



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

Leprechauns, Honors, Giving, and Hummingbirds. What in the world do these things have to do with the Colonial Shag Club, you might ask yourself?

Well Lucy, let me 'splain it to you.

Leprechauns can symbolize the holiday celebrations we enjoy year round at CSC. January's Chili Cook-off, February's Valentine Sweets for the Sweet, and most recently, our club putting together a fantastic Irish stew dinner for over 130 members. When circumstances prevented the two lovely lasses, Elena and Brenda, who have been providing the stew for the last few years from being able to this year, seven Shaggin' Shefs gave of their time, talents, and money to put together their own brands of Irish Stew. They were all wonderful. And with 40 or more other members baking assorted breads and desserts, our club had found a pot of gold — our members.

Honors. It seems like almost every month someone from CSC is being honored in the world of shag. Living Legends of Dance, DJ Hall of Fame, and in March it was Jerry Nichols being inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame. Do you ever wonder how these folks earn these honors? In Jerry's case, it was from giving of his time, talents, and money through his many years of teaching beginners and intermediate shag, as well as in the olden days, Country and Line dancing. Being on the Board of Directors for CSC, numerous committees, and just doing the little things that it takes to keep a club like ours going — like helping install that new water heater in the restrooms. Jerry does what it takes to make our club and the shag community a better place for all of us. His induction into the VSHoF is a well deserved honor.

Giving. You might have noticed a general thread here. At one time or another I would venture to say that almost



everyone of our members has given of their time, talents, and money for various CSC sponsored events. The board, committee members, our instructors, that sweet lady who does the artwork for the flyers and posters, our cooks and bakers, and the folks who bring snacks every week. That's what makes us a great, friendly, club.

Where's he going with this you're probably asking. Well, I'm taking you to April 14th, our Menchville House Charity Fundraiser and SOS kickoff party. Menchville House is our club's main charity. Twice a year, we raise funds specifically for them. This year we have a picture of the Band of Oz at "Shaggin' at the Riverwalk" in Yorktown, signed by the band, that will be raffled off. There will also be an original wood creation signed by a local artist as a second prize. Half of the admissions fee we collect at the door that night will be contributed to Menchville House plus the club's half of the 50/50. If you would like to add an additional amount to your admission fee, please feel free to do so. And bring your checkbook, if you still have one. Your contribution is tax deductible. The proceeds will be contributed to Menchville House. The club will provide pulled pork barbeque and sides. And as usual, again, we ask for members to bring a dessert to share.

Finally. Hummingbirds? Could shaggers be the hummingbirds of the dance world? When I see what I consider to be great shaggers, they seem to float across the floor, hovering, barely touching, moving close, then slipping away. Erect and still from the waist up, with only the feet and legs moving in a blur like the wings of a hummingbird. I see it with Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee. I saw it again at the VSHoF event (March 23-24) with Amanda Tedesco. Lovely Amanda was inducted into the Jr Shaggers Hall of Fame. To me, that's shagging perfection. I'm glad I've gotten to see them. I hope it's not too late for me to learn it.

I also hope that's not TMI. But the pen comes with the job.

Keep smiling. We're only dancing.

.....Tim Kroskey

The beat goes on thanks to our

club board of directors and committees

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Elections — TBD

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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

the music goes on thanks to our colonial tunesmiths

7 Larry Black

21 Jerry Hardy

14 David Miller

28 Greg Howell

Happy birthday

2	Burnie Wiley	21	Ken Lantz
8	Harriet Coker	22	Danny Taylor
10	Carolyn Freeman	23	Sheryl Barlow
12	Tim Miller	26	Joe Mitchell
17	Ed Gilmore	27	Dee Scherr
18	Heldur Liivak		

Colonial Shag Club

A Proud Member
Of The:



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



Want to see flyers for shag opportunities in Hampton roads and beyond? Take a look at *Boogie on the Bay* Facebook page – *Upcoming shag opportunities* photo album

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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

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."

Main Event
110 Main St.
Franklin, VA
presents

- Saturday May 12 **Hip Pocket Band**
- Sunday June 24 **Jim Quick and Coastline band**

Tickets — \$20 in advance, \$25 at door
(tickets on-line at maineventfranklin.com)

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).



To those who did not attend the March 17 club social — St Patrick Day party, the is what you missed.



Colonial Shag Club
Charity Dance for Menchville House
as part of the club's Saturday night social
at Two Left Feet Dance Studio
April 14st

Join us for our first charity dance of 2018!
Half of the cover charge and the club's portion of the 50/50 go to Menchville House. Feel free to give more. Attendees may write a check for their tax deductible donation to *Menchville House*



Outer Banks Shag Club
presents

It's Authentic Pig Pickin!!!

(pig cooked onsite!)

Sunday, May 6

1-4pm

Lunch served at 1:30

At

Bell's Island Community Center
582 Bell's Island Road, Currituck, NC

OBX members \$6

Associate members and guests \$8

Music provided by deejay Harvey Taylor

Carolina BBQ, cole slaw, and cornbread provided

All attendees are asked to bring a covered side dish

RSVP vtg1850@mediacombb.net no later than April 25

SOS events

(in North Myrtle Beach, unless otherwise specified)

- April 20-29: **Spring Safari**, parade on April 28
- July 13-15: **Summer Workshop** hosted by ENO Beach Shag Club at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham, NC
- July 17-22: **Junior SOS**
- September 14-23: **Fall Migration**



Musical notes and dancing left feet emanate from Valerie, Greg, and Harvey.

