



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

Looks Like We Made It

In the words of that well known Shaggin' crooner, Barry Manilow, Looks Like We Made It. We're dancing. And WE don't need no stinkin' masks. It's almost like we just took a 14 month time-out. Which, it may be argued, some of us deserve on a regular basis. Things seem pretty well back to normal with exception of the entrance requirement, a much needed increase in admission prices, and how the deejays are paid. We still do our 50/50 to help pay our ACSC fees and we will still have events to fund our charitable contribution to Menchville House.

Some of our members wonder if the changes we have made to ensure that CSC has a place to dance and to ensure Two Left Feet Dance Studio (TLF) remains open and in business mean we are no longer a club. I can assure you that CSC is still an active and vibrant shag club. Each week, we are attracting more dancers from our club and other clubs from the area that are not as fortunate as we are to have a safe place to dance. Remember, a club is a club because of the work and participation of its members. If you think the club needs to make changes, please step forward this fall and throw your hat in the ring for the election of new officers and board members. New ideas are always welcome.

Starting June 12th, TLF will offer beginner shag lessons. See page 3 for more information.



As we have mentioned for the last few weeks, we are putting together a memorial video to remember and pay tribute to the members we've lost over the last year and a half. If you have some photos, videos, or something you would like to write in remembrance of Ed Hardy, Peggy Hempill, Bob Kolesha, Lorraine Jackson, Fay Ratcliff, Norman Williams, and Terry Lee, please contact Sheila Kerr-Jones, 2skj1s1@gmail.com.

It's been great seeing our returning club members, shaggers from other clubs, and new attendees these last few weeks. It looks like attendance is climbing each week, and we are looking forward to soon hitting that 100 dancers mark again. Let's make it a great Shagging Summer.

Finally, when I am holding that microphone for announcements on Saturday nights, I try to inject some humor into what could be a pretty boring break. Unfortunately, my choice of words for off the cuff remarks could sometimes be chosen better. For anyone who's been offended, I apologize. My intent was get to some smiles, not to hurt someone's feelings. In the future, being that I'm too old to be retrained, I will try to be more restrained.

See you on the dance floor

Tim Kroskey, President CSC

SOS events in North Myrtle Beach

- Spring Safari — June 19-26
- Fall Migration — September 16-26

The beat goes on thanks to out

club board of directors and committees

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Dance instruction — Jerry Nichols

Junior program – Joe Mitchell

Membership — Cyd Kroskey

Music — Tim Kroskey

Nominating — tbd

Photographers — Alan Michaelis, Malcolm 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

Committee assignments, as shown, are carried over from last year. These will be updated in next newsletter.



June

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| 1 Darla Frederick | 20 Vicki Morrison |
| 3 Janet Taylor | 21 Kim Downing |
| 13 Patti Walker | 22 Bill Ferris |
| 14 Stephanie Hockaday | 22 Rick Tvelia |
| 16 Valerie Canada | 24 George Carlisle |
| 18 Joanne Shaefer | 26 Stan Gurganus |
| 19 Diane Lawson | 26 Tom Whitley |

Two Left Feet Dance Studio contact information

Phone 757-813-4371

Email rick@twoleftfeetdancestudio.net

See twoleftfeetdancestudio.net and Facebook for information about TLF. To find on Facebook, suffix the business name with 757 so as to distinguish it from other dance studios with same name.

Colonial Shag Club

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Colonial Shag Club dances every Saturday night

at Two Left Feet Dance Studio

Newport News

Doors open at 5:30pm

shag dance lesson 6-7pm, dancing 7-10pm

\$8 for member of any shag club, otherwise \$10

Proof of Covid vaccination (CDC card) required
CDC guidelines followed

Soda and water provided

Snacks welcomed

Alcohol permitted

Virginia Beach Shag Club *Mix & Mingle* every Wednesday night at DanceSportVA, Virginia Beach. See VBshagclub.com and the club's Facebook page.

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club social every Friday night 6-9:30pm (starting June 4) at *Big Woody's* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake. See boogieonthebay.com and the club's Facebook page.

Northern Neck Shaggers social every Thursday night 6-9pm at the 606 restaurant in Whitestone, Virginia. DeeJay Greg Howell. See Northern Neck Shaggers Facebook page.

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

Two Left Feet Dance (TLF) Studio offers beginner shag lessons

Four sessions 4:30-5:30 pm

June 12, 19, 26, July 3

\$40 per person (covers all four sessions)

To register, contact TLF. See contact information on page 2

If you paid for the lessons that were offered before Covid forced their cancellation, contact TLF or Tim at tckroskey@gmail.com. You can take these lessons or receive a refund



The shag basic step consists of triple step, triple step, and rock step with the each set of triple steps being done in two beats. It is counted as 1 & 2, 3&4, 5, 6 with the ampersands each being a step between beats.

In defiance of Cher's "The beat goes on" song, the beat was paused by the pandemic. From the end of our last social in 2020 (March 14) to the start of our first social in 2021 (May 15), we were paused in an ampersand that lasted 36,878,400 seconds.

In retrospect, in some ways those millions of seconds seem like an eternity and in some ways they seems like a blurred flash.

Various studies have reinforced the concept that music evokes vivid memories. The first time I got on the dance floor in 2021 after more than a year lapse, the music instantly brought back the euphoric memories of dancing as if there had been no pause — that is the power of music.

