



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

a note from the club President

April is always a busy month for shaggers. On Sunday, April 10th, the Colonial Shag Club hosted the first Junior Shag event at the Two Left Feet Dance Studio. Juniors from the Virginia Beach Shag Club and the Boogie on the Bay Shag Club joined juniors from the Peninsula to see what shag dancing is all about. This is the first time that I can recall all three clubs getting together to have an event of any kind, although in 2003 the Colonial Shag Club and Boogie on the Bay Shag Club had a weekend event in Hampton. I feel we have forged a new alliance with our sister clubs and hope this will continue into the future. The Colonial Shag Club has only been existence since 2001 and both the Virginia Beach and Boogie on the Bay Shag Clubs have been around much longer. It is personally very rewarding to me to see the other clubs now accept us as a real shag club. I have become close friends with Doug Mendez, President of Boogie on the Bay and Jim Crutchfield, President of Virginia Beach Shag Club and the three of us frequently discuss the operations of our clubs and promoting the Junior program in the Tidewater area. Working together can only make our individual shag clubs stronger. After all, we all want to promote our music and the dance we love so much.

On Wednesday, April 13th, a group of fifteen juniors from Hampton Roads Academy came back to the dance studio to take an additional shag lesson so they could shag dance at their prom on the upcoming weekend. Joe Mitchell, our Junior Program Chairman; Rick Tvelia, studio owner; and Tom Edwards, Junior Dance Instructor, were there for over two hours to help these juniors learn to shag dance. Our next Junior Event will be on Saturday May 7th from 3 to 5 pm at the Two Left Feet Dance Studio. If you know of any juniors who may be interested in learning to shag dance, please let them



know about our upcoming event on Saturday.

As I stated earlier, April was a busy month for shaggers. Mainly because it was the month that thousands of shaggers flocked to North Myrtle Beach for ten days of the SOS Spring Safari. There will be another ten day SOS event known as the Fall Migration in September. The big event at the spring SOS every year is the SOS Parade down Main Street on the last Saturday of the event. At the Fall SOS every year, there are the Fun Sunday and Fun Monday events where top beach music bands play music outdoors for our listening enjoyment. There are lots of places to eat, lots of places to shop, and lots of places to dance during the SOS events. Almost every afternoon and evening, there are top beach music bands playing in one of the clubs. There are also lots of opportunities to take a dance lesson at a shag workshop provided by several of the well known shag dance professionals. If you haven't been to a SOS event, talk to one of our members who have, because the Colonial Shag Club was well represented at this spring's SOS.

Hope to see you on the dance floor on Saturday nights.

Harry



The beat goes on thanks to our

club board of directors and committees

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the music goes on thanks to our colonial tunesmiths

May

7 Greg Howell

21 Lloyd Pitzen

14 Jerry Hardy

28 Larry Black

May



5 Susan Akins

25 Jerry Canada

9 Pam G. Deihl

27 Sam Compton

14 Lorraine Jackson

28 Alan Michaelis

14 Deborah Federico

31 Oscar Ward

14 Diane Capps

31 George Joyner

20 Dwight Hash

31 Fred Green

2016 SOS events

in North Myrtle Beach unless otherwise specified

- July 8-10 **Summer Workshop** (in Columbia, South Carolina)
- July 12-17 **Junior SOS**
- September 16-25 **Fall Migration**

Board Meetings

Typically, a board meeting is held the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Tabb Library in Yorktown. If interested in attending any particular board meeting, check with a board member for exact time and location.

Any regular member is welcome to attend a board meeting as a "visitor."

Dance lessons at the club's Saturday night socials
6-7pm

- Beginner shag dance lessons each week of each **odd-numbered** month. The lessons are progressive — starting with the basic steps and adding a few turns/moves in the following weeks.
- Intermediate shag dance lessons each week of each **even-numbered** month. The subject of each lesson is chosen by the instructors.

Tim Miller and Janet Richards are teaching beginner lessons in May

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Our Events

Club social — Saturdays 6-10pm at Two Left Feet Dance Studio in Fairway Plaza Shopping Center, 1405 Kiln Creek Parkway, Newport News.

