



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

Can you believe that we are starting the second half of 2016? Where did the first six months go? The title of one of my favorite country songs, *Funny How Time Slips Away*, pretty well says it all.

It is now time to remind everyone just how fortunate the Colonial Shag Club is to have so many members who volunteer their time to help make our club successful. I want to start with the Board of Directors.

Vice President Janice McGrew has been on the board since 2012, first as Recording Secretary and then as Vice President. Janice is someone whom we can always count on to have a well thought out position on issues pertaining to the club.

Rosalie Mitchell is our Recording Secretary this year but was Treasurer for several years until she took a year off in 2015. Rosalie has helped guide the club in becoming a real business after losing Tribeca as a venue at the end of 2013.

Mel Hemphill is serving his second year as Treasurer, which has become a job that demands a lot of personal time.

Michel Guida is serving his second year on the board and first year as Recording Secretary. Along with all of Michael's personal endeavors, he has stepped into a job that in the past was filled by female members and has done an excellent job.

Our board has four Directors at Large whose job is to provide additional viewpoints at board meetings on policy discussions and perform duties assigned by the President.

J. R. Jones has served as a Director at Large for at least three years and has accepted the job as Venue



Operations Chair since we started dancing at St. Stephen's Church in February 2014. I cannot begin to tell you just how grateful I am to have J. R. assume this very demanding position.

Tom Monahan, Colette Quinn, and Joe Mitchell are serving their first terms on the board as Directors at Large. All have provided thoughtful viewpoints at board meetings and helped promote the club and the Carolina Shag. Joe Mitchell has also been the club's webmaster for most of the years that we have had a website. This too is a very busy job of keeping the website updated with current information and making it a site that people enjoy visiting.

We should also remember the club's deejays who volunteer to play for our dances on Saturday nights. Our club is so very fortunate to have five regular deejays and several backup deejays. All of our regular deejays are members of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DeeJays (ABSCDJ). Our club deejays are frequently sought after to play for other shag clubs and social events. All of our regular deejays got their start by playing for our club and have become some of the best in the ACSC. Please don't forget to thank our board members, deejays, and committee chairs for their volunteer service to the Colonial Shag Club.

Happy 4th of July

Harry



The beat goes on thanks to our to our

club board of directors and committees

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the music goes on thanks to our colonial tunesmiths

June

2 Lloyd Pitzen

9 Cindy Black

16 Jerry Hardy

23 David Miller

30 Greg Howell

July



3 Camille Walthall

7 Docia McKean

7 Don Ligon

8 Nancy Thomsen-Urban

9 Mary Beth Leavitt

10 Warren Crusenberry

12 Susan Turner

14 Sandy Stewart

15 Edward Matheson

15 Ronnie Saunders

16 Tim Kroskey

18 Deborah Smith

19 Al Sledd

27 Karen Ward

28 Marion Butsavege

29 Wayne Tate



For a comprehensive listing
of live band performances in
Hampton Roads
see meona.net

Board Meetings

The monthly board meeting will be held June 13th at 6:30pm at the Tabb Library in Yorktown.

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.

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

Colonial Shag Club

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Go to shagquest.com

What's going on beyond Hampton Roads?

Go to shagtour.com

For your Beach Music listening pleasure ...

Larry's Beach Party" Live radio show - WFOS 88.7 FM - Saturdays from noon to 4pm. Listen on line at www.cpschools.com (select WFOS Live Radio).



Beach music at a country bar. What's up with that?



Beach music at a country bar has been going on for several years at The Banque in Norfolk on one or two Sundays a month and, then more recently, with the Virginia Beach Shag Club nestling their weekly socials into the The Banque on Tuesday nights.

There may be a new *beach music at a country bar* venue in town, judging from the Band of Oz rocking the *Eagles' Nest Rockin' Country Bar* in Chesapeake on June 25th.

Band of Oz at Eagles' Nest brought the feeling of the Spanish Galleon during a North Myrtle Beach SOS to Hampton Roads – except with a bull. There is something to be said for having one's 'space' with generous seating space and a large dance floor at The Banque. There is also something to be said for being somewhat crowded such that mixing and mingling and the festive spirit run unbridled as it did at Eagles' Nest.

Beach music at a country bar on a Sunday is a win-win for the bar and for the shagging community. The country bars, for the most part, have a young crowd enjoying the country music and staying out late on Saturday nights – so, Sunday is a dead day – the mainstay patrons are recuperating before going back to work on Monday.

Sunday shagging is a story told in the Young Rascals tune, *Groovin on a Sunday afternoon*, released in 1967 – *All those happy people we could meet just groovin' on a Sunday afternoon*. A remake of that tune by Wilson Pickett frequently fuels a tush-push at shagging events

Do not know if the Eagles' Nest event will go down in history as a on-time event or if it was intended to test the waters and may lead to more. If it was a test, it looked to be successful - with the attendance of 240 beach music enthusiasts. In a sense, it had some flavor of a *Steppin' Out reunion* being there were some faces that have rarely been seen out and about since *Steppin' Out* closed several years ago.

.....Lloyd Pitzen

at The Banque

Great!

Sunday, July 24

Black Water Rhythm and Blues Band

Sunday, August 7

The Fantastic Shakers

Doors open at 4. DeeJay at 4:45.

