

# OCEAN ISLANDERS SHAG CLUB



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## NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

### Next Dance

**Saturday, November 11th - Veteran's Day**

**Hope to see you there!**

### Food Pantry Collection

**Non-Perishable; No Glass**

### Upcoming Club Schedule

**November 11th - DJ 'Mojo'  
Randy Sherrill**

**December 9th - DJ Darrell  
Galther**

**January 13th - DJ LJ McDade  
& Annual Business Meeting**

**February 3rd - DJ Steve Coley**

**March 9th - DJ Billy Cook**

### OISC Annual Business Meeting

**Saturday, January 13th**

**6:15 PM (right before the dance)**

**All Full Members are Encouraged to Attend.**

### 2024 Board/Officer Election

As per OISC By-Laws, all Board/Officer positions are one-year terms, so all positions are open to receive nominations. Current Board/Officer members may elect to run for office again, but that does not preclude other nominations for those roles. Nominated persons must be full members in good standing with the club.

Three current Board members have elected to step down at the end of this term; Laura Spivey (Director at Large), Donna Williams, (Vice-President), and Janice Flibotte (Treasurer). The Nominating Committee (Sonny Berry & Rae Matthews) are hard at work along with the Board to fill these open positions with nominees as well as accept nominations for any other role.

If you have, or know of someone, who has an interest in serving our club, please contact the Board or Nominating Committee.

Voting will begin around mid-December, conducted via the internet as in prior years, and will be certified at the January Annual Business Meeting.

### 2024 Membership Renewal

Yes, January, when full membership renewals are due each year, is just around the corner! As last year, the club is going to offer an incentive for early full membership renewals. This year, raffle entries will be given to early renewers to enter a drawing to win items with an OISC logo.

The drawing will be held in January. Those who renew in November will get 3 entries, those by the December dance 2 entries, and those by December 31st 1 entry. You do not have to be present to win. Enter early for a better chance to win!

Renewals are \$30/person, and may be submitted at a dance or mail to: Ocean Islanders Shag Club, PO Box 6164, OIB, NC. 28469.



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

**SESAC**



## OCTOBER DANCE REPORT

We had about **55 people** at our October Fat Harold's dance! Many thanks to DJ 'Pope' Armstrong.

## DANCE LESSONS

**Darrell Gaither & Lori Setzer**

**336-682-3266; gaither@mindspring.com**

**\*Every Tuesday; 4 week sessions beginning each month**

**Beginner - 6:00 PM**

**Intermediate - 7:00 PM**

**Advanced - 8:00 PM**

**VFW of Calabash, 900 Carter Drive SW**

**\$45/person/4 week session**

**Encourage all to check us out!**



## OISC Financial Report - October 2023

October 2023 ending cash on hand is \$6,856.35 down from the September ending amount of \$7,275.85. The net loss from September is \$419.50 with no unrealized liabilities.

Income for October was \$125.00, all from the sale of 50/50 tickets.

Expenses were \$544.50, primarily for DJ fees for 2 events (Sept. beach party and Oct. dance) , and the purchase of new member name tags.

Note that entries to the beach party and the October dance were free, so there was very limited income to cover expenses.

### October 2023

Income	\$125.00
Expense	\$544.50
Net	\$-419.50
Cash-on-Hand	\$6,856.35
Unrealized Liability	\$0.00

What an absolutely wonderful time in October at the iconic Fat Harold's Beach Club along with special guest, club founder Mr. Ronnie Robinson, celebrating the 'hanging' of the OISC club sign. If you haven't seen the sign yet, check it out on your next visit to Harold's.

Click anywhere on the collage to the left to see pictures of the evening.

## President's Message

Happy Fall everyone! What a wonderful time of year (in spite of the cold days recently). Beautiful sunshine, moderate temperatures, fall colors, and shag dancing! Right!

It's a great fall for our club as well. We had another great beach party in late September, and we held a party at the iconic Fat Harold's Beach Club in October to celebrate the mounting of our club sign there (joining all the many other clubs' signs mounted there over the prior decades). We plan to celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11th at the VFW (patriotic theme) with DJ Randy Sherrill while collecting food items for a local food pantry, and we will celebrate the Christmas season on December 9th with DJ Darrell Gaither while collecting toys for the local Toys for Tots program.

We're also beginning to ramp up planning for rolling over to a new business year. Elections for Board/Officer members will begin around mid-December, so we're looking for volunteers to serve on the Board. We'll hold our annual business meeting in January, and we'll soon begin accepting '24 membership renewals. Early next year, we hope to be ready to roll out a logo item sales program, but there's much to be done before we're ready. Stay tuned for more on that.

