



# The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

**Colonial Shag Club, Inc.**

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

December 2019

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

## President's corner

In four weeks, it will be time to hand the reins to Tim Kroskey, your President for 2020. I enjoyed being your President this past year. I had the pleasure of working with an exceptional Board of Directors, and I am grateful for their insights and wisdom as we dealt with the business of governing the club. I even won a 50-50 this year!



It is difficult to describe 2019 as a good year as we deal with the sadness of losing our most senior member, our beloved Carmen Rowell. However, we should celebrate the wonderful life that Carmen lived and how blessed we were to have her as a member of our club.

We had a couple of successful potluck food events this year. I was asked a few times how to contact the person who made a certain dish in order to obtain the recipe. For the next event where we bring in food, if you can remember, please put your name of a card next to the dish so folks can ask you for the recipe.

I look forward to seeing a lot of you at the Christmas Party on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. If this is your first time, you are in for a real treat! We always have a great time, and it's fun to see everyone all dressed up.

See you on the dance floor!

Regards,

Mel

**No Colonial Shag Club social  
on December 21**

## *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)

Christmas party December 20 at Marriott in Newport News City Center

## *Other Shag Dance Events*

Virginia Beach Shag Club *Mix & Mingle* every Wednesday night at Royal Courtyard, Virginia Beach. See [VBshagclub.com](http://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](http://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](http://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

Our beloved **Carmen**, who personified the joy and camaraderie of dancing, passed away. Excerpts from Carmen’s obituary are as follows.

**Carmen Navarro Rowell**, 94, passed away on Saturday, November 23, 2019, ..., after an extended illness. Born on September 2, 1925, in Oxnard, CA, ....

*Carmen was an avid dancer, tennis player, bridge player, and a frequent winning competitor in the Virginia Golden Olympics. She earned medals in tennis and jump rope events. Carmen was a homemaker, raising her children and providing childcare for many grandchildren. She was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church for over 50 years.*

*In her later years, she became devoted to shag dancing. She was awarded a lifetime membership in the Colonial Shag Club, where she danced every Saturday night until she was 93. Her dedication to the group and her dancing ability inspired many members of the club to always have fun and to keep dancing. ....*

*The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 12:30 to 2:00p.m. at Weymouth Funeral Home, followed by a Memorial Service at 2:00p.m. at the funeral home chapel. ....*

See full obit online at [legacy.com](http://legacy.com)

At the November 30<sup>th</sup> club social, David Miller played a song called **Shadow Shagging** for Carmen. Many patrons who were engrossed in dancing or in conversation probably missed the concept of the song.



The song is about “shadow shaggers” dancing in a night club after the patrons had gone home. Excerpts from the song are:

*Shadow dancers  
appeared on the floor.  
They were dancing to the  
music they love,  
but no one had come  
through the door.  
They were shadow  
shagging  
these dancers of the night.  
We know that they are gone,  
the memory lingers on.*

*They still dance here every night.  
So if you are out after 3  
and you happen to see the dim club light  
from across the way,  
you know that shadow shagging dancing till  
the light of day*

Carmen does not wait until 3 in the morning. She is shadow shagging with us

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### Celebrate Carmen’s life

Thursday, December 5, 3-6pm  
at Two Left Feet Dance Studio  
with deejays Larry and Cindy Black

Attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert or a side dish such as “finger foods”, etc. to share!  
(No alcohol allowed)



# 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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# the music goes on thanks to our colonial tunesmiths

## December

- 7 Cindy Black
- 14 Greg Howell
- 20 Jerry Hardy  
(Christmas party)
- 28 Larry Black

## January

- 4 David Miller
- 11 Cindy Black
- 18 Greg Howell
- 25 Jerry Hardy

See colonialshagclub.com for any updates to deejay schedule



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|----|------------------|----|---------------|
| 2  | Joey Braudrick   | 19 | Frank Roundy  |
| 2  | Karen MacDougall | 21 | Danny Baker   |
| 6  | Ricky Wyatt      | 25 | Sandra Alford |
| 8  | Buzz League      | 26 | Susan Hurley  |
| 9  | Hal Lare         | 26 | Donna Reese   |
| 10 | Ben Parson       | 27 | Mike Dyson    |
| 16 | Marilyn Eubank   | 27 | Lin Hines     |
| 16 | Peggy Hemphill   | 27 | Renee Lare    |
| 16 | Delaine Milton   | 28 | Jerry Nichols |

## Colonial Shag Club

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Of The:



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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

- 'beyond beginner' in the main room
- Ad hoc beginner lessons in the front room

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

Where there used to be carpet, there is now a new dance floor in the front room of Two Left Feet dance studio. The new floor accommodates beginner dance lessons at Saturday night socials.

The flooring and the installation were provided courtesy of **Don Ligon** and **Jerry Nichols**. Don and his wife Dianne are part owners of Virginia Maid Kitchens, which has various products including flooring

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## Shagging at the **The Banque** on Sundays in December

**8<sup>th</sup>** **The Janitors**, with deejays Larry and Cindy Black

**29<sup>th</sup>** **New Year's Eve Eve party** with **Ammon's Allstars band** (balloon drop at 8:30). Tickets \$25 cash, \$30 credit card

Doors open at 4. Band starts at 6:15

The Banque, 1849 East Little Creek Road, Norfolk  
757-480-3600

### Notice — for regular members

It is time to renew your membership. To renew, fill out membership form and submit it along with \$20 to the club (at a social or mail to club address)

Form is available on website and at club social

## New Year's Eve party

Two Left Feet Dance Studio

December 31

\$30 per person until Dec 24th, \$35 per person thereafter

Great food and great fun!

Deejay Cindy Black

Call Rick at 757-813-4371

### The Band of Oz

at Elevation 27 (was Steppin Out),  
Virginia Beach

Sunday December 8

4pm

\$15-\$25

See [elevation27.com](http://elevation27.com) for info and to



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