



Gene & Betty Varn Night



*Come Join the Fun
As We Celebrate Gene Varn's
Induction to the Shag Hall of Fame*

Progressive Pot

*Saturday March 8
At the VFW at 7:00pm*

*Current & Former Members
and Friends Welcome*



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Us

*Saturday March 15
At the VFW at 7:00pm*



Progressive Pot



Deck Yourself Out in Green & Gold

SOUTH STRAND SHAG CLUB

MARCH 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 Host: Midge Ovenshire Greeters: Midge & Dave DJ: J J Kinlaw 6:15 Line Dance Workshop
2	3	4 	5	6	7	8 Host: Jane Adams Greeters: Jane & Danny DJ: Glen Pridgen Gene Varn Hall of Fame Night
9 	10	11	12	13	14 	15 Host: Shirley Grooms Greeters: Shirley & Gary DJ: Bill Jones St. Patrick's Party
16	17 	18	19	20	21	22 Host: Merwin Moore Greeters: Merwin & Shirley DJ: Roger Holcomb
23	24 	25	26	27	28	29 Host: Norma Pohan Greeters: Norma & Victor DJ: Furman Dominick Shag Workshop
30	31 SSSC Board Meeting	1 	2	3	4	5 Host: Bill Sweeny Greeters: Bill & Ethelann DJ: Buck Crumpton Shirt Night

Saturday Nights at the VFW

We meet from 7:00 – 10:00 PM most Saturdays at the VFW in Murrells Inlet. If there is a workshop, we will start at 6:15 or 6:30.

BOARD MEETING

Our board meetings are held the Last Monday of the month 7:00 pm at 441 Hyacinth Loop in Murrells Inlet. All Members are welcome to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

2024

185 Members

2025

98 Members

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ann Blake
Peter Buck
Angela English
Jerry LaVina

Please Keep these Members and Their Families in Your Thoughts and Prayers

Buzzy Weed, Bill Stenger, Patty Guazzo, Jack Mangen, Barb Dutterer, Janet Rayburn, David Wright, Phil Carpenter and all our members and their families recovering from losses, illness, and surgery.

2025 SOS CARDS

Spring SOS is fast approaching and will be here before you know it. It runs April 24 – May 5. Without a card you cannot enjoy all SOS has to offer. Cards are on sale now for \$40 from the club. That's with a \$5 discount. Contact a board member to purchase.

SOUTH STRAND SHAG CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION

February Review:

VALENTINE'S PARTY – February 15:

Our annual Valentine's Party was at the Seasons clubhouse. What a great party! Everyone showed up in their Valentine's best – Lots of hearts and red & white outfits. Turnout was really good, and everyone had a great time dancing to the music of DJ Buck Crumpton. If you weren't there, you missed a fun time. Congratulations to Norma Pohan for winning \$120 in the 50/50. Thanks, Norma, for your generous donation back to the club. What more could you want – good friends, good food and a great DJ playing our favorite music. He has become one of our favorites. See the photos at the end of the newsletter.

What's Coming Up?

March 8: Gene (& Betty) Varn Hall of Fame Night On Saturday, February 1st, Gene Varn was inducted into the South Carolina Shaggers Hall of Fame. Come out and celebrate with Gene & Betty. That's a real honor for one of our longtime members. Now, their board needs to recognize Betty's contribution to shag dancing. They are quite a team. Some of us attended the Pre-Party on the Friday before the induction. Some photos are at the end of the newsletter.

March 15: St. Patrick's Party Our party will be at the VFW this year and Bill Jones will be our DJ. Wear your green and gold.

Members Only Pot

Mary Eaton won \$600 in the Progressive Pot on February 22nd, so it has restarted. Remember you must be a member, come to the club Saturday night and pay your \$2 to participate. Thanks, Mary, for your generous donation to the club. Now, the fun starts all over again.

Time to Renew

If you have not renewed your membership for 2025, it's time. You'll be able to enjoy all the club events throughout the year. The membership fee of \$35 per person remains the same as last year. That's less than \$3 per month – Cheaper than a restaurant Iced Tea. You won't find a better deal anywhere. Our members are the driving force behind our club. Help us to continue as the only Shag Club between Mt. Pleasant and North Myrtle Beach. Use the Membership Form attached and either mail in your renewal, bring it to one of our VFW meetings or give it to any board member.

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CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER

Bill Sweeny

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Bill Sweeny

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

DJ's

Kathy Ryan

Event Coordinator

Midge Owenshire

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Open Position

Sunshine

Shirley Moore

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www.shagdance.com

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS



3 Bill Hunter	20 Ted Guyton
6 Steve Campbell	22 Trudy Gallo
7 Marty Abbene	23 Jim Brown
8 Bill Sweeny	23 Colin Peterson
9 Hugh Nelis	25 Joann Elliott
9 Christine Petruniak	25 Linda Main
11 Julie Burks	26 Rick Jordan
14 Kathy Harrington	28 Ceci Zaffuto
17 Ernie Sadera	29 Cathy Campbell
18 Jack Mangan	

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

If you have new or gently used dance shoes that you no longer use, please contact Kathy Ryan (krvan888@hotmail.com; 704-292-5626) about donating them. She will get them to Betty Ladwig who chairs the Shoe Program within the Ellen Taylor foundation.

If you do not have shoes to donate but want to help the Ellen Taylor Foundation for Junior Shaggers, you can make a donation at <https://www.ellentaylorfoundation.org/DONATIONS.html>

Upcoming Events

April 24-May 5 SOS Spring Safari in North Myrtle
May 3 Kentucky Derby Party @ VFW
August 16 Luau Party @ Spring Forest
September 11-21 SOS Fall Migration in North Myrtle
September 27 Beach Party @ Lakewood Campground
October 25 Halloween Party @ VFW
December 7 Christmas Party @ Seasons
We'll also have several "theme" nights at the VFW.

SHAG LESSONS

Bill & Brenda Barber

Private Lessons

E-mail: countbasic1@hotmail.com
Phone: 843-902-1594

Allan & Patty Guazzo

Lessons start the first Tuesday of each month.
\$40 per person for 4 lessons (SSC Members \$35)
Murrells Inlet Community Center
Beginners: 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Beginner Plus: 7:30 to 8:30 PM
Register by calling Allan at 570-351-2465 or e-mail aguazzo13@gmail.com.

GENE'S HALL OF FAME INDUCTION



VALENTINE'S PARTY



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SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE PHOTOS!!



SOUTH STRAND SHAG CLUB

2025 MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION



The South Strand Shag Club is a non-profit social organization established for the entertainment, fellowship, and interest of the constituent members in the promotion and preservation of beach and shag music and the shag dance.

Name: _____ Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

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New Member/Members: \$40 per person includes club nametag. Indicate nametag preference below.

Renewing Membership/Memberships: \$ 35 per person

I/we am/are renewing my/our membership and none of the information has changed (Please fill in the following information unless the **box** is checked.)

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name Tag Preference: _____ / _____

**Membership dues are \$35.00 per person.
Memberships expire December 31st.**

**Make Check Out To SSSC and Mail To:
South Strand Shag Club
P.O. Box 481
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576**

I/we am/are over 21 years old and agree to abide by the rules and bylaws of the South Strand Shag Club

Signature/s

Date

I would be interested in participating on the following committees:

() Greeter () Newsletter () Food () Decorations () Telephone () Fund Raiser () Any

Please list any special talents, skills, comments or recommendations you can offer to help the South Strand Shag Club:

For Office Use:

Date Accepted: _____ By: _____

Cash/Check #: _____ Letter/Card Mailed: _____ Newsletter: _____ Birthday: _____