



Cape Fear Shag Club Newsletter

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Monthly Newsletter – January 2023 – Issue 1 – Jan Gresham, Editor

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:



President's Letter – January 2023

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the President of the Cape Fear Shag Club in 2023, our 35th year. The other board members who will be serving with me this year have proven their dedication to the preservation of shag dancing with many years of service. They are an inspiration to me to make this an awesome year.

As I extend my sincere thank you to our board members, I also want to thank all the club members who have signed up to work on committees. I was surprised and delighted at how many were willing to offer their time and skills to make our club meetings and events a fun time to shag and socialize. If you have not signed up to be on a committee, please see Maggie Landreth or myself and we will make sure your name gets to the appropriate committee chair.

We are planning an exciting 35th year. Here are a few ideas that your board is currently working on:

- New DJs that were suggested by members who have heard them play and enjoyed their music.
- Another winning team on the Steve Haydu St. Patrick Day Lo Tide Run, Saturday, March 11, 2023. The Cape Fear Shag Club Team has won the Most Spirited Team trophy every year that this award has been given out.
- Pre-SOS Party at our meeting on March 10, 2023, with DJ Ken Jones. We will be handing out a sign-up sheet at our January meeting to see how many members are interested in taking a Jackie McGee and Charlie Womble lesson at the beginning of the March meeting.
- SOS Parade entry at SOS Spring Safari. The theme this year is The Good Old Days, which fits right in with our 35th Year Anniversary. We won second place in the Best Club entry in 2019. . .time to bring home the 1st place trophy.
- SOS Spring Safari and Fall Migration Club get-togethers.
- 35th Anniversary Party at our November 2023 Re-Up meeting.

I welcome your suggestions for improving our Club's membership and attendance. Thank you for your support and commitment to the Cape Fear Shag Club and the preservation of shag dancing. Let's work together for a successful 2023.

I hope you dance,

Lynne Willis

Cape Fear Shag Club President

Now let's dance!



NEWS FOR JANUARY 2023

First and foremost, our next meeting and dance will be at:

Beau Rivage Clubhouse
649 Rivage Promenade
Wilmington, NC

Beau Rivage is right off Carolina Beach Road, and it's THIS Friday night, January 13, 2023. That's right, it's Friday the 13th! So wear your luckiest shag shoes and come on out! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Mona Baker has kindly agreed to give us a short, simple dance lesson this week from 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. on an easy shag step that anyone who knows the basic can do. Please note that this lesson is not suitable for beginners who don't know the basic yet. There is more information below under the Dance Report about upcoming lessons, so please keep reading! After Mona's lesson, you'll have plenty of opportunities to practice what you've learned after our brief meeting to kick off the new year! Our DJ is Tim Johnson from Lincolnton. There is much more information about him under the Music Report below, including an upcoming event he is hosting with Rick Strickland and Lesa Hudson. So please keep reading! We look forward to seeing you Friday night.

Housekeeping



BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2023

- **President – Lynne Willis**
- **Vice President – Donnie Davis**
- **Secretary – Linda Gordon**
- **Treasurer – Keith Thompson**
- **Sergeant-at-Arms – Gary Decker**
- **Members at Large – Cherry Bland and Grey Welborn**

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- **Membership – Maggie Landreth**
- **Social – Donnie Davis, Lynne Willis**
- **Music – Keith Thompson**
- **Dance Lessons – Mona Baker**
- **SOS – Keith Thompson**
- **Special Concerns – Cheryl Parrish**
- **Communication/Newsletter – Jan Gresham**
- **Historian/Photographer – Mona Baker**
- **By-Laws – Yogi Wilson**
- **Ways & Means – Keith Thompson**
- **Website – Linda Meyer**
- **Hall of Fame – to be decided by committee**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **By-Laws** - For a copy of the by-laws, please download from our website.
- **Treasurer's Report** - If you would like a copy of the treasurer's report, please contact Keith Thompson.
- **Historian** - Our historian this year is Mona Baker. She will be documenting our activities with lots of wonderful photographs and gathering information to share with us about past members and officers. Thank you, Mona.

