

OCEAN ISLANDERS SHAG CLUB



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Message from the President

Gary Matthews

It's been far too long since we've been able to dance and have fun together. I, and my fellow board members, have missed you very much.

While Covid is still with us, there does finally seem to be light ahead, and local area clubs are at least beginning to talk about and plan for reopening. Based on expectations expressed by government authorities for vaccinations and subsequent lowered rates of infection, the broader reopening of society could happen within the next few months. Of course, there likely will be continuing limitations, and expectations for lowered infection rates may not be realized for varying reasons.

The Board feels that the signs for improvement are encouraging enough to begin planning for a reopening of the club (i.e. a dance). This may occur by early Summer, but once plans are in place, if it becomes necessary to delay, that could be done relatively easily.

As the Board deliberates, it is critical that it hears from current and former members, as well as others who may have an interest in joining

the club or attending dances as guests. We will only schedule a dance if one, authorities allow it, and if two, people will feel safe attending and would in fact attend. More and more people seem to be out and about, and there is anecdotal evidence that more and more people are either dancing or are anxious to start dancing again.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information about a survey the Board has prepared. The survey is easy to access, and will take less five (5) minutes for you to click on provided possible responses to a handful of questions. Please respond. It's vitally important the Board hears from you.

Also, for many of us, it's been some time since we've danced, and we may be rusty. I encourage you to take advantage of the warming weather to invite some friends over and dance in your garage/driveway/patio (within safety guidelines of course) or plan some larger event at an outdoor venue if you have access to such a venue. Please see elsewhere

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in the newsletter for more information about this.

It's exciting to at least be thinking about dancing again! I hope you all look forward to that time as much as I do. I so look forward to seeing you all again.

Shag Readiness Survey

Jane Arnold

As more of us are getting vaccinated and the amount of virus infection recedes, shag clubs and communities in the area are starting to contemplate having dances and concerts. That begs the question.... **Are we ready?**

In order to take the "pulse" of our members and the community, we have developed a survey to which we highly encourage you to take a couple of minutes to respond, whether you are a current/former member or just a shag enthusiast. The survey is a short 10 questions which you can complete just by selecting an answer to each question that best fits your position. Just click on the link below to get started.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9x6bfdk>

Board of Director/Officer Elections

Elections for the Board and Officers for the Ocean Islanders Shag Club normally will occur at the beginning at each calendar year. Due to the club being essentially shut down for the past year, the Board has decided to keep current officers in place through 2021.

The next election will take place in the January to February 2022 time frame.

SOS/ACSC Updates

Frank Covill

As you know, SOS this year will not be the same. It has been rescheduled for June. The SOS cards will be honored. There will be no meetings or parade. Fun Sunday and Monday will not happen. There will be no bands scheduled thru SOS because the money received from reverse raffle tickets that are sold every year are used to pay for the bands. The info on SOS flyers explain the concerns that we all have and we hope that things will ease up and people will begin to feel more comfortable by that time.

There is one silver lining in that the SOS company store will be open for this event and you will be able to go in and buy your Shag Life merchandise that you have not been able to do, and I know we all miss the store. Put that on your calendar for sure.

There is another event coming on 5-1-21 which is the OD Music Festival and the OD Pre Party on 4-30.

I think everyone is anxious and ready to have a good time.



News Bulletin

March 7, 2020

Fellow Stranders,

SOS Spring Safari will be soon upon us and we know that you are all looking forward to coming down to the beach. The SOS Board has been monitoring the current situation with the coronavirus (covid-19) and it is our responsibility to keep you informed on our current situation and ask your help to avoid as much of a risk as we can. There have been a few cases reported in some states but at this point no real threats have been reported. In accordance with the recommendations set forth by the CDC, we implore you to honor and help by doing some of the following things:

- Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or sneeze into your elbow
- Try not to touch your face
- Wash your hands frequently with hot water and soap for 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer as much as possible
- SOS will be providing the clubs and the SOS Company Store with hand sanitizer at all entrances
- Please no handshakes or hugging and kissing, instead do an elbow bump

We are an older group and this virus seems to be affecting us the most. We are asking that if you are sick or have cold symptoms to stay home or in your condo and do not come out around everyone else.

Hopefully, things will get better but we have to be responsible and we are asking you for your help. We will keep you advised of as much information as we can as we get closer to SOS. Your safety is our main concern.

If you have any questions, please call.

