



The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

Colonial Shag Club, Inc

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

December 2012

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

...a note from the President

HAPPY HOLIDAYS - - -

Do you have your tickets for the 11th Annual Colonial Shag Club Christmas Party? Time is running out to purchase them, and you will not want to miss the BEST shag club party around. Lana Nichols and I have worked, along with Belinda Gray and Brenda Pollock on decorations, to be sure that every detail is perfect. Jerry Hardy will make sure the sound equipment is there. Our DJs, Jerry Hardy and Greg Howell, are preparing a festive playlist and 'checking it twice.' And the *Cooking Lady* will be preparing one of her famously delicious dinners. See Rosalie Mitchell to purchase your tickets. The cutoff for ticket sales is Saturday, December 8th.

This is also the time to renew your membership for next year or join for the first time if you are new to our club. As described on page 2, personalized renewal forms are being made available. The completed forms can be mailed in or given to Carolyn Felder. Give yourself a gift that lasts all year by joining CSC today.

While we are still eating leftovers from Thanksgiving turkey, it is hard to look ahead to the SOS Midwinter event in North Myrtle Beach in January. But if you are planning to attend the January event or the SOS Spring Safari in April, now is the time to purchase your SOS cards at a reduced price.

Last month in the November newsletter, I began thanking my Committee Chairs for a job well done. I did not mention all of them in the November newsletter, so now I will complete the list and hope that I don't leave anyone out.

The Budget Committee was headed by Rosalie Mitchell. She always handles this position in a positive manner that she feels is best for the club to operate on for the coming year. Thanks, Rosalie, for mastering those numbers one more time.

I put together a Bylaws Committee this year to restyle and reformat our current bylaws along with some changes that need to be implemented because of changes



that are taking place day by day. Joe Mitchell was kind enough to step up and chair this committee and is doing an incredible job. Of course, he has committee members assisting him, and they are Jerry Nichols, Janice McGrew, and Brickey Hughes. Thank you, ALL, for the time and effort in streamlining our bylaws to meet our needs today. I have sat in on these meetings. The Nicholoses were kind enough to open their home so that we could meet and do this in their media room on the big screen TV, and Joe could go in and make changes right there on the spot. Of course, some changes had to be made later because they were involved and needed some time and thought.

Our Historian, Janet Richards, has been gathering data from years past and the Board is getting ready to put all this data on electronic media that we can maintain easier and not have to keep all the paperwork that we had. Technology now has enabled us in our positions on the Board and as Committee Chairs to use electronic media that can be passed on to others year to year. Thank you, Janet Richards and Lana Nichols, for taking the time to ensure that our club history is never lost.

The newsletter editor, Lloyd Pitzen, has done another wonderful job this year putting together, month after month, interesting and informative articles that keep our members informed of everything that is going on in the shag community. I don't know what I would do without Lloyd. He is very tolerant of me when I am running very close on the deadline to get my article in to him so that he can format the newsletter and get it out by the 1st of the month. Lloyd, thanks so very, very much for always being there for me and doing such a great job.

A big thank you to Jerry Nichols and Brickey Hughes for heading the Nominations and Election Committee this year. Once again, you have put together another great slate, and I look forward to working with them in 2013. This process was not easy and a lot of time was spent in reviewing potential candidates who will uphold the best interests of the Colonial Shag Club.

I want everyone that comes to our club to feel welcomed and at home and carry away a positive feeling about the Colonial Shag Club and want to come back the next Saturday night. Donald Ellis, as Hospitality Chair, works

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towards this means for me each week. Thank you, Donald, for a job well done.

Our Christmas Party Decoration Committee this year, Belinda Gray and Brenda Pollock, have been working very hard all year putting together the theme for the decorations for St. Michael Hall and now are putting together the finishing touches for the big night. Thank you, gals, for all your hard work. I know the hall will be beautiful, and I cannot wait to see it as I am sure everyone else cannot wait either.