Lessons 6-7pm. Dancing to deejay music 7-10pm

Cover charge — \$5 regular member, \$7 everyone else
You may bring your own beverage and snacks (including beer, wine, and alcohol)

Other Shag Dance Events

Va. Beach Shag Club *Mix & Mingle* Tuesdays at The Banque, Norfolk. See VBshagclub.com

Boogie On the Bay Shag Club social — Friday 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 Tuesday night at *Big Woody's* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake, 7-9pm

Northern Neck Shaggers — dancing every Thursday night at *KC's Crabs and Cues* on Rt. 200 a few miles north of Kilmarnock, Virginia. Deejay Greg Howell. See *Northern Neck Shaggers* on Facebook

River City Shag Club — dinner and dance every second Saturday of the month — lessons and dance every Wednesday — at the Pines in Elizabeth City. See rivercityshagclubinc.com

2 for Fun band

at Virginia Beach Shag Club social
May 10

\$8 Virginia Beach Shag Club members
\$11 others

Advanced beginner lesson 6:30-7
Band 7:00

The Banque
1849 East Little Creek Road, Norfolk

Event for Junior Shaggers

Lessons and dancing

Saturday, May 7th, 3-5pm

at Two Left Feet Dance Studio

405 Kiln Creek Parkway

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Free

No experience necessary

Lessons by Tom Edwards.

This event is organized by the Tidewater Area Shag Clubs (Colonial Shag Club, Boogie On The Bay Shag Club, and Virginia Beach Shag Club)

This is a great opportunity for kids to get involved in a wholesome, positive, active program that allows them to develop skills, make friends, and achieve expertise that is limited only by the effort of the individual. If you have children/grand children/great-grand children that fit the age requirements, consider giving them this opportunity to experience an activity that can be done year-round, inside or outside, and from ages 6 through 86.

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“Junior” means under 21 years old

Beach Music Cruise-in Weekend 30th St Stage on the beach - Virginia Beach May 12-15

Thursday

- 7-11pm — The Original Rhondels at Neptune's restaurant - ticketed event \$

Friday

- 7:30pm — The Embers featuring Craig Woolard

Saturday

- 12:30-3:30pm — The Entertainers
- 4-7pm — Ammon's Allstars
- 7:45-10:30pm — The Tams

Sunday

- Noon-3pm — Coolin Out
- 3-6pm — Band of Oz

(All are on the beach and free except Thursday)

See beachstreetusa.com/festivals/beach-music-cruise

Boogie on the Bay Shag club

presents

Junebug Boogie Workshop, dinner, dance

Saturday, June 25

Eagles Club

521 Maple St., Chesapeake

Workshop instructors:
Craig and Heather Jennings

Music by deejay Harvey Taylor

Doors open 3:00,

Intermediate workshop 3:30-4:15

A Step Above Basic 4:30-5:15

Dinner 6:00-7:00, dance 7:00-10:00

Tickets \$20

BYOB

Snacks, setups, BBQ and chicken provided

Last name A-J: bring an appetizer to share.

Last name K-Z: bring a dessert to share

For more info, see boogieonthebay.com

at The Banque

Sunday, May 22

Steve Owens and Summertime band

Doors open at 4pm. Deejay at 4:45.
Band starts at 5:30

\$15 per person

1849 East Little Creek Road, Norfolk
757-480-3600



Outdoor concerts

Wednesdays

Live on the Square at Port Warwick

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6-9pm

May

- 18 Deloreans
- 25 Right On

June

- 1 Jackie Scott & Housewreckers
- 8 Hotcakes
- 15 Jackass Flats
- 22 Party Fins
- 29 US Air Force Concert Band

and more

Fridays

Paradise Ocean Club

at Fort Monroe
(\$ cover charge)
6:30-10:30pm

May

- 6 Slapnation
- 13 J & The Band
- 20 Heather Edwards Band
- 27 Janitors

June

- 3 Slapnation
- 10 River Boyz
- 24 Tidewater Drive



Thursdays by the Lake

Mariners' Museum
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6-10pm

June

- 2 Deloreans
- 9 Snackbar Jones
- 16 Wonderland
- 23 Audio Sauce
- 30 Slapnation

and more

Sundays

Groovin' by the Bay

Buckroe Beach, Hampton

June 19 - August 14

June 19 Slapnation

Other bands to be announced

Fridays

TGOV

(Thank Goodness Ocean View)
Norfolk
6-9:30pm

July

- 1 Mark Roberts Band (and fireworks at 9:30)
- 8 Tidewater Drive
- 15 Powerplay
- 22 Deloreans
- 29 Janitors

August

- 5 J & The Band
- 12 Strictly Bizzness

Fridays

City Center Fountain Park

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6-9pm

June

- 3 Snackbar Jones
- 10 Little Country
- 17 English Channel
- 24 Strictly Bizzness

and more

Thursdays

Shagging On The Riverwalk

Yorktown
6:30-9:30pm

June

- 2 The Holiday Band
- 9 Band of Oz
- 16 Soul Intent
- 23 Coolin Out

July

- 7 The Main Event
- 14 Original Rhondels
- 21 Mark Roberts Band

Fridays

We Be Jammin' Barrett's Landing

Franklin
6-10pm

May

- 26 Island Boy

June

- 2 Hickory Knoll
- 9 Pop Wire
- 16 Steve Owens & the Summertime
- 23 Strictly Bizzness
- 30 TFC Band

and more