



The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

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

December 2016

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

a note from the club President

We are rapidly approaching the end of 2016, and the Colonial Shag Club has had one of its most successful years. To start with, we averaged about 92 attendees per Saturday night and that includes one night that we didn't dance because of snow and on October 8th when we only had 35 attend during a hurricane. The club is very thankful and appreciative for all the dedicated members who come out and dance every Saturday night.

I feel there are numerous reasons for our success this year and I will try to point out just a few. By far, the number one reason is the venue. We are so fortunate to have a great place to dance with one of the best dance floors anywhere. Rick Tvelia has been the main reason members like to come out and dance. Rick is one of the most accommodating people I've ever worked with and is constantly improving the venue to make it more enjoyable for everyone. Our club is so very fortunate to have five of the best deejays, with each being a member of the Association Of Beach and Shag Club Deejays (ABSCDJ), in the ACSC. We are also blessed with substitute deejays who can step in when none of our regular five are available.

Our committee chairs and members have been outstanding. Let's start with Charity. Linda Coolican chaired the first charity event in March where we raised \$3,500 plus household donations. Janie Tompkins chaired the second charity event in October where we raised \$2,750 plus household donations, bringing the total money raised in 2016 for Menchville House to \$6,250. Janie also chairs the Ways and Means Committee recruiting and scheduling members to sell 50/50 tickets. Elena Gilmore chairs the Event Committee, and the dance studio was always decorated for the occasion. When the club furnished food for an event, Elena was the one who oversaw ordering and serving. Elena also cooked delicious Guinness stew and Brenda Pollock made Irish Soda bread for our authentic St. Patrick's Day celebration. Darla Frederick chairs the Dance Development Committee and schedules dance instructors to teach the free dance lessons every Saturday night. We are also very fortunate to have 12 dance instructors who do a great job teaching prospective members the Carolina Shag. Don Krause heads the Beverage Committee and provided our ABC license for each month. Laura Smith audited the club's financial



records. Diane Capps sees to it that our regular members receive birthday cards. Carolyn Felder chaired the Riverwalk event committee. Rosalie Mitchell provided the board with a budget to operate by for 2016. Lisa Jones keeps the club's Facebook page updated. Deb and Dee Fertitta co-chair the Hospitality Committee. Helder Liivak is the club photographer. Valerie and Jackie Herman keep the venue supplied with cups, plates, napkins, plastic dinnerware, and soft drinks. Deborah Turbarg is chairing this year's Christmas Party and Sheila Kerr-Jones is heading the Decorations Committee for the Christmas Party. Lloyd Pitzen chairs our Membership Committee, which is responsible for keeping track of our constantly changing membership roster. Lloyd also is the newsletter editor and produces one of the best newsletters in the ACSC. Joe Mitchell has headed the Junior Program that was started last spring and also is the club's webmaster with an excellent website that is getting a large number of visits. The one person who oversees the club's operation is J. R. Jones. J. R. starts on Saturday mornings setting up tables and chairs, getting out the cups and drinks, and preparing the studio for the Saturday night dance. J. R. also shows up around 4:30pm with ice and to make sure everything is ready for the night. J. R. is usually one of the last to leave when the dance is over.

The 2016 Board of Directors has met monthly to oversee the operation of our club. This year's board worked to make our club the success it is, and I personally thank all board members for their dedication to our club. As you can tell, it takes a lot of people to keep the club operating smoothly and provide our members with a great place to dance and socialize every Saturday night.

I appreciate all of our members who have supported us this year and ask for your help and support in 2017. I feel it is not fair to ask the same people to do the same jobs each year. Therefore, I am asking for volunteers to help with committees in 2017.

I wish to thank all our committee chairs, committee members, and board members for helping make 2016 another great year for the Colonial Shag Club.

Camille and I wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Harry

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

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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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the music goes on thanks to our colonial tunesmiths

December

3 Jerry Hardy
 10 Greg Howell
 17 David Miller (at Christmas party)

December



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| 2 Joey Braudrick | 16 Peggy Hemphill |
| 2 Karen MacDougall | 16 Marilyn Eubank |
| 6 Linda Holt | 22 Jimmy Jones |
| 7 Janice McGrew | 25 Sandra Alford |
| 9 Hal Lare | 26 Belinda Gray |
| 9 Debbie Merrill | 27 Renee Lare |
| 10 Tom Houston | 27 Jean Miller |
| 14 Michael Zarecky | 27 Lin Hines |
| 15 Mary Ashley | 28 Jerry Nichols |
| 16 Delaine Milton | |

No Saturday night social at Two Left Feet Dance Studio

- **December 17th** (Christmas party at St. Michael's Hall, advance ticket required)
- **December 24th** (Christmas eve)

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.

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:



Where to shag dance in Hampton Roads?
Go to shagquest.com

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

go to twoleftfeetdancestudio.net

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)

Christmas party December 17

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

Virginia Beach Shag Club Christmas party, Friday, December 2. Khedive Temple, Chesapeake, VA. See vbshagclub.com

Boogie On The Bay Shag Club Christmas party, Friday, December 9. Hilton Garden Inn, Harbor View area of Suffolk, See Boogieonthebayshagclub.com

Virginia Shaggers Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony 2017

March 24-26, 2017

Fredericksburg Hospitality House & Conference Center

2801 Plank Road Central Park

Fredericksburg VA 22401

800-682-1049 for reservations and mention the

Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame

or call Juanita Walker at 540-736-1020

or go to VSHOF.com for online reservations

As stated on the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame website, "The purpose for which the corporation is formed is to acknowledge, honor and afford recreational pleasure for the persons who have contributed to the dance known in Virginia as 'Beach Swing or Shag' by expanding, refining and continuing the practice of, and promoting the continued existence of said dance in the State of Virginia."

