



The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

a member of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC)

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Hampton, Newport News, York County, Poquoson, Williamsburg, Virginia Founded In 2001

President's corner

2022 is well underway and it's already March. Won't be long and we'll all be enjoying the warm Virginia weather of spring and summer. That time of year when picnics, baseball, and outdoor concerts begin; oh and of course the occasional thunderstorm.

What a really good time the Valentine's Dance was. Many thanks to Rick Tvelia and Two Left Feet for handling the decorations and table/seating arrangements. The banquet of food that *everyone* provided was also especially amazing. Thanks to all who contributed and helped to make this event memorable. The greatest appreciation, though, goes out to all of you, and your/our guests, who attended. The success of any club event or activity is not contingent on a single person or persons, but rather all the great people who come together to enjoy and support it.

Speaking of quests at the Valentine's dance, I would like to make special mention of our out-of-town guests Ted and Ann Soter, who were charter members. Several other people who were involved in the start-up of CSC attended the social as well — including Harry and Camille Walthall, Rex and Patti Walker, Mel Hemphill, Carolyn Magness, Barney Mars, Deb Janezeck, and Larry and Cindy Black. It was through their vision and initiative, along with that of several other original members, that Colonial Shag Club was created. In 2021, our club celebrated its 20-year anniversary. Through the years, there have been many, many individuals



that have worked hard at promoting and keeping alive the music, dance, and lifestyle known as Shag Dancing. Our greatest appreciation goes out to all these people. Many, many thanks to each of you!

I mentioned the above because there are so, so many people that contribute to promoting shag dancing. Several are behind the scenes organizing events, holding positions on boards, or simply providing time and support. Others promote shag dancing by participating in dance instruction and dance competitions. There are so many avenues that people contribute to the shag dance community. From time to time, individuals are recognized for their contributions. This year, the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame (VSHOF) will hold their annual dance/induction ceremony on April 9th (see page 2). This will be the first event in two years due to COVID. This event will officially welcome the 2020 inductees into the VSHOF. So, should you happen to see these current CSC members — David Sawyer, Kendall Hockaday, and Stephanie Hockaday — be sure to congratulate them for their achievement. Kudos to each of you.

In closing, I encourage each of you to continue your membership. Contribute when and where you can. Rejoin us at the weekly social... and of course.....Dance, Dance, Dance.

Notable Quote: "Nobody cares if you can't dance. Just get up and dance!" - Martha Graham, American modern dancer & choreographer.

Mike Dyson

CSC President

The beat goes on thanks to out

club board of directors and committees

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Photographer — Alan Michaelis

Social — tbd

Venue negotiations — Joe Mitchell, Jerry Nichols, Harry Walthall

Venue Operations — J R Jones

Ways & Means (50/50 raffle) — J R Jones

Deejay schedule

The deejay for each Saturday night social is announced in the club's weekly *Newsy*

March



7	Barbara Dent	15	Tom House
8	Steve Booth	19	Greg Howell
8	Carolyn Halaut	20	Deb Janezeck
11	Patty Swan	22	John Dent
12	Robert Calloway	22	Jim Frederick
12	Al Lukac	28	Larry Black
14	Lynn Patykula	31	Steva Williams

Virginia Shaggers Hall Of Fame Dance and Induction Ceremony

April 9th

Hopewell Moose Lodge, Hopewell, Virginia

Membership meeting at 11am to be followed by the door opening at 1pm for functions including music, dancing, lunch and dinner buffet, induction ceremony and plenty of dancing till 11PM. (Festivities beginning at 1pm are open to nonmembers as well as members)

Induction ceremony will welcome the 2020 inductees — Bill Boyer, Kendall Hockaday, Stephanie Hockaday, Diane Jessie, Nan Rodio, David Sawyer, Diane Underhill, and Shug Ward.

