



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

Would somebody please find out whose idea it was to shorten February by three days. It made for a short busy month. We had over 100 members show up every week and as many as 20 couples for the lessons. And great fun for our Valentine Dance and Birthday Dance.



Can't forget the birthday dance. It was good to see everyone come out for the great music, dancing, and the snacks and desserts provided by our members. Thank you for your support.

I'm going to start March with some public service announcements.

On March 3rd, we are going to help Rick out by changing our opening time from 5 to 5:30. This will be in effect until further notice. I hope no one is too inconvenienced.

On March 17th, we'll have a change in our usual St. Patrick's Day Menu. Elena Gilmore and Brenda Pollock will be unable to cook up their famous Guinness Stew and Soda Bread. If you have the urge to take the Shillelagh and stir the pot, let me know. Or if you have an idea for something else, we're open to suggestions. Let's all say a great big Thank You to Elena and Brenda for their hard work over the past years.

On March 23-24, our very own Jerry Nichols will be inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Hampton. If you would like to support Jerry on this special weekend, talk to a board member or go to the VSHoF website for more information.

Going along with this event, on Thursday, March 22nd, from 6-10 at the Bull Island Brewery, right across from the hotel front door, will be a pre-induction party. It's open to everyone. There will be a deejay, dancing, food, and of course, beer.

The club is in need of a few new committee members.

We need a Facebook person, a photographer, and someone to oversee the 50/50 drawings each week. If you like to post on Facebook and maybe have some fun making people squirm with your snarky remarks, give this committee a try. If you like to take pictures of people in awkward positions, club photographer could be your calling. And if you would like to talk to everyone in the club almost every week, you might want to be the 50/50 coordinator. We do get a lot of help with 50/50 just by asking, so it won't be just up to you. If you think you'd like to help out with any of these committees let me know.

Last PSA. Thank everyone for their stepped up support for our DJs. They are a big part of the reason our Saturday socials are so much fun. That and asking those unaccompanied members to dance. Thanks for your continued support.

Do you remember that Shag Bucket List I mentioned last month? Well, with a little help from my "FRIENDS", I was able to check another one off of my list. One of our members thought it would be a good idea to introduce me to Jackie McGee at an event early in February. And another thought it would be even better idea to let her read my newsletter note. Talk about being put on the spot. So, when a certain song came on, *Be Myself Again*, I asked her if she was familiar with the tune and would she like to dance. She said she'd heard it once or twice and asked me if I'd had enough to drink. I had not. But we danced anyway. What an angel. She wouldn't let you look bad even if you tripped and fell. She'd probably find a way to make it a new step. So if dancing with Jackie or Charlie is on your Shag Bucket List, ask them to dance. You won't regret it. Just ask Cyd. She asked Charlie the next night. Same song. Same place. Check. Double Check. (Got pictures on page 4 to prove it.)

And remember, smile, we're only dancing.

See you on the dance floor.

Tim Kroskey

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

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 Website — Joe Mitchell
Dance instruction — Darla Frederick
Elections — TBD
Junior program – Joe Mitchell
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Music — Jerry Nichols
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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

3 Jerry Hardy 24 Lloyd Pitzen
 10 David Miller 31 Jerry Hardy
 17 Greg Howell

Happy birthday

1	Matt Rehim	14	Ruby James
2	Susan Zarecky	19	Greg Howell
10	Larry Brown	20	Debra Janezeck
11	Mike Mitchell	22	Jim Frederick
11	Patty Swan	28	Larry Black
12	Al Lukac		

Colonial Shag Club

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



For this picture, which was in last month's newsletter, from left to right are Darla Frederick and Jerry Nichols

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."

Beginning dancer: knows nothing.

Intermediate dancer: knows everything; too good to dance with beginners.

Hotshot dancer: too good to dance with anyone.

Advanced dancer: dances with everyone. Especially with beginners.

Attributed to **Dick Crum**, a folk dance teacher

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 online at www.cpschools.com (select WFOS Live Radio).

In last month's newsletter, Tim mentioned that **dancing with Jackie was on his list of things to do**. Tim accomplished that at the recent Boogie on the Bay Shag Club's *Shaggers @ Heart* dance event, where Charlie and Jackie were brought in to conduct a workshop and to give a dance exhibition



Tim Kroskey dancing with Jackie



Cyd Kroskey dancing with Charlie

Who are Charlie and Jackie?

Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee are icons in the shag dance world. They won the National Shag Dance Overall Championship nine out of its first ten years (starting in 1984) and were the only couple winning seven years consecutively. In 2001, Jackie won a 10th title with Sam West making her the only female to hold that many National Overall titles. The National Shag Dance Championship trophy is called *The Charlie & Jackie* in their honor.

In 1989, Charlie and Jackie introduced the Carolina Shag to the US Open Swing Dance Championships in California and began teaching Carolina Shag workshops at dance events across the country. As founders and directors of the USA Grand National Dance Championship held in Atlanta Georgia for 16 years, Charlie and Jackie worked to help unite the various swing communities, and to expose the dancers and the styles to one another.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Ocean View, Norfolk Saturday, March 17, 10am

After Parade Party, presented by the Columbian Club of Ocean View

noon till 4pm

at the Columbian Club of Ocean View featuring live bands

Tidewater Drive Band (outdoors)
to be announced (indoors)

see <http://www.norfolkparade.com/>

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**



Elite Airways is launching nonstop service between Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport and Myrtle Beach,

beginning April 6. Elite plans twice-weekly service, on Fridays and Mondays. The new service will start with fares set at \$129 each way.

2017 ABSCDJ Top 50 Shag Song List

1. Call My Wife..... Linsey Alexander
2. Run For Cover..... Sonja Grier
3. Marvin Gaye Charlie Puth feat. Meghan Trainor
4. Can't Stop The Feeling Justin Timberlake
5. Sexual Religion Rod Stewart
6. Bright..... Peter White
7. Lady Soul Temptations
8. Swing It..... Lomax
9. Dance Tonight Blackwater Rhythm and Blues Band
10. Black Coffee And Cigarettes Mighty Mo Rodgers
11. How Do You Stop James Brown
12. Baby Come Back Home Mr. X- Mark Safford
13. Who's Rockin' You Donnie Ray
14. Why You Wanna Do That Lomax
15. Breakin' News Benny Turner
16. In This Mess Snooky Pryor
17. San Miguel . Delbert McClinton and the Self-Made Men
18. Patience Noel Gourdin
19. I Can't Think Band of Oz
20. Come Get To This Marvin Gaye
21. Back In The Day CaféAndre Lee
22. Let's WalkAustin De Lone
23. The Walk Mayer Hawthorne
24. Getaway Car Daryl Hall & John Oates
25. Right Kind Of WomanAndre Lee
26. Hold On To The Blues Lonnie Givens
27. Cake By The Ocean DNCE
28. Full Of FireBoz Scaggs
29. Before The Night Is ThroughGina Sicilia
30. Give Me You Billy Ward and the Dominoes
31. Sweetness Of Your Love L.U.S.T.
32. A Love To Call MineJohnnie Taylor
33. Pretty GirlJames Michael Brown Band
34. Come Get To This (Steppin' Out Tonight) ..L.J. Reynolds
35. Share My Love R. Kelly
36. 8-3-1 Lisa Stansfield
37. Cry To Me Solomon Burke
38. I Used To Cry Mercy Mercy Lamplighters
39. Ay Les Bys Rhonda McDaniel
40. Goin' Home To Jesus Clovers
41. Act Your AgeHoliday Band
42. Oh Honey Jackie Gore and Rhonda McDaniel
43. Love Contract Musiq Soulchild
44. Why Don't We Just Dance Josh Turner
45. Moanin' And Groanin'Steve "Big Man" Clayton
46. Be With The One You Love .Embers feat. Craig Woolard
47. Stepped Right Outta My DreamToo Much Sylvia
48. Baby Don't GoPhil Wilson and Karen Clayton
49. Unchain My HeartHoliday Band
50. Your Heart's In Good Hands Band of Oz



Greg Howell, who deejays regularly at our club socials, has taken on the task of compiling the *Top 50 Shag Song List* for the Association of Beach and Shag Club D.J.'s each year. As such, his first one is the *2017 ABSCDJ Top 50*

Shag Song List.

Greg performs this task by getting input from fifty ABSCDJ deejays, with each deejay providing their ranking of the top fifty songs. From these fifty lists, he makes a composite list and publishes it on behalf of the ABSCDJ with a cover page, introductory page, and the list of songs. The list of songs is shown in the left column.

**2018 Virginia Shaggers Hallof 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