



Boogie Beat



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INFORMATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF THE STEEL CITY BOOGIE CLUB



President's Message by Minette Thompson

It's been such a great summer for our club, and we're not done yet. Our 3 outdoor Avonworth Park events were very successful—each was attended by well over 100 people—and each was more fun than the one before. Our July picnic was memorable due to the perfect day, high turnout, great music and delicious food that we all shared. I could say the same thing about DUTS #2, our BIB Thank You dance, as well. A big thanks to Ed Fedorchak for all his work in helping to make these events a success and to our other board members and their spouses for giving it their all! It's just plain fun when we can all get together with one thing in mind: having a good time! We all seem to be pretty good at that!

For those of you going to North Myrtle Beach in a few weeks for the SOS Fall Migration, we'll continue the mantra of having a good time. Many of you have been going for decades, while for some, it's your first trip—for dancing, anyway! When some of you used to go to Myrtle for your family vacations, you could never have imagined that 20+ years later, you'd be going back to experience "The Most Fun You Can Have With Your Clothes On!" (the SOS mantra)-I hope that will be true for you! Towards that end, we will be having our annual SOS Dance Party at the OD Café on Tuesday, September 20, from noon-4 p.m. Our BIB friends, Betty Brown and Buck Crumpton, will DJ for us and we hope you'll stop by to mingle with your Pittsburgh friends and have a bite to eat. Once again, we'll be providing a great spread of free appetizers to members and nonmembers—so be sure to plan to spend Tuesday with us!

Upon our return home, we're off and running in October. We have 3 dance events in October, including our return to Kuzman's in Girard, OH on Sunday, October 16. This is the second of our two annual "Meet Me in the Middle" dances, which enables us to meet our friends from our ABA sister club in the Akron area, Ohio's Northcoast Jitterbug Connection. Each time, more people come, so why not be one of them and register now? Kuzman's has a gorgeous wooden dance floor and will provide a delicious buffet dinner. In addition, we'll provide the music, thanks to DJ Kevin Mahoney, for 5 hours-- all for just \$10 admission at the door. It's important to call our Hotline to register by October 12th so Kuzman's has time to buy and prepare enough food for all of us. When you call, please leave your name and the number of people coming in your party; if you have to cancel, please call and let us know that as well. The earlier the better though, as we'd hate for you to be the one not to get a full meal because too many people either didn't register and came anyway or waited until the last minute to call.

Believe it or not, some of our members have belonged since the very beginning of our club. Can you believe that December 2016 marks our 20th anniversary? The Board decided to celebrate at our Christmas Party on December 11th at Antonelli's. We have many surprises and giveaways planned—you won't want to miss this very special event! There's still time to finish getting your 5 regular dances in so you can come for free, so mark your calendar now with upcoming dance dates!!

If you're going to NMB, travel safely and have a ball, and if you're not, see you in October!!

SCBC Information Hotline 724-728-SCBC (7222)

SCBC Executive Committee Officers

**Minette
Thompson**
President

**Ed
Fedorchak**
1st V.P.

**Debbie
Fowlow**
2nd VP

**Kathleen
Reid**
Treasurer

**Mary
Seifert**
Secretary

Executive Committee meetings are usually held on the last **Tuesday** of each month at 7:30 pm and any member may attend. Any member who wishes a voice on matters of Club direction must submit his/her request, in writing, to any officer or director no later than 72 hours prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting, the intent and purpose of said voice so as to be put on the agenda of that meeting.

CLUB BUSINESS NEWS



SCBC's SOS Party

~The OD Beach Club~
N. Myrtle Beach

Tuesday, September 20th
Noon-4:00

All are welcome!! ~ No admission!

Join fellow Club members, old & new friends for
an afternoon of dancing to the music of

~Betty Brown & Buck Crumpton~

Appetizers will be served!

Oct. 2nd ~Antonelli's in Irwin

-2:00-6:00

·DJ Bugger

·\$5 members/\$8 nonmembers

·Plan to have dinner at

Woody's Piazza Ristorante

(choices for every wallet!)



Executive Committee Meetings

All Members Welcome!!

These meetings will be held at 7:30 at the Perkin's
Restaurant~20013 Rte.19 in Cranberry off of I-79.

Tuesday, September 27

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More dancing...