Band starts at 6

\$15

1849 East Little Creek Road, Norfolk
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June meandered through Riverwalk Landing with no rainouts for the Shagging on the Riverwalk events.

The **Holiday Band** kicked off the eleventh season with good weather. With a new member since last summer, the band's vocal capability is improved. The new member, Chase Given, hit the high note in *Lady Soul*. This was the first time that I heard a live band do David Bowie's *Let's dance* – they did it well.

The **Band of Oz** permeated great weather with great music — no rain, not hot, not humid. When it comes to being part of the annual event, the Band of Oz is a perennial. In past years, the Band of Oz bus frequently brought drizzling rain or hot and humid with it from Raleigh. As usual, Band of Oz drew beach music enthusiasts from places such as Raleigh, Franklin, and Virginia Beach. In response to “one more, one more,” the band smoothly lowered dancers' adrenalin, after getting them to bang bang on the door of the B52's *Love Shack*, by posing the question, *birds fly somewhere over the rainbow, why can't I?*

Soul Intent, a local band, also enjoyed good weather until an impending storm shut it down at 9:00 — but, by then, they had started early and already fed the concert-goers with a generous helping of tunes. The Soul Intent band formed a little more than a year ago and is made of seasoned musicians who played with various bands that have come and gone over the years in Hampton Roads, such as the Sting Rays.

Coolin' Out, also a local band, played through a few drops of rain — but, all things considered, a few drops of cool rain was better than stinking hot with no breeze.

We look forward to three more — **The Main Event** out of North Carolina; the **Original Rhondels**, a local band including a few musicians who played with Bill Deal in the 60's; and **Wallstreet**, out of New Jersey.

Wallstreet is new to the Yorktown venue. Wallstreet was booked after the Mark Roberts Band, out of Myrtle Beach, canceled some of these summer engagements – including Yorktown and the Ocean View Norfolk (July 3). Checkout the Youtubes of Wallstreet's *The Little Things* and *He and She*.

Shag, swing, line dancing every Wednesday night

6–10 pm

Royal Courtyard

329 Birchwood Park Dr, Virginia Beach

deejay: Jerry Hardy

free beginner shag dance lessons

Shag dancing every Thursday and almost every Sunday night

at

Mario's Italian Restaurant/Nick's Too Lounge

611 Airline Blvd, Portsmouth

starts at 6pm

deejay Jerry Canada

Get the latest info on our club
events, go to

Colonialshagclub.com



Larry and Cindy Black, on behalf of Colonial Shag Club, giving lessons in the street at a Shagging on the Riverwalk event. Judging from the enthusiastic attendance, it was as if Larry and Cindy had magical flutes – with Bluetooth capability.



Outdoor concerts

Wednesdays

Live on the Square at Port Warwick

Newport News
6-9pm

July

- 6 Forte Jazz Band (jazz)
- 13 Seth Stainback and Roosterfoot (Southern Bland original blues/country and rock)
- 20 Slapnation
- 27 The Wampler Brothers

August

- 3 Bucksoot (country)
- 10 Tidewater Drive (oldies/disco/Motown/funk)
- 17 Trademark (mix)
- 24 Tumbao Sapsero (latin)

31 Band of Oz

Sundays

Groovin' by the Bay

Buckroe Beach, Hampton
6-9pm

July

- 10 TFC
- 17 Janitors
- 24 J & The Band
- 31 Coolin' Out

August

- 7 Soul Intent
- 14 Rare Mixx

part of

American Music Festival

Virginia Beach

Sunday, Sept 4th
17th Street stage

The Entertainers

Thursdays by the Lake

Mariners' Museum
Newport News
6-10pm

July

- 7 Borderline Crazy
- 14 Hey Hey Hooligan
- 21 Fuzz Band
- 28 Party Fins

August

- 4 Deloreans
- 11 Butter
- 18 Pop Wire
- 25 Hey Hey Hooligan

Fridays

TGOV

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

July

- 1 Coolin' Out (and fireworks at 9:30)
- 8 Tidewater Drive
- 15 Powerplay
- 22 Deloreans
- 29 Janitors

August

- 5 J & The Band
- 12 Strictly Bizzness
- 19 Original Rhondels

Paradise Ocean Club

at Fort Monroe
(\$ cover charge)
July 8, 6:30-10:30pm

Bill Deal's Original Rhondels

Fridays

City Center Fountain Park

Newport News
6-9pm

July

- 3 Fuzz Band
- 8 Deloreans
- 15 Party Fins
- 22 Slapnation
- 29 Borderline Crazy

August

- 5 Wonderland
- 12 Seth Stainback and Roosterfoot
- 19 Romanta
- 25 Slapnation

Thursdays

We Be Jammin' Barrett's Landing

Franklin
6-10pm

July

- 7 Black Water Rhythm & Blues
- 14 Feature Attraction
- 21 Moonshine
- 28 TFC Band

August

- 4 Strictly Bizzness
- 18 Hickory Knoll
- 25 Silver Street

September

- 1 Gary Lowder & Smokin Hot

Shagging on the Riverwalk

Yorktown
6:30-9:30pm

July

- 7 The Main Event
- 14 Original Rhondels
- 21 Wallstreet

Event weather hotline
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