



The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

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

April 2017

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

a note from the club President

The Colonial Shag Club's first major Charity event will be on April 1st. Menchville House has been our club's charity since 2002. An excerpt from a letter from Sylvia Jones, Executive Director of Menchville House, thanking our club for donating proceeds from our February *Carry Out Cafe'* Charity event is shown on page 4. The April 1st event promises to be another fun event with several great donations from restaurants, golf clubs, artists, and club members. Please open your hearts, your wallets, and your checkbooks and help us continue to support this worthy organization. You may pay your cover charge by writing a check in any amount, at or above the cover charge, to Menchville House for a tax deductible charitable donation. All money received at the event will go to Menchville House.



April is also the month for an SOS (Society of Stranders) event in North Myrtle Beach. For those of you who have not experienced the fun at SOS, it would be well worth your time to spend a few days at what's known as the Biggest Adult Party on the East Coast. Starting on Friday April 21st and continuing until Sunday April 30th, there will be dancing, live bands, dancing, food, dancing, workshops, dancing, shopping, and dancing. My advice to everyone is to pace yourself. You will not be able to do it all. SOS is also a great place to look for a new pair of dance shoes, music CDs, dance DVDs, and a large variety of shag items. Try to visit all of the dance night club venues just to get an idea of the difference in each one. When you arrive, be sure to get a copy of *Carefree Times*, the official SOS newspaper which has schedules of what's happening each day including live bands and deejay

schedules. You might even find one of our club deejays listed.

On April 15th, our club will have its semiannual SOS Kickoff Party to get everyone excited about attending SOS. Don't forget to buy your SOS card at the club before you leave. The price is \$30 per card at the club or \$35 when you get to SOS. You must show a card to get into the dance venues, or it will cost you \$10 each time you enter a club.

Hope to see lots of members at SOS and safe travels.

Harry



April showers bring May music

(outdoor concert schedules in this newsletter)

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 to our

club board of directors and committees

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Audit — Lisa Jones

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Christmas party — TBD

Christmas party decorations — TBD

Communications

Newsletter — Lloyd Pitzen

Social Media (Facebook) — Lisa Jones

Website — Joe Mitchell

Dance instruction — Darla Frederick

Elections — TBD

Junior program – Joe Mitchell

Historian — TBD

Hospitality — Sheila Kerr-Jones

Membership — Beth Liivak

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

the music goes on thanks to our colonial tunesmiths

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|----|--------------|----|--------------|
| 1 | Larry Black | 22 | Greg Howell |
| 8 | Cindy Black | 29 | Lloyd Pitzen |
| 15 | David Miller | | |

April



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| 3 | Jimmy Trefny | 17 | Ed Gilmore |
| 4 | Ken Lantz | 18 | Heldur Liivak |
| 8 | Harriet Coker | 22 | Danny Taylor |
| 10 | Carolyn Freeman | 26 | Joe Mitchell |
| 11 | Pat Crank | 27 | Dee Scherr |
| 12 | Tim Miller | | |



Our club was well represented at the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame event on weekend of March 25

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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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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).

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)

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

Shag dancing every Wednesday, 6-9pm

**Stillwater Tavern
downtown Hampton**

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

deejay Lloyd Pitzen

**no cover charge
See us on Facebook**

Letter of appreciation from Menchville House

From Sylvia B. Jones, Executive Director of
Menchville House
To: Colonial Shag Club
February 27, 2017

While homelessness continues to be a problem that so many are facing, we are grateful and humbled to be able to provide families with assistance and hope during such trying times. Thank you for support of Menchville House and our residents who now have a safe place, warm meals, structure, and advice while they work to find employment and permanent housing. It is only with the help of donors like you that we are able to keep our doors open and serve our community in this way. You truly are making a difference, and we see it every day!



Congratulations are in order for Colonial Shag Club members Jerry Hardy, Lana Nichols and Harry Walthall who were inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame at the annual induction ceremony week-end party held in Fredericksburg, Virginia March 25th. The inductees were surrounded by fellow Colonial Shag Club members who traveled to support this years inductees who join the 153 Shaggers previous Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame inductees. Each year, only eight new members are inducted each year. There are now 117 active members.

CSC VSHOF Members include:

- Larry and Cindy Black
- Jerry and Valerie Canada
- Sonny and Margie McRea
- Doug Mendez
- Joe & Rosalie Mitchell
- Jim Overton
- Bill & Steva Williams

Colonial Shag Club Charity Dance for Menchville House

as part of the club's Saturday night social
at Two Left Feet Dance Studio

April 1st

Join us for our first charity dance
of 2017!

All proceeds, including
the cover charge, go to
Menchville House.

Attendees may write a check

for their tax deductible donation to
Menchville House

As always, attendees may bring those
much appreciated snacks to share.

There will be a silent auction for such
things as golfing, a stay at a fine hotel,
and fine dining

Suzanne Kolesha is the chairperson for this event.



Outdoor concerts

Wednesdays

Live on the Square at Port Warwick

Newport News
6-9pm

May

- 24 Deloreans
- 31 Right On

June

- 7 Anthony and the Conquerous
- 14 Michael Clark Band
- 21 Trade Mark
- 28 Party Fins

and more

Thursday

We Be Jammin' Barrett's Landing

Franklin
6-10pm

May

- 18 Island Boy
- 25 Black Water Rhythm & Blues

June

- 1 Hickory Knoll
- 8 The Entertainers
- 15 Moonshine
- 22 Strictly Bizzness
- 29 Gary Lowder & Smokin Hot

and more



Thursdays by the Lake

Mariners' Museum
Newport News
6-10pm

tbd

Fridays

Paradise Ocean Club

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

May

- 5 Slapnation
- 12 Hot Cakes
- 19 Lucas Graham concert (4-10pm)
- 26 Original Rhondels

June

- 2 Soul Intent
- 9 J & the Band
- 16 Janitors

and more

Fridays

TGOV

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

June

- 30 Little Country

July

- 7 Tidewater Drive Band
- 14 Hotcakes
- 21 Deloreans
- 28 TFC Band

and more

Fridays

City Center Fountain Park

Newport News
6-9pm

tbd

Thursdays

Sounds of Summer on the Riverwalk

(formerly known as *Shagging on the Riverwalk*)
Yorktown
6:30-9:30pm

June

- 8 The Holiday Band
- 15 Soul Intent
- 22 Slapnation
- 29 Coolin Out

July

- 13 The Main Event
- 20 Tidewater Drive
- 27 Band of Oz

Outdoor concert schedules are popping up like tulips