor—Open Bar—Food
Free Shag & Line Dance Workshops
Split Pot Drawings
Chinese Auction Fabulous Vendors
\$75/ person—\$85 after 5/31/2016
Reserved Tables of 10 are available
For more info contact Susan Martin at
susan.martin956@gmail.com
or call (803) 609-8170

Event Co—Chairs: Susan & Cecil Martin

Make checks payable to **Palmetto Shag Club** and Mail to: **Palmetto Shag Club, P. O. Box 7232, Columbia, S.C. 29202**
or process on-line at www.palmettoshagclub.com using a Credit Card or PayPal

Name _____ Amt. Enclosed: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Shag Club: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ Confirmation by Email

NO ONE UNDER 21 ADMITTED

No Refunds



New Year's Eve Park & Party—Embassy Suites hosted by Palmetto Shag Club



200 Stoneridge Drive Columbia, S.C. 29210 Greystone Blvd & I-26

Room Rate: \$99 Call 1-800-362-2779 with Code NYE
or book online by clicking <http://bit.ly/1O4KFKW>

Beautiful 2 room suites include two 32-inch flat-screen televisions,
a refrigerator, microwave oven and wet bar.

Reduced Hotel Room Rate ends on December 24, 2015

Extra Treats for Hotel Guests



- Managers Reception in Atrium on New Year's Eve from 5:30 to 7:00pm includes adult beverages and appetizers.
- New Year's Day Full Cooked or Buffet Breakfast served from 7:30 to 10:30 am

December 31, 2015

DJs: Skip Mallios & Gene Sistare

Ballroom Doors open at 7:00 pm



Heavy hor d'oeuvres served 7:30pm to 9:30pm

*(includes: Hand Carved Top Round of Beef, Spring Rolls,
Chicken Nuggets, Swedish Meatballs, Assorted Cheeses,
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables with dips, Chips and Salsa)*



Champagne Toast at Midnight

Cash Bar



\$30 for Palmetto Shag Club Members

\$40 for Sponsored Guests and other ACSC Shag Club Members



New Year's Eve Park & Party

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 24, 2015

Make checks payable to **Palmetto Shag Club** and Mail to: **Palmetto Shag Club, P. O. Box 7232, Columbia, S.C. 29202**
or process on-line at www.palmettoshagclub.com using a Credit Card or PayPal

Name(s): _____ Amt. Enclosed: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone : _____ Email: _____ ACSC SHAG CLUB _____

Confirmation by Email

NO ONE UNDER 21 ADMITTED

No Refunds

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:			