



The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

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

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Hampton, Newport News, York County, Poquoson, Williamsburg, Virginia Founded In 2001

a note from the club President

And so we dance.

In shag years, Cyd and I are fairly new to the dance. Four, five years tops. We came to learn a new dance. We stayed for the music, the smiles and the friendly people. Lots of them. We meet them everywhere. So do you, I suspect.



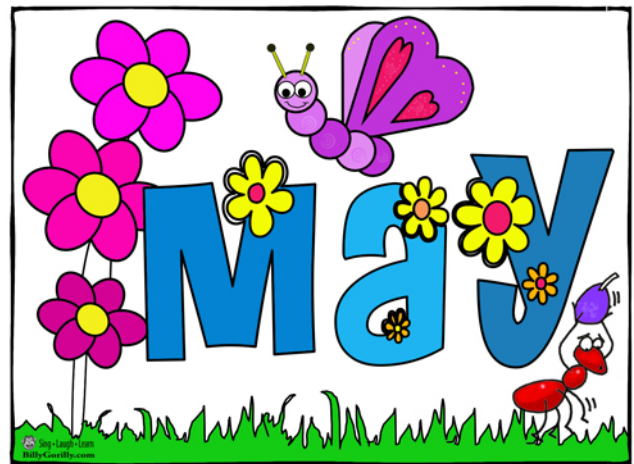
They are giving people too. On April 14th, at our SOS Kick-Off/ Menchville House Charity Dance, 128 people donated over \$2,500 to the club's charity. They also tipped the deejay and bought 50/50 tickets. For some of our members, that probably stretched the budget. But they gave anyway. Thank you to all who contributed with money, food, raffle items, and your time. It was a fun night.

April was SOS month in North Myrtle Beach. I've only had the opportunity to go to Winter SOS. But now that I've seen the videos and pictures from this Spring SOS and can picture us in the now familiar clubs, it's on my Shag Bucket List. I'm not sure when that will be. Maybe Fall SOS. It's hard to plan when you're a "tween." In between aging parents, who need visits and care, and grown children and grandchildren who need visits and care. (Ten grandkids, in our case). But that's what we get for having them. Kids and parents. And then, throw in a job. You've all either been there or you will be.

So while we're waiting for the next demand on our time, we dance. Shag to be specific. It becomes a way of life. You love the music. You love seeing and dancing with the friendly people. You come

early on Saturday to take a lesson from our fantastic instructors or just to help out when we need an extra leader. You dance in the car when a good song comes on. You figure out a new turn in the shower. You belong to more than one shag club. You practice your Boogie Walk in Food Lion. You can find the shag beat in a Cindi Lauper song. You get down when a song has an "oop" in it. Are you still working on your pivot? It's a way of life. From our weekly dances to the upcoming outdoor concerts to the various shag events throughout the year that we want to go to just because you can get a lesson from Jackie and Charlie or Sam and Lisa. If you know who these folks are with no last names mentioned, you are a shagger.

To paraphrase Mr. Hand, *Learn it, Live it, Love it*
..... Tim Kroskey



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

May	June
5 Cindy Black	2 Greg Howell
12 David Miller	9 Jerry Hardy
19 Jerry Hardy	16 Larry Black
26 Cindy Black	23 David Miller
	30 Cindy Black

Happy birthday — May

4 Charity Gavaza	20 Dwight Hash
5 Susan Akins	20 Janet Roper
8 Frank Gibson	25 Jerry Canada
9 Pam G. Deihl	25 Henry Roper
14 Diane Capps	31 Fred Green
14 Deborah Wright Federico	31 Oscar Ward
15 Christine Werner	

Colonial Shag Club

A Proud Member Of The:



Colonial Shag Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 12104
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Through the National FastDance Association, our club dance activities are licensed by:



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).

Shagging and bobbing should not be in the same sentence, but I put them together anyway

I grew up in Iowa where I fished in a small creek using a bobber. The fun of fishing was more about watching the bobber dance when serenaded by a fish than to capture a fish.



