

# The Official Newsletter of the Society of Brunswick Shaggers

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## Message from our President...

1/4th of the year is gone already and what a good time we have had! The OD Pavilion has opened up and time for some Sunday afternoon dancing. We hope you will go down to OD, see some great dancing and have a good time. See you there! I am back swimming in the ocean now for the past few weeks. Spring time and SOS are upon us.

DJs Claude Collins and Jim Bruno kept us dancing last month. Our Chili Cook-Off winners shared some fantastic chili and this revival of an old SOBS tradition was well received by our members judging from the comments that I received. The dance exhibition was phenomenal. We still need club members to sign up and help out at the door as greeters and to help with the 50/50. Thanks to the SOBS who continue to pitch in so far this year. It was good to see the Whitakers and the Creans at the Cook-Off.

SOS is right around the corner! Our SOS Parade entry theme of “Aloha Don David” calls for Aloha shirts and Hawaiian attire. All of the decorations have arrived. We will need volunteers to make this a great SOBS event. Let me know in what capacity you can be a part of our parade entry. Email me at [jsh66@earthlink.net](mailto:jsh66@earthlink.net) if you have questions or concerns or if I can be of any help. Last year we had over 70 participants and hope that this year we will have even more. The SOS Spring Safari will be here before you know it, so get that SOS card from the club for \$30 to be in on all the fun. Look for an email from our Newsletter Editor, Joe Malinowski for more information!

Our upcoming board meeting will be Thursday, April 7th at the VFW, starting at 6 PM.

We had a great time on our “Embers” cruise. Want to go on a Shag Dance Themed cruise? Let me know and we will let you know what is out there. Go to page 3 for the “Embers” cruise report. We hope to see you on the dance floor.

*John Hutton, President*

## 2016 Society of Brunswick Shaggers Board Members...

John Hutton, *President*  
Chuck Boney, *Vice President*  
Mary Ann Gregory, *Secretary*  
Diani Johnson, *Treasurer*



Joe Malinowski, *Newsletter & Membership*  
Ellen Wester, *Immediate Past President*

## Don't Forget!



SOS Spring Safari  
April 15-24  
and  
Parade & our Club  
“FREE POUR”  
Saturday, April 23  
See Pages 7-9 for Info!

## *Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2016...*

**Present:** John Hutton, Mary Ann Gregory, Diani Johnson, Joe Malinowski, Ellen Wester

Meeting was called to order by John at 6:00 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion to accept the Secretary's Report of February 11<sup>th</sup> was made, seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Diani gave the Treasurer's report from February 2016; the bank balance is \$7,262.18 which includes the "Operation Uplink" fundraiser amount of \$4,312. There is \$250.00 in the cash boxes. Motion was made to accept Treasurer's report and seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

February dances went great with attendance being up, including guest from OD Shag Club and Northern Virginia. Valentine dance had 81 in attendance. The club has 165 members, 33 are new and still have 48 that have not renewed their membership from 2015.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Working on a standard logo for the club that will be used to create a "brand" logo. Mary Ann will place an order for 300 April, May and June dance themes have been scheduled along with menu, look for updates in the monthly newsletter.

Post Office Box has been renewed for the year.

Updated Bylaws will be provided and voted on at the March 25<sup>th</sup> dance.

SOS cards sale ongoing, forms for participating in the SOS parade have been sent in. Hawaiian leis, garlands and skirts have arrived. Katie O'Neil has agreed to represent us at the award ceremony sponsored by the SOS Parade Committee.

Uplink Check will be presented to the VFW at the March 11<sup>th</sup> dance by John Hutton.

Beach Day - Robert Carter will be our DJ. Oak Island will take responsibility of putting down and taking up dance floor.

Nametags - Have been ordered.

Club Logo - Joe is working with club member Beth Uhl on logo. The club will have the opportunity to vote on which one will represent the club.

John Hutton will represent the club at the ACSC Spring SOS Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Summer ACSC workshop will be represented by Mary Ann Gregory.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

***Minutes Submitted by:  
Mary Ann Gregory, Secretary***



### *“Making Waves” Cruise with the Embers...*



What a difference a month makes! As we bask in warm Spring weather today, back in February, “ baby it was cold outside!” On March 27<sup>th</sup> 20 SOBS set out on a 7 day cruise to escape winter. The ‘Making Waves Cruise” on Carnival ‘Valor” traveled to San Juan, the Dominican Republic, Grand Turk and St. Thomas.

