

The Official Newsletter of the Society of Brunswick Shaggers

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Message from our President...

I am overwhelmed at what great dances that we have had so far this year. We will be having more opportunities to as winter passes and spring nears. In just 6 weeks I will be back to swimming in the ocean.

The SOBS are back at the Moose Lodge! What happened to “Feeding the Troops?” I don’t know, but it means our 2nd dance of each month will take place as originally scheduled at the Moose Lodge. We are reviving the club’s “Chili Cook-Off” tradition at the March 25th dance. Frank and MaryAnn Darzano are the “couple to beat” so come out and sample the night away. I hope we have lots of entries. More information will follow. Plan to come and warm up a cool early spring evening with delicious hot chili! We still need club members to sign up and help out at the door as greeters and to help with the 50/50 raffle at our dances. Thanks to the SOBS who have been pitching in so far.

Katy has filled out and mailed out SOS Spring Safari Parade entry forms. We need club members to carry banners and ride in the cars but mostly to dance down the street the length of the parade route. If you have never been, make this your first- it is certainly a good time. Robert Carter will be the “SOBS Shagging Troupe” DJ at the April 23rd event. Our “Aloha” theme calls for Aloha shirts and Hawaiian attire. The leis to wear and to hand out along the parade are ordered. Ladies... want to wear a grass skirt and learn a little a “Hula” dance? Lessons will be offered the day of the parade. Let me know in what capacity you can be a part of our parade- Email me at jsh66@earthlink.net. Last year we had over 70 participants and hope that this year we will have even more. Spring Safari and SOS will be here before you know it, so get your SOS card from the club for \$30 and save \$5 from the N. Myrtle Beach price to be in on the fun.

I attended the “Beach Day” festival committee meeting and am in the planning stages for the club responsibilities in the 4th of July Festival. More to come as July 1st gets closer. Also, the new Board Members are continuing to work on our by-laws to have them reflect how things need to be done. Please let me know or any of the Board Members listed below if you have ideas you want to contribute. Our upcoming Board meeting will be Thursday, March 10th at the VFW, starting at 6 PM.

As you read this, we, and about 20 SOBS are off on the “Embers” cruise. More on that and our “Free Pour” in April. 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!



MARCH 13

Daylight Saving Time Begins

MARCH 20

The First Day Of Spring



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2016...

Present: John Hutton, Chuck Boney, Mary Ann Gregory, Diani Johnson, Joe Malinowski, Ellen Wester, Ken Koehly. Guests: Katy O'Neill, Sandy Boney

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Diani gave the Treasurer's report from January 2016; the bank balance is \$7,134.18 which includes the "Operation Uplink" fundraiser amount of \$4,312. This will leave a balance of \$2,822.18 after the check is presented to the VFW. There is \$250.00 in the cash boxes. Motion was made to accept Treasurer's report as is and seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

January 8th Dance: Great first dance of the new year and we had a large crowd.

January 22nd Dance: The "Re-Up – Join-Up" dance at the Moose Lodge was a success despite the bad weather. The buffet meal was enjoyed by everyone. The buffet set-up worked great allowing for everyone to eat without delay.

February 12th Dance: At the VFW with DJ Terry McPhail with a Valentine's Day theme. Judy Koehly will teach a line dance. Leon & Evelyn Buffkin will work the door. Our 50/50 money will be given to our longtime bartender, Tina, who will be leaving the VFW soon.

February 26th dance: (At this Board meeting plans were to dance at the VFW with pizza. Later the Moose Lodge alerted us that their hall is available for February and March.) The dance will now be at the Moose with the standard Moose menu. DJ will be Ray Childress, line dance lesson will begin at 6:00 PM with the dance following at 6:30 PM. John Hutton will not be at the dance and Chuck Boney will be there as acting President. Joe & Kathy Malinowski will be working the door. Joe will contact Joan Slowik to see if she is available to teach a line dance.

March 11th Dance: At the VFW with DJ Claude Collins. Members will be asked to bring Irish food. The dance theme is St. Patrick's Day.

March 25th: Dance is at the Moose Lodge with DJ Jimmy Bruno. The dance theme is the Easter Holiday.

Club By-Laws: By-Laws revisions will be completed by the Board by our March 10th meeting. Joe will then be able to send out a copy of the By-Laws revisions to the membership so they are prepared to vote at the March 25th dance.

