



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

Happy New Year!

Wow! Here we are in January. I am very excited to begin working with your 2025 board as we plan events and activities for our Saturday nights. We have a lot of work to do, and I need your help! However, before we look ahead, I want to thank Harry and the entire 2024 board for their service. I also want to thank the committee chairs and volunteers who helped out on our Saturday nights in 2024.



Looking ahead, we still need some members who are willing to head a committee or lend an extra pair of hands when called upon. I hope some of the past volunteers will continue to help. I believe that when we participate, we feel more connected to the club and we make new friends. Many hands make the work lighter, according to the adage and my mom! Please don't make me call each of you and beg!

We still need a vice president. (Without having elected a vice president for 2025, Bobby Chiles continues to serve in that position temporarily.) To serve as VP, a member must have already served a year on the board and be in good standing. Please consider joining us for 2025!

The board has not yet met to discuss a calendar of future events. Dance lessons, parties, and other special occasions all take planning and helpers! Our first board meeting will be at the time and place shown to the right. We look forward to member input throughout the year and any suggestions will be considered. Board meetings are open to any club member. It is a courtesy to let us know of your intention to attend and if you wish to address the board. It is also a courtesy to The Vineyard to

accommodate seating, if we continue to meet there. (Ordering food or drink would be extra nice!)

We do have a few dates for your calendar. January 25th will be a re-up party. If you have not already joined, please do! The board has not yet voted, but I anticipate that we will celebrate Valentine's Day on February 15th. Winter SOS will be January 16-19, and I will attend the ACSC meeting on the 18th.

Let's make 2025 a great CSC year!

Connie



Board Meeting

January 13th, 6:30pm

at The Vineyard restaurant

Regular members may attend any board meeting but may not participate in board discussions unless recognized by the presiding officer. As a courtesy, let a board member know of your intention to attend and if you wish to address the board.

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

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Charity — Judy Chiles
Dance instruction — Dwayne Hardy, Jerry Nichols
Elections — TBD
Financial review — TBD
Membership — Bonnie Arms
Music — Harry Walthall
Nominating — TBD
Social — TBD
Ways & Means (50/50 raffle)— Bobby Chiles
Birthday cards — Bonnie Arms
Communications
Newsletter — Lloyd Pitzen
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 Hardy, Bobby Chiles



2	Lydia Mugler	13	Susan Ross
4	Rex Walker	21	Bobby Chiles
4	Cal Woolard	25	Lana Nichols
6	Ron Broocks	28	Laverne Barrow
7	Judy Cassani	29	Amy Wagner
7	Dee Fertitta	30	Sue Lugent
9	Janis Grimes	30	Carolyn Magness
11	J. R. Jones		

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.

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“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

For a calendar view of shagging events throughout Hampton Roads and beyond, see boogieonthebay.com/calendar

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

2025 SOS events in North Myrtle Beach

- Mid-Winter January 16-19
- Spring Safari April 24 - May 4
- Fall Migration September 11-21

It’s time to renew your membership

To: Colonial Shag Club members

Unless you renewed, your membership expired at end of 2024. If you do not renew your membership by February 1, 2025, you will have to pay the “new member” rate to get reinstated.

In comparison to prior years, when a new membership card was issued each year, a “2025” sticker will be affixed to your current card.

There are two ways to renew:

- at a Saturday night social — Bonnie Arms typically staffs the “membership table” where you can renew your membership (application form provided). Bring your membership card so that a sticker can be affixed to it.
- by mail — The application form is available on the club’s website and one is distributed with this newsletter. Fill out an application form and mail it to the club (address on page 2) along with the money specified on the form. Make your check payable to Colonial Shag Club or CSC (best not to send cash through the mail). If you include a stamped self-addressed envelope, a sticker will be mailed to you. If you don’t have a membership card, request that a new card be mailed instead of a sticker. Or get the sticker or card from Bonnie at a Saturday night social.

Three members of our shag club family passed away in December 2024



Ron Johnston passed away
December 12th at home, following a
brief battle with Metastatic
Melanoma



Jaime Wood died in a car accident on
December 28th



Jackie Herman passed
away peacefully at home
on December 12th