When the beat resumed and we came out of the ampersand, we may have discovered that the song may have changed, we may have changed (the knees might hurt more), and with whom we are dancing may have changed. Somehow, we get synchronized to a beat again whether it comes easy or not. Everyone has a story to tell of their endurance while being captive in an ampersand. Those who lost a loved one were in a socially isolated world when socialization was especially needed.

..... Lloyd Pitzen



Bloom for a day

This spring, I bought a hybrid hibiscus plant because I liked the color of the bloom. After planting it, I discovered that each bloom lasted about three days as compared to a bloom on a non-hybrid plant, which only lasts one day. One would have thought that I would appreciate the multiday bloom but that was not the case. I missed the one-day bloom. Knowing a bloom would only last a day, I appreciated it more. Although I knew it would be gone soon, I also had the hope that a new bloom would appear the next day or the next. So too with life

..... Lloyd Pitzen

Virginia Beach Shag Club defeats Covid disruption with Substitute SOS Parade

See the article in Spring 2021 edition of SOS Carefree Times, which is available online at shagging.com

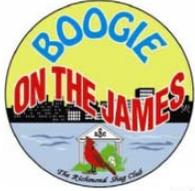
Kudos to Alan Michaelis for keeping the shagging flame lit throughout Hampton Roads by disseminating photos from pre-covid times and photos of any event during the epidemic (such as the VBSC parade). As an ‘ACSC/SOS photographer,’ Alan posts on the SOS Facebook page and, as such, gives publicity to shagging in Hampton Roads.

As dance events returned throughout Hampton Roads , Alan captured the joy in pictures and spread that joy. One such picture is shown below.



Let the Games Begin!

August 13 & 14




Guest DJs
Jerry Hardy & Brute Vaughan
 Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs

Two Free Shag Workshops
 Featuring
Sam & Lisa West

Free Line Dance Workshop

RSC Party Features

- Thursday Night Early Bird Party At Visions in the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton
- Three free workshops
- Two free drinks at reception both Friday and Saturday evenings
- Friday evening plated dinner
- Saturday evening buffet dinner
- Large Dance Floor
- Seating for Everyone
- Smoke-Free Ballroom
- Saturday Vendors

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
 1021 Koger Center Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23235
 Call 1-804-379-3800 and ask for the "Richmond Shag Club" rate of \$119/night plus tax until July 13

For more information, contact **Joan Byrnes** or at jbyrnes425@verizon.net
 Check our website at www.RichmondShagClub.org for updates





Do soundwaves disappear

The vibrations of a sound wave will dampen and dampen until they are equal to the vibrations of the surrounding medium, due to its ambient temperature. ... **Therefore, sound energy eventually turns into thermal energy.**

Reddit.com



Fay Ratcliff
- November 6, 2020

The sounds of their joyous voices have not disappeared; instead those sounds have turned into warmth at Saturday night socials.

Who are they? They are our members (or, in one case, a past member) who have passed away during the intermission of social events. As we return to merriment at Saturday night socials, let us remember those who won't be coming through the front door again; for they are already there in some form.



Norman Williams
- April 29, 2020



Peggy Hemphill
- April 7, 2021



Lorraine Jackson
February 20, 2021



Terry Lee
- May 9, 2021

*Looking back on the memory of
The dance we shared 'neath the stars above
For a moment all the world was right
How could I have known that you'd ever say goodbye*

*And now I'm glad I didn't know
The way it all would end the way it all would go
Our lives are better left to chance
I could have missed the pain
But I'd have had to miss the dance*

..... excerpt from the song "The Dance" by Garth Brooks



Bob Koleska
- August 26, 2020



Ed Hardy
- October 28, 2020



Wednesdays

Live on the Square at Port Warwick

Newport News
6-9pm

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| <u>June</u> | | <u>August</u> |
| 2 | Good Shot Judy | 4 Blackout |
| 9 | Brasswind | 11 Bambam Betty |
| 16 | Wampler Brothers | 18 Anthony Rosano & The Conqueroos |
| 23 | Slapnation | 25 Strictly Bizzness Band |
| 30 | U.S. Fleet Forces Band | |
| <u>July</u> | | |
| 7 | Runnin Shine | |
| 14 | Bobby Blackhat | |
| 28 | Forte Jazz Band | |

Thursdays

Sounds of Summer
at Riverwalk Landing, Yorktown
7-9:30pm
(event weather hotline 757-890-3520)
visityorktown.org

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| <u>June</u> | <u>July</u> |
| 3 Tidewater Drive Band
(rained out.
Rescheduled
August 26) | 8 Slapnation
15 Bachelor Boys Band
22 Band of Oz
29 Soul Expressions |
| 10 The Main Event Band | <u>August</u> |
| 17 En'Novation | 5 The Uptown Band |
| 24 Brasswind | 12 Another Level band
26 Tidewater Drive Band |

Beach Music Weekend
September 10-12

On the beach at 30th Street in Virginia Beach

Friday,

7:30-10:30pm, The Embers

Saturday

12:30-3:30pm, The Rhondels

4:00-7:30pm, The Main Event Band

7:30-10:30pm, Gary Lowder and The Smokin' Hot Band

Sunday,

12:00-3:00pm, Band of Oz

3:30-6:00pm, Chairmen of the Board

Thursdays

We Be Jammin'
Barrett's Landing Franklin
6pm

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| <u>June</u> | |
| 10 | Satisfaction Reborn band |
| 24 | Feature Attraction band |
| <u>July</u> | |
| 8 | Bread Wine and Blooze band |
| 22 | Eric Dunlow |
| <u>August</u> | |
| 5 | Silver Street band |