April through June dance themes and food will be decided at the March Board meeting.

The presentation of our donation check to the VFW "Operation Uplink" has been moved to March due to the VFW officers being out of town for a State meeting.

Oak Island Beach Day: John attended the first meeting for plans for Beach Day. Ken and Ellen mentioned issues with the flooring and Emceeding the event. The dance floor for the Oak Island Beach Day belongs to the NC 4th of July Festival. John Hutton will work with the Town of Oak Island to see if they will take responsibility for setting up and taking down at the dance on beach day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Name Tags: 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 magnetic 2.3" X 3" name badge holders, using the brand approved logo and will be provided to the membership.

The Board voted to spend up to \$170 on supplies for our SOS Parade entry, "Aloha Don David" in April. Ken Koehly has been managing the club web site and paying the yearly fee of \$75.00. He will continue to manage the web site, but the club will pick up the yearly fee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Next meeting is 6:00 PM, March 10th at the Oak Island VFW.

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



Did You “Re-Up / Join-Up” yet?

If you didn't, you know who you are! OK fellow SOBS! We're cleaning up our group e-mail list! Your membership in the SOBS ran out on February 1st if you haven't Re-Up. Our next dance on March 11th at the VFW is your opportunity to “Re-Up” in the best Shag Club on the East Coast! It's also a great 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 and admission to the dance. See page 11 for our Membership Application!

As with most 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. Some areas we need your help in are below.

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.



March DJ Information...

Fellow SOBS... We have had great times and turnouts so far this year. We are so fortunate to have two venues to support our club. Spinning the discs in the month of March will be:



**Friday, March 11th, "St. Patrick's Day Party" with DJ Claude Collins at the VFW
and
Friday, March 25th, DJ Jimmy Bruno, at the Moose Lodge**



Claude Collins will be playing for our Friday, March 11th, dance at the VFW. Claude has been a Beach Music DJ for a number of years and has played for our club many times. Claude was born and raised in North Carolina and currently lives in the North Myrtle Beach, SC area. He is one of the House DJ's at the Ocean Drive Pavilion, where we hold our twice yearly SOS "Free Pours", and can be found there playing great dance music during SOS.

Jim Bruno will be a new DJ playing for the SOBS. His wife Pam, is current President of the Coastal Shag Club in Shallotte. He plays for the Coastal club as well as other venues in the area and is an associate member of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's. Jim began his DJ career in Virginia in the late 1980's. He is also the current assistant Fire Chief of Calabash and his nickname of Jimmy "Two Wraps" has to do with the way he wore his belt as a fireman. Let's welcome the Coastal Shag club members who come up and share the evening. Put the 25th on your calendar and put on your dancing shoes.



Spring Safari will be in April and we need club members to be part of our Parade entry. Let's win again with our Aloha Hawaiian theme which should be very unique. Let me know if you want to be there and help our club's entry. There are many ways to participate. We hope to see you on a dance floor soon.

John Hutton, DJ Selection

March Birthdays...

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 2nd... Chuck Kutyla | 13th... Bill Russell | 25th... Robert Carter |
| 3rd... Don Beckley | 18th... Marilyn Green | 26th... Ginny Prunty |
| 5th... Roger Albizu | 18th... Jean Yates | 27th... Andrea Reardon |
| 7th... Joan Slowik | 19th... Ben Hinson | 29th... Linda Logue |
| 9th... Pamela Berberich | 19th... Don Stout | 29th... Claudia Lowe |
| 12th... Scott Hettinger | 21st... Ron Bowers | 30th... Deborah Biddle |
| 13th... Edie Milano | | |



