



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

President's corner

Second Verse, Same as
the First!

Happy 2020 to all. Once again, thank you to everyone who made 2019 a great year for the Colonial Shag Club. To president Mel Hemphill and his wife Peggy. To the hardworking board and committee members. To our fine dance instructors and deejays. And mostly to our loyal members who showed up every week to help make our club the friendly fun club that it is.

I hope everyone who attended the Christmas party enjoyed it as much as I did. I loved seeing everyone dressed in their various Christmas finery — especially Mel's rosy red cheeks. We had a beautiful venue, a large dance floor, good food, and great music from deejay Jerry Hardy. A special thanks goes to Connie Sledd for leading the party committee in planning a wonderful party.

Looking forward to the coming year, we will be putting the focus of our dance instructions toward improving everyone's shag dancing skills. Our main ballroom lessons will be Beyond Beginner moves you can use, techniques to help you look smooth and cool while you dance, and even some dance floor etiquette so you can survive on the dance floor at SOS and with our ballroomers, beboppers, line dancers, and Schottichsizers. Even though we are primarily a shag club, hence the name, Colonial Shag Club, where the shag is danced in a slot, we welcome all dancers and hope those new to shag will learn the dance and come to love it like many of us do.

We will continue with beginners lessons in the newly refloored front room. Also, Jerry and Lana Nichols will give progressive beginner shag lessons



at the Newport News Midtown Community Center every Thursday from 7 to 8pm for six weeks, starting January 23rd through February 27th. The cost is \$45 per person.

So come on out and figure out some footwork, learn the Lean, and perfect your Pivit.

On January 25th, we'll have our Re-up party. It's a reminder that Regular Members (members with certain rights and privileges) need to have their \$20 dues paid or post marked by midnight Jan 31st or add a \$5 late fee.

If you'd like a little extra fun, join us at the SOS Winter Workshop January 16-19 in North Myrtle Beach. It's a nice way to try out SOS without the crowds.

I'm looking forward to the new year and becoming a better dancer along with a couple hundred of my closest friends.

See you on the dance floor. And remember to smile. We're only dancing.

Tim

2020 SOS events

in North Myrtle Beach (unless otherwise specified)

- Mid Winter, January 16-19
- Spring Safari April 16 –25
- Summer Workshop July 10-12 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
- Junior SOS, July 14-19
- Fall Migration, September 17-26

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

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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

January

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

February

- 1 Brian Eubank

See colonialshagclub.com for any updates to deejay schedule



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| 2 Lydia Mugler | 17 Michael Guida |
| 4 Rex Walker | 17 Margie McRae |
| 4 Cal Woolard | 20 Terri Brooks |
| 5 Debbie Jenkins | 21 Bobby Chiles |
| 5 Sarah McCartney | 21 Insuk Fondacaro |
| 5 Carrie Pagels | 22 Kathy Arnaud |
| 6 Carson Thompson | 24 David Holmes |
| 7 Judy Cassani | 25 Lana Nichols |
| 7 Dee Fertitta | 26 Tom Monahan |
| 11 Rose Howell | 27 Bob Vance |
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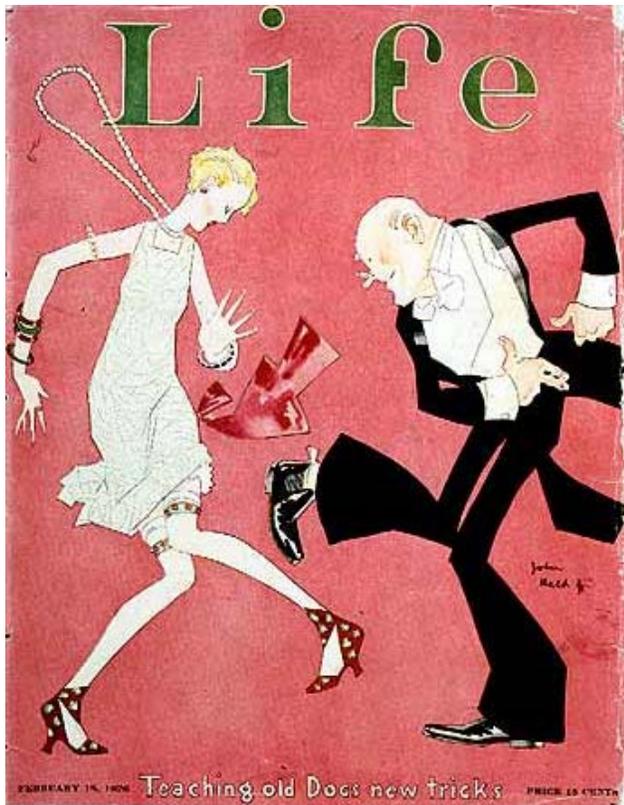
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Tim's note on page 1 mentions improving dancing skills. Think of that theme as a thrust for the new decade — similar to the “roaring 20s” theme one hundred years ago

Let's rewind to that decade with the “*Teaching old dogs new tricks*” theme on the cover of Life magazine in 1926



Teaching old dogs new tricks

The slinky style of the “flapper” was celebrated in the popular press during the 1920s, most notably in cartoons such as this one by John Held, Jr., which appeared in *Life* magazine in 1926. The “flapper,” according to popular stereotype, wore short, loose dresses, used cosmetics, smoked and drank alcohol in public, and embraced the sexual revolution. This image of the “new woman” both mirrored and exaggerated the popular rejection of the genteel, corseted Victorian feminine ideal, which had developed over time, rather than over night. Cartoons of high-stepping, boot-legging high society quickly lost their appeal after the 1929 stock market crash.

(The above was excerpted from webpage <http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/6684/>)

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)

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

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



Regular members — reminder to renew membership

This is reminder to renew your membership before February 1st, at which time, your membership ends if not renewed. Renewal fee is 20 dollars.

After January 31, to reinstate regular membership if not renewed, you must join as a new member for a 25 dollar fee.

The application form is available on the club's website and at club events.

Associate Members — your membership expired at the end of 2019

If you joined in 2019 as an associate member, your membership expired at the end of 2019.

Upon attending a club function for the first time in 2020, you must join again as an associate member (or you can join as a regular member). The application form for each member type is available on the club's web site and at club events

Boogie On The Bay Shag Club is hosting the 2021 ACSC Summer Workshop July 9-11, 2021 in Williamsburg

The ACSC (Association of Carolina Shag Clubs) is the parent organization for shag clubs, including the three shag clubs in Hampton Roads. Its purpose is to provide for communications among the clubs, to serve as a coordinating body for club activities, to sponsor activities of mutual interest to all clubs, and to manage and operate the Society of Stranders, Inc. (S.O.S.).

The ACSC Summer Workshop is an annual weekend event which includes a mandatory meeting requiring a representative from each club attend in order to maintain membership. Each year, a different club is chosen to host the Summer Workshop.

CSC 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 as a visitor.

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

Colonialshagclub.com

To see what's happening at *Two Left Feet Dance studio*

go to twoleftfeetdancestudio.net

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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