



The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

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

November 2019

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

President's corner

Peggy and I are almost done fixing up our costumes for our club's Halloween Dance. Last year, 104 members showed up for the dance, and the originality of the costumes was amazing. Judging the costume contest was definitely not easy. I'm hopeful for an even bigger turnout this year.

Last year at the fall fundraiser, we raised over \$2,000 for the club's charity, Menchville House. This year we are combining the fund raiser with the Halloween Dance. I hope we can raise even more money this year.

We are trying some different things for the club dance lessons. For November, we will do only "Beyond Beginner" lessons with a variety of instructors. I am looking forward to learning some new moves. Look for information about who is teaching in the weekly "Newsy" from Joe Mitchell (CSC Corresponding Secretary). Our Dance Development chairperson, Jerry Nichols, is working some exciting changes for the dance lessons starting in 2020.

The next big event is our annual Christmas Dance. If you have never been to one of these wonderful dances, you are missing out on a great event. The ladies always look great all dressed up, and the men don't look too shabby, either. We are grateful for Jerry Hardy stepping up to be the deejay. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there.

See you on the dance floor!

Regards,

Mel



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)

Halloween party at Saturday night social on November 2

Other Shag Dance Events

Virginia Beach Shag Club *Mix & Mingle* every Wednesday night at Royal Courtyard, Virginia Beach. See VBshagclub.com and Facebook page.

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club social every Friday night at *Big Woody's* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake. See Boogieonthebay.com and Facebook page.

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

Northern Neck Shaggers social every Thursday night at *KC's Crabs and Cues* on Rt. 200 a few miles north of Kilmarnock. Deejay Greg Howell. See Facebook page.

Franklin Shag Club social first and third Wednesdays of every month at *Fred's Restaurant* in downtown Franklin. See Facebook page.

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club—Shaggers At Heart, in Williamsburg on January 31 - February 2, 2020. See Boogieonthebay.com

OBX Shag Club NYE party December 31 - January 1, Hilton Garden Inn, Kitty Hawk. See flyer on Boogie On The Bay Shag Club — Upcoming Opportunities Facebook page

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

club board of directors and committees

Directors and Officers

President: Mel Hemphill — 757-869-1164, mkhemphill@verizon.net

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Committees

Beverage — Sheila Kerr-Jones

Cards — Diane Capps

Charity — Sheila Kerr-Jones

Christmas party — Connie Sledd

Communications

Newsletter — Lloyd Pitzen

Social Media (Facebook) — Lisa Jones, Connie Sledd

Website — Joe Mitchell

Dance instruction — Jerry Nichols

Junior program – Joe Mitchell

Membership — Cyd Kroskey

Music — Tim Kroskey

Nominating — Mel Hemphill, Sheila Kerr-Jones, Mike Dyson, Peggy Hemphill, Delaine Milton

Photographers — Alan Michaelis, Malcom Mann

Social — tbd

Venue negotiations – Joe Mitchell, Jerry Nichols, Harry Walthall

Venue Operations — J R Jones

Venue Supplies — John Bright, Christina Campana, Malcom Mann, Stan Crocket, Patty Swan

Ways & Means (50/50 raffle)— J R Jones

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November

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| 2 | Cindy Black | 23 | Larry Black |
| 9 | Greg Howell | 30 | David Miller |
| 16 | Jerry Hardy | | |

See colonialshagclub.com for any updates to deejay schedule



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| 1 | Jerry Hardy | 13 | Bob Psimas |
| 3 | Valerie Herman | 13 | Connie Sledd |
| 3 | Kim League | 15 | Carol Puckett |
| 6 | Buddy Mateo | 16 | Chrisie Stone |
| 7 | Earl Hill | 17 | Mel Hemphill |
| 10 | Jessie Johnson | 23 | Jimmy Kight |
| 10 | Toby West | 23 | Bob McCreary |
| 11 | Deborah Thompson | 23 | Larry Stewart |
| 12 | JoAnn Chapman | 29 | Vicki Walker |

Colonial Shag Club

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



To get the latest info on our club events, go to

Colonialshagclub.com

Dance lessons at the club's Saturday night socials

6-7pm

November — 'beyond beginner'

Pass the word to your friends that this is a great opportunity to learn a fun dance.



The President's column on page 1 was written just prior to the club's Halloween party on November 2nd. The pictures on this page were taken by Alan Michaelis at that party.





Carmen Rowell has been diagnosed with cancer and has been put on hospice care. She will be remaining at Brookdale Chambrel Williamsburg* assisted living facility for this care. According to Carmen's daughter, Carmen wants us all to know how much she loves and treasures her friends at Colonial Shag Club. She would love to receive cards, calls, and visits. However, please call her daughter, Pam at 614-935-7491 to make sure Carmen is up for a visit.