"Meet Me in the Middle"

Dance #2

with

Ohio Northcoast
Jitterbug Connection

Sunday, October 16th

1:00-6:00



Kuzman's

1025 S. State Street

Girard, OH 44420



Admission at the door: \$10 includes dinner!

DJ Kevin Mahoney is playing today!

Please call by October 12th if you're coming
so we have enough food!

Hotline: 724-728-7222

Oct. 23rd ~East Pgh. VFW

401 Draper Street~E. Pgh., PA 15112

"Great food, great drink prices!"

-DJ JD Merkel

-2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

-\$5-members/\$8 non



Good Websites and Email Addresses:

Steel City Boogie Club (SCBC)- www.steelcityboogieclub.org

Boogie in the Burgh (BIB) - boogieintheburgh.com

American Bop Association (ABA) - www.americanbopassociation.com

Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) - www.shagdance.com

Minette Thompson, President - minette@centurylink.net

Member of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs ● Member of the American Bop Association

Member of the National Association of Rhythm & Blues Dee Jays

The SCBC is a non-profit social organization, dedicated to the preservation and promotion of fast dancing
(Jitterbug, W. C. Swing, Shag, Bop, etc.) and Rhythm & Blues, rock & roll "oldies", Bop and Beach Music.

Members' Corner

Birthdays

September

Ancy Brockhoff
Anger Brown
Imela Carney
Dy Elias
Ed Haynes
Michelle Hoobs
Fletcher Johns
Ne Kerr
L Leheny
Du Mansueti
M Merkel
Ave Ondek
Ebbie Pulkowski
Athy Spinogatti
Du Spinogatti
Ck Thomas
Imi Weaver

October

Deborah Bernardi
Bob Bruno
Laura Cohen
Doug Cole
James Delattre
Joseph Giangreco
Vincent Golobic
Candace Hawthorne
William Horvath
Deborah Iezzi
Paul Kerr
Paul Lancos
Thomas Lodovico
James Long
Barbara Monfre
Paul Patton
Andrew Playso
P. Allen Searle
John Terzolina
Minette Thompson
Marianne Vallecorsa

November

Jerry Binus
Jesse Binus
Diana Carroll
Richard Cohen
Diana Colella
Debra Fowlow
Ed Hamer
James Hawthorne
Fred Haynes
Douglas Houston
Scott Jacobs
Jo Ann Kielur
Lori Lechner
Donna Prekup
Robert Rampa
Emily Rampa
Linda Sant'Eufemia
Carolanne Shultz
Sandra Steele
Sue Ellen Taddy

Short notes from the ♥

Welcome New Members!

Laura & Richard Cohen
Shirley Zito~Carol Martinelli~Toni Colaric
Hank Bonadio mAnnabelle Elder

Our Deepest Sympathy to...

...Marti Rugh, who lost her sister recently...
...Pat Urbanowicz, whose brother died recently...
...Dick Thomas and his family, on the loss of their wife and mother, Penny...

Get Well wishes to...

...John Steele who is always in our thoughts...

Thank You to...

...everyone who helped at our Summer Picnic and DUTS #2, with a special thanks to Tim McGrogan, Kay & TJ Parrish, Craig Seifert, Bob Bruno and Jim & Candy Hawthorne...



SCBC Merchandise:

shirts: \$10.00--Denim shirts: \$35.00--Golf shirts: \$25.00
Ladies' Tanks/strap: \$10/\$15--Sweatshirts: \$20/\$23
¾ sleeve V-neck: \$15 Chair Covers: \$15.00
Window Clings: \$2

Call our Hotline for more information.

Monday Night Dance Lessons

If you want to learn to Shag (or even Jitterbug) call Ed Fedorchak at 412-654-7953 to join us for beginner lessons at 6:30 at the Days Inn on Banksville Road! Intermediate lessons are held at the same time.

Members: \$3 Nonmembers: \$5
1st lesson FREE!