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	DISC JOCKEY
MARCH 11	OAK ISLAND VFW (ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE)	CLAUDE COLLINS
MARCH 25	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE (EASTER DANCE)	JIMMY BRUNO
APRIL 8	OAK ISLAND VFW	LYNN "REDBONE" KING
APRIL 15-24	SPRING SAFARI - SOS (N. MYRTLE BEACH)	
MAY 13	OAK ISLAND VFW	JIMMY BUFFKIN
MAY 27	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE	GENE SISTARE
JUNE 10	OAK ISLAND VFW	BUTCH ADEIMY
JUNE 24	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE	KITTY EARLES
JULY 1	OAK ISLAND BEACH DAY (SHAG CONTEST)	ROBERT CARTER
JULY 8	OAK ISLAND VFW	KEN McGEE
JULY 8-10	SOS/ACSC WORKSHOP	
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
SEPTEMBER 16-25	FALL MIGRATION - SOS (N. MYRTLE BEACH)	
SEPTEMBER 23	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE	ROBERT CARTER
OCTOBER 14	OAK ISLAND VFW	TBD
OCTOBER 28	OAK ISLAND MOOSE LODGE (OPERATION UPLINK DANCE)?	"FESSA" JOHN HOOK
NOVEMBER 11	OAK ISLAND VFW (THANKSGIVING DANCE)	CLAUDE COLLINS
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



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

Our February 12th "Valentines" dance at the VFW was well attended. We had 58 SOBS, 23 Re-Up, 8 guests and 2 members from Coastal Shag Club. The Valentine's snacks and desserts were outstanding. Thanks to all who shared their goodies with us. DJ Terry McPhail kept the dance floor with his extensive collection of beach music.

We had another good turnout at our February 26th dance at the Moose Lodge. 43 SOBS, 9 guests and 2 members from the Coastal Shag Club and 2 members from the Northern VA Shag Club attended the dance. The Moose Lodge Menu also included a shrimp dinner that was outstanding. DJ Roy Childress provided his great library of shag music and Joan Slowik taught 3 line dance lessons to a great crowd!

February 12th Guests...

Freddie Bradford
Jack & Susan Lawler
Rich & Kathy Rhoderick
Bill & Pat Stephens
Francine Sumpter

Sonny & Debbie Gentry

Tom & Linda Romero



February 26th Guests...

Dave & Laura Bradt
John & Stephanie Criston
Joyce Edwards
Jay Guin
Dottie Hammond
Freya Higgins
Dayna Murphy

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



This month is our *"Spring Bounce Shag Dance"* on Saturday, March 6th, at the Moose Lodge, 253 Holden Beach Road, Shallotte, NC. Cost is \$5 for CSC members and members of other Shag Clubs, \$8/all other guests. Time: 7:00 to 10:30 PM, with DJ "Shagmonster Mike" Rogers. 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

We're going to miss you, "Tina!" ...



Christina "Tina" Elliott, our long-time bartender at the Oak Island VFW Post #10226 is going South to even more sunshine! At our February 12th dance, the Club donated our portion of the 50/50 Raffle as a token of our appreciation. We're going to miss your smiling face and the great service you provided us over the years during our dances. You will be missed and God's Speed in your move!



"Yes Oh Yes, It's SOS" and it's just around the corner...



"Mid Winter SOS" is behind us as we set our sights on the Spring Safari SOS and the 21st annual Parade on April 23, 2016. Our themes in past years have been diverse: "A Baker's Dozen" when 13 SOBS wore inner-tubes painted as donuts; "Dancing Through the Decades" with poodle skirts, tie-dye and Junior Shaggers; SOBS 20th Anniversary entry and "Sweet 16" with a cake and candles. "American" Muscle, our 2015 entry featured a patriotic parade of classic cars accompanied by Rosie the Riveter and James Dean look-a-likes (nearly 2 dozen of each). Sounds like fun, right? So, join us in April for what we know will be a great time, culminating in our annual Free Pour at the OD Pavilion.

This year's ACSC them is "Goodbye Don" as Don David, Parade chairman for the past 20 years is stepping down. We are thinking about an "Aloha" theme since John and I lived in Hawaii for many years, where aloha means "goodbye" "hello" and "love." What great wishes to send to Don as he steps up to the ACSS-SOS

Board of Directors. The OD Shag Club (ALWAYS in first place to our second) is stepping up to coordinate this year's parade. Our entry will be a "Shagging Troupe" accompanied by 8 classic vehicles. Contact John ASAP if you want your VEHICLE to fill one of the eight remaining slots. Walking/shagging folks will be in Hawaiian attire (still working this idea through). Don Ho's signature song "Tiny Bubbles" fits here somewhere. A short hula dance at the judges' booth will get their attention. Instruction will be provided on day of the parade. Let Katy or John know if you are interested in walking, dancing, driving or doing the "hula" down Main St. The tail gate party will begin at 11 AM on the BI-LO parking lot. Email them at: Jsh66@earthlink.net or call at 910-201-9993. The picture is of a few of our trophies and plaques we have won over the years.

