



# The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

## Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

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

August 2024

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

### President's corner

I have always considered June, July, and August to be the three months of summer. I find it hard to believe two thirds of summer is over and only August is left. Summer and the first seven months of 2024 have flown by. We will be heading into the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays before we can blink. That's how it is at this stage of our lives. Days, weeks, and months seem to accelerate each year.



Soon, we will be asking for volunteers to be on next year's board of directors. It is great to come in on Saturday nights to dance, go home, and not think about our club until the next Saturday night. Maybe that's because many of our members have never served on the board and don't have a clue that it takes a good bit of volunteer effort to make the Saturday night dances fun. I always start our board meetings with the following two statements:

- Decisions that we make at this meeting should be in the best interest of all our members and not our own personal agendas.
- We will not always agree with each other on issues discussed at this meeting, so I ask that, if you disagree, please do so respectfully.

We, the 2024 board, have tried very hard to see that we have a lot of fun at our dances and give back to our members as often as we can. We have had several food events this year and hope to continue this as often as we can for the rest of the year.

A party for Janis Grimes will be held at our Saturday night dance on August 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate her selection for induction into the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame. Food will be provided by the party's committee at no cost to our club. We are expecting a large attendance so members should arrive early. Look for more details in a future Newsy. See page 3 for more information about Janis' induction.

Now for a bit of club history. Patti Walker was our club president in 2007. At that time, our club's designation with the IRS had not been completed. Patti worked with attorney

Vaughn Royal, a member of Northern Virginia Shag Club, to submit the necessary paperwork for the Colonial Shag Club to become a 501(c)(7), not-for-profit social club. Many thanks to Vaughn Royal for his help without charging the club for his services. Patti also organized our club's history in chronological order and placed them in binders to be used by future boards for reference. As you may well imagine, this took a lot of time and effort, with help from Rex. Thank you, Patti and Rex, for your personal efforts to put the Colonial Shag Club on a successful journey in 2007.

The Colonial Shag Club has had Menchville House as it's charity since 2002. It has been personally rewarding to me to see some of our members donate part or all of their member drawing and 50/50 winnings to Menchville House. This will help the club more generously support our charity. Speaking of the 50/50 raffle, this and the yearly dues are the only two sources of income for the club. We have no other fund-raising events. We have been extremely fortunate to have some of our members sponsor food events, so the club is doing very well financially with the hopes of giving back to the membership as much and as often as we can.

Hope to see everyone on the dance floor.

Harry

### Board meetings

The Colonial Shag Club board meetings are held at Two Left Feet Dance Studio on the first Saturday of each month at 3:30 pm.

### SOS Fall Migration in North Myrtle Beach

September 12-22

*The beat goes on thanks to our*  
**board of directors and committees**

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**Standing committees**

- Charity* — Judy Chiles
- Dance instruction* — Dwayne Hardy, Jerry Nichols
- Elections* — TBD
- Financial review* — John De Koff, Susan Ross
- Membership* — Bonnie Arms
- Music* — Harry Walthall
- Nominating* — TBD
- Social* — Jo Hardy, Camille Walthall
- Ways & Means (50/50 raffle)*— Bobby Chiles

**Ad hoc committees**

- Birthday cards* — Bonnie Arms
- Communications*

  - Newsletter* — Lloyd Pitzen
  - Newsy* — Dwayne Hardy
  - Social media* (Facebook, Instagram) — Connie Sledd, Harry Walthall
  - Website* — Joe Mitchell

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**Colonial Shag Club dances every Saturday night**

at Two Left Feet Dance Studio, Newport News  
 Doors open at 5pm  
 shag dance lessons 5:30-7pm, dancing 7-10pm  
 \$10 for member of any shag club, otherwise \$12  
 Soda and water provided, Snacks welcomed,  
 Alcohol permitted

**Other shag clubs**

- Virginia Beach Shag Club *Mix & Mingle* every Wednesday night at DanceSportVA, Virginia Beach. See club's Facebook page.
- Boogie on the Bay Shag Club social every Friday 6-9pm at *Woody's* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake. See the club's Facebook page.
- Boogie on the Bay Shag Club shag dance lessons every Tuesday 7-9pm at *Woody's* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake. See 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 Tuesday night at Visions Night Club in Double Tree hotel, Midlothian. Beginner shag classes from 6:30 until 7:15 followed by dancing until 10pm. Line dance lessons second Tuesday of each month
- River City Shag Club social every Wednesday night at Tooley's Tavern at The Boathouse, Elizabeth City, North Carolina. See the club's Facebook page.