SCBC Directory

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Webmaster Jim Hawthorne 412-856-6772
*Standing Committees



It is with great sadness that we say good-bye to SCBC member and friend, Penny Thomas, who lost her battle with cancer in August. Penny and her husband, Dick, have been members for several years, and many of you in the dance community have seen them at various venues where you came to know them well. Many of us got to know them as frequent attendees at our Monday night dance class, where they came when they were in town—determined to add Shag to their repertoire of dances—and to tell us of their most recent adventures. Penny & Dick traveled extensively and loved spending time visiting their three sons' families across the U.S. Anyone who attended her funeral and saw the countless photographs of her can say one thing at least—Penny lived happily in a life surrounded by love. There wasn't one picture in which she wasn't smiling, whether she was baking cookies, hugging her kids and grandkids, or standing on the Continental Divide with Dick! We'll

SCBC Bulletin Board

- Once again, if you attend **5 or more regular dances** in 2016, you will be able to attend our Christmas Dance in December for **FREE!** Check your address label for the number you've attended as of this printing.
- Remember, if you're going to the SOS Fall Migration, you must have an SOS pass to get into the dance clubs. You can purchase one upon arrival down there at several outdoor stations or at the SOS Store for \$35.
- Don't forget about Fun Sunday and Fun Monday at NMB, where you're in for 2 days of entertainment by top bands right there on or next to Main Street! Check your Carefree Times for all event information.

Boogie on the Road

by Mary Seifert

EVENT	DATE/HOST CLUB/COST	LOCATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION
Atlanta Swing Classic (ABA)	September 29 – October 2 Atlanta Swing Dance Club \$115	Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter, Atlanta, GA
Bop In The Rock (ABA)	Little Rock Bop Club September 29 – October 1, 2016 \$75	Doubletree Hotel, Littlerock, AR Contact: Myra Wilson, (501) 258-8117, names6girls@yahoo.com ; www.littlerockbopclub.com
SHAG-A-RAMA (ACSC)	Beach Shaggers of Birmingham October 4 – 9, 2016 \$75 (before Sept. 10)	Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort, Panama City, FL Contact: http://www.beachshaggers.com
Boogie in the Bluegrass (ABA)	Derby City Bop Association October 13 – 15, 2016 \$70 before Sept. 9 (\$80 after)	Ramada Plaza Hotel, Louisville, KY Contact: Jim Brown, (502) 438-8408, boogie@derbycitybop.com
Move Across the River 2016 (ABA)	Cincinnati Bop Club November 9 – 13, 2016 \$65 before Oct. 17 (\$75 after)	Holiday Inn & Suites, Cincinnati, OH Contact: Paul Hennessy, (513) 697-6351 cincibop@fuse.net

*The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs, Inc., (A.C.S.C) is an organization of autonomous shag clubs. Its purpose is to provide for communications among the clubs, to serve as a coordinating body for club activities, to sponsor activities of mutual interest to all clubs, and to manage and operate the Society of Strangers, Inc. (S.O.S.). The goal of A.C.S.C. is to promote and preserve the heritage of beach music and shag dancing, to inform its members of beach music and shagging activities of wide interest, and to help diminish schedule conflicts among its members' activities.

*American Bop Association (ABA) is a non-profit corporation of member clubs who are dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the broad range of dance and music styles more commonly known as bop, all forms of swing, jitterbug, and shag. The association strives to enhance inter-club communication and promotional coordination of activities throughout our membership community.

COMPETITIVE SHAGGERS ASSOCIATION SANCTIONED CONTESTS (ASCS)		
Dates	Location	Contact Information
September 30 – October 1	B-Town Boogie Down, Burlington, NC	Gene Pope, (919) 215-6875, gnpope@nc.rr.com OR Shirley Weaver, (919) 922-9110, shirleylweaver@aol.com http://competitiveshaggers.org
October 15	The Shag Shack, Atlanta, GA	
October 28 – 29	Seaboard in Hamlet, NC	
November 18 – 19	Duck's in N. Myrtle Beach, SC	

SCBC Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

Attend 5 regular dances and you can come to our Christmas Party for **FREE!**
Admission for regular dances unless otherwise noted: \$5 members/\$8 nonmembers

2016

September

- Tuesday, September 20 **SCBC'S SOS PARTY in NMB** OD Beach Club Café
Noon – 4:00
Free admission and appetizers for members and nonmembers!