I'm already looking forward to 2024 for our club. We have a great slate of DJ's lined up thanks to Randy Sherrill (get some 2024 club business cards with our schedule), we have a good relationship with the VFW, we've been showing steady growth in membership and dance attendance, and we're beginning to do more things to give back to members who so fervently support OISC. I look forward to many of you stepping up next year to help serve and lead the club forward. It is through your willingness to give of yourselves in many ways that this club will be successful!

My best to you always!

Gary



## 2024 SOS Cards Are Available!

See the Dance Registration Table Volunteers or send a check to: Ocean Islanders Shag Club, PO Box 6164, OIB, NC. 28469

Cost is \$30/card

# SOS - A History

Laura Spivey

In the spring of 1980, the national wire services were buzzing about a message in a bottle. The bottle was an authentic antique and the message, written on what appeared to be very old parchment, read:

"S.O.S" "The Raven is rolling and rocking off the coast. Get in touch with Capt. Earl Bostic aboard the Flamingo and ask him to meet us at Oak Tree in Sept. (Signed) Captain Wynonne Harris...June 14, 1896."

However, this proved to be a hoax as the message was really a riddle, solved by a D.J. in Ocean Drive, SC. Earl Bostic was a popular swing musician with Flamingo being one of his hit songs, and Oak Tree was a local inn. Thus, Gene Laughter launched the first SOS. (The Society of Stranders) party in Sept. 1980 at Ocean Drive Beach. Although Gene expected two to three hundred locals about 5,000 showed up! It was a magical weekend where the local O.D. clubs (Fat Harold's, Duck's, Crazy Zack's and the Gallion) hosted Shag contests and bands.

By 1982, SOS was well organized with a database of members, regular publications and organized and structured events. Membership cards replaced cover charges for entrance to clubs. D.J.s became very popular, and the format began to look like today's SOS. As the strength and character of SOS grew, the mid 80's saw the emergence of Spring and Fall parties. However, Gene Laughter encountered some personal and business issues that would prevent him from continuing to run SOS. In 1989, Gene approached a friend, Dr. Phil Sawyer, at ACSC (The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs) looking to sell SOS. It sold for \$100,000.00 payable at \$10,000.00 per year until paid off. Dr. Phil became the first president of the new SOS and under his supervision the debt was paid in full in three years! He served for 11 years and became known as the face of SOS. Achieving Emeritus status in 2000, Phil served until his death in 2015.

Today SOS organizes three events in the clubs along Main St at Ocean Drive Beach, SC; Fall Migration, Mid-Winter, and Spring Safari. Each of these events last ten days and are filled with D.J. parties (several D.J.s per day per club), bands, shag lessons, and a parade at Spring Safari. While these events are a place where shaggers and friends meet to perpetuate The Carolina Shag, the purchase of SOS cards goes far beyond that. Proceeds from card purchases go to local and national charitable causes through The Hall of Fame Foundation and SOS Charitable Foundation. So...whether you choose to attend any events, buying SOS cards is a great way to give to the needy. For more information go to [www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com).

**Join Pam & Jim Breedlove and Rae & Gary Matthews at Sam's & Lisa's Shaggin' New Year's Eve Party at the Beautiful Lake Lure Inn in Lake Lure, NC. See Below for details.**

YOU'RE INVITED...

DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 1

# New Year's Eve Party

**At the Historic 1927 Lake Lure Inn and Spa**

## An unforgettable shag party to Ring in the New Year!

Sam and Lisa are throwing a party and you are invited. Sam will be your DJ for the weekend, playing all his favorite shag dance music along with some great party tunes. There will be 2 dance workshops, party favors, a delicious buffet dinner, and a cash bar available.



Patrick Swayze or Jennifer Grey Suite!  
Attendance is limited to 80 guests.  
Reserve your spot asap!



Join us on Saturday and enjoy an intermediate shag workshop, with a Southern buffet dinner and a dance in Roosevelt Hall. Call and make your hotel reservations at the beautiful 1927 Lake Lure Inn, featured in the movie Dirty Dancing. Ask about staying in the Patrick Swayze or Jennifer Grey Suite! Attendance is limited to 80 guests. Reserve your spot asap!