* Brookdale Chambrel, 3800 Treyburn Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185



- Friday December 6 — Boogie on the Bay Shag Club — at Hilton Garden Inn, Harbour View, Suffolk. See Boogieonthebay.com
- Saturday December 14 — Virginia Beach Shag Club — Royal Courtyard, Virginia Beach. See vbshagclub.com
- **Friday December 20 — Colonial Shag Club** — Marriott in Newport News City Center

The **National Living Legends of Dance (NLLD)** is holding an induction ceremony and dance event November 8-10 in Virginia Beach. This event brings in many skillful dancers from out of town. For these out-of-town dancers who like to arrive early and leave late, the "pre" and "after" parties" are opportunities to start the party early and keep it going into Sunday night. The pre" and "after" parties are open to everyone (i.e., you do not have to have a ticket to the weekend event).

These "pre" and "post" parties are great opportunities for our local shaggers to get on the floor with masterly dancers or just sit back and marvel at their dancing skills.

Christmas party tickets are on sale!

Colonial Shag Club Christmas party
Friday, December 20
Newport News Marriott in the Newport News Town Center

Regular members \$40, Others \$45.00
until December 1st, then \$45.00 and \$50 respectively

See Rosalie Mitchell or Connie Sledd for tickets

NLLD Pre Dance Party 2019

Thursday Nov 7th 8 PM - until

at 757 Dance \$10 Cover

176 S. Rosemont Rd, Va Beach

DJ Jonathan Barbeau and more!

PM/Text Cindy Black for more info 757-757-478-1600

7 PM Studio Lessons \$15 Drop In OR \$20 for Both

NLLD After Party 2019 @ The Banque

Sunday Nov 10th 4 PM - 9 PM

1840 E Little Creek Rd

Guest DJ's: Jonathan Barbeau & Bill Harper & More

The Band of Oz

at Elevation 27 (was Steppin Out),
Virginia Beach

Sunday December 8

4pm

\$15-\$25

See elevation27.com for info and to

Meet the 2020 Board of Directors

There will not be a formal voting process to elect board members. Instead, the nominees have been elected “by acclimation” being that there was only one nominee for each position.

Timothy Kroskey – President

CSC

- President 2018
- Director at Large 2017 and 2019
- Member since 2014
- Help with Junior Shagger events
- Dance instructor

Other

- Married to Cyd
- Started dancing nine years ago when our son got married. Took “Amy's wedding package” to be able to dance at wedding. Switched from ballroom to shag about four years ago because you are allowed to smile while shag dancing.

- Attend shag lessons at Two Left Feet and Boogie on the Bay Shag Club
- Hobbies: woodworking, fishing, cooking, and grandchildren
- Occupation: have been in the insurance business, was construction inspector at Langley in the Civil Engineering Squadron, have been a contractor doing remodeling and small government jobs, was Facilities Manager at Hampton Roads Academy, went back to insurance business, and currently Senior Retirement Strategist at Vector27 Financial Group in Poquoson.



Sheila Kerr-Jones – Vice President

CSC

- Incumbent Director at Large
- Member since 2010
- Co-chair Charity Committee 2018
- Co-chair 10th Anniversary Party 2011
- Nominating Committee member 2012 and 2018
- Charity Event Committee member 2012 and 2013
- Co-chair Social Events committee 2013
- Chair Ways and Means 2014
- Christmas Party Decorating Committee member 2013 and 2015; Committee Chair 2016
- Hospitality Committee Chair 2017 and 2018
- Currently volunteer wherever needed

Other volunteer activities

- Longtime Virginia Living Museum (VLM) volunteer
- VLM Annual Bacchus (Wine Event) Organization board member
- VLM Fundraiser
- Kiln Creek Hollingsworth HOA Board
- Ferguson Center

- Boogie On The Bay Shag Club
- Junior SOS
- Virginia Beach Shag Club

Other

- Dancing with the Williamsburg Stars participant March 2011
- Guinness Book World Record Shag Dance participant
- Member of Boogie on the Bay Shag Club since 2012
- Member of Virginia Beach Shag Club 2015

Overseas and stateside

- English as a Second Language Instructor
- Spanish Language Instructor
- Substitute Teacher
- Tours and Travel Guide

Hobbies: Dancing, Travel, Traveling to Dance, Reading, Gardening, Jeopardy!



Rosalie Mitchell - Treasurer

CSC

- Treasurer 2010-2014, 2018
- Director at Large 2017
- Corresponding Secretary 2016
- Recording Secretary 2017
- Member since 2003

Other

- Member of Virginia Beach Shag Club for seventeen years
- Member of Boogie on the Bay Shag Club for sixteen years
- Inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame in 2013

- Inducted into National Living Legends of Dance in 2017
- Self-employed since 1990 in personal accounting firm
- Previously employed by CPA firms in Newport News and Oklahoma City for eleven years.
- Accounting degree from Central State in Oklahoma in 1979
- Treasurer for the Yorktown Preservation Society
- Treasurer for the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame
- Secretary for the Yorktown Day Association
- Past treasurer for the Seaford Yacht Club for eight years
- Hobbies: Dancing, reading, and travel



J.R. Jones – Recording Secretary

CSC

- Incumbent Recording Secretary and held that position since 2018
- CSC Director at Large 2013 through 2017
- Member since April 2010
- Served on the CSC 10th Anniversary Party Committee
- Volunteer assisting with various events and functions
- Chair of Venue Operations Committee 2014 through 2019
- Nominating Committee 2017



