

# The Official Newsletter of the Society of Brunswick Shaggers

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## Message from our “New” President...

Sometimes you get what you ask for. And I thank you SOBS, for your support. I am writing this as our club’s new president. For Katy and me things have come full circle with our club involvement, because in 2000, we brought the club here to Oak Island from the Calabash area and were club members #1 and #2. I was President for our first 2 years here. I will begin this tenure by saying thanks to our outgoing club officers. Thanks so much for all that you did during your time in office. I hope that your support and involvement will continue.

We are looking forward to another good year of dancing and good times with a great group of people for 2016. Our club will continue to need the help of its members in an effort to make things go smoothly. Members have already stepped forward to work the January dances. The new board will continue to formalize our by-laws to have them reflect how things need to be done. Please let me or any other board member know if you have ideas or want to help out. Our first board meeting will be Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at the VFW, starting at 6 PM. Our first dance will be January 8<sup>th</sup> with our own DJ Robert Carter also at the VFW.

SOS Mid-Winter is upon us—January 15–17<sup>th</sup>. Come down to North Myrtle Beach and enjoy a great weekend of dancing to continue with fun into the New Year. January 22<sup>nd</sup> is our annual “Re-Up / Join-Up” dance at the Moose Lodge with dinner and DJ “Fessa” John Hook. What a way to start the New Year. On Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> Katy and I will host a Project Uplink DJ party at the Lazy Turtle Bar & Grill on Oak Island with DJ Jerry Burrage. Everyone in the club is invited. There will be no charge. Bring a friend who is not a club member to share the fun. Spring Safari SOS is right around the corner in April. Our club will again have a parade entry. Come be a part of a good time. Classic cars will be needed. Our traditional “Freepour” will be at the OD Pavilion after the parade. No SOS card required. More info to follow. 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*



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

## Remember...

January is the time to “Re-Up / Join-Up” at our January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Shag Dance held at the Oak Island Moose Lodge. DJ will be the legendary “Fessa” John Hook. Fill out the Membership Form on page 12 and bring it to the dance!



## *Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, December 3, 2015...*

**Present:** Ellen Wester, President; Diani Johnson, Treasurer; Pam Bacon, Secretary; Joe Malinowski, Newsletter; John Hutton, DJs; Mary Ann Gregory & Katy O'Neill, Operation UpLink

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

**Addition to Agenda:** None

**Secretary's Report:** A motion to accept the Secretary's Report of Nov 13<sup>th</sup> was made, seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Diani gave the Treasurers report from Nov 13<sup>th</sup>; the bank balance is \$7,921.90. There is \$250 in the cash box. Motion was made and seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 91 people attended our Thanksgiving Dance. The food and turnout was great! John mentioned that during the dance he was ask to have the DJ turn down the music and others ask to turn the music up. John is going to do more research into how to handle these requests.

*Operation UpLink:* Katy passed out a summary/suggestion sheet from this year that she hoped would help others in the years to come to be able to run the Uplink Fundraiser. Katy feels that next year we should go back to having the tickets printed and mailed out like we did in the years past. She agrees that it was a mistake not to mail them this year and this was the decision of the uplink committee this year. Another suggestion for next year was to have the members and guest sign in upon arrival in order to have an accurate head count. It was also suggested that we put a article in the newsletter next year before the dance to remind members to bring cash or a check to the dance to pay for the items purchased. Lastly, we should add a place on the bid sheets to annotate "paid cash or check."

*December 12<sup>th</sup> Dance:* The Christmas Dinner/Dance will be held at the Moose Lodge, DJ will be Jerry Burrage. Joe has had over 100 RSVPs so far for dinner. Chuck & Sandy Boney will be working the door. Election ballots have been printed to be handed out at the door to members only. We will also be collecting toys for the Oak Island Family Services. It was brought up that we make a donation to New Hope Clinic since we did not have a particular dance to raise money for them this year. John made a suggestion to bring this up at the dance for more discussion. Motion was made to match our portion of the 50/50 to give to New Hope Clinic.

**New Business:**

Joe has been working on a club email address, but has been having problems with email quotas for certain email providers/servers. Joe will check with GMAIL to see if they can offer any support with this.