When I moved to the east coast and watched people fishing from the surf with no bobber, I thought to myself, “Booooooring. What’s the point, if there is no bobber to watch?” I came to realize that fishing without the bobber was about the action that starts on the ocean floor and the action of wrestling the fish to the surface. (In an Iowa creek, “wrestling” did not apply to the dinky fish.)

Shag dancing, like the bottom fishing is about the action on the floor, the movement of the feet more so than the upper body. According to an article about *bottom fishing*, “the main aim of this technique is to take the bait to the bottom of the sea and present it in a tempting way to the fish and to lure them into the hook.” Applying this description to someone giving a dance exhibition, their bait is their feet on the dance floor that lures the eyes of spectators.

I am known to bob some when I shag dance. Maybe that is because I have not accepted the concept of bottom fishing. One could say that I shag dance with an Iowa accent in response to the beat of the music nibbling on my ear.

Bottom fishing is fine for those who grew up on the East Coast.

..... lloyd pitzen



Notice to members about reserving seats at a club social



As you may have heard, one of the goals of our club is to maintain our efforts to be known as one of the friendliest, most welcoming shag club around. Circumstances have surfaced that may give visitors the opposite impression. On a recent Saturday night, six complete tables were “reserved” by six o'clock, which is well before the dance time starting at seven o'clock and well before the arrival of the persons for whom the tables were being saved. While most nights we have seats for everyone, the message a new visitor gets is “don’t sit here.”

If you want to save seats, please limit such to the table you are sitting at personally. If you have a group that overflows to an adjoining table, encourage other members of the group to arrive early to save the seats. They may even take the lesson and improve their dancing or just help out by proving experienced dancers to the newbies.

When you do save seats, please try to use personal items (e.g., coats, purses, bags) that show someone is sitting there. And please, due to increasing expense involved, do not use club supplies to save seats.

If you have vacant seats at your table, please invite those looking for a seat to join you.

Please help us maintain that Welcome mat for our visitors

.....Tim Kroskey, club president

2018 Colonial Shag Club membership cards are located in a box at the front desk at Two Left Feet. If you haven’t picked yours up, please ask at the front desk. If you are not able to pick up your card, please contact me at membership@colonialshagclub.com or 757-880-4365. I will be happy to mail it to you.

Thanks so much,
Beth Liivak

Beach Music Weekend Kickoff Party

at Eagles Nest, 600 Nevan Road, Virginia Beach
Thursday May 17, 5-11pm

Ammon Tharp All-Star Band

Tickets available from Larry Williams 252-455-1515

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**

Virginia Beach Shag Club presents the



at The Yacht Club at Marina Shores
2100 Marina Shores Drive, Virginia Beach
Sunday, June 24

Tickets go on sale May 16.
For tickets, contact Wayne Tate 757-816-1616

Tickets will NOT be Sold at the Door

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club

presents

Junebug Boogie Workshop, dinner, dance

Saturday, June 2

Eagles Club
521 Maple St., Chesapeake

Workshop instructors:
Sam and Lisa West

Music by deejay Cindy Black

Doors open 2:30,

Intermediate workshop 3:00-3:45

A Step Above Basic 4:30-5:15

Dinner 6-7pm, dance 7-10pm

Tickets BOTBSC members \$20, others \$30

BYOB

Setups and chicken dinner provided

Last name A-I: please bring a veggie dish to share.

Last name J-R: please bring a side dish to share

Last name S-Z: please bring a dessert to share

For more info, see boogieonthebay.com

Cash/check tickets available from Sarah Wilson
757-589-8058 silw928@aol.com and Janet
Garrenton, Sandy Hewitt, Toni Termini

Credit/Paypal tickets available online — go to
Boogieonthebay.com and follow links to
Junebug Boogie

No refunds, but tickets can be transferred



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

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

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

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