Banque

Christmas party

Sunday, December 4, 4-10pm

Ocean Breeze band

and deejay Eric Stevens

\$5 per person

The Banque

1849 East Little Creek Road, Norfolk

757-480-3600

Congratulations to the following who were selected for Virginia Shaggers Hall Of Fame Membership

- Audrey Borga of the Battlefield Boogie Shag Club, Fredericksburg
- Sharon Davis of the Virginia Beach Shag Club
- Janice Gilstrap of the Danville Shag
- **Jerry Hardy of the Colonial Shag Club**
- **Lana Nichols of the Colonial Shag**
- Don Ruth of the Boogie On The Bay Shag Club, Portsmouth
- Sandra Strader of the Danville Shag
- **Harry Walthall of the Colonial Shag Club**

New Years Eve Party Two Left Feet Dance Studio

Saturday, December 31, 8pm - 1am

\$25 per person

by reservation only

Call Rick at 757-813-4371

(this is not a Colonial Shag Club event)

Board of Directors for 2017 calendar year

- President Harry Walthall
- Vice President Jerry Nichols
- Treasurer Mel Hemphill
- Corresponding Secretary Connie Sledd
- Recording Secretary Rosalie Mitchell
- Directors at Large:
 - Marion Butsavage
 - J R Jones
 - Tim Kroskey
 - Colette Quinn

Associate Members — notice of membership expiration

Associate members, your membership expires at midnight on December 31, 2015

If and when you attend a club event for the first time in a future year, apply for associate membership at that time or apply for regular membership any time.



Get the latest info on our club events, go to

Colonialshagclub.com

deejay Lloyd Pitzen

In same building as parking garage and the Virginia Store. See *Stillwater Tavern* Facebook page

Admission fee includes:
Dinner, live music by
"Coolin' Out"
Dancing, Party Favors
Champagne Toast,
Raffle Drawing,
BYOB and a
good time !

For Tickets & Info call
Cecil (757)439.3374
tidwtrpk@aol.com

Special Room Rate \$76.00
plus tax. Marriott Chesapeake
Reservations -757-523-1500
Mention New Years Dance !!

Outer Banks Shag Club annual New Years Eve Gala *Shaggin' Safari*

December 30 - January 1

\$115 per person

Comfort Inn South, Nags Head, NC

See obxshagclub.com

SOS events

in North Myrtle Beach (unless otherwise specified)

- Mid Winter, January 13-15
- Spring Safari April 21-30
- Summer Workshop in Concord, NC, July 14-16
- Fall Migration, September 15-24

2016 Carolina Beach Music Awards

- Female Vocalist (tie) – Rhonda McDaniel, Allie Privette
- Male Vocalist – Kendrix Singletary (Black Water Rhythm and Blues band)
- Rising Star – Carolina Soul Band
- Song of the Year – *Melodies & Memories*, Too Much Sylvia
- Group Album of the Year – *Coastline Classics Vol. 1,2,3*, Jim Quick & Coastline
- Solo Album of the Year – *New Beginning*, Rick Strickland
- Entertainer of The Year – *Jim Quick*
- Smoothie of the Year – *Melodies & Memories*, Too Much Sylvia
- Compilation Album of the Year – *We're Building An Island*, Patman & Robin
- Group of the Year – *Blackwater Rhythm & Blues*
- National Dance Song – *Can't Stop The Feeling*, Justin Timberlake
- Collaboration or Duo – *Oh Honey*, Jackie Gore & Rhonda McDaniel
- Song Writer – *Jim Quick*, On The Way Out
- Instrumentalist – *Jerry West*, guitar Band Of Oz



Colonial Shag Club 2016 Christmas Party

Saturday Dec. 17th, 7 to 11 pm
St. Michael's Hall
144 Harpersville Rd., Newport News

\$ 30 Regular Mbr/\$ 35 Non Mbr until 12/3
\$ 35 Regular Mbr/\$ 40 Non Mbr until 12/10 (Last Day)

BYOB, set ups available. Music by our GREAT Club DJ's. Dinner Catered by the Cooking Lady. (Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements)

NO ONE will be admitted without having a ticket purchased in advance.



Notice to Regular Members (except for a few whose membership extends beyond the end of this year) about membership renewal

Your membership expires at the end of calendar year 2016 unless you renew your membership before January 1, 2017 (there is no grace period). If you allow your membership to expire, to become a regular member again, you will have to enroll as a new member, which costs \$5 more than the renewal price.



To renew your membership through the end of calendar year 2017, submit \$20 to the club with clear identification of your name and that the money (cash or check) is for renewal. The money can be mailed to the club's address (c/o Treasurer), which is shown on page 3, or submitted to the drop box that will be at the front desk at Saturday night socials throughout November and December. (Check is preferred because the cancelled check is your receipt.)



A dancing frog named **Re-up** will be at Saturday night socials welcoming regular members to renew using the self-service system — write name on envelope, put money in envelope, drop envelope in box — easy as 1 & 2