*Bylaw changes:* All in attendance were able to go over the suggested changes by each section and rework them. These changes will be brought before the members in January for approval.

Next meeting date and place... TBD. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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



## *Special Meeting Minutes from Election of Club Officers, December 12, 2015...*

The meeting was called to order by Ellen at 8:10 PM during a break during our Christmas Dinner Dance.

The ballots were counted and the new officers for 2016 were announced as follows:

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



The Board has made the suggestion of the 50/50 from this dance be given to New Hope Clinic since we did not have a separate dance for them. The club would match the amount of our half of the 50/50. This was voted on and approved.

Don Bullard is now selling the SOS cards.

Next dance will be January 8<sup>th</sup> at the VFW with our very own DJ Robert Carter. Our January 22<sup>nd</sup> dance will be our annual "Re-Up / Join-Up" dance with DJ "Fessa" John Hook at the Moose Lodge.



The current SOBS Board members would like to thank Jim Trent & Ben Hinson for their efforts in preparing and conducting the election. Also, thank you goes out to all of the candidates who "tossed their hat in the ring" and those members that decorated for the Christmas dance.

Bahre Willis thanked everyone for the donations for the toys to be given to the Oak Island Family Services.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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



## ***“Re-Up / Join-Up” Shag Dance on January 22, 2016...***

*OK fellow SOBS...*

It's **“Re-Up / Join-Up” time!** Your membership in the SOBS runs from February 1<sup>st</sup> thru January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Our January 22<sup>nd</sup> dance is your opportunity to “Re-Up” in the best Shag Club on the East Coast! 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. The “Re-Up / Join-Up” fee will get you a year's membership, admission to the dance, and a meal. In addition, our DJ will be the legendary “Fessa” John Hook!

As with most non-profit social clubs, volunteering is the backbone of our organization as well as a great chance to become familiar with the entire Membership. We ask our Members to step up for whatever small part you would like to play. See page 12 for our the Membership Application:

**HOSPITALITY** – responsible for greeting Members and Guests at the door of our dances. They take money in and check off Members/Guests at the door and direct questions (Membership, SOS Cards, etc.) to a SOBS Officer. They could also check on the Guests throughout the night and answer any questions. These people are our AMBASSADORS!

**COMMUNICATION** – anyone is welcome to write articles or submit pictures for our Newsletter/Website. Your experiences at events (dances, SOS, etc.) would certainly be welcome. Deadline for our Newsletter is the 25th of the month.

**ENTERTAINMENT** – responsible for helping set up (decorate) 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 (dance or make costumes) 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** – This is the MEGA-VOLUNTEER who is available at most club functions. You can offer up your services at any event and as well as making yourselves available for last minute needs.



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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ENTERTAINMENT</u>
JANUARY 8	OAK ISLAND VFW (NEW YEAR'S DANCE)	ROBERT CARTER
<b>JANUARY 15-17</b>	<b>MID-WINTER SOS (N. MYRTLE BEACH)</b>	
JANUARY 22	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE (RE-UP / JOIN-UP DANCE)	"FESSA" JOHN HOOK
<b>FEBRUARY 7</b>	<b>LAZY TURTLE BAR &amp; GRILL (JOHN &amp; KATY'S FREE DANCE!)</b>	<b>JERRY BURRAGE</b>
FEBRUARY 12	OAK ISLAND VFW (VALENTINE DANCE)	TERRY McPHAIL
FEBRUARY 26	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE	ROY CHILDRESS
MARCH 11	OAK ISLAND VFW	CLAUDE COLLINS
MARCH 25	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE	"CHIGGER" WOODS
APRIL 8	OAK ISLAND VFW	LYNN "REDBONE" KING
<b>APRIL 15-24</b>	<b>SPRING SAFARI - SOS (N. MYRTLE BEACH)</b>	
MAY 13	OAK ISLAND VFW	JIMMY BUFFKIN
MAY 27	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE	GENE SISTARE
JUNE 1	OAK ISLAND VFW	BUTCH ADEIMY
JUNE 24	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE	KITTY EARLES
<b>JULY 8-10</b>	<b>SOS/ACSC WORKSHOP</b>	
JULY 8	OAK ISLAND VFW	KEN McGEE
JULY 22	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE	JERRY BURRAGE
AUGUST 12	OAK ISLAND VFW	MIKE HUDSON
AUGUST 26	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE	TERRY McPHAIL
SEPTEMBER 9	OAK ISLAND VFW	EDDIE BAKER
<b>SEPTEMBER 16-25</b>	<b>FALL MIGRATION - SOS (N. MYRTLE BEACH)</b>	
SEPTEMBER 23	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE	ROBERT CARTER
OCTOBER 14	OAK ISLAND VFW	CLAUDE COLLINS
OCTOBER 28	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE (OPERATION UPLINK DANCE)?	"FESSA" JOHN HOOK
NOVEMBER 11	OAK ISLAND VFW (THANKSGIVING DANCE)	BILL RUTH
DECEMBER 10	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE	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)



