

# The Official Newsletter of the Society of Brunswick Shaggers

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## Message from our “Re-Elected” President...

I have again gotten what I have asked for, and as your re-elected President “thank you SOBS, for your support.” We look forward to another great year. I will begin this tenure by saying thanks to our outgoing club officers; Diani Johnson and Mary Ann Gregory and hello to the incoming; Steve Smith and Cathy Myers.

2016 was a great year of dancing and good times with a great group of people. The new board will continue to work for the betterment of the club. Please let me or any other board member know if you have ideas or want to help out. 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. Our first board meeting will be Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge, starting at 6 PM. Our first dance will be January 13<sup>th</sup> at the VFW. What a way to start the New Year!

SOS Mid-Winter is upon us (January 13–15). See Steve Smith for SOS cards. Come down to North Myrtle Beach and enjoy a great weekend of dancing to continue with fun into this New Year. January 27<sup>th</sup> is our annual Re-Up dance at the Moose with dinner on the club and DJ John Hook. I am already hearing his ads on his Wilmington radio station, 94.1 FM.

On one Sunday a month in January, February and March, the BS will host Sunday Afternoon dance parties from 1 to 5 PM at the oceanfront Lazy Turtle Bar & Grill on Oak Island. Everyone is invited, there will be no charge, bring a friend who is not a club member to share the fun.

January’s dance on the 22<sup>nd</sup> will feature the Lazy Turtle’s grill menu and DJ Bill Anderson. I am hoping to have an Oyster Roast at the February 19<sup>th</sup> dance with DJ Jerry Burrage and at the March 19<sup>th</sup> dance there will be a traditional Southern Style Pig-Picking courtesy of Patti and Steve Smith with DJ Claude Collins.

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. Our traditional “Free Pour” will be after the parade. More info to follow. We hope to see you on the dance floor. Lots to look forward to in 2017!

*John Hutton, President*

## 2017 Society of Brunswick Shaggers Board Members...

John Hutton, *President*  
 Chuck Boney, *Vice President*  
 Cathy Myers, *Secretary*  
 Steve Smith, *Treasurer*



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

## Don't Forget!

January is the time to “Re-Up / Join-Up” your membership at our January 27<sup>th</sup>, Shag Dance held at the Oak Island Moose Lodge. DJ will be the legendary “Fessa” John Hook. See page 4 for more info!



## *Executive Committee Meeting Minutes...*



**PRESENT:** John Hutton, Chuck Boney, Joe Malinowski, Mary Ann Gregory, Diani Johnson  
Guests: Katy O'Neill, Ben Hinson and Jim Trent

Meeting was called to order by John at 5:00 PM.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** We did not have a November meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Diani gave the Treasurer's report from November, the bank balance is \$10,319.02 that includes \$7,482.00 from Operation Uplink. We have \$250.00 in the cash box. Motion was made to accept Treasurer's report as is and seconded and approved by the Committee members in attendance.

Donations from Operation Uplink proceeds:

- New Hope Clinic: \$500.00 <https://newhopeclinicfree.org7>
- Moose Lodge for MooseHeart: \$1,000.00 <http://www.mooseheart.org>
- Balance to VFW

South Brunswick High School ROTC will present the check to VFW at the January Dance. The New Hope clinic donation will be presented in February.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Operation Uplink dance went great; Katie O'Neil and Patti Smith did an outstanding job with set-up and decorations. This was also our largest fundraiser for Operation Uplink so far. Thanksgiving dinner dance went great and everyone was fed in 20 minutes! Steve Smith has SOS tickets for sale at our dances.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We have 100 RSVPs so far for the December dance; unwrapped toys will be collected at the dance; and Oak Island Children Services will send a van to pick them up on Monday after the dance.

January 13, 2017 dance will be a "Happy New Year" theme with finger food and desserts.

Operation Uplink: Katie gave an Uplink update, the fundraiser well we made over \$3,800.00 by tickets and donations, DJs were responsible for over \$1,200.00 in donations

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership data will be maintained electronically and used to re-new memberships by validating current information without additional paper forms. Paper membership forms will only be used to initially capture new member information. Current memberships are 195. Joe updated the website with new pictures.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Jim Trent & Ben Hinson will handout ballots as members come in, a ballot box will be at the end of registration table. Club will be reminded at least 3 times to turn in their ballots. They will present the winners to secretary who will make announcement to club.