The Christmas Party Committee this year was headed by Lana Nichols and me. Lana has worked very hard putting together the menu with our caterer, and, between the three of us, we have been tweaking the menu for some time. We finally have the menu finalized. I know that everyone is going to enjoy their dinner on the 15th. Thanks, Lana, for a job well done.

As I write this last newsletter for the year, I find it hard to believe how quickly this year has gone. I thanked half of our Committee Chairs last month in the November newsletter and completed the Committee Chairs list this month. I do want to thank my wonderful Board of Directors, the dance instructors, the DJs, the newsletter and website geniuses, the photographers, the 50/50 volunteers, the Riverwalk team, and so many more. Let's take a quick look back at what we accomplished working together this year.

- We relocated to Amy's Dance Studio and started dancing there the first Saturday in January 2012.
- We continue to offer free dance lessons on Saturday nights.
- We held another successful summer series of Riverwalk evenings introducing the community to shag dancing.
- We had a Pizza Party with sides of a salad and many delicious desserts.
- We continue the weekly member drawing.
- We continue the birthday drawing for a year's membership.
- We continue to support our club charity with a successful charity event.
- We have increased our membership to: Regular Members at 266 and Associate Members at 156 for a total club membership of 422
- We are in the process of rewriting parts of our bylaws for the good of the club.

Perhaps even more importantly, our sense of family and friendship was always evident as we grieved for a lost member (Burt Dumas) and for those who lost loved ones this year.

Obviously, all this would not have been successful without the dedication and hard work of our committees and our Board of Directors. There are many people who deserve a THANK YOU, but most of all I wish to THANK THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, who are dedicated SHAG DANCE enthusiasts, interested in seeing that our club grows and prospers, and that our decisions are always made with our membership interest in mind.

It has been a pleasure serving you as club president this year. Donald and I thank all of you for making this the best year ever for the Colonial Shag Club, and we wish a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS, and HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and your families.

See ya on the Dance Floor - - - -

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It's time to renew your membership

(for "Regular" memberships)

Regular members

Memberships expire at the end of the year with a renewal grace period through January 31st. A personalized renewal form (i.e., prefilled with your name, etc.) has been sent to your email address, if the club has your email address on file. Also, such a form is included in each postal-mailed December newsletter.

Personalized renewed forms will also be available at Saturday night socials. So, if you plan to attend a social before the end of January, the easiest way to renew is to fill out the form and pay the dues at the social.

Associate members

If you are an associate member, your membership expires at the end of the year. Upon attending your first social event in year 2013, you will be asked to enroll again as an associate member or enroll as a regular member.

**2013 SOS Cards can be purchased
from Rosalie Mitchell**

The beat goes on thanks to our

Club board of directors and committees

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Committees

Audit — Carol Miller
Budget — Rosalie Mitchell
Beverage — Ed Hardy
Bylaws — Joe Mitchell
Cards — Sharon Hooks
Charity event — Linda Coolican
Christmas party — Carolyn Freeman, Lana Nichols
Christmas party decorations — Belinda Gray, Brenda Pollock
Dance Development — Jerry Nichols
Facebook — Lisa Jones
Historian — Janet Richards
Hospitality — Donald Ellis
Membership and Communications — Carolyn Felder
Music/DJs — Jerry Hardy
Name tags — Mel Hemphill
Newsletter — Lloyd Pitzen
Nominations and elections — Jerry Nichols, Brickey Hughes
Photographer — David Miller
Riverwalk events — Carolyn Felder, Dottie Carpenter, Janice McGrew, Ed Hardy
Social Events — Sheila Jones
Ways & Means — Brickey Hughes
Web Page — Joe Mitchell

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the music goes on thanks to our colonial tunesmiths