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to present copyrighted music.



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

### **A BIG WELCOME to our newest SOBs, Robert & Judy Williamson!**

On December 12<sup>th</sup> the SOBS "Christmas" dinner dance was held at the Oak Island Moose Lodge. Food definitely brings out dancers! Dancing to the beach tunes of DJ "Wild Bill" Ruth, we had a large crowd of 118 SOBS, 1 member from the Cape Fear Shag Club, 2 members from Coastal Shag Club, and 2 guests. Also, a big thanks to the members who came out to decorate for our dance!

#### December 12 – GUESTS:

Richard & Kathy Rhoderick

#### Members of other Shag Clubs:

Cape Fear – Beth Sykes



Coastal Shag – Ken & Cecelia Weston



## *"Christmas Dinner/Dance" Toy Donations...*

Thanks to all the SOBS that donated toys for our annual toy drive benefiting the Oak Island Family Children Services. It was heart warming to see our members share their good fortune with others in the area. It was reported that we had at least 2 car loads of toys delivered! You definitely warmed the hearts of many deserving children.



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



This month is our *"Winter Love Shag Dance"* on Saturday, January 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 **TBD**. Free basic shag dance or line dance lessons begin at 6:30 PM. This is a dinner dance. Optional purchase of spaghetti, salad, roll, and drink. Fantastic non-smoking dance room with large wooden dance floor; 50/50; cash bar; bring a snack or dessert to share. We are also collecting canned goods to replenish our local food pantry. 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)

## January DJ Information...

*Fellow SOBS,*

Happy New Year. Where did 2015 go? We danced the year away! I will continue my monthly articles about upcoming DJs. There will be new DJ faces this year. Spinning the discs in the month of January will be:



***Robert Carter, Saturday, January 8th, at the Oak Island VFW  
"Fessa" John Hook, January 22nd at the Oak Island Moose Lodge***



Starting our New Year will be former club President Robert Carter. Robert and his wife Glenda are longtime SOBS club members. Robert played our club's first Valentine's dance and has been playing for us ever since. He began his DJ career at Shucker's/Turtle Island on Oak Island and has been associated with Beach, Shag, Boogie and Blues music for the last 40+ years. Mark your calendar for our first dance of the year, Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the VFW. Let's start the New Year with a great night.

"Fessa" John Hook will be playing at our January 22<sup>nd</sup> dance– the Annual Re-Up Party at the Moose. "Fessa" is one of 3 legendary DJs of Beach Music along with Charlie Brown and Ted Bell. John has been involved in Beach Music since the early 1970's. He is the author of Shagging in the Carolinas which chronicles the history of Shag dancing and beach music. His latest publication is the 2 volume set Beach Music Guide, 1945–2006 which contains extensive information on Beach Music artists and entries of over 26,000 beach music songs. He now syndicates three radio shows weekly on 25+ radio stations across the United States. He has been affiliated with numerous radio stations through the years in various capacities. His thorough knowledge of beach music has rightly earned him his nickname of "Fessa". He has played our Project Uplink party for several years. His presence at our Annual Re-Up Party will again make this an event to be remembered. Come rejoin the club.



I look forward to seeing you at all of our club's dances. We hope to see you on a dance floor soon!

