

# BSC-Special Olympics Butt Sale, December 12, 2020

For the past 25 years, Burlington Shag Club has enjoyed holding a Benefit Golf Tournament for our Alamance County Special Olympics. It was a win-win-win, in that it provided a chance to raise money for a beloved cause, connect with community outside of our shag club, and just enjoy a great day of golf and lunch together! It has always been a wonderful time that we'd planned to continue for many years to come!

However, COVID and illness had other plans. Stephen Stearns and Jesse Justice, two long-time BSC members have always held this event very close to their hearts. BSC appreciates them BOTH for their support and leadership all those years – thank you, Stephen and Jesse! But this year, Stephen has struggled with his health, and Jesse was ready to 'pass the torch'. With the pandemic threat increasing, we made the difficult decision to cancel this year's tournament.

Naturally, Special Olympics has been negatively affected by COVID. Like many shag clubs, the pandemic has halted all BSC activities, and keeping club members involved has certainly been a challenge! But Baxter Sellars, our Sergeant-at-Arms, presented the idea to resume our annual Boston Butt sale, giving all money raised to Special Olympics. The chance to organize a few members, safely (and distantly) cook some pork was a perfect suggestion! We sold 42 butts, 25+ bottles of sauce, and raised a total of \$1,500! We were also able to visit distantly with fellow members as they stopped by to pick up their butts!

All in all, the early morning fire pit was warm, the weather turned out perfect, and BSC had another memorable, fun, and rewarding time! And, we pulled out the cornhole boards for some 'exercise'! I feel sure this is one benefit that will carry on!! Baxter, thank you for chairing the committee and making this fundraiser so successful. Thank you, Ronnie and Mary Gregory for hosting us. Thanks also to Steve Williamson and Scott Ursery for the use of additional cookers. Thanks to all the helpers that showed up and pitched in. And a **BIG** thanks to everyone that supported by purchasing a butt!

I am so grateful to be a part of this shag community. Sending love and prayers to every ACSC/SOS member, please stay safe. Our dance, music and lifestyle waits just around the corner. Look out, 2021 – you can bet, we'll be coming back soon!!

Kim Sellars  
2020-2021 President  
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