Did you know? – The Shag is Not a Haircut!

(By Michael Small, with Linda Marx in Myrtle Beach, SC)

Maybe it's something in the air—the sweetness of spring or a faint whiff of salt. Whatever it is, when boy (or man) meets girl (or woman) in balmy Myrtle Beach, SC, it's only a matter of time before they're out on the dance floor, twirling and gliding through one of the most intimate acts permitted in public: a soft-shoe version of the jitterbug with six basic steps and untold variations. This ritual is known as the shag, and like its home, Myrtle Beach, it is hot now and sure to get hotter.

The shag was already two decades old when it captivated Holden Caulfield, the 16-year-old hero of J.D. Salinger's 1951 novel *The Catcher in the Rye*. "Not a corny jitterbug, not a jump or anything," observed Caulfield in praise of the sensual rite. "Just nice and easy." The fact is, though, that the dance is not what it was and never will be again; it is constantly in the process of change. It sashayed into existence in the '30s on the South Carolina coast, where black lindy hoppers from Harlem vacationed. Slowing down the frenetic lindy, which incorporated the Charleston but emphasized wild improvisations, they added such challenging new steps as the duck walk—a foot roll from heel to toe—the boogie walk, in which the dancers' knees flop from side to side, and a lot of flat-out pelvic thrusting. Shag, not coincidentally, is British slang for fornication, and the dance soon became known as the Dirty Shag, prompting police raids around Myrtle Beach. But the shag, like Chicago, could not be shut down. In the '40s and '50s, when black music was not played on Southern radio stations, white kids flocked to Carolina beachfront bars where jukeboxes blared Blueberry Hill and Stagger Lee, ideal numbers for shagging. "It was a sexual hothouse," says Lanier Laney, who helped write the movie *Shag*, about the summer of '63, Myrtle Beach-style. "The tension was released by dancing."

The shag was out of fashion in the late '60s through the '70s, but since 1980 visitors to South Carolina's Grand Strand, a 60-mile stretch of sand ending at Myrtle Beach, have been enthusiastically bringing it back. Today it has spread to at least 54 shag bars in such cities as Charlotte, NC, Richmond, VA, Atlanta, GA, and Jacksonville, FL. The latest generation of shaggers has added challenging moves borrowed from new dances and tends to regard previous generations as fogies. "When we junior shaggers see the old shaggers enter the room," says Brian Pate, 18, "we leave and go to a movie. We shag differently—with break-dancing and moonwalks. None of the older generation would dare do that."

More subtle than the erotic entwining of *Dirty Dancing*, the newest incarnation of shag has spawned both a sizzling version and tamer, jitterbug-style variations. Taking up the challenge of mastering the dance's 15 or so tricky steps, yuppies are entering shag competitions and vying for spots in an unofficial Shagger's Hall of Fame alongside seasoned old-timers who haven't given up on the dance yet themselves. "I can't tell you what a thrill it was to shag with 300 friends I hadn't seen in 30 years," says Atlanta industrialist Dick "Spider" Webb, who joined 10,000+ shaggers at the annual Society of Stranders (SOS) reunion. "The shag holds both the body and old friendships together."

Whether the dance picks up street moves or overtones of lib, it is fine with the traditionalists, as long as no one stops them from shining up their Bass Weejuns, pressing their Bermuda shorts and writhing around the old-fashioned way. (Shaggers, by time-honored custom, practice their moves by wrapping their hips in a dishrag, attaching it to a doorknob, and gyrating slowly.) Speed, these graybeards have learned, is not of the essence. "The shag," explains columnist Lewis Grizzard, "is like doing the jitterbug on Valium." The beauty of it is, no prescription is needed!

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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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6:30pm - 8:00pm Gary Lowder & Smokin Hot
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Saturday, May 14

10:30am - 2:30pm DJ Chuck Carland
3:00pm - 5:00pm The Tommy Black Band
5:30 - 7:30pm Steve Owens & Summertime
8:00pm - 10:00pm The Carolina Soul Band

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