

South Strand Shag Club History

Back in 1993, a group of people who loved the Shag and having a good time used to meet at Froggy Bottom, Georgetown, then Webster's Restaurant in Litchfield, where George Ipock was the DJ. When those clubs stopped having shag music, George and Ann Ipock, Tommy Crocker and Glen Cox opened the Island Beach Club, in Pawleys Island, SC. (Bob and Stacy Schmidt became owners of the Island Beach Club at a later date.) The group decided to form a shag club and on March 13, 1994, with the Island Beach Club as their home, the South Strand Shag Club (SSSC) was born. On July 15, 1995 it was voted into the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs.

Amid much sadness, the Island Beach Club closed their doors for good in 1999, but shortly after the club was re-opened by Larry Moses and named Mingo Moes. During the time between the closing of The Island Beach Club and the opening of Mingo Moes, SSSC voted to make The Beverage Station, in Garden City their new home. Many of our members were unhappy with the location and dancing on Saturday nights rather than Fridays, so when Mingo Moes opened many of the members went back there and our club split, with the people who elected to stay at the Beverage Station starting up a new shag club, The Garden City Shag Club. The Garden City Shag Club has since closed and we are all together again.

With the removal of the poker machines from the clubs in South Carolina, we lost many of our wonderful dance clubs, and sadly once again we lost our home, as Mingo Moes closed the doors for good in 2000. Those of us who were lucky enough to party at The Island Beach Club and Mingo Moes will always miss it, and if you didn't have the opportunity to go, you missed one of the nicest clubs around.

The club moved it's home to CB's in Murrells Inlet, SC and stayed there through August 10, 2001, when we had to move our home once again because CB's had been sold and was scheduled to be torn down.

Our home is now at the VFW in Murrells Inlet, SC, where we meet and dance to the music of great shag DJs every Saturday night from 7:30 p.m. till 11:00 p.m. We love to have members of other shag clubs come dance with us on Saturday nights. Our logo is "Come Shag With Us." We average about 300 members each year and we are still growing.

The SSSC believes in giving back to the community. We contribute to several local charities and The Junior Shaggers Association, and we sponsor two disadvantaged families each Christmas.

The SSSC is a member of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) and is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Carolina beach music and the Shag, South Carolina's state dance. We hold fantastic quarterly parties and an annual New Year's Eve party. Several of our members are members of the A.C.S.C. Shagger's Hall of Fame and one was honored with the Living Legend award. Our membership also includes winners of the National Shag Dance Competitions, but for the most part we are just a bunch of people who love to shag and have a good time.

A lot of hard work and love has been poured into our shag club over the years and although some of our original members no longer come to the club functions, it is important for us to know who the people were who started our wonderful club and those who have worked hard to keep it going over the years.

**Current
Logo**



South Strand Shag Club

**Original
Logo**



Below are lists officers and board members past and present:

1994/1995

President~Darryl Stokes
Vice President~John Smith
Secretary~Jane Stokes
Treasurer~Happy McLeod/Punky
Huggins
Sgt at Arms~Hermie Scurry/Lee
Hecht

Newsletter Editor~Susan
Butler/Phail Owens

Board Members

Buddy Aldret
Janet Fox
Warren Cooper
Charlie Owens
Malcolm Cameron

1997

President~Tom Barrineau
Vice President~Charlie Owens
Secretary~Patricia Byrd
Treasurer~Patricia Byrd
Sgt at Arms~Lee Hecht

Board Members

LaVon Owens
Selena Camp
Mike Thornton
Lisa Hecht

1998

President~Bob Schmidt
Vice President~Robin White
Treas/Secy~Patricia Byrd

Board Members

Janice Harrelson
Happy Wilcox
Roger Harrelson
Norman Wilcon

1995

President~John Smith
Vice President~Charlie Owens
Secretary~Patricia Byrd
Treasurer~Malcolm Cameron
Sgt at Arms~Lee Hecht

Board Members

Buddy Aldret
LaVon Owens
Janet Fox
Warren Cooper

1999

President~Robin White
Treas/Secy~Patricia Byrd

Board Members

Janice Harrelson
Happy Wilcox
Roger Harrelson
Norman Wilcon

1996

President~John Smith
Vice President~Charlie Owens
Secretary~Patricia Byrd
Treasurer~Patricia Byrd
Sgt at Arms~Lee Hecht

Board Members

Tom Barrineau
LaVon Owens
Selena Camp
Mike Thornton
Lisa Hecht

2000

President~George Dixon
Vice President~Charlie Owens
Treasurer~Carol Braswell
Secretary~Patsy Jennings

Board Members

Sandy Hammond
Mike Quincannon
Brenda Quincannon
Patti Penn
Robert Braswell

2001

President~George Dixon
Vice President~Beverly Jackson
Treasurer~Carol Braswell
Secretary~Deborah Mangan

Board Members

Sandy Hammond
Linda Conway
Mike Quincannon
Brenda Quincannon
Patti Penn
Robert Braswell

2004

President~Deborah Mangan
Vice President~Jack Mangan
Treasurer~Marie Freeman
Secretary~Cherri Perkins

