



# The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

**Colonial Shag Club, Inc.**

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

September 2016

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

## a note from the club President

Well, it looks like summer is almost over. Labor Day usually marks the end of summer and the beginning of the fall season. I can't say I'll miss the hot humid weather, but I'm certainly not looking forward to hurricane season.



Speaking of fall, SOS – also known as Fall Migration at North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina – is just around the corner. SOS starts on Friday September 16th and ends on Sunday September 25th. That's ten days of shagging, socializing, time on the beach, eating, and shopping. At least that's what most shaggers do during those ten days. Fall SOS also has *Fun Sunday* and *Fun Monday* with beach music bands playing outdoors for your entertainment. Fun Monday is the really big day when the city of North Myrtle Beach blocks off the lower end of Main Street and sets up a portable stage for the bands to use. Typically, shaggers fill the street with portable chairs and just sit back and enjoy some of the best beach music found anywhere. The sidewalks are so crowded on Fun Monday that it becomes very difficult to even move. Also, during Fun Monday, the SOS Committee draws raffle tickets for the top prize of \$7,500 and other prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, and \$250. You don't have to be present to win. For those of you who have never experienced SOS, it can be a little overwhelming and my advice is to pace yourself. Dancing at the clubs is a must-do experience, but to watch other shaggers dance is well worth the admission. Don't forget there are workshops, put on by some of the top shag dancers in the country, that are worth taking to learn new steps and moves. Some of the dance clubs will also have free band concerts throughout the entire ten days. By all means pick up a copy of the *SOS Carefree Times* when you arrive. This will

give you information on location and time bands are playing, deejay play schedules, lots of information on the ACSC and SOS Board of Directors, and much more. Also, don't forget that the Virginia Free Pour Party will be at Ducks on Friday September 23rd from 1 to 4pm with food provided by Ducks starting at 1:30pm. The cost to Colonial Shag Club Regular Members will be \$10 per person, which is a bargain. Music will be provided by deejays from Virginia Shag Clubs and our own Jerry Hardy and Larry and Cindy Black will pull some time in the deejay booth.

There is a lot going on this fall at the Colonial Shag Club. With the election of the Board of Directors to be held in November, the Nominations Committee is seeking nominees to run for the nine board positions. If you have a desire to help the club by being on the Board of Directors, please see any of Nominations Committee members. They are chairperson Colette Quinn and committee members Janice McGrew, Kim Downing, Bob McCreary, and Brickey Hughes.

Let's pray that the hurricanes stay well out in the Atlantic Ocean and away from the United States.

*Harry*

## 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."

# The beat goes on thanks to our to our

## club board of directors and committees

### Directors and Officers

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*Beverage* — Don Krause

*Cards* — Diane Capps

*Charity* — Linda Coolican

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*Christmas party decorations* — Sheila Kerr-Jones

*Communications*

*Newsletter* — Lloyd Pitzen

*Social Media* (Facebook) — Lisa Jones

*Website* — Joe Mitchell

*Dance instruction* — Darla Frederick

*Elections* — TBD

*Historian* — TBD

*Hospitality* — Dee & Deb Fertitta

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*Music* — Harry Walthall

*Nominating* — Colette Quinn (chair), Janice McGrew, Kim  
Downing, Bob McCreary, Brickey Hughes

*Photographer* — Heldur Liivak

*Riverwalk events* — Carolyn Felder

*Social* — Elena Gilmore

*Venue Operations* — J R Jones

*Ways & Means (50/50 raffle)*— Janie Tompkins

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Club members.