December

1 Jerry Hardy
8 Lloyd Pitzen

15 Christmas party - Greg Howell & Jerry Hardy
22 Greg Howell

December



2 Karen MacDougall	16 Marilyn Eubank
2 Bob Williams	16 Peggy Hemphill
2 Joey Braudrick	18 Lynda Gumnick
6 Eleanor Schwartz	22 Jimmy Jones
6 Penny Fetters	25 Anne Rutherford
7 Janice McGrew	26 Harold Hairston
9 Hal Lare	26 Belinda Gray
14 Michael Zarecky	27 Renee Lare
14 Maria Cromwell	27 Jean Miller
15 Angela Howell	28 Jerry Nichols
15 Mary Ashley	30 Su Cha Crockett
16 Delaine Milton	

No Saturday night social at Amy's on December 15th (due to CSC Christmas party)

No Saturday night social on December 29th



Best wishes to Connie Abernathy as she moves to the Charlotte area. Connie expects to start the new year living in the Charlotte area near her family (especially her new grandchild).

Format for dance lessons at Saturday night club social (6-7pm)

Lessons are on a two-month cycle starting the first Saturday of every odd number month. The cycle consists of six progressive lessons, each with a planned syllabus. The syllabus for the seventh, eighth, and ninth week (if there is one) may vary with each cycle.

3 Dec 1	Review Previous Week, Crossover Basic. Cuddle-up with lead out (1/2 CCW). Trail with Lead out as above.
4 Dec 8	Review previous week, continue footwork mods, kick-ball-change. Tuck turn from <i>Starter step</i> and from <i>Cuddle up</i> . Option move: Male/female free spin in place (butt-roll)
5 Dec 22	Review Previous Week, Shuffle Step. Open Tuck Turn, (push Turn). Halo Turn. Both stay in place while doing both turn
1 Jan 5	— beginners start here — Shag Basic and the Female turn
2 Jan 12	— last chance for beginners to start — Review Previous Week. Male Turn and the Starter Step. Starter Step Lead Out with 1/2 CCW Turn Back to open position for Lady
3 Jan 19	Review Previous Week, Crossover Basic. Cuddle-up with lead out (1/2 CCW). Trail with Lead out as above.
4 Jan 26	Review previous week, continue footwork mods, kick-ball-change. Tuck turn from <i>Starter step</i> and from <i>Cuddle up</i> . Option move: Male/female free spin in place (butt-roll)



Jerry and Lana Nichols for teaching November and December lessons

Tim Miller and **Janet Richards** will teach January and February lessons

Our Events

Club social — Saturdays 6-10pm at Amy’s Dance Studio, Hidenwood Shopping Center, Newport News
 Lessons 6-7pm. Dancing to DJ music 7-10pm
 Cover charge — \$5 regular member, \$7 associate member (see page 6 for explanation of “member”)
 You may bring your own beverage and snacks (including beer, wine, and alcohol.)

December 15 — Christmas dinner/dance

Other Shag Dance Events

Va. Beach Shag Club *Mix & Mingle* Wednesdays At Upper Deck Restaurant, Virginia Beach — includes lessons

Boogie On the Bay Shag Club social — Sunday nights at *Big Woody’s* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake

Lessons by Boogie on the Bay Shag Club instructors Tom Edwards and Marsha Ruth — every Monday night at *Big Woody’s* in Chesapeake Square Mall

December 30- January 1, OBX Shag Club New Years Eve party at the Comfort Inn South in Nags Head

January 18-20, SOS *Mid-winter* event on North Myrtle Beach

April 12-21, SOS *Spring Safari* event on North Myrtle Beach



Our “Get Well” thoughts go to

- Bob McKisson
- Brian Eubank
- Deborah MacKeown

Fellow Colonial Shag Club Members,

My sister's death was sudden, unexpected, and occurred under tragic circumstances. My brother and I had to deal with things that we never thought we would have to deal with. Thanks to a loving Lord and a wonderful extended family called the Colonial Shag Club, I am getting on with life. I thank you all for your kind thoughts, prayers, words, and cards.

Sincerely,
 Mel Hemphill (and Peggy!)