*Mary Ann Gregory, Secretary*

## *SOBS Election Results, Saturday, December 10, 2016...*

Fellow SOBS,

The meeting was called to order by John during a break during our Christmas Dinner Dance. The ballots were counted and the new officers for 2017 were announced as follows:

**President: John Hutton**

**Vice President: Chuck Boney**

**Secretary: Cathy Myers**

**Treasurer: Steve Smith**



A big “thank you” goes to our outgoing Board members, Mary Ann Gregory (Secretary) and Diani Johnson (Treasurer). The current SOBS Board members would like to thank Jim Trent & Ben Hinson for their efforts in preparing and conducting the election; to all of the candidates who “tossed their hat in the ring”; and those members that decorated for the Christmas dance. John also thanked everyone for the donations of toys to be given to the OKI Family Services.

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### *Benefits of Social Dancing* (from *National Fast Dance Association Newsletter – January/March 2015*)...



Social dancing burns 300 to 400 calories an hour; reduces stress and anxiety, increases happiness/serotonin, increases sense of well-being, makes you smarter, wards off Alzheimer’s disease, keeps the body fit, increases cognitive acuity, improves mental acuity due to split-second, rapid-fire decision making, increases brain connectivity by simultaneously involving; kinesthetic, rational, musical and emotional processes. Most benefit from social dancing is that it requires a lot of split-second decision-making in both the lead and follow roles. Who benefits more, women or men? In social dancing, the follow role automatically gains a benefit by making hundreds of split-second decisions as to what to do next. Women don’t “follow”, they interpret the signals their partners are giving them and this requires intelligence and decision-making, which is active, not passive. This benefit is enhanced by dancing with different partners as you have to adjust more and be aware of more variables. This is great for staying smarter longer.

But men, you can also match her degree of decision-making if you choose to do so. (1) Really notice your partner and what works best for her. Notice what is comfortable for her, where she is already going, which moves are successful with her and which aren’t, and constantly adapt your dancing to these observations. (2) Don’t lead the same old patterns the same way each time. Challenge yourself to try new things and to make more decisions more often. Intelligence: use it or lose it. And men, the huge side-benefit is that your partners will have much more fun dancing with you when you are attentive to their dancing and are constantly adjusting for their comfort and continuity of motion.

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## ***“Re-Up / Join-Up” Shag Dance , January 27, 2017...***

**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 27<sup>th</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!

*To expedite the process for those members who are going to “Re-Up”, we will have a complete current membership list containing your 2016 information (Last/First Name, email address, mailing address, phone number and birth date–no year!). In lieu of filling out the membership form again, we ask you to verify, make any corrections and pay your dues. Of course, new members will have to initially fill out the form. A Membership Application for your friends is on the last page of this newsletter for their convenience. Checks should be made out to the “SOCIETY OF BRUNSWICK SHAGGERS.”*

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.

**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.

### *SOBS' Christmas Toy Donation, December 10, 2016...*

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. Left to Right in the picture are: Eileen Ramsdale, Oak Island Advisory Board Chairman; John Hutton, President SOBS; and Chief Greg Jordan, of the Oak Island Police.



### *SOBS' "Mooseheart" Donation, December 10, 2016...*



"Mooseheart"... is a residential childcare facility, located on a 1,000-acre campus 38 miles west of Chicago. The Child City is a home for children and teens in need, from infancy through high school. Mooseheart cares for youth whose families are unable, for a wide variety of reasons, to care for them. Some have lost one or both parents; others are living in environments that are simply not conducive to healthy growth and development. The men and women of the Moose, through unparalleled generosity and volunteerism, furnish the resources necessary to care for children in need. Accepting our check between John & Mary Ann is Governor of the Lodge, Dan Traveria, and between Diani and Chuck is Lodge Prelate, Mike Forester.