Editor: Lloyd Pitzen, newsletter@colonialshagclub.com

# the music goes on thanks to our colonial tunesmiths

## September

3 Jerry Hardy

17 Greg Howell

10 Larry Black

24 Greg Howell

# September



1 Carol Mitchell

20 Dennis Botkin

2 Carmen Rowell

21 Robbin Martin

3 Donald Ellis

21 Eileen Monahan

3 Rick George

22 Carolyn Taylor

7 Rosalie Mitchell

22 Linda Coolican

9 Carol Smith

23 Ray Paul

11 Louis Federico

25 Jay Gwaltney

11 Catharine Moore

26 Janet Richards

11 Harry Walthall

27 Edward Land

14 Robert Smith

29 David Sawyer

17 Rick Underhill

30 Colette Quinn

18 Cindy Black



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.
- 'Beyond basic' shag dance lessons each week of each **even-numbered** month. The subject of each lesson is chosen by the instructors.

**Mel and Peggie Hemphill** are teaching September beginner lessons

**Colonial Shag Club**

A Proud Member  
Of The:



Colonial Shag Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 12104  
Newport News, VA 23612-2104

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



**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

***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](http://rivercityshagclubinc.com)

Where to shag dance in Hampton Roads?

Go to [shagquest.com](http://shagquest.com)

What's going on beyond Hampton Roads?

Go to [shagtour.com](http://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](http://www.cpschools.com) (select WFOS Live Radio).

## Going to SOS? Want to hear a live band?

### Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>

- 2001 Niteclub – *Black Water Rhythm and Blues* 9:30-

### Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>

- Spanish Galleon — *Fantastic Shakers* 8:30-
- Fat Harold's — *The Entertainers* 2-6
- 2001 Niteclub – *Black Water Rhythm and Blues* 9:30-

### Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>

- Spanish Galleon — *Band of Oz* 8:30-
- Fat Harold's — *Fantastic Shakers*, 2-6pm
- 2001 Niteclub–*Holiday Band* 9:30-

### Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>

- Fun Sunday on 1<sup>st</sup> Street beside OD Arcade — *The Entertainers, The Castaways, and Midnight Allie* – 1-5
- Spanish Galleon — *Band of Oz* 8:30-
- *Fat Harold's* – *The Fantastic Shakers* 2-6
- Ducks — *Embers* 1-

### Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>

- Fun Monday on Main St. — *The Tams, Blackwater Rhyme and Blues, and Hip Pocket* – noon - 5:30
- Spanish Galleon — *Jim Quick and Coastline* 8:30-
- Ducks — *Hip Pocket* 4-

### Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup>

- Spanish Galleon — *The Entertainers* 8:30-
- Fat Harold's — *Carolina Soul Band* 2-6
- Ducks — *Blackwater Rhythm & Blues* 1-

### Wednesday, 21<sup>rd</sup>

- Spanish Galleon — *Carolina Soul Band* 8:30-
- Fat Harold's — *Jim Quick & Coastline*, 2-6
- 2001 Niteclub – *Catalinas* 9:30-
- Ducks — *Envision* 1-

### Thursday, 22<sup>th</sup>

- Spanish Galleon – *Band of Oz* 8:30-
- Fat Harold's — *The Fantastic Shakers* 2-6
- 2001 Niteclub – *Embers* 9:30-

### Friday 23<sup>th</sup>

- Spanish Galleon — *Summer Daze* 8:30-
- Fat Harold's — *The Entertainers* 2-6
- 2001 Niteclub — *Too Much Sylvia* 9:30-

### Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>

- Spanish Galleon — *Lakeside Drive Band* 8:30-
- 2001 Niteclub — *Gary Lowder and Smokin' Hot* 9:30-
- Ducks – *Hip Pocket* 5-

All locations are on the 'walkable path' except 2001 Niteclub

## What's all the to-do about SOS?

### What is SOS?

SOS, the acronym for Society of Stranders, refers to several festive events held every year in North Myrtle Beach, including

- *Mid winter* in January (four days)
- *Spring Safari* in April (ten days)
- *Junior SOS* in July (six days)
- *Fall Migration* in September (ten days)

(The *Grand Strand* is a 60 mile stretch of beach that includes the beach of Myrtle Beach)

### A Brief History of S.O.S

By Phil Sawyer (SOS President emeritus)

SOS, the Society of Stranders, was born on a brilliant fall weekend in 1980, when over 4,000 “Stranders” returned to Ocean Drive Beach where they had summered as life guards, pavilion workers, bingo callers, and beach bums for a reunion. It was immediately obvious that this would become an annual event.