October

- Sunday, October 2 Regular Dance Antonelli's in Irwin
2:00-6:00
Menus available~plan to stay for dinner!!
- Sunday, October 16 **"Meet Me in the Middle Dance"** Kuzman's
Join us for a day of dancing with Ohio's Northcoast Jitterbug Connection!
1:00-6:00 pm
Please register by calling our Hotline @ 724-728-SCBC by Oct. 12,
so we have enough food!
Admission at the door: \$10~includes the delicious buffet.
- Sunday, October 23 Regular Dance E. Pgh. VFW
401 Draper St. E. Pgh., PA
2:00-6:00
We'll give an SCBC window cling to anyone who wears Steelers or SCBC black & gold!
Menus available~plan to stay for dinner!!

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SCBC Website: steelcityboogieclub.org

BIB Website: boogieintheburgh.com

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SCBC By A Brief History of the ACSC & SOS

Many of you have never heard of Ken Hudspeth, Ron Whisenant (the current SOS President), or the late Dr. Phil Sawyer (SOS President Emeritus), but had it not been for their vision, probably none of us would be going to party in North Myrtle Beach this month. In 1984, these three men were the "founding fathers" of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) in which the SCBC has been a proud member since 1998. The ACSC, which today consists of 93 member clubs, bought and restored SOS (Society of Stranders) in 1989, enabling it to grow into the magnificent event it is today. Here is an excerpt from an article written by Dr. Phil entitled, "A Swinging Past and a Shagging Future", that explains some early history of the ACSC.~MT

"The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs was founded in 1984. Ken Hudspeth, the President of the Rock Hills Shag Club (RHSC), gathered the Presidents of the clubs attending the 2nd Annual Columbia Invitational in October, 1983, at Pine Island on Lake Murray and suggested a low key organization of Clubs in South Carolina and the one in Atlanta to share ideas, exchange information and to sponsor a party for the Clubs at the beach in January. Harold Bessent (Fat Harold) also met with us and endorsed the idea.

Ken and the RHSC arranged for the first of what was to become the MID-WINTER BEACH CLASSIC in January of 1984. Participating Clubs were Columbia, Charleston, Greenville, Shag Steps, Rock Hill and Winnsboro. The Presidents of local Clubs continued their efforts to form an organization. Earlier, Ken Hudspeth and Phil Sawyer, then President of the Columbia Shag Club, had met several times to

formulate the concept and to develop a Charter. The representatives of these Clubs met again in February 1984, in Columbia, to formally establish the Organization.

The Presidents agreed that the Organization would be named THE ASSOCIATION OF CAROLINA SHAG CLUBS. Since Atlanta was a Charter Member, it is immediately obvious that there was no intention on the part of the Founders to limit membership to the Carolinas. Carolina in the name of the Association refers to the dance and not to the geography. The original Charter provided for the Association to be governed by a Board of Advisors to be presided over by a Chairman. Ron Whisenant was elected Chairman, the first, and served for two years.

News of the success of this little Association soon spread. Ken Hudspeth followed Ron as Chairman, and the Metrolina became the first NC Club to become a member. All the while, SOS, contests, invitational weekends, and other events at the beach began to flourish. The second Mid-Winter Shag Meet (still not named) was in January 1985, at where else, Fat Harold's.

The clubs and statewide parties continued to grow and prosper. There was another cruise, and SOS was becoming a bigger and bigger event. No Shagger worthy of the name of the dance would have missed it for anything. Cities all over...were forming Clubs, and their first order of business was to become a member of the Association. The flag was passed from Ken Hudspeth to Phil Sawyer, 3rd Chairman, an office he would hold for three years. During these years, Member Clubs increased from 18 to 45. Bob Wood was elected Chairman from 1990-1993. Under Bob's leadership, the Association grew to unprecedented levels."

In the early '80's SOS had grown into a huge party organized by Gene Laughter, originally as an attempt to get the lifeguards and other beach kids of the '50's and '60's together in the place (NMB-Main Street & Ocean Drive) where they had created many fond memories partying and dancing their summer days away to the unique "race" music they could only hear at the beach. But by 1989 SOS was in danger of disappearing, so the ACSC opted to purchase the event for a small fortune, which Dr. Phil likened to "jumping off Grandfather Mountain on a hang glider", since the 5-yr.-old ACSC had no money. Thanks to the commitment of visionaries like Dr. Phil, Ken Hudspeth, Ron Whisenant, Bob Wood, Larry Taylor, and others in the ACSC, SOS has grown into the behemoth dance event it is today: 50 DJs, 10 dance floors, and well over 10,000 dancers-of which you are one if you're heading down to NMB to join the fun! ~MT