



# The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

**Colonial Shag Club, Inc.**

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

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

Happy New Year! And I hope your holidays were joyful. I know mine were thanks to our Christmas party and the great work of Connie Sledd, Marion Butsavege, and Rosalie Mitchell.

As you may have heard, I am the new president of the Colonial Shag Club for the year of 2018. It will be my job to carry on and to build on the last four years work by Harry Walthall's administration. The next time you see Harry and Camille, please take a moment to thank them for everything they've done over the past four years. Who knows, in a little while you may be begging them to come back. If I were to make a comparison of where Harry has led us versus what you can expect from me, I would use the analogy of footsteps in the snow. Harry's are straight and true over hill and dale. Mine will probably wobble from side to side as I try to navigate the best path for the club, with an occasional face-plant in the snow and the resulting snow angel. Hopefully my support network, my wife Cyd, will pick me up, dust me off, slap me on the back of my head and get me back on track.

Do I have a vision for the next year? Well yes, thank you for asking.

First, I would like to continue trying to make this the friendliest shag club in the country — with more food. The friendly dancers and smiling faces are what convinced Cyd and me to make the switch from ballroom dancing to shag. With the occasional Shrumba to the right tune.

Second, I would like to see a Junior Shag Program get started and grow. As I've found out over the last year, a successful junior program comes from the support of adult shaggers. I would ask that you look into bringing your grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and any



youngster you think might benefit from good clean fun. We'll provide the place, the professional instructors, and even shoes when possible. Help us out if you can. We'll keep you advised on our plans.

Third, the aforementioned food. Our club events with food have proven to have the greatest turnouts. I, your new president, sometimes like to cook for hundreds of people. I would like to see a food event every four to six weeks. And I know there are a few other members that have a favorite dish they would like to share with the club. If you are one of those amateur chefs, we will help you with the cost for your main ingredients, (note: everyone in the club is allergic to lobster and steak) and put out the word to have our members bring sides and desserts. Contact me if you would like to give it a try.

Finally, I would encourage you to see if one of our committees can use your talents. We need someone to run our 50/50 program. Most weeks we see someone willing to help with ticket sales, so it's not always on you. You meet some nice people too. We also need a photographer. We'll even buy your film.

A final finally, we would like to hear about what you like and don't like about the Colonial Shag Club. Do you have a suggestion that you think will improve our Saturday night socials? Find a board member or take it right to the top and talk to my wife.

Remember. We're just dancing.

*Tim Kroskey*

## **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

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### Committees

- Audit* — Lisa Jones  
*Budget* — Rosalie Mitchell  
*Beverage* — Joe Mitchell  
*Cards* — Diane Capps  
*Charity* — Suzanne Kolesha, Tim Kroskey  
*Christmas party* — Marion Butsavage, Rosalie Mitchell, Connie Sled  
*Communications*  
*Newsletter* — Lloyd Pitzen  
*Social Media* (Facebook) — Lisa Jones  
*Website* — Joe Mitchell  
*Dance instruction* — Darla Frederick  
*Elections* — TBD  
*Junior program* – Joe Mitchell  
*Hospitality* — Sheila Kerr-Jones  
*Membership* — Heldur & Beth Liivak  
*Music* — Jerry Nichols  
*Nominating* — Dee Fertitta (chairperson), Pat Hughes, JR Jones, Jerry Nichols, Laura Smith.  
*Photographer* — TBD  
*Social* — 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

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 6 Larry Black  | 20 Greg Howell  |
| 13 Jerry Hardy | 27 David Miller |

## Happy birthday

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 Rocky Jacobs    | 13 Christopher Coolican |
| 2 Lydia Mugler    | 17 Michael Guida        |
| 4 Rex Walker      | 17 Margie McRae         |
| 4 Cal Woolard     | 21 Denise Bolt          |
| 6 Carson Thompson | 23 Larry Stewart        |
| 7 Judy Cassani    | 25 Lana Nichols         |
| 7 Dee Fertitta    | 26 Tom Monahan          |
| 11 Rose Howell    | 28 Laverne Barrow       |
| 11 J R Jones      | 30 Carolyn Magness      |
| 11 Lisa Jones     |                         |

## Colonial Shag Club

A Proud Member Of The:



Colonial Shag Club, Inc.  
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Newport News, VA 23612-2104

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



**Thanks to three of our members, there is now hot water in the restrooms at Two Left Feet Dance Studio.** Ernie Petit purchased the water heater, Lavern Barrow supplied the plumbing and made all the connections, and Jerry Nichols supplied all the electrical material and installed the wiring and receptacle. This was all donated by these three members at no cost to the Colonial Shag Club. Please thank Ernie, Lavern, and Jerry for making our dance venue more pleasant for all of our members.

..... Harry Walthall

Dance lessons at the club's Saturday night socials

6-7pm

- 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 Kiln Creek Parkway, Newport News. Social is preceded by one-hour dance lesson; (i.e., lesson 6-7pm)

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

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

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

**Khedive Ritualistic Divan**

24th Annual  
Sweetheart Dance  
Music By

**"Coolin' Out"**

Friday, February 16, 2018

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres 7 - 8:00 pm

Dance 8 - midnight

\$25.00 per person

BYOB      Silent Auction      Door Prize

Dress: Business Casual

Khedive Shrine Temple

645 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake

Proceeds are for the benefit of Khedive Ritualistic Divan and payments are not deductible as charitable contributions. Tickets contact Jim Clark 757.434.5395 or Frances Dixon 757.567.6719. E-Mail address [backbaybas@aol.com](mailto:backbaybas@aol.com)

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[Colonialshagclub.com](http://Colonialshagclub.com)

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