Throughout the mid to late 1980's, SOS grew in strength and character. Shaggers and Stranders came back to Ocean Drive in the spring and fall by the tens of thousands for what everyone agreed was the finest parties for adults in the entire country. Everyone who ever had one grain of sand in his or her shoes agreed that SOS was great for the Grand Strand, and to miss one was unthinkable.

In 1989, the originator and owner of SOS, for business and personal reasons could not continue to run it. He sold it to the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs, which has continued and enhanced the great tradition.

SOS enjoys unprecedented growth. Many exciting features have been added. The trams, the food, the expanded Carefree Times, Line Dance Competition, the SOS Beach Run, and Fun Monday are Association initiatives. Funds for SOS support local club activities, the Association budget, the Mid-Winter Beach Classic and charities.

Through effective leadership and dynamic cooperation by all interest at the beach, SOS will continue well into the 21st century.

It will stand!



To see what's happening at  
*Two Left Feet Dance studio*

go to [twoleftfeetdancestudio.net](http://twoleftfeetdancestudio.net)

## at The Banque

Sundays

September 11 – Coolin Out

October 8 – Carolina Breakers

Doors open at 4. DeeJay at 4:45.

Band starts at 6

\$15

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

### River City Shag Club Social

September 10, 2016  
The Pines At Elizabeth City  
Golf and Country Club  
1525 North Road Street

Theme is "Falling Leaves"  
Music by Harvey Taylor ABSCDJ

Doors Open 6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Fried Chicken, Lasagna, Baked Potato, Corn,  
Salad Bar, Tea, Coffee, Dessert

Dancing: 7:30 to 11:30 PM

Admission \$6.00 RCSC Members

\$10.00 Associate Members, \$25.00 Non-member

50/50 Chinese Auction Door Prizes

RSVP by September 4, 2016 to  
dshivner108@gmail.com

part of

### American Music Festival

Virginia Beach  
Sunday, Sept 4th  
17<sup>th</sup> Street stage

### The Entertainers

## Virginia Shag Clubs Free Pour!!!

Fall SOS 2016, Friday, September 23rd 1-4pm at Ducks

Come PARTY with all your  
friends from the  
commonwealth!!!

Participating VA clubs include:

Richmond Shag Club

Virginia Beach Shag Club

Northern Virginia Shag Club

Colonial Shag Club

Boogie On The Bay

Roanoke Valley Shag Club

Battlefield Boogie Club

Music  
provided by  
various  
Virginia DJs



This is open to  
Colonial Shag Club  
regular members.  
Such member must  
pay \$10 at the door  
to participate

Food provided by Ducks  
at 1:30pm

\* Drink tickets only good until Free  
Pour money runs out. Tickets do not  
quarantee drinks



Congratulations goes to Al Saunders and Gayle Short on their recent exchange of wedding vows

### **Are Colonial Shag Club events 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* – \$25 enrollment fee first year (prorated for remainder of the first calendar 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

## *Kiwanis 6th annual*

### *Shag at the Foodbank*

Dine, Dance  Donate

all you care to eat seafood, adult beverages  
(Beer and wine included in the ticket price)

Thursday, September 29th, 5:30-8:30pm

Proceeds benefit the Foodbank of the  
Virginia Peninsula and the Kiwanis Clubs of  
Hampton and Newport News

at the Foodbank warehouse  
2401 Aluminum Ave., Hampton  
(intersection of I-664 and Aberdeen Road)

live music by:

**Bill Deal's Original Rhondels**

Tickets can be purchased at  
[www.shagatthefoodbank.com](http://www.shagatthefoodbank.com)

Tickets are \$35

Get the latest info on our club  
events, go to

***Colonialshagclub.com***