These beautiful ports were interspersed with concerts with ‘The Embers, featuring Craig Woolard’, the trio ‘Too Much Sylvia’, and DJs Ray Scott, Joey Warren and Gene



Sistare—all of whom have played for our club. Free dance lessons with Don Bunn and Debbie Peterson were well attend- ed. Sandy & Bill Brown, Beverly & Mike

Williams, Dave & Sue Morgan, Steve & Avery Boyette, Charles Smith & Gail Roberson, John Hutton & Katy O’Neill, Mamie and Kim Brown, Floyd and Mary Lou McLeroy, all card carrying SOBS, joined 400 other shaggers for a great time. Janice & Dick Ely were also on board with their family. Coastal Shag Club members along for the cruise included Penny and Frank, the Saffos, and Ken and Cecilia.



The bands played daily, in private functions with ex- ceptional service. The Embers’ shows had something for everyone as they played their old favorites and current hits. Dance floors were good, the sun was shining and the weather perfect. A bottle of champagne greeted each cabin, and the DJs’ evening cocktail party with an open bar more than made the cruise merry. The Lido deck



concert by Craig Woolard rocked the ship, CBMA vocalist of the year, Rhonda McDaniel showed the crowd the best of Carolina beach music.



Ports of call had an excursion for every taste: off road travels or undersea adventures, forts or botanical gardens, historic town walks or touristy markets, duty free shops or diving. What happened at Senor Frog’s STAYS at Senor Frog’s! Din- ing table conversations never lacked for topics.



Many Shag Cruises are organized every Fall and we have attended at least 5. Check them out for a great escape to paradise next cold season!



*As reported by John Hutton and Katy O’Neill*

***April DJ Information...***

Fellow SOBS... We are having lots of great opportunities to dance this year. I hope you all enjoyed the dance exhibition by Earl and Beverly Robinson and tasted the great Chili at our revived Chili Cook-Off. Our April 8<sup>th</sup> dance will be "Pizza" night on the club. Who doesn't like a good slice? Papa John's will cater. Due to SOS we are only having one dance in April. Spinning the discs for that dance is:



***Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, with DJ Lynn "Redbone" King at the Oak Island VFW***

April 8th at the Oak Island VFW, we will host Lynn "Red Bone" King from Rockingham, NC. Lynn has been with radio station WLWL "Big Wave" for 15+ years. His station is an 11 time CBMA Award Winning station. He has radio shows Fridays and Sundays playing mixes of Shag, Soul, and R&B. Mark your calendars and come out and enjoy the evening.



I am looking forward to our upcoming SOS Parade entry for Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am hoping to have our best turnout ever. See you at 11:00 AM for "tailgate time". Please remember our traditional "Free Pour" at the Ocean Drive Pavilion after the Parade. If you have any questions about the parade or "Free Pour" please feel free to contact me. We will look forward to seeing you all.

***John Hutton, DJ Selection***



***April Birthdays...***

- 1st... Glenda Carter
- 5th... David Cleary
- 6th... Lynn Moore
- 16th... Gail Roberson
- 23rd... Maryann Darzano
- 25th... Bill Bacon
- 26th... Ken Koehly