- **Membership** - Maggie Landreth is our membership chairperson. We currently have eighty-three members in our club. If you have not yet joined for this year, our 2023 membership form and fees are on our website at www.capefearshagclub.com. **Please note:** Membership dues are going up effective February 1, 2023. Please take this important step as a way of showing your support for our club and ensuring that it will continue for years to come! Print and complete the application, attach your membership payment, and bring with you to the next meeting. Please come join the fun!
- **Music** - Keith Thompson has done a great job lining up our DJ's for the last several years and has graciously agreed to continue this year. This month, we will be entertained by the fabulous Tim Johnson from Lincolnton, NC! His radio show, Shaggin' on the Boulevard, is on Beachwavesradio.com on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. He will also be the DJ at Deckerz this coming Saturday, January 14, 2023, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. along with Rick Strickland and Lesa Hudson! Always a great show and well worth the short drive to NMB!
- **Communication/Newsletter** - Jan Gresham is handling the newsletters, emails, and social media updates this year. Please feel free to contact her with any information that you would like to share with the members of our club and to the world at large! Her email address is jan.gresham@gmail.com. Spreading the word about our events and our mission to preserve shag dancing is what will make our club grow!
- **Special Concerns** - If any of our members ever has a special concern, please contact Cheryl Parrish, who has kindly agreed to be our Special Concerns chairman. Thank you, Cheryl. Her contact information is 910-616-2609, hipmom4231@aol.com. We want to let our members know that they always have our support, in good times and bad.
- **Social** - We have a great social committee this year, headed up by Donnie Davis and Lynne Willis. Thanks, ladies! See what they have planned further down in the newsletter. WAY too much to put here!
- **SOS** - If you want an SOS card for 2023, see Keith Thompson – yet another hat that he willingly wears. Thank you, Keith! He will have 2023 SOS cards available for sale at the meeting this Friday. They are still just \$30 for an entire year of shagging at Ocean Drive. \$35 if you wait until you get there! So come prepared with cash or check this Friday to save \$5 per ticket. Below are the dates for SOS events in 2023:



Mid-Winter – January 12-15

Spring Safari - April 13-23

Summer Workshop - July 13-15

Fall Migration - September 14-24

*Mid-Winter SOS is this weekend, but since our club meeting is this Friday night, and of course we don't want to miss that, many members are going down on Saturday and staying until Monday. The Catalinas are at Spanish Galleon on Saturday night and Gary Lowder and Smokin' Hot are at Fat Harold's Sunday afternoon from 2 to 6. Come join us for a CFSC meetup at Fat Harold's Sunday afternoon at 4 pm!

*There will be more information about our club's involvement in SOS Spring Safari in the next newsletter. Stay tuned for that!

- Website** - Linda Meyer is going to continue to take care of our website. Thank you, Linda! She has recently updated it, and it looks fabulous! Please take a look and direct anyone who asks about upcoming shag events to look there. Local people and visitors probably google “shagging near me,” and it’s a great way to let people know what’s available for tourists and for potential new members as well. After you check out the website, please let us know if you have any suggestions about what we can do to make it even more informative and inviting! This site represents our club, and we always need to put our best sandy weejun forward! You can find it at www.capefearshagclub.com and send your suggestions directly to the website. On the website there is a page labeled Members Only, which is password protected. This page will include a roster of our members and financial reports. Please see Linda Meyer or Lynne Willis for the password.

IMPORTANT DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

In 2023, our meetings are as follows: No meeting in April and September due to SOS. The December meeting is on the 2nd Saturday. The remaining meetings are on the 2nd Friday. Here are the dates:

Friday, January 13	Friday, May 12	SOS Fall Migration
Friday, February 10	Friday, June 9	Friday, October 13
Friday, March 10	Friday, July 14	Friday, November 10
SOS Spring Safari	Friday, August 11	Saturday, December 9

Our next big event takes place on Saturday, March 11, 2023



The Annual Steve Haydu St. Patrick’s Day Lo Tide Run

The Cape Fear Shag Club has had a team in this event for years. Many of us have lost dear ones to cancer, and we are so happy to take part in such a fun day. It is a fund-raising event that assists New Hanover County residents who are battling cancer and struggling with financial obligations.

Very few of us run – it’s more of a leisurely walk, and even if you can’t walk that far, we have golf carts! There will be snacks and beverages, and music will even be provided so the walkers can stop occasionally and show off their shag skills! Everyone enjoys dressing up to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, and there will be green tutus, among other things! Not only is it a wonderful opportunity to help others who have suffered because of cancer, but it’s another great way to spread the word about our club!

The walk ends at the Boardwalk for winners to be announced, and if it’s not freezing, we’ll probably march across the sand in our St. Patty’s Day regalia! Please go to www.lotiderun.org and sign up for team Cape Fear Shaggers. The cost is only \$40.00 + \$3.82 for processing. It is always a fun time. (Pics below!)

**COME
JOIN
THE
FUN !!!**



**TEAM
SPIRIT
AWARD -
LET'S DO IT AGAIN!**



★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

COME ON OUT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY DANCE THIS WEEKEND !!!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Abbey Beattie

Bernie Braak JoAnn Bender

Gary Decker

Jan Piner

Doug Bland

Bill Bernard

Debby Prince

Judy Rountree



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Looking forward to seeing everyone at Beau Rivage
this Friday, January 13, 2023, from 6:30 to 10:00!