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



This month is our "Shagging in the New Year" dance" on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</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. Dance is 6:30 to 10:00 PM, with DJ Bill Anderson. Fantastic non-smoking dance room with large wooden dance floor, 50/50 raffle, and cash bar. Please 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)

*Learn or Sharpen up your Shag Steps...*

**Instructors: Chuck & Sandy Boney**

**On Thursdays: first class will be held on January 5, 2017**

**7 week session (from January 5– February 16)**

**Brunswick County Senior Center**

**1513 N. Howe Street, Southport, NC**

**Beginners 6:00–7:00 PM, Intermediate 7:00–8:00 PM**



**Instructors: John Hutton & Katy O’Neill**

**On Tuesdays: first class will be held on January 10, 2017**

**7 week session (from January 10 – February 21 )**

**Beginners 6:00–7:00 PM, Intermediate 7:00–8:00 PM**

**South Brunswick Island Center**

**9400 Ocean Highway 17 W, Carolina Shores, NC**

**\$60 per person/\$120 per couple**

**Offered by Brunswick County Parks and Recreation**



**For information:**

**Chuck Boney at 910.454.4150 or [zrmcb4@yahoo.com](mailto:zrmcb4@yahoo.com)**

**or**

**John Hutton at 910.201.9993 or [jsh66@earthlink.net](mailto:jsh66@earthlink.net)**

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

*WELCOME TO ONE OF OUR NEWEST SOBS...*

**Linda Newton**

Our December 10<sup>th</sup> "Christmas" dinner & dance at the Moose Lodge was one of our best attended dances this year with 95 SOBS and 7 guests. Ever popular DJ Jerry Burrage kept us all in a festive mood as Christmas approached! Thank you to all the members cooked turkeys and baked hams and those who brought salads/pasta salads and desserts and shared their goodies with us!

**GUESTS @ DECEMBER 10 DANCE**

- Rich & Chris Kitts
- Benda Benton
- Wayne Holden
- Art & Sandy LaMontagne
- Cheryl Wilson

*SOBS "Winter Series" Dances at The Lazy Turtle Bar & Grill...*



Hey SOBS! We are offering something NEW during the months of January, February and March... SOBS "Winter Series" shag dances at The Lazy Turtle Bar & Grill on the OKI ocean front! On the Sundays of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, and March 19<sup>th</sup> we will have dances starting at 1 PM to 5 PM. At the January 22<sup>nd</sup> dance will have DJ Bill Anderson; at the February 19<sup>th</sup> dance will have DJ Jerry Burrage and hopefully an "oyster roast". And, finally at our March 19<sup>th</sup> dance we will have DJ Claude Collins and a "southern pig pickin'". More details will follow as we get closer to those dates. We're just trying to give you a few more opportunities to "wear out those Weejuns!"

*Our January Birthdays...*



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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3rd... James Cross      | 12th... Katy O'Neill     |
| 3rd... Emily Moore      | 18th... Eddy Haynes      |
| 6th... Frank Darzano    | 18th... Bonnie White     |
| 6th... Mary Ann Gregory | 22nd... Fred Milano      |
| 6th... Jean McVeigh     | 23rd... Colleen Naughton |
| 6th... Beth Uhl         | 23rd... Peggy Whitacre   |
| 11th... Sandy Boney     | 29th... Arlene Bauer     |
| 16th... Jean Stout      | 29th... Bill Brown       |

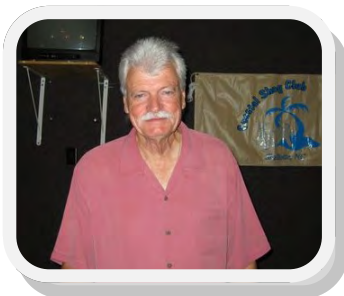
## January DJ Information...



### Fellow SOBS...

Happy New Year. Where did 2016 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:

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - Claude "CC" Collins @ VFW**  
**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Bill Anderson @ The Lazy Turtle Bar & Grill**  
**and**  
**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> - "Fessa" John Hook @ Moose Lodge**



Our first dance of the New Year will be Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at the VFW. The DJ will be **Claude "CC" Collins**. Claude has been a Beach Music DJ for over 20 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 landmark Ocean Drive Pavilion where he can be found playing great dance music during SOS.

