



# The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

**Colonial Shag Club, Inc.**

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

**March 2017**

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

## **a note from the club President**

This is my annual reminder to the members just how fortunate our club is to have so many excellent deejays. First, I congratulate Jerry Canada who is being inducted into the ABSCDJs' DJ Hall Of Fame at the *Deejay Throwdown* in North Myrtle Beach the weekend of March 2-4th. Jerry is a member of our club and one of our substitute deejays. Jerry is the second deejay from Virginia to become a member of the DJ Hall of Fame. Our regular deejays, in alphabetic order, are Cindy Black, Larry Black, Jerry Hardy, Greg Howell, and David Miller. Larry Black is the club's first deejay who played for our dance lessons starting back in 2001 before the start of the Colonial Shag Club. Larry not only played music for our dance lessons, but also, Larry was there to deejay for us when we started having dance nights to practice. When the Colonial Shag Club started in late 2001, Larry was the club's first deejay with Cindy filling in when needed. Soon after the Colonial Shag Club started, Larry and Cindy were sponsored by Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ (ABSCDJ) member Larry Jones to become members of the ABSCDJ. All of our regular deejays took dance lessons from Cindy and Larry before becoming fill-in deejays in the early years of the club. After deciding that they enjoyed playing music at our club dances and after they learned from Larry how to play for a group of dancers, they were all sponsored by Larry to become members of the ABSCDJ, an organization that most of the deejays who play for shag clubs belong to. Larry also sponsored Jay Magness, our club's first president, as an Associate ABSCJ member. Larry has played music at Ducks in North Myrtle Beach during SOS and at many events for other shag clubs. He has gained the reputation as one of the better deejays in the ACSC. All of our club's regular deejays began with the Colonial Shag Club and have become excellent deejays on their own, who are now very much sought after to play music for other shag clubs and at non-shag club events. When our regular deejays play for our Saturday night dances, they arrive early, with their personal computer loaded with the best and latest shag music, to set up before the dance lessons start at 6pm. And they are the last to leave after the dance is over. All of our regular and substitute deejays have invested their own money in the equipment and music just to be



able to play for our dances. Don't forget that, without great music played by our club's deejays, the Two Left Feet Dance Studio would not be much fun on Saturday nights. So, when the tip jar is passed around for our deejays on Saturday nights, just remember why you are enjoying dancing, and support the people who are playing the the great music.

Hope to see you on the dance floor at the Two Left Feet Dance Studio on Saturday nights.

*Harry*



## **Board Meetings**

Typically, a board meeting is held the second Monday of each month at Two Left Feet Dance Studio. If interested in attending any particular board meeting, check with a board member for exact time.

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

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

## Directors and Officers

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*Christmas party decorations* — TBD

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*Website* — Joe Mitchell

*Dance instruction* — Darla Frederick

*Elections* — TBD

*Junior program* – Joe Mitchell

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*Hospitality* — TBD

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*Music* — Harry Walthall

*Nominating* — TBD

*Photographer* — TBD

*Riverwalk events* — Carolyn Felder

*Social* — Carolyn Felder, Elena Gilmore

*Venue negotiations* – Joe Mitchell, Jerry Nichols, Harry Walthall

*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

4 Lloyd Pitzen

18 Larry Black

11 Jerry Hardy

25 Greg Howell

# March



1 Matt Rehim

14 Ruby James

3 Jackie Herman

19 Greg Howell

10 Larry Brown

20 Debra Janezeck

11 Patty Swan

22 Jim Frederick

11 Mike Mitchell

25 Joan Ward

12 Al Lukac

28 Larry Black

## 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

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**

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Of The:



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



***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

**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).

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

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

### 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

go to [VSHOF.com](http://VSHOF.com) for information on buying tickets and making a hotel reservation

**The Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame (VSHOF)** is an organization that recognizes shaggers from the state of Virginia. There has only ever been 153 people to have received this honor. There are only 109 active members today. Each year, eight shag dancers are inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame. The Colonial Shag Club proudly has three of its members being inducted this year: Harry Walthall, Lana Nichols and Jerry Hardy. The induction ceremony is going to be held March 24 and 25th in Fredericksburg Virginia. Tickets are only \$85 for this wonderful event which includes several free pours and a wonderful Saturday night buffet. We hope to have a large attendance from Colonial Shag Club to support this year's inductees. If you haven't sent in your registration please check your schedule and come join the fun to help us celebrate.

submitted by Larry and Cindy Black, Class of 2012 VSHOF



Several 'colonial shaggers' spontaneously joined Jerry Hardy as he deejayed at Keys County Club in Marathon, Florida on February 25th for a great night of shagging. Jerry and Vesta Denning taught a shag dance class as well.

Left to right: Bob Kolesha, Suzanne Kolesha, Vesta Denning (Virginia Beach Shag Club), Jerry Hardy, Betsea Kinne, Pat Hughes, Kitty Wineken, and Gerry Creech

### Beach Music Cruise-In festival

on the beach at 30th street, Virginia Beach

#### Friday, May 19

- 7:30-10:30pm, **The Embers featuring Craig Woolard**

#### Saturday, May 20

- 12:30-3:30pm, **Main Event**
- 4-7pm, **The Entertainers**
- 7:45-10:30pm, **Ammon's Allstars**

#### Sunday, May 21

- Noon-3pm, **Blackwater Rhythm**
- 3-6pm, **Band of Oz**

## at The Banque

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Ammon's Allstars band**

Doors open at 4. DeeJay at 5.

Band starts at 5:30

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

Shag dancing every Wednesday, 6-9pm

Stillwater Tavern

downtown Hampton

**555 Settlers Landing Road, suite O**  
(in same building with multi-level parking garage)  
757-224-3523

**deejay Lloyd Pitzen**

**no cover charge**

**See us on Facebook**

## **Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Ocean View, Norfolk**

Saturday, March 18, 10am

After Parade Party, presented by the Columbian  
Club of Ocean View

**noon till 4pm**

at the Columbian Club of Ocean View  
featuring live bands

**Tidewater Drive band** (indoors)

**The Catalinas band** (outdoors)

see <http://www.norfolkparade.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

## **Simondale Reunion Dance**

**Saturday, March 11**

Music by

**Coolin' Out band**

and deejay Jerry Canada

Doors open at 6pm

Dance 7-11pm

\$20 per person

Advance tickets only

BYOB, set-ups provided, casual dress, bring your own  
snacks

**Khedive Shrine Temple**

645 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA

Proceeds donated to the Shrine Transportation  
Department

For tickets or information, contact P R Kerley  
488-7350

## **Shag and swing dance on Wednesday nights**

### **Royal Courtyard**

329 Birchwood Park Dr, Virginia Beach

**deejay: Jerry Hardy**

free dance lessons (with paid admission)

Beginner lesson 6-6:45, intermediate 6:45-7:15, dancing  
7:15-10

Royal Courtyard members -- \$5 admission fee.  
\$5 fee to become a member