There will be a lot happening in the Colonial Shag Club between now and the rest of the year.

- **On July 1st**, we will have our Independence Day celebration with a fried chicken dinner for all who attend the dance for just the usual cost of admission.
- **Fall SOS** (the *Fall Migration at North Myrtle Beach*) is September 15-24. That means we will have our semiannual SOS Kickoff Party on Saturday, September 9th.
- **On October 7th**, we will have our second Charity Event for 2017.
- **On October 14th**, the Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominees for the 2018 Board of Directors.
- **On October 28th**, we will have our annual Halloween Party.
- **On November 11th**, we will have election of officers for the 2018 Board of Directors.
- We will have our 13th annual Christmas Party and Dance on December 16th.

That's a lot of dancing and partying for the rest of 2017.

It is obvious to those of us who keep track of attendance that attendance has been less this year as compared to that for the last two years. There are several possible reasons for this. One is that we are competing with other events for dancers on Saturday nights. Two, it is just summer time and members take vacations. Three, some of our members from the south side don't like to fight the summer traffic and choose to look elsewhere for their Saturday night entertainment. The Board of Directors is very aware of the lower attendance, and we are working on ideas to create more interest for our current members and attract new members. We realize that all three shag clubs in the Hampton Roads area are working to attract the people who want to shag dance, and we have to present dancers with a good reason to come to Two Left Feet on Saturday nights and dance with the Colonial Shag Club. One way to improve attendance is for the three local clubs to work together and promote each other. This is something the Colonial Shag Club has always done. We have always supported our sister clubs, and many of our members are also members of Boogie on the Bay Shag Club and the Virginia Beach Shag Club.

In the March newsletter, I wrote about our club deejays and just how fortunate we are to have five regular deejays who are some of the most sought after in Virginia and elsewhere. They routinely play at shag events throughout the state, and we must now compete for their limited availability on Saturday nights. It has become more difficult for our regular five deejays to be available for our Saturday night dances, and we have frequently had to call on substitute deejays to fill in. I feel certain the deejays will play where they know what they will earn by only being payed from the tip jar. If attendance is good, the deejays usually get enough for their efforts. If attendance is low, the deejays usually get enough for their efforts. If attendance is low, the deejay may be poorly compensated for spending nearly five hours playing music for the dance lessons and our dancing. Those who attend our Saturday night dances should keep in mind that we are blessed with very talented deejays, and I strongly recommend that everyone contribute to the tip jar when it is passed around so we can properly compensate our deejays. As much as I hate to say this, if we don't do a better job of supporting the deejays with your tips, we may have to increase the cost of admission in order to see that everyone contributes to deejay compensation.

I thank Dianne Ligon who won the 50/50 drawing of $97 on Saturday June 24th and donated it back to the club.

*See you on the dance floor*

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

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the music goes on thanks to our colonial tunesmiths

1  Brian Eubank  
8  Chris Coolican  
15 Jerry Hardy

15 Ronnie Saunders
16 Tim Kroskey
16 Cindy Perkins
19 Al Sledd
27 Karen Psimas
28 Marion Butsavage
29 Wayne Tate

To see what’s happening at Two Left Feet Dance studio
go to twoleftfeetdancestudio.net

For your Beach Music listening pleasure ...

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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.

**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**

Virginia Beach Shag Club *Mix & Mingle* Wednesdays at The Yacht Club at Marina Shores, Virginia Beach. 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

**SOS events**

in North Myrtle Beach (unless otherwise specified)

- Summer Workshop in Concord, NC, July 14-16
- Fall Migration, September 15-24

A rose by any other name would smell as sweet

All four Sounds of Summer concerts in Yorktown in June were marinated with beautiful weather. In previous years, this event was called Shagging on the Riverwalk. The cadence on the dance floor has been attuned to the music, not the title of the event.
Larry Leavitt died on June 21, 2017

Colonial Shag Club

A Proud Member
Of The:

at The Banque
Sunday, July 16th
Sunday, August 13th

Soul Intent band

Doors open at 4...
Band starts at 6pm

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

**Thursdays**

**Sounds of Summer on the Riverwalk**
Yorktown
7:00-9:30pm

**July**
13 The Main Event
20 Tidewater Drive
27 Band of Oz

[yorkcounty.gov/tourism/Events/](http://yorkcounty.gov/tourism/Events/)
Weather hotline 890-3520

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**Wedgesdays**

**Live on the Square at Port Warwick**
Newport News
6-9pm

**July**
5 USAF Heritage of America
12 Tidewater Drive
19 Forte Jazz band
26 Buckshot

**August**
2 Tumbao Salsero
9 Gina Dalma and the Cowtippin' Playboys
16 Rooserfoot
23 Slapnation
30 The Original Rhondels

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**July**
7  J & the Band
14 Janitors
21 Soul Intent
28 Hotcakes

**August**
4  River Boyz
11 Original Rhondels
18 Janitors
25 Tidewater Drive

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**September**

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**Fridays**

**Paradise Ocean Club**
at Fort Monroe
6:30-10:30pm ($5 cover charge)

**July**
7  J & the Band
14 Janitors
21 Soul Intent
28 Hotcakes

**August**
4  River Boyz
11 Original Rhondels
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**Fridays**

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

**July**
7  Tidewater Drive Band
14 Hotcakes
21 Deloreans
28 TFC Band

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**Fridays**

**City Center Fountain Park**
Newport News
6-9pm

**July**
7  Coastal VA Jazz All-Stars
14 Fine Swiss Cheese
21 Wonderland
28 Galaxy Groove

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**Sunset Thursdays at Portside**
Portside – Portsmouth
6:30-8pm

**Fridays**

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See
portsvaevents.com/portside-events/