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SOS & ACSC Workshop DATES 2021

SOS Spring Safari **June 19-26**

Rescheduled
(no ACSC meeting)

Summer Workshop **cancelled**

SOS Fall Migration **Sept. 16-26**



Carolina Outdoor Power Equipment and 94.9 The Surf
presents

The 4th Annual Ocean Drive Beach Music Festival

SATURDAY MAY 1st, 2021

Gates Open 10AM

Too Much Sylvia - Band of Oz - Jim Quick & Coastline

Host Emcees - Mike Worley and Chad Sain

Parking Lot at 1st Avenue S in Ocean Drive

tickets and details - will be posted at odmusicfest.com



Let's Get Ready for 'Shagging'!

Laura Spivey



Hello fellow shaggers! I'm so happy it's Spring! I'm so happy that COVID stats are getting better and that more and more people are getting vaccinated. This means OISC will be able to hold dances soon.

In the meantime, what can we do to prepare? My husband and I will be getting out our videos from past dance lessons and taking to the hardwood floor to practice and relearn some steps. If you don't have videos, just google Shag Lessons and you can find a plethora of steps.

I encourage old time shaggers to reach out and share their skills. As you feel comfortable, share the fun with friends and neighbors hosting a small group to dance in your garage, driveway or home. Another option for dancing is the Ocean Isle Beach Park bandstand. It even has electric outlets. Does your neighborhood have a possible venue? At Ocean Ridge there are two options that come to mind: The Nature Pavilion and the Plantation club. Do whatever feels comfortable. Just dust off those Shag shoes and get moving!

See you on the dancefloor!



Meet Your Club Board/Officer Members



Randy Sherrill
DJs/Operations

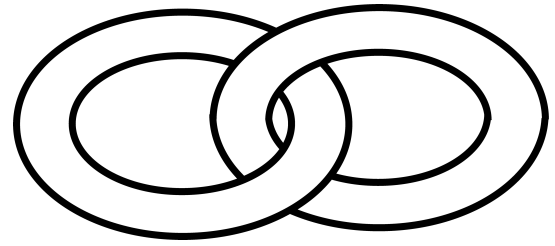
Randy Sherrill (aka MoJo Randy, the Shagging DJ) moved to the North Myrtle Beach area in March 2019

after retiring. He worked as a Funeral Director and Embalmer with Green's Funeral Services in Gastonia, North Carolina.

MoJo Randy was typically a little shy, as he often would not talk with strangers until they talked to him, until he started 'Shagging'. After starting Shag lessons and learning enough to start dancing, he came out of his shell. This was primarily because of the task of asking ladies to dance, and because he enjoyed 'Shagging' so much. Now, he has many very good female friends, and he often is picked on by friends because of his 'harem'.

MoJo Randy spent most of his life in school. He graduated from John Wesley Bible College in High Point, North Carolina. Then he received his Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. After several years he went back to Tennessee State University in Nashville and received a Master in Psychology. Almost a decade later, he received his AA in Funeral Service and Embalming from Gupton-Jones College in Atlanta, Georgia.

MoJo Randy started his 'Shagging' career in 2013 when he and a group of friends started taking lessons. He does not know a great number of 'shag' moves, but he is told by the ladies that he is a very good lead. It is his philosophy that he only learns dance steps into which he can lead ladies without them knowing beforehand what the step is. MoJo got into DJing around 2016. This is where the name MoJo came into play. He enjoys playing music so that people can enjoy themselves dancing. DJing at the beach is hard to get into because of all the established DJs in the area. It is MoJo Randy's belief



Helpful Links

Internet Based Music Stations

<http://shagdance.com/netmusic.htm>

Local Radio Stations Across Several States

<http://shagdance.com/radiostations.htm>

Links to General Shag Dance Sites & Info

<http://shagdance.com/links.htm>

Info on Shag Club & Band Schedules in NC

<http://www.carolinashagger.com>

Randy Cont.

that a DJ plays the music people request. He begs for requests as he plays. If he does not have a requested song he will download that song before playing again.

MoJo Randy has been on the Ocean Islanders Shag Club board since the beginning. It is his job on the board to recruit the DJs and to help manage dance operations.

Social Media

Please continue to follow club news and activity on Facebook. It's a great way to share news on not only club, but individual shagging activities too. It's also a great way to encourage others to join our club. Even during the pandemic, there have been numerous people find and like our page.

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The Board met on September 18th and November 5th of 2020, and March 18th of 2021. The topics discussed include the following. Some of the topics, but not all, are covered in this newsletter.

- Covid Status and Club Impact
- ACSC/SOS Updates
- Other Local Club News
- National Fast Dance Assc. Renewal
- Club Web/Internet Domain Name Renewal
- Officer Roles and Elections
- Social Media Updates
- Club Information Communication
- Planning for Reopening



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