**Colonial Shag Club**

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3 Dana Forrest	24 Barbara Elliott
8 Kathy Hardison	24 Wayne Robbins
17 Ron Johnston	25 Ivy Hill
21 Keith D'Bene	26 Carol Miller
21 Lloyd Pitzen	26 Phillip C. Walker
22 Sid Strawderman	27 Terry Abbott
23 Jane Renger	

The following is paraphrased from various shag club websites

## Shag Etiquette

1. It is equally permissible for a woman to ask a man to dance as it is for a man to ask a woman.
2. If you don't want to dance, say "No thank you." Don't dance with someone if you just turned down a request to dance. If someone says "no thanks." do not be persistent — take them at their word.
3. It is not polite to correct your partner on the dance floor.
4. It is not polite to offer instruction to someone in a social dance setting (or in a dance class if you are not the instructor). Unless they ask for help or are hurting you, don't teach. If your partner requests help, kindly take them off to the side away from the other social dancers.
5. Be aware of the dancers around you. It's a fairly accepted practice that, when a collision occurs, apologize, even if it wasn't your fault.
6. Find your spot and keep your slot. The first person on the floor usually has the right to set the slot of the dance. Dance Small! If you require half of the floor in order to do your thing, you need to change your thing.
7. Step off the dance floor if you're not dancing. If you are drinking a beverage, stay off the dance floor.
8. Leaders, when dancing with a less experienced partner, keep the steps simple at first and build to the level that your partner can handle. Leading should be defined as "the art of making your partner comfortable."
9. Leaders, protect your partner. Because you are directing her movement, you need to be sure to protect her safety.
10. Leaders, if you must count and give verbal leads, keep it low enough that just you and your partner can hear. It can confuse those around you.

**Janis Grimes has been selected for induction into the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame.** The induction ceremony will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> in North Myrtle Beach.



The Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame is the original Hall of Fame for shag dancers and is generally considered the most prestigious organization honoring shag dancers who deserve special recognition.

For Janis, this is the crowning achievement of thirty-two years of studying the art of dance, competing, promoting and teaching in the Carolina Shag dance world.

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The Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame came into existence with the first inductees in April 1983. According to its original bylaws, the inductees were chosen from people who had been "on the beach" prior to 1955.

### "Open door, open floor"

Two Left Feet Dance Studio (TLF) is open to members of any shag club every Monday evening, starting at 8pm, to provide you with the opportunity to practice shag steps, learn something new, ask for help, help someone else, and just dance

Free, as a courtesy of TLF

# Outdoor concerts

Wednesdays

## *Live on the Square at Port Warwick*

Newport News, 6-9pm

August

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|----|---------------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 7  | Wonderland                      | 21 | USAF Rhythm in Blue |
| 14 | Anthony Rosana & the Conquerors | 28 | Good Shot Judy      |

## Sunset Thursdays

Festival Park (16 Crawford Circle) Portsmouth

6:30-9pm

August

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| 1  | Hot Cakes (Country, Rock, 70's, 80's, 90's)          |
| 8  | SynHERgi (R&B, Jazz, Motown)                         |
| 15 | People's Choice Band (Old School, R&B, Funk, Top 40) |

Thursdays

## *Sounds of Summer*

at Riverwalk Landing, Yorktown, 6:30-9pm

August

- 1 **Band of Oz**
- 8 Deloreans
- 15 Slapnation

## Suffolk TGIF Summer Concert Series

Bennett's Creek Park

August

- 2: Roberta Lea
- 9: Slapnation
- 16: Anthony Rosano and the Conquerors

Sundays

## *Groovin on the Bay*

Mill Point Park, Hampton, 5-8pm

August

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|----|----------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 4  | J & the Band               | 18 | Brasswind             |
| 11 | The Gentlemen & Their Lady | 25 | The Original Rhondels |

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club

## Shaggers @ Heart

February 7-9, 2025

Holiday Inn, 980 Omni Blvd, Newport News

ticket price: \$130 before November 1; \$140 thereafter

## Registration started on August 1

see [boogieonthebay.com/shagheart](http://boogieonthebay.com/shagheart)

## Save the date

Outer Banks Shag Club

New Year's Eve party

December 30-31

Nags Head, NC