October begins the last quarter of 2017 with lots of activity for the Colonial Shag Club.

- On Saturday October 14th, we will have our second Charity Dance of the year to raise money for Menchville House.
- On October 21st, nominations for the 2018 Board of Directors will be presented. This nominations meeting is four weeks before the election of officers to be held at the Annual Meeting on the third week of November, as specified in the bylaws.
- On October 28th, we will have our annual Halloween Party at our Saturday night dance.

For those regular members who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members – Dee Fertitta (chairperson), Pat Hughes, JR Jones, Jerry Nichols, or Laura Smith. Being an active and positive member of the Board of Directors is essential to our club’s success. Those club members who have not served on the board may be unaware of the work that is required to make our Saturday night dances fun for all. Board meetings are typically held on the second Monday of each month at the Two Left Feet Studio starting at 6:30pm. Even if you don't want to serve on the Board, there are several committees that always need members to help with our various events.

During the SOS Fall Migration in September, our club once again participated in the Virginia Party which was held on Friday, September 22nd at Duck's Beach Club in North Myrtle Beach. The party was well attended by many shag club members, and Wayne Tate offered his time to check our members in at the door and collect their $10. Each attendee received two drink tickets and lots of food was provided by Duck's. The Colonial Shag Club's very own Cindy Black, along with others from Virginia, deejayed at the party. When you see Wayne, please thank him for being our representative at the Virginia Party.

Kitty Wineken attended the final ACSC general membership meeting for 2017 for our club on Saturday the 23rd, which was held at the OD Hotel Cafe'. Thank you Kitty for representing our club at this very important meeting.

See you on the dance floor
Harry

To get the latest info on our club events, go to

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

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Happy birthday

5 Leo Oliver 21 Jay Magness
9 Terry Lee 23 Beth Liivak
12 Donal Campbell 23 Sherry Patterson
13 Barney Mars 25 Karen Hornstein
14 Elena Gilmore 27 Debby Quinn
16 Betsea Kinne 27 Al Saunders
16 Sue Williamson 29 Bill Quinn
17 Dora Oliver 30 Don Krause
20 Dottie Carpenter 31 Sheila Kerr-Jones
21 LaDonna Guida 31 David Puckett

at The Banque
Sunday, October 15th
Soul Intent band
Doors open at 4.
Band starts at 6pm

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Dance lessons at the club’s Saturday night socials

- A six-week series of beginner shag dance lessons begins the first 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.
- After six weeks of beginner lessons, beyond basic lessons will be given for the remainder of the month.

Our Events

- Club social — Saturdays 7-10pm at Two Left Feet Dance Studio in Fairway Plaza Shopping Center, 1405 Kilm Creek Parkway, Newport News. Social is preceded by one-hour dance lesson
- 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

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
- Virginia Beach Shag Club Christmas party — Saturday December 2
- Boogie On The Bay Shag Club Christmas party Friday December 8 at Garden Inn Chesapeake/Suffolk, Harbour View Blvd, Suffolk

Save the date

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club
Shaggers @ Heart
February 2-4, 2018
Crown Plaza Hotel, Hampton

Registration opens November 1

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

go to twoleftfeetdancestudio.net

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If your address, phone number, or email address has changed, notify membership@colonialshagclub.com
Boooogie on the Bay Annual Halloween Dance

Rattle your bones with ABSCDJ DJ Harvey Taylor!

October 28, 7:00 to 11:00 PM

Eagles Club 521 Maple Street Chesapeake VA 23324

BYOB. Setups and Chicken provided.

Door and Costume Prizes!

Please bring a Dish to Share!
Last Name A-I: Veggie Dish
Last Name J-R: Side Dish
Last Name S-Z: Dessert

Members $10.00, Non-Members $15.00
no refunds but transferable

Purchase Tickets from:
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Last Chance to buy Tickets:
Friday October 20th!

the theme of the Colonial Shag Club Saturday night social on October 28th is
Colonial Shag Club
Christmas party

Friday, December 15th
Marriott Hotel in Newport News City Center

Hampton Roads shaggers teamed up to promote shag dancing at the *Shagging at the Foodbank* charity event September 28th, by giving a team dancing demo and a beginner shag lesson.