Board Members

Frank Capaldo
Norma Morillo
Tom Strasser
Frank D'Antoni
Lynn McClary

2002

President~Patti Penn
Vice President~Beverly Jackson/Jack Mangan
Treasurer~Deborah Mangan
Secretary~Linda Conway

Board Members

George Dixon
Chuck McCray
John Elder
Randy Massey
Robert Braswell
Larry Moore

2005

Co-Presidents~Marie Freeman/Linda Conway
Vice President~Tom Strasser
Treasurer~Frank D'Antoni
Secretary~Cherri Perkins
Sgt at Arms~Frank Capaldo

Board Members

Lynn McClary/Darline Hejl
Peggy Jackson
William Rowland
Lorie Runion
John (Scotty) Carr

2003

President~Deborah Mangan
Vice President~Jack Mangan
Treasurer~Linda Conway
Secretary~Randy Massey

Board Members

John Elder
Frank Capaldo
Norma Morillo
Clyde Ratchford/Cherri Perkins
Lease Ratchford/Marie Freeman

2006

President~Tom Strasser
Vice President~Bill Rowland
Treasurer~Frank D'Antoni
Secretary~Cherri Perkins
Sgt at Arms~Frank Capaldo

Board Members

Peggy Jackson
Darlene Hejl
Lorie Runion
John (Scotty) Carr
John Elder

2007

President~Tom Strasser
Vice President~Bill Rowland
Treasurer~Frank D'Antoni
Secretary~Cherri Perkins
Sgt at Arms~Frank Capaldo

Board Members

Peggy Jackson/Leann Gresham
Darlene Hejl
John (Scotty) Carr
John Elder
Ed Huggins

2010

President~Tom Strasser
Vice President~Leann Gresham
Treasurer~Frank D'Antoni
Secretary~Cherri Perkins
Sgt at Arms~Frank Capaldo

Board Members

Darlene Hejl
Dennis Murphy
Jeanne Burke
Sheila Bach
Tommy George
Ed Wilkin

2008

President~Bill Rowland
Vice President~Frank D'Antoni
Treasurer~Frank D'Antoni
Secretary~Cherri Perkins
Sgt at Arms~Frank Capaldo

Board Members

Leann Gresham
Darlene Hejl
Al Butler
Mike Briggs
Ed Huggins
Ed Wilkin

2011

President~Tom Strasser
Vice President~Cherri Perkins
Treasurer~Dennis Murphy
Secretary~Darlene Hejl
Sgt at Arms~Frank Capaldo

Board Members

Jo Ann Hickman
Jeanne Burke
Sheila Bach
Tommy George
Ed Wilkin
Jeanette Stanley

2009

President~Tom Strasser
Vice President~Leann Gresham
Treasurer~Frank D'Antoni
Secretary~Cherri Perkins
Sgt at Arms~Frank Capaldo

Board Members

Darlene Hejl
Al Butler
Mike Briggs
Ed Huggins
Ed Wilkin

2012

President~Cherri Perkins
Vice President~Jeanne Burke
Treasurer~Dennis Murphy
Secretary~Darlene Hejl
Sgt at Arms~Frank Capaldo

Board Members

Jo Ann Hickman
Gene Odom
Don Parish
Tommy George
Sheila Grapes
Alan Guazzo
Stu Reddy

2013

President~Cherri Perkins
Vice President~Jeanne Burke
Treasurer~Gene Odom
Secretary~Darlene Hejl
Sgt at Arms~Frank Capaldo

Board Members

Jo Ann Hickman
Ardie Newman
Don Parrish
Tommy George
Allan Guazzo
Stu Reedy
Carolyn Camlin

2015

President~Allan Guazzo
Vice President~Jeanne Burke
Treasurer~Don Parrish
Secretary~Jo Ann Hickman
Sgt at Arms~Frank Capaldo

Board Members

Ardie Newman
Stu Reedy
Merwin Moore
Zac Zaccagnini
Deborah Mangan
Richard Johns
Deborah Wilkins

2014

President~Allan Guazzo
Vice President~Jeanne Burke
Treasurer~Don Parrish
Secretary~Darlene Hejl
Sgt at Arms~Frank Capaldo

Board Members

Jo Ann Hickman
Ardie Newman
Stu Reedy
Darrell Todd
Merwin Moore
Zac Zaccagnini
Carolyn Camlin/Deborah Mangan

2016

President~Allan Guazzo
Vice President~Merwin Moore
Treasurer~John Melzer
Secretary~Jo Ann Hickman
Sgt at Arms~Frank Capaldo

Board Members

Ardie Newman
Zac Zaccagnini
Richard Johns
Deborah Mangan
Charlie Glazer
Sonny Dwyer
Linda Poplin

2017

President~Merwin Moore
Vice President/Treasurer~Deborah Mangan
Secretary~Jo Ann Hickman
Sgt at Arms~Frank Capaldo

Board Members

Ardie Newman
Zac Zaccagnini
Richard Johns
Charlie Glazer
Linda Poplin
Jim Brown
George Middleton

We have a lot of people to thank for our wonderful club. Special thanks to Gene and Betty Varn, Charlie and Phail Owens, George Dixon and Tom Barrineau for all the historical information.

In loving memory of Patti Penn and all the shag friends we have lost.

Jack and Deborah

Some of our Founding Members



South Strand Shag Club 2014 Reunion