***John Hutton, DJ Selection***

## January Birthdays...

3rd... James Cross	11th... Sandy Boney	18th... Bonnie White
3rd... Emily Moore	12th... Rich Kitts	22nd... Fred Milano
6th... Frank Darzano	12th... Katy O'Neill	23rd... Peggy Whitacare
6th... Cole Gregory	16th... Jean Stout	26th... Chris Kitts
6th... Jean McVeigh	17th... Mary Jane McQuade	29th... Arlene Bauer
6th... Beth Uhl	18th... Eddy Haynes	29th... Bill Brown



## *Did you know? – A little bit of line dance history...*

*(Extracted from Wikipedia – The Free Online Encyclopedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Line\\_dance](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Line_dance))*

*Editorial Comment... Like it or not, line dancing has become a part of the dancing scene at most clubs. Community centers now hold line dancing lessons as a form of physical exercise for seniors to participate in social and recreation programs. It's an individual yet a group dance that has no constraints such as having a partner... you just join in! So, I did a little research on the net about this thing called "line dancing" and I found thousands of references that say it's near impossible to pinpoint its origins. Here's just one site's opinion.*

### **1950s–1970s**

The Madison was a popular line dance in the late 1950s. The 1961 "San Francisco Stomp" meets the definition of a line dance. At least five line dances that are strongly associated with country-western music were written in the 1970s, two of which are dated to 1972: "Walkin' Wazi" and "Cowboy Boogie", five years before the disco craze created by the release of Saturday Night Fever in 1977, the same (approximate) year the "Tush Push" was created. The Electric Slide was a Disco-based line dance created and popularized in the mid-1970s. The "L.A. Hustle" began in a small Los Angeles disco in the Summer of 1975, and hit the East Coast (with modified steps) in Spring of '76 as the "Bus Stop." Another 70s line dance is the Nutbush.

### **1980s**

Over a dozen line dances were created during the 1980s for country songs. The 1980 film Urban Cowboy reflected the blurring of lines between country music and pop, and spurred renewed interest in country culture, and western fashion, music, and dance. Many early line dances, though, were adaptations of disco line dances. "Boot Scootin' Boogie" was choreographed by Bill Bader in October 1990 for the original Asleep at the Wheel recording of the song of the same name. The Brooks and Dunn version of the song has resulted in there being at least 16 line dances with "Boot Scootin' Boogie" in the title, including one by Tom Maddox and Skippy Blair under contract to the recording company. The Chicken Dance is an example of a line dance adopted by the Mod revival during the 1980s.

### **1990s**

Billy Ray Cyrus' 1992 hit "Achy Breaky Heart" helped catapult western line dancing into the mainstream public consciousness. In 1994 choreographer Max Perry had a worldwide dance hit with "Swamp Thang" for the song "Swamp Thing" by The Grid. This was a techno song that fused banjo sounds in the melody line and helped to start a trend of dancing to forms of music other than country. In this mid 1990s period country western music was influenced by the popularity of line dancing. This influence was so great that Chet Atkins was quoted as saying "The music has gotten pretty bad, I think. It's all that damn line dancing."

Max Perry, along with Jo Thompson, Scott Blevins and several others, began to use ballroom rhythms and technique to take line dancing to the next level. In 1998, the band Steps created further interest outside of the U.S. with the techno dance song "5,6,7,8". In 1999 the Gap retailer debuted the "Khaki Country" ad on the Academy Awards ceremony. Line dancers performed to the 1999 version of "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" by Dwight Yoakam. The Macarena was a hit based on a line dance in the mid-1990s. Line dancing reached Europe, nourished by the arrival of Country Music Television, and in 2008 gained the attention of the French government.

Line dancing now has very traditional dances to country music, and not so traditional dances to non-country music. It now uses more than just the "stereotypical" country music, in fact line dancers dance to most styles of music: country as well as modern pop music. Based on per capita ranking of "MeetUp Groups" in the USA, Durham, NC was declared the line dancing capital of America in 2014.



*Pictures from December 12 "Christmas" dinner dance @Moose Lodge...*



*More Pictures from December 12 "Christmas" Dinner Dance @Moose Lodge...*



*More Pictures from December 12 "Christmas" Dinner Dance @Moose Lodge...*



**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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