## 2016 Dance & Party Schedule *(Subject to Change!)*...



**ALL DANCES BEGIN AT 6:00 PM, WITH MOST DANCES HAVING A SHAG OR LINE DANCE LESSON AT THE BEGINNING!**

DATE	LOCATION	DJ	THEME	FOOD	DOOR	50/50	LESSON
APRIL 8	OAK ISL VFW	LYNN KING	"PIZZA NIGHT"	PIZZA "ON THE CLUB"	BAHRE & BRENDA WILLIS		JOHN & KATY SHAG
APRIL 15-24	SOS SPRING SAFARI (N. MYRTLE BEACH)						
MAY 13	OAK ISL VFW	JIMMY BUFFKIN	"SUBS NIGHT"	SUBS "ON THE CLUB"	DICK & JANICE ELY	SCOTT & CINDY HETTINGER	LINE DANCE
MAY 27	OAK ISL MOOSE LODGE	GENE SISTARE	"PATRIOTIC"	MOOSE CLUB MENU	LEON & ELYN BUFFKIN		SHAG
JUNE 10	OAK ISL VFW	BUTCH ADEIMY	"HERE'S SUMMER"	FINGER FOOD	BEN & TROYE HINSON	LON & PEGGY PROCACCI	LINE DANCE
JUNE 24	OAK ISL MOOSE LODGE	KITTY EARLES	"HAWAIIAN LUAU"	MOOSE CLUB MENU			SHAG
JULY 1	OAK ISL BEACH DAY (SHAG CONTEST)	ROBERT CARTER					
JULY 8	OAK ISL VFW	KEN MCGEE					
JULY 22	OAK ISL MOOSE LODGE	JERRY BURRAGE		MOOSE CLUB MENU			
AUGUST 12	OAK ISL VFW	MIKE HUDSON			DENNIS & ELAINE FAVER		
AUGUST 26	OAK ISL MOOSE LODGE	TERRY McPHAIL		MOOSE CLUB MENU			
SEPTEMBER 9	OAK ISL VFW	EDDIE BAKER					
SEPT 16-25	SOS FALL MIGRATION (N. MYRTLE BEACH)						
SEPTEMBER 23	OAK ISL MOOSE LODGE	ROBERT CARTER		MOOSE CLUB MENU			
OCTOBER 14	OAK ISL VFW	TBD					
OCTOBER 28	OAK ISL MOOSE LODGE (OPERATION UPLINK)	"FESSA" JOHN HOOK		MOOSE CLUB MENU			
NOVEMBER 11	OAK ISL VFW (THANKSGIVING DANCE)	CLAUDE COLLINS			JIM & ANGELA TRENT		
DECEMBER 10	OAK ISL MOOSE LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY	JERRY BURRAGE					

The Society of Brunswick Shaggers is a proud member of The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) and SOS (Society of Stranders).  
The SOS Website can be found at: [www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com)



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



***WELCOME to our New Members & Re-Ups...***

Our March 11<sup>th</sup> "St. Patrick's Day" dance at the VFW was well attended. We had 51 SOBS, 2 Re-Ups, 4 guests and members from Coastal Shag Club, OD Shag Club and Piedmont Shag Assoc. The snacks and desserts were outstanding. Thanks to all who shared their goodies with us. DJ Claude Collins kept the dance floor with his extensive collection of beach music. ***A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST SOBS... FRANCIS & CATHY MYERS!***

Another good turnout was at our March 25<sup>th</sup> "Easter" dance and Chili Cook-Off at the Moose Lodge. 52 SOBS, 2 Re-Ups, 9 guests and members from the Coastal Shag Club. The Chili Cook-Off had 8 chili entries tasty recipes from our members. First timer to our dances was DJ Jimmy Bruno who provided great shag music. And, we were also treated to a shag exhibition from **Earl & Beverly Robinson from Little River, SC.**

**Guests...**

- Kathleen Beuser
- Joyce Edwards
- Art & Mickey Nelson
- Kathleen Fau
- Paul & Connie Fleshman
- Roy & Debra Groom
- Joy Guin
- Brohde Pridgen
- Ian Pridgen
- Lyra Pridgen

**From other Shag Clubs...**

- Paula Capristo
- Dave & Laura Bradt
- Sonny & Debbie Gentry
- Ray & Thelma Herring
- Rich & Chris Kitts



- Dave & Lauren Brady



- Wayne & Debbie Grooms



***From our Friends at Coastal Shag Club (CSC)...***



This month is our ***"SOS Safari Shag Dance"*** on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 Raymond Rigsbee. Free basic shag lesson or line dance lesson begins at 6:30 PM. Come learn to shag and stay to dance all evening. Fantastic non-smoking dance room with large wooden dance floor; 50/50; cash bar; bring a snack or dessert to share. 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](http://www.coastalshagclub.org)



## Our "Operation UpLink" Donation ...



SOBS President, John Hutton presents a check for \$4,312 to VFW Post #10226 Commander Mike Abbott and Post Quartermaster, Harold Wooden. The check represents the funds raised during our "Operation UpLink" Dance & Fund Raiser that was held on October 24, 2015. To date, the SOBS have raised over \$40K for this noble cause. Great job to all who were involved and attended this dance.

