



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

Well folks, January is done and gone. We made it through the snow and frigid cold and danced every week. CSC even finished out the last two weeks with 110 plus each week. I think the *First Annual Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off* was a great success and added to the numbers. Thanks to everyone who went to the time and expense to make chili and cornbread, and to those who brought desserts. Congratulations to our Chili winner, Ed Land, who will be sharing his White Chicken Chili recipe, and to Kim Downing for sharing her winning cornbread recipe. Look for them on our website soon.



We congratulate Jerry Nichols, who will be inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame during the March 23-25 weekend ceremony at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Hampton. If you would like to attend, see Jerry or ask one of our other Hall of Famers (see page 4 for more info).

Do you have a bucket list? Whether in your mind or written down, I'm sure most of us have one. Cyd and I were able to fill one third of our Shag Bucket List Trifecta when we represented our club at the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) meeting at the Mid-Winter SOS. The meeting was short and informative, but hardly interfered with the main event, the dancing. Must be that beach music. Luckily, we were chaperoned and guided by two wonderful couples who kept us out of trouble and introduced us to about half of the shaggers in the country. For three nights, we had a ringside seat for an hour of watching Charlie and Jackie, and the rest of the night watching some mighty fine dancers at Duck's. I didn't put a checkmark on the list for dancing with Jackie, though. It was always early in the evening and I hadn't had enough shots of courage. Next time. We're looking forward to checking off those other two parts of the Trifecta at a Spring and Fall SOS. If you've never

been to an SOS, Mid-Winter is a great way to see what it's all about. Just be sure to hire some good guides.

One of the things I noticed at SOS was the dance floor etiquette. All of the shaggers lined up their slots in the same direction. That's important for shagging to help avoid collisions. We don't do shag police, but I do encourage folks to look up some articles on dance floor etiquette (one such article is on page 4). Especially our newer dancers. We'll get some posted on our website too.

I have one other big item on my Shag Bucket List. I want to dance with every lady that comes to our club social at least once. That's a tough one to fill. So many women. So little time. I'm asking all of you gentlemen to help me with that too. Ask one of those unaccompanied ladies to dance and help to make her night memorable. And ladies, shag etiquette allows you to ask too.

I would like to thank everyone for their generosity and support of our DJs. Our tip system is one that has worked well for our DJs, our club, and I think for our members. A date night at CSC is about as inexpensive as you'll find. Good music, dancing, BYOB, and on most nights free food. Happy wife, happy life? Happy DJ, you can dance the night away.

Finally, Claire Puckett, a long time member of CSC passed away January 16 (see page 4). Please keep David Holmes and Claire's family in your thoughts and prayers.

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 to our

club board of directors and committees

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17 Larry Black

10 Cindy Black

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Happy birthday

1 Carolyn Felder

18 Betty Hargrave

1 Brickey Hughes

21 Donna Templeton

2 Shirley Baucom

22 Edna Beddingfield

2 Laura Smith

22 Janie Tompkins

7 Brenda Pollock

24 Cyd Kroskey

9 David Miller

27 Debbie Fertitta

11 George Oehler

27 Diane Underhill

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Of The:



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



Where are they now?
This photo was taken at
a club social at Mitty's
(later known as Tribeca)
in October 2005

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.

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

go to twoleftfeetdancestudio.net



The Yacht Club at Marina Shores
2100 Marina Shores Drive, Virginia Beach

6-9pm
BYOB

Limited seating — so buy a ticket in advance
\$20

For tickets, call Wayne Tate 757-816-1616

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24th Annual
Sweetheart Dance
Music By

CANCELLED

"Coolin' Out"

Friday, February 16, 2018

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 get the latest info on our club events, go to

Colonialshagclub.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 (select WFOS Live Radio).

Shag Dance Etiquette

Below are some of the more common shag dance rules borrowed from other shag websites. These are not meant to be negative - only suggestions on how to keep things pleasant when you find yourself dancing cheek-to-cheek.

1. *Ask me to dance* -It is equally permissible for a woman to ask a man as it is for a man to ask a woman to dance. Take your partner's hand onto the dance floor and at the end of the dance thank your partner.
2. *No thank you* — If you don't want to dance, say “No thank you.” Don't dance with someone else if you just turned down a request to dance. Please, if someone says "no thanks" do not be persistent, take them at their word.
3. *Let it be* — It is not polite to correct your partner on the dance floor. Remember this is a social club (have fun).
4. *Teaching* —It is not polite to offer instruction to someone in a social dance setting (or in a dance class if you are not the instructor). Let's face it, you may be the one doing the step wrong. Unless they ask for help or are hurting you, don't teach. If your partner requests help, kindly take them off to the side away from the other social dancers.
5. *Dancing up a sweat* - Ew, what's that odor. If you perspire a lot, pace your dancing or bring a change of shirt or blouse.
6. *Dancers bump into the nicest people* — and it isn't even a contact sport. Be aware of the dancers around you! If you bump into someone, kick someone or step on someone's foot, or if they bump into you, apologize whether it was your fault or theirs. Show concern that no serious injury has occurred. It's a fairly accepted practice that when a collision occurs, apologize, EVEN if it wasn't your fault.. Leaders, protect your partner, since you are directing her movements, you need to be sure to protect her safety.
7. *Dancers use selective floor placement* — Find your Spot and keep your Slot! The first person on the floor usually has the right to set the slot of the dance. Dance Small! If you require 1/2 of the floor in order to do your thing, you need to change your thing! Nobody likes to be pushed around the floor. Also save the arm waving, clapping and hand dancing for Flag Day as they may end up in another person's face. Sorry, but unless you're on a stage, you're not the only one on the floor.
8. *Dance floor traffic* —Please step off the dance floor if you're not dancing. If you are drinking a beverage of any kind or smoking, keep off the dance floor because of damage to the floor.
9. *How long have you been dancing?* — Leaders, if dancing with a less experienced partner, keep the steps simple at first and build to the level that your partner can handle. Leading should be defined as "the art of making your partner comfortable." Work as a team, don't showboat.
10. *SHHHHH* — Leaders, if you must count and give verbal leads, keep it low enough that just you and your partner can hear. It can confuse those around you and besides, just because you can count doesn't mean "you are on the beat."

(excepted from Coastal Shag Club web site)



David Holmes and
Claire Puckett

Claire passed away
on January 16

Those we love can never be more than a thought
away; for as long as there's a memory, they live on in
our hearts



Eagles Nest

600 Nevan Rd
Virginia Beach

Sunday February 25

4pm til —

Call Larry Williams 252-455-1515 for tickets

2018 Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony March 23-25

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resorts

700 Settlers Landing Rd, Hampton, VA

Call hotel 757-727-9700 for reservations for special price of \$99,
which includes Breakfast

\$85 per person — includes special events during the
day on Saturday, free pours Friday and Saturday
evening 5 - 6:30pm, food provided during Friday free
pour, and buffet dinner Saturday evening in the
ballroom.

No refunds.

Tables seating 8 or 10 may be reserved — full
payment required at the time of reservation.

To reserve seating, contact Valerie Canada at
valvshof@gmail.com or 757-484-8398

Registration form is available on www.VSHOF.com

Open dance on Thursday March 22 in the hotel for
those who plan on coming early. No cost just show up
and have a good time.

Induction of new members on Saturday night