

## **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 Big Daddy's Bottom at the Litchfield Inn, and later at Froggy Bottom, then Websters, 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 8:00 p.m. till 11:30 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

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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