## "Farewell Don" Spring Safari Tailgate Party/Parade/Free Pour...

Our parade entry, "Aloha Don David" will leave from the CresCom bank parking lot at 1PM. It will end on Ocean Drive just past the Arcade. Our club "Free Pour" will immediately follow after the parade at the OD Pavilion, Ocean front at Main St.

Our "Shagging Troupe" entry consists of the following: leading off—the SOBS banner carried by Ben and Frank, Dennis Faver and his truck with DJ Robert Carter, followed by 10+ decorated classic cars with walkers/dancers alongside the cars, (not between) in attire pictured and detailed below. Walkers will hand out leis along the approximately ½ mile parade route or create bubbles or carry other banners or be a back up to the hula dancers. A very short hula dance will be taught at the tailgate and done as the bubbles



and troupe and DJ passes the judges' stand playing the song, "Tiny Bubbles" by Don Ho.

We will need volunteers on site after 11 AM to perform the following: decorate cars with garland, fabricate grass skirts (cut, duct tape), sort and distribute leis and bubbles and learn the short hula dance.

**Ladies attire:** Khaki shorts/ capris with tropical colored t-shirt, 20' grass skirts will be offered, or BYO grass skirt\*

**Men's attire:** Khaki shorts/ pants, Aloha shirt, BYO grass skirt\*

\* Available at Party Time across from Wal-Mart. Coconut bras optional!

To volunteer, please contact John Hutton: [jsh66@earthlink.net](mailto:jsh66@earthlink.net) or 910-201-9993

## *SOS History (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.)*





## *Places to Dance during SOS in N. Myrtle Beach, SC...*



**Spring Safari – April 15–24 (Parade 4/23)**

**Fall Migration – September 16–25**

**Fun Sunday (9/18, Fun Monday 9/19)**

*Please note: The State of South Carolina has passed a law prohibiting smoking in bars and restaurants.  
Most bars have an outdoor area for the smokers!*

**Fat Harold's** – On Main Street on the left going toward the ocean. Two dance floors and food are available.

**Duck's and Duck's Café** – On main Street on the right going toward the ocean (across from Fat Harold's). Two dance floors and food are available.

**Pirate's Cove** – On Main Street on the right going toward the ocean just past Duck's. One dance floor and food is available.

**OD Pavilion** – On Ocean Blvd at the end of Main Street on the right. One dance floor and food is available. Open to the Beach and the Ocean. NO SOS CARD NEEDED.

**Spanish Galleon** – On Ocean Blvd at the end of Main Street on the left. Look on the street for signs advertising Bands. No food is available.

**OD Beach Club & Tiki Bar** – On Ocean Blvd at the end of Main Street on the left. The OD Café and Tiki Bar are on the ocean front beside of the Galleon, There is an upstairs (OD Beach Club) dance floor and a downstairs (Tiki Bar) dance floor. The Upstairs Club may not be open all of the time. Food is available in the Tiki Bar. The Society of Brunswick Shaggers usually starts out at the upstairs club around 7 or 8 PM on Friday and Saturday nights or ends up there around 10 or 11 PM.

**OD Arcade** – On Ocean Blvd (turn right off of Main Street) on the right. One dance floor and food is available.

**Saville's on 2nd** – When headed South on US 17, turn right on 2nd Avenue North (one light before Main Street). Saville's is on the left in a small strip mall. It features an excellent dance floor and DJ's playing the Pavilion music. NO SOS CARDS NEEDED. No food available unless the owner puts out free hot dogs.

*REMEMBER THAT MOST CLUBS OPEN IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON DAILY FOR DANCING. THERE ARE VERY FEW DANCERS ON THE FLOORS AT THIS TIME!!! JUST BE SURE AND SAVE SOME ENERGY FOR WHEN THE AIR GETS BLACK! MID-WINTER SOS DOES NOT DRAW AS MANY DANCERS AS SPRING AND FALL, THEREFORE THE DANCING IS MUCH MORE ENJOYABLE.*

You can easily walk to all of these venues except Saville's. Note that there are two places that will allow you in without an SOS Card or admission fee (OD Pavilion and Saville's on 2nd). (Your Club President has 2016 Cards available.) You can also go to the SOS Website ([www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com)) and check on any DJs or bands offered at some of the Clubs and Dance Lessons that are available.

***Butch Underwood***

***Cub Reporter... Gone, but not forgotten!***

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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