The local shag dance team gives a synchronized dance demo while contending with a sloped dance floor.

Doug and Vonda Mendez enthuse the audience with a beginner shag dance lesson.

Colonial Shag Club
Charity Dance for Menchville House
as part of the club’s Saturday night social at Two Left Feet Dance Studio
October 14th

Join us for our second 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.

If you are not planning to attend and want to contribute, you can mail a check (payable to Menchville House) to the club’s address (shown on page 3).

Menchville House is a forty six-bed emergency housing facility for homeless families, located in Newport News. The agency works with other homeless service providers and social service agencies that offer families the services and support needed to return to self-sufficiency.

For more info, see www.menchvillehouse.com
Summer and two men, who were ‘movers and shakers’ of shag dancing and beach music, slipped away as the harvest season came upon us

Ammon Tharp — ...and then he died

Over the last ten years, I have heard Ammon Tharp perform many times whether it be with Steve Basset in the Mystic Soul Bubbas or more recently with Ammon’s All Stars. Ammon’s unique voice was most notably heard in the verse “and then he died” in the “Papa was a rolling stone” song performed by the Bubbas. No one could sing that verse like Ammon did. When playing with the Bubbas, Ammon with his drums was front center stage.

Ammon, one of the original members of the Bill Deal and the Rhondels band and who lived in Virginia Beach, passed away September 22, the day of the autumn equinox. He was 75

Ammon and Bill Deal formed the Rhondels in 1959 after they met as teenagers in South Hampton Roads – with Bill on keyboards and Ammon on the drums

Bill Deal & the Rhondels band crossed blue-eyed soul and beach music. They had three hit singles in 1969, May I (U.S. #39), I’ve Been Hurt (U.S. #35), What Kind of Fool (Do You Think I Am) (U.S. #23).

The band disbanded in 1975; after which, Tharp started Fat Ammon’s Band, which disbanded a few years ago.

A musician who has played with Ammon on and off over the years said “His timing was impeccable. In the music world — as a drummer – you need to be as close to a metronome as you can. And he was as close as you could possibly be.”

After Bill Deal and the Rhondels disbanded; Bill Deal sold the Rhondels name to a band still playing under that name today. A few years later, Bill Deal re-formed the band under the name Original Rhondels (being he no longer owned the Rhondels name) without Ammon. Bill Deal died in 2003 but his name still goes on with Bill Deal’s Original Rhondels still playing today.

Several musicians who were members of Bill Deal & the Rhondels at one time or another are still dispensing beach music throughout Hampton roads. Don Quisenberry plays bass guitar for Soul Intent. Gary Hardy and Rollie Ligart play trumpets in Bill Deal’s Original Rhondels. George Bell plays saxophone for Hotcakes.
Wayne Kessenger may be seen playing saxophone and keyboard with Coolin Out and Ammons All-stars and sometimes filling in with an out of town band.

Bill and Ammon were the Johnny Appleseed’s of beach music in Hampton Roads, the fruit of which is enjoyed today – as evidenced by Bill Deal’s Rhondels playing at the Shagging at the Foodbank event on September 28.

David Jones, Jr., 73, passed away September 25. David was one of the founding members and President of the Outer Banks Shag Club for eight years. At one time or another, he was also a member and deejayed for Virginia Beach Shag Club, River City Shag Club, Outer Banks Shag Club, and Boogie on the Bay Shag Club.

David was given a ACSC Shagging Icon award in year 2007. (The purpose of the Icon Award is to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions within their local shag club.)

David had Alzheimer's disease. Please consider a donation in his honor to The Alzheimer's Association: Southeastern Virginia Chapter at http://www.alz.org/seva/

(Parts of the above were excerpted from David’s obit on www.legacy.com/obituaries)

The above picture of Ammon Tharp and Bill Deal is the album cover of “The Toast of Virginia Beach,” which was recorded live at Fat Roger’s Beach Club, Virginia Beach, December 1991.