Advance registration required. See vshof.com website for registration form

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Colonial Shag Club dances every Saturday night

at Two Left Feet Dance Studio

Newport News

Doors open at 5:30pm

shag dance lesson 6-7pm, dancing 7-10pm

\$8 for member of any shag club, otherwise \$10

Proof of Covid vaccination (CDC card) required

CDC guidelines followed

Soda and water provided, Snacks welcomed,

Alcohol permitted

Virginia Beach Shag Club *Mix & Mingle* every Wednesday night at DanceSportVA, Virginia Beach. See VBshagclub.com and the club's Facebook page.

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club social every Friday 6-9:30pm at *Big Woody's* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake. See boogieonthebay.com and the club's Facebook page.

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club shag dance lessons every Tuesday 6-9pm at *Big Woody's* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake. See boogieonthebay.com and the club's Facebook page.

Franklin Shag Club social first and third Wednesday of every month at *Fred's Restaurant* in downtown Franklin. See the club's Facebook page

Richmond Shag Club social every Thursday night 5:30-9:30pm at Meadowbrook Country Club, Richmond

"Open door, open floor"

Two Left Feet Dance Studio (TLF) is open at 8pm every Monday evening to provide you with the opportunity to practice moves you have learned or to improve your dancing. Several experienced club dancers are normally on hand to provide guidance on request. CSC members only. Free, as a courtesy of TLF

Free admittance for first time attending a CSC club social

Anyone* attending a CSC club social for the first time ever gets free admittance for that night

*Applies only to those who live in the Hampton Roads area

Colonial Shag Club

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Through the National FastDance Association, our club dance activities are licensed by:



2022 SOS events in North Myrtle Beach

- Spring Safari April 21- May 1
- Junior SOS..... July 12-17
- Fall Migration September 15-25



Dance party at the club's social on February 12th



Some of CSC's founding members
and original students

CSC Valentines Alan Michaelis 2/12/2022

Some of the people who were involved in the start-up of our club are: (Left to right) Camille Walthall, Harry Walthall Carolyn Magness, Ann Soter, Ted Soter, Debra Janezeck, Barney Mars, Patti Walker, Cindy Black, Rex Walker, and Larry Black. (Harry Walthall, Ann Soter, and Cindy Black were on the original board of directors.)



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Beach Music Cruise-In

May 20-22

on the beach at 30th Street,
Virginia Beach)

Friday

- 7:30-10:30pm, The Swingin' Medallions

Saturday

- Noon-3pm, Main Event
- 3:30-7pm, The Tams
- 7:30-10:30pm, Chairmen of the Board featuring Ken Knox

Sunday

- Noon-3pm, Bill Deal's Original Rhondels
- 3:30pm-6pm. The Embers featuring Craig Woolard



is the theme of
club's Saturday
night social on
March 19

A note from your club photographer



Three years ago, I set off on a protracted journey to help raise the awareness of the Virginia shag clubs within the ACSC (Association of Carolina Shag Clubs) community. I say protracted because the vetting process was more detailed than any paying job I ever applied for. But that was okay, I was determined. It took about six months. I had to submit samples of my work, provide links to photos I had posted on line, provide references from all my clubs, and I had two interviews. Luckily, I was accepted. I had three purposes in mind: contribute to the ACSC community, have fun taking and editing lots of photos, but primarily to make our Virginia clubs more visible. I am happy to report that I am making progress by taking many small steps. During SOS, I am going to all the Virginia club parties, shooting and submitting those photos for publication in the Carefree Times and the ACSC/SOS Facebook page. More Virginia folks are showing up! A couple of times a year, I shoot group photos from all three clubs and put a collage together like the one shown here and submit for posting on the ACSC/SOS Facebook page. Those have been very successful as I see nice comments from many of the Carolina and other state clubs. The group photos show how many shaggers we have in just three or four of the Virginia clubs. So, if you see me up on a ladder waving my arms to get you all out on the dance floor, come on out, smile, and help show that our Virginia clubs are big, healthy, and an integral part of the ACSC community. Smile for the birdie

Alan Michaelis, ACSC/SOS Photographer