2012 Carolina Beach Music Awards

- ◇ Female Vocalist — **Rhonda McDaniel**
- ◇ Male Vocalist — **Craig Woolard**
- ◇ Instrumentalist — **Adam Barber** — drums
(Craig Woolard Band)
- ◇ Group Of The Year — **Band Of Oz**
- ◇ Song of the Year — ***I can't think*** — Band of Oz
- ◇ Favorite New Artist — **Steve Owens and
Summertime**
- ◇ National Dance Song — ***The Walk*** — Mayer
Hawthorne
- ◇ Group Album of the year — ***Main Street People***
— Craig Woolard Band
- ◇ Solo Album of the year — ***Where The Boys Are***
— Rhonda McDaniel
- ◇ Entertainer of the year — **Jim Quick**
- ◇ Smoothie of the year — ***Smooth Sailin'*** —
Holiday Band
- ◇ Compilation Album of the year — ***Stepping Out
Tonight*** — KHP Music
- ◇ Blues Song — ***Harlem Shuffle*** — Craig Woolard
Band
- ◇ Blues Album — ***I'm Just Saying*** — Castaways
- ◇ Collaboration or Duo — ***Old Friends*** — Phil
Wilson and Jackie Gore

Enjoy dinner, dancing, and fellowship
at the

Colonial Shag Club Christmas party

**Saturday, December 15, 2012
7-11pm**

**Saint Michael Hall, 144 Harpersville Rd,
Newport News**

Appetizers, dinner, and dessert catered by
The Cooking Lady.

Music provided by our club deejays
throughout the evening

BYOB, set ups available

Ticket price

After Nov 16:

\$40 Regular Member, \$45 Associate Member*
No tickets sold after December 8. No Refunds

Tickets can be purchased at the Saturday night
socials or mail check and return self-addressed,
postage-paid envelope to:

CSC, PO Box 12104, Newport News, VA 23612

All tickets must be paid for before the Christmas
party.

Contacts:

Carolyn Freeman 757-817-2970

Rosalie Mitchell 757-898-7229

* If you are not a member, you can enroll as a
Regular or Associate member when purchasing ticket.
There is a Regular member enrollment fee. There is no
Associate member enrollment fee.



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**at Upper Deck restaurant
Sunday December 9,**

4-9pm

good tunes. good food

16th & Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach

422-0535

New Years Eve party at Upper Deck — Coolin Out band



to **Joe and Rosalie Mitchell** for their respective election into the *Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame*. Induction ceremony will be in March 2013

CSC Board Meetings are scheduled as follows:

7-9pm

- Monday, December 10

Held in the café in Tribeca in the Newport News Omni Hotel

at the Banque

Ocean Breeze Band

Beach music and shag dancing

December 2
December 9
December 16

Doors and kitchen open at 5pm

Deejays, Larry and Cindy Black, start spinning tunes at 5:30

Band starts at 6:30

The Banque

1849 E. Little Creek rd.
Norfolk
757-480-3600

Colonial Shag Club

For latest information on events, visit www.colonialshagclub.com or our Facebook page

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



to **Faye Ratcliff** for her induction into National Living Legends of Dance

shag dance to a deejay Gary "US" Barnes spinning the tunes on Friday nights starting at 6pm

at

Upper Deck restaurant

16th & Atlantic, Virginia Beach
757-422-0535

Are Colonial Shag Club events (e.g., Saturday night socials and Christmas party) open to the public?

The events are open only to members; however, a nonmember may simply show up at the door, enroll as a regular member or associate member at that time, pay the admission fee, and dance the night away.

There are two membership types

- *Regular* – pay \$20 enrollment fee once a year (prorated for remainder of the first calendar year) and \$5 initiation fee first year. \$5 admission fee to each Saturday night social
- *Associate* – no enrollment fee. Merely fill out a form with name, etc. at the first event attended each year. \$7 admission fee to each Saturday night social