Harvey Taylor and his wife Valerie showed up for the March 17th club social to say happy birthday to the deejay for that night, Greg Howell, and to feast on Irish stew.

Harvey and Valerie are shown in picture above with Greg in the middle. Harvey is the deejay for the Outer Banks Shag Club socials and the River City Shag Club (Elizabeth City) socials. And he periodically deejays at the Boogie on The Bay Shag Club socials.

- *Outer Banks Shag Club* dances every Monday night at Duck Woods Country Club, 50 S. Dogwood Trail, Southern Shores, NC 27949
- *River City Shag Club* has a social the second Saturday of every month at La Tiendita Mexican Restaurant, 211 South Hughes Boulevard, Elizabeth City, NC
- *Boogie on the Bay Shag Club* dances every Friday night at Big Woodie's in Chesapeake Square Mall, Chesapeake



River City Shag Club Inc.

presents
16th Annual Shag Classic Fundraiser
Keeping the "DANCE" Alive

fundraiser for Junior Shaggers Association (501 c3)

Featuring

Allison Pittman & Trey Henley

"Dance for CASH" spotlight Dance
(no Silent Auction or Chinese Raffle)

Saturday, May 12, 2018 6:30 - 11:00pm

La Tiendita's Mexican Restaurant - 211 S. Hughes Blvd, Elizabeth City, NC

\$30 (Dance, Buffet, Tax & Gratuity) \$15 Dance Only
No Door Tickets or Refunds
Tickets can be resold

Music By - ABSCDJ Harvey Taylor

50/50



Allison - Dewey Kennedy Scholarship
2018 Keepers of the Dance

Menu

Fried Chicken, Baked Potato, Grilled
Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Tea & Dessert

Mark your Calendars!
Let's give our support to these great Jr Shaggers - Keepers of the Dance. Carolina Shag we all love so much. They will show you what the hardwood is all about. See you on the dance floor!!



Trey - 2 time Jr 1 Division Champion & 5th Place 2018 Jr 2 Division Champion

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Linda Holt's dance to earthly music ended on March 3rd.

Eight days later, we gained an hour of daylight saving time — which shows the vulnerability of time — an hour can be gained, an hour

can be lost, a lifetime can pass way.

Over the years, I have danced many times with Linda at various dance venues throughout Hampton Roads. During these dances, Linda would gear up to do a walk down the slot. When I sensed that, I would step aside and I would step in place — giving her the leeway to promenade down the slot on her terms with an “ain’t no stopping me now” attitude. She took as many beats as she wanted to take to get to the end of the slot, then turned and rock-stepped.

Typically, the man leads on the dance floor, but for this move, I was not leading — only standing by while she did her thing.

She had the same attitude in life and especially in fighting cancer. She danced valiantly down the slot until the earthly music stopped and then she bowed out by taking her last rock-step.

As the Celine Dion/Bee Gees song, entitled “Immortality,” says “*We don’t say goodbye. ... We keep the memory ... inside.*”

I wish I had asked her to dance one more time.

.....lloyd pitzen

Concerning the Virginia Shaggers Hall Of Fame ceremony on March 23 and 24 —

Thanks to All the Folks who supported us this past weekend with their attendance, their cards, their flowers, and most of all for their warm and thoughtful love and sincerity whenever and wherever we went; also for the prayers that helped Lana be able to dance Saturday evening. Their support really made the event super pleasant and we cannot thank everyone enough.

.....Jerry Nichols

Beach Music Cruise-In festival

on the beach at 30th street, Virginia Beach

Friday, May 18

•7:30-10:30pm, **The Embers featuring Craig Woolard**

Saturday, May 19

•12:30-3:30pm, **Main Event**

•4-7pm, **Bill Deal’s Original Rhondels**

•7:45-10:30pm, **Chairman of the Board featuring Ken Knox**

Sunday, May 20

•Noon-3pm, **The Entertainers**

•3-6pm, **Band of Oz**





Outdoor concerts

Fridays

TGOV

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

June

29 Wonderland — fireworks at
9:30

July

6 Soul Intent
13 The Fuzz Band
20 Powerplay
27 Coolin' Out

and more

Thursday

We Be Jammin' Barrett's Landing

Franklin
6-10pm

May

17 The Pizazz Band
24 The Embers
31 Soul Intent

June

7 Silk Groove
14 Hickory Knoll
21 Island Boy
28 Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot

July

5 The Entertainers
12 Moonshine Band
19 Blackwater Rhythm and Blues
26 Steve Owens & Summertime

and more

Wednesdays

Live on the Square at Port Warwick

Newport News
6-9pm

May

23 Deloreans (70s/80s)
30 Tony Breslows (americana)

June

6 Bobby Blackhat (blues)
13 Trademark (mix)
20 Party Fins (beach/pop)
27 Mashup (mix)

July

11 Good Shot Judy (big band/swing)
18 Slapnation (mix)
25 Mango (African/Caribbean/Latin)

and more

Thursdays

Sounds of Summer on the Riverwalk

Yorktown
7-9:30pm

June

7 Slapnation
14 Vinyl Headlights
21 The Main Event Band
28 Right On Band

July

12 Band of Oz
19 Soul Intent
26 Tidewater Drive Band

August

2 En'Novation

Source: <https://www.virginia.org/listings/Events/ShaggingontheRiverwalkBeachMusicSeries/>



Outdoor concert schedules are popping up like tulips