Other

- Employed full time with the Federal Government after 12 years as a Contractor with General Dynamics.
- Retired Army Field Artillery Officer after 28 years of active service
- Participated in *Dancing with the Williamsburg Stars - Shag Dance Demo*, March 2010
- Participated in Guinness Book World Record Shag Dance, September 2011
- Hobbies include shag dancing, skiing, and travel

Joe Mitchell – Corresponding Secretary

CSC

- Incumbent Corresponding Secretary
- Director At Large 2016
- Member since 2003
- Webmaster since 2003
- Newsletter editor three years
- Venue Negotiations Committee four years
- Bylaws Committee chair 2013
- Established ABC License process for CSC
- Represented CSC at multiple ACSC Workshops



Other

- Member of Virginia Beach Shag Club (VBSC) over fifteen years
- VBSC newsletter editor 2004-2006
- VBSC webmaster for several years
- Steppin' Out webmaster many years
- Coolin' Out band webmaster
- Member of Boogie On The Bay Shag Club for five years
- Inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame in 2013
- On Board of Directors of Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame 2014-2019
- Inducted into National Living Legends of Dance in 2017
- Retired Federal Service after thirty-five years
- Retired USAF Reserves

Marion Butsavage – Director at Large

CSC

- Director at Large 2017-2019
- Member since 2014
- Assisted with 50/50 drawing – 2014
- Was member of on 2017 Christmas Party Committee
- Was member of on 2018 Nominating Committee

Other

- Retired from Sentara Virginia Beach General. Worked for 35 years as Clinical Dietitian, Certified Diabetes Educator and Manager of Diabetes Center for inpatients and outpatients. Chaired Diabetes Education Committee for Sentara Healthcare System



- Served as Vice President, President-elect, President, and Past President of Eastern VA Association of Diabetes Educators

Shag Club affiliations:

- Virginia Beach Shag Club
 - ◊ member since 2013
 - ◊ Served on Charity committee by pouring beer at Beach Music Festival two years and at American Music Festival one year
 - ◊ Served on Christmas Party Committee 2015 and 2016
 - ◊ Ran for club secretary 2015
 - ◊ Served on 2016 Ways and Means Committee by collecting 50/50 drawing
- Boogie on the Bay Shag Club
 - ◊ former member
 - ◊ Served on 2016 Ways and Means Committee by working in food concession at NTelos

Connie Sledd — Director at Large

CSC

- Corresponding Secretary 2017-2018
- President 2010
- Vice President 2009
- 2nd Vice President 2008
- Christmas Party chairman 2018, 2019 Christmas Party committee co-chair 2017

Work experience

- Poquoson School Board 2004-2010
- New Horizons Regional Education Center Board of Trustees 2005-2010

Previous work experience: English teacher; Real Estate broker; Substitute teacher

Other volunteer experience

- Poquoson Education Foundation, Board of Trustees since 2011
- PTA – school president (three schools); District Officer; Virginia Board of Managers



- General Federation of Woman's Clubs - Past President of Poquoson Woman's Club (twice); Tidewater District Chairman 1986-2011; Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs; State Bylaws Committee member (twice); Nominating committee member
- Odyssey of the Mind - State judge; Regional Problem Captain; team Coach, attended *World Finals* nine times
- Helped establish the *Poquoson Animal Welfare Sanctuary* (P.A.W.S.)

Hobbies:

- Spending time with our granddaughter!
- Dancing, Travel, animal welfare

Al and I started lessons in September, 2006. We always loved to dance but were new to shag dancing. We especially enjoyed the warmth and friendliness of everyone we met at our club, at other shag events, and at SOS.

After stepping away from CSC service for several years to be primary caregiver for my parents, I enjoyed once again serving on the board as Corresponding Secretary. As a director at large, I will continue to work to make the Colonial Shag Club a place for dancing and friendship.

Malcolm Mann – Director at Large

CSC

- Joined in 2018.
- Currently serve on Beverage Committee.

Other

- Retired from Newport News Shipbuilding as a Senior Operation Coordinator in 2012 with 41 years of service. Worked in Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) Department. Taught classes in radiographic testing
- Served on various committees within the Hampton Roads Chapter of The American Society of Non Destructive Testing.
- Part time realtor at Long and Foster Real Estate for 12 years.
- Part time associate at JC Penny for 16 years.
- Past president and board member of Glen Laurel Homeowners Association.
- Volunteered NDT work on USS Monitor artifacts for the Mariners' Museum.



Mike Dyson – Director at Large

CSC

- Member of Nominating Committee

Other

- Member Boogie on the Bay Shag Club - 2019
- Retired US Marine - 24 years
- Currently employed as Manager with Coleman-Allied Moving & Storage Services - 15 years
- Side business - "The Handyman Can" Handyman and Home Rehab Services
- Volunteer Services
 - Fifteen years with Boy Scouts of America in various leadership positions
 - Five Years with Girl Scouts of America in various leadership positions
 - Three years with Venture Scouting and Sea Scouts in various positions
 - Various events & committees with church
- Hobbies
 - Riding my motorcycle, reading, fishing, and woodworking
 - Most recently Shag dancing - 1 year