**Bill Anderson** moved to Calabash, NC in 2009 from Cullowhee, NC where he was a Professor for 35 years at Western Carolina University. Prior to the move he had as President of the Mountain Shag Club in Asheville. Bill is a member of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's and has played at the OD Arcade, Pirates Cove, Swillies (Saville's on 2nd ), Mulligan's and the Moose Lodge in Shallotte.



**"Fessa" John Hook** will be playing at our Annual "Re-Up / Join-Up" Party at the Moose on January 27<sup>th</sup>. "Fessa" is one of the Legendary DJs of Beach Music. 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 58+ radio stations across the United States and has been affiliated with numerous radio stations through the years and is now locally on 94.1 FM "The Beach" in Wilmington. His thorough knowledge of beach music has rightly earned him his nickname of "Fessa". He has played our Project Uplink party for many years. His presence at our Annual "Re-Up / Join-Up" Party will again make this an event to be remembered.

### John Hutton, DJ Selection



## 2017 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
JANUARY 13	OKI VFW	CLAUDE COLLINS	NEW YEAR!	FINGER FOOD			LINE DANCE
JANUARY 22	OKI THE LAZY TURTLE BAR & GRILL "SOBS WINTER SERIES DANCE #1" DJ BILL ANDERSON						
JANUARY 27	OKI MOOSE LODGE	JOHN HOOK	"RE-UP / JOIN-UP"				
FEBRUARY 10	OKI VFW	TERRY McPHAIL	VALENTINE'S DAY				
FEBRUARY 19	OKI THE LAZY TURTLE BAR & GRILL "SOBS WINTER SERIES DANCE #2" DJ JERRY BURRAGE "OYSTER ROAST"						
FEBRUARY 24	OKI MOOSE LODGE	"CHIGGER" WOODS		CHILI COOK-OFF			
MARCH 10	OKI VFW	KITTY EARLES					
MARCH 19	OKI THE LAZY TURTLE BAR & GRILL "SOBS WINTER SERIES DANCE #3" DJ CLAUDE COLLINS "PIG PICKIN"						
MARCH 24	OKI MOOSE LODGE	ROBERT CARTER					
APRIL 14	OKI VFW	LYNN KING					
APRIL 21-30	NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC SOS "SPRING SAFARI"						
APRIL 29	NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC SOS "SPRING SAFARI" PARADE FOLLOWED BY OUR CLUB "FREE POUR" AT THE OD PAVILION.						
MAY 12	OKI VFW	JIMMY BUFFKIN					
MAY 26	OKI MOOSE LODGE	GENE SISTARE					
JUNE 9	OKI VFW	BUTCH ADEIMY					
JUNE 23	OKI MOOSE LODGE	CLAUDE COLLINS					
JULY 1	OKI MIDDLETON PARK, OAK ISLAND "BEACH DAY" DJ ROBERT CARTER SHAG CONTEST						
JULY 14	OKI VFW	ROY CHILDRESS					
JULY 28	OKI MOOSE LODGE	JERRY BURRAGE					
AUGUST 11	OKI VFW	MIKE HUDSON					
AUGUST 25	OKI MOOSE LODGE	TERRY McPHAIL					
SEPTEMBER 8	OKI VFW	EDDIE BAKER					
SEPTEMBER 15-24	NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC SOS "FALL MIGRATION"						
SEPTEMBER 22	OKI MOOSE LODGE	JIM BRUNO					
OCTOBER 13	OKI MOOSE LODGE	JOHN HOOK	OPERATION UPLINK				
OCTOBER 27	OKI VFW	GENE SISTARE	HALLOWEEN				
NOVEMBER 10	OKI MOOSE LODGE	ROBERT CARTER	THANKSGIVING				
DECEMBER 9	OKI MOOSE LODGE	JERRY BURRAGE	CHRISTMAS PARTY				

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.



*Pictures from our December 10<sup>th</sup> dance @Moose Lodge...*

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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:  
**Society of Brunswick Shaggers, PO Box 274 Oak Island, NC 28465**

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