### EVENT REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Send check to: **The Ballroom**,  
200 Hylan Ave, Hamlet, NC 28345  
Call Lisa to reserve your spot **910-995-5144**.  
Cash App \$SamandLisashag (Samuel West)  
Venmo @Lisa-West-146

### FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS CALL

**828-625-2525**

**Request  
Sam and Lisa's  
New Years  
Party Rate!**

### Weekend Activities

**\$190 per person**

**\$120 per person  
Sunday night only**

#### Saturday 12/30

**6:00** Intermediate Dance Workshop  
**7:00** Dinner Buffet  
**8:00** Dancing in Roosevelt Hall

#### Sunday 12/31

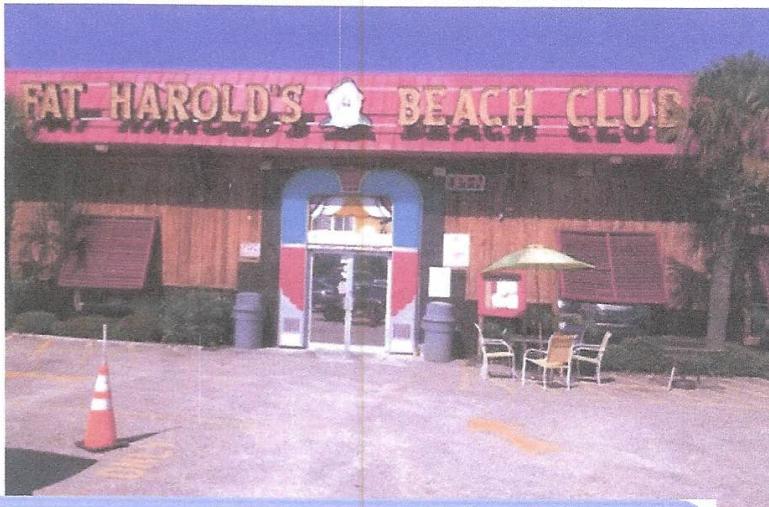
Prime Rib Breakfast Buffet  
(Not Included,  
Reservations should  
be made through the  
hotel.)  
**5:00** Beginner Shag Workshop  
**6:00** Intermediate Shag Workshop  
**8:00** Dinner, Drinks and Dancing Party Favors Champagne Toast at Midnight

#### Monday 1/1

Continental Breakfast for all Hotel Guest

# Destination: shag

Your Guide To The North Carolina SHAG TAG



## NC SHAG TAG LICENSE PLATES FOR SHAGGERS

The Great State of North Carolina has made it official: The Shag is North Carolina's "Most Popular Dance" and to show everybody how proud you are to be a Shagger, you can now display your North Carolina D.M.V. "SHAG TAG". Your License plate logo tells everyone that "I'd Rather Be Shaggin". The Tags are only \$15.00 for a numbered tag and if you want it Personalized, it will be \$45.00 extra. You get 4 spaces to be creative and say what you want to say on the personalized tag. Remember

that \$5.00 of your license plate fee will be donated to the Hall Of Fame Foundation to help Shaggers in need. You can order your plate thru DMV now so you can tell everybody that "I'd Rather Be Shaggin". Copy and paste this website address in your browser to order your plate directly from NCDMV.

[https://edmv.ncdot.gov/  
VehicleRegistration/  
SpecialPlate/  
Detail?PlateID=131#term=](https://edmv.ncdot.gov/VehicleRegistration/SpecialPlate/Detail?PlateID=131#term=)

The picture shown here is an actual digital photograph of the

plate. The S & G beside the logo is the prefix that we use for the Shag Tag. It was chosen because it is the first and last letter of our dance "The Shag". The first tag was issued on March 29, 2007. There are 143 personalized Shag Tags on the road today. The next # to be issued will be 837 and it could belong to YOU!!!!!!



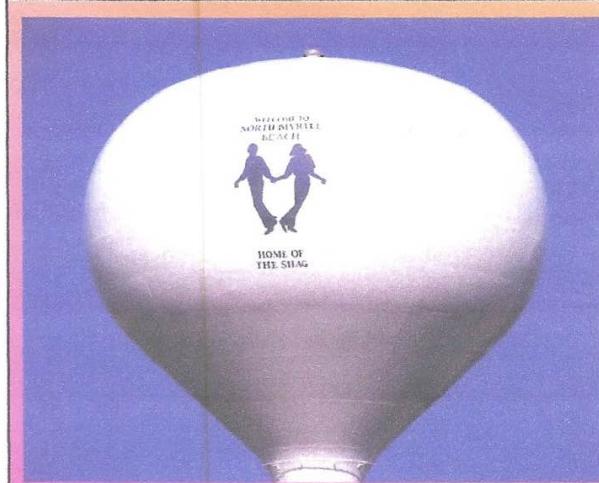
*Destination: SHAG*

## ORIGINATION OF THE SHAG TAG

The Shag Tag originated with the thought and planning by Dwayne Baggett and thru his efforts he enlisted and thanked State Senators Tony Rand and David Hoyle for introducing the bill, Randal Hight and Don Broadway for giving permission to use the Logo "I'd Rather Be Shaggin", Kay Hatcher at DMV for all her hard work and Chris Jesters for building the web site. Others that were involved were Cameron Britt, Don Bunn, Joan Gibson, Max Madrin, Linda Gilliam, Paul Moore, Sam Lail, Susan Taylor, Cynthis Weathers, Chris Stanton, T.K. Robinette, Sam Dreher, Tina Phillips, Theressa Coren, Judy Koehly, Becky Crain and Ann Sigmon for helping Dwayne collect the applications for this project. All of the Shag clubs helped by installing a link from their website to the Shag Tag site. The Competitive Shaggers Association and Fessa Hook of the Endless Summer Network for advertising the website on his internet and radio show. A special thanks was given to Phil Benedict of P&L Graphics in Fayetteville. Phil printed all of the applications and paper work for this project.

Without the help from all those listed above, we would not have the Shag Tag.

You can also go to the internet or your local DMV office and they will help you get your tag.

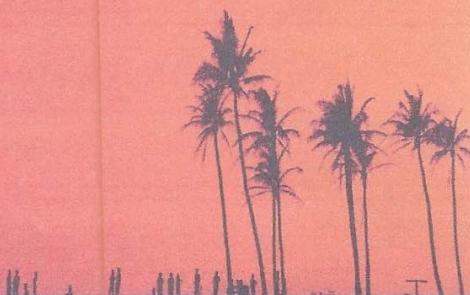


How many states have an official dance? South Carolina does, and it began here in North Myrtle Beach: "Home of the Shag"! How do you know? Take a gander at the water tower and learn some history. Then take off on an Internet expedition to learn even more. But for the water tower, no one would know. [2012]

## TRAVEL FACTS

When was the 1st SOS?

The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs was founded in 1984 and the complete information can be found on [www.shagdance.com..](http://www.shagdance.com..)



### 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>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/41293702070/>

Info on Shag Club & Band Schedules in NC

*OISC Facebook Page:*

<https://facebook.com/oceanislandersshagclub>

*OISC Website:*

<https://www.oceanislanders.com>

### OISC Board/Officer Contact Information

Gary Matthews – President

440-570-1120

Donna Williams - Vice President

843-877-9445

Janice Flibotte - Treasurer

508-837-4086

Pam Breedlove - Secretary

252-904-4806

Laura Spivey - Director at Large

267-977-4559

Randy Sherrill - Director at Large

704-923-3185

Scott Keegan - Director at Large

717-830-0342

Contact the Board members

[ncoisc@gmail.com](mailto:ncoisc@gmail.com)

### SUPPORT OUR OTHER SHAG CLUB FRIENDS BY ATTENDING THEIR EVENTS!

Society of Brunswick Shag Club (SOBS)

6: PM til 9:30 PM

Oak Island VFW, - 103 S. 50<sup>th</sup> St., Oak Island

November 10th - DJ JJ Chigger Woods

\*\*November 12th; 1:30 - 4:30 PM; Lazy Turtle Bar & Grill - DJ Dennis Brumble

OD Shag Club

<https://odshagclub.com>

Every Wednesday and Friday at Fat Harold's; Nov. 18th, 6 - 9 PM, Thanksgiving Party  
Check out the Web Site for Details



## The Ocean Islanders Shag Club (OISC)

Member: National Fast Dance Association and  
Association of Carolina Shag Clubs

### Membership Application Form

Please read carefully and print all information required. Membership Year is Jan. 1 – Dec. 31.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Member 1

Member 2

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate (MM/DD) *optional* \_\_\_\_\_

Unless otherwise indicated, listing an email address will add you to our contact list for club emails/newsletters.

#### OISC cannot function without volunteers, so please consider areas in which you can help!

- Hospitality: greeters, door duty, inter-club relations
- Communication: newsletter, articles, web site, helping with publicity, taking photos
- Entertainment: set-up, clean-up, decorations
- Social: fund raisers, SOS parade, 50/50 raffle, cooking
- Other (Please list skills/talents you are willing to share): \_\_\_\_\_
- As Needed: any of the above \_\_\_\_\_

All membership applications must be approved by the Board of Directors; all applicants must be at least 21 years of age.

I hereby make application to join the Ocean Islanders Shag Club (OISC) and agree to abide by the OISC Charter and Rules.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Dues are \$30 per person for the current year only. (New members joining July-Dec pay \$15.)

If paying by check, please make it payable to Ocean Islanders Shag Club (with "OISC Membership Dues" in the Memo line).

Please bring completed application to an OISC Dance or mail to: Ocean Islanders Shag Club  
PO Box 6164  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

CLUB USE ONLY			
□ Cash □ Check #	Amount	Received By	Date
Comments:			

This form supersedes all previous membership forms. (March 2023)