



The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

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

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President's corner

November 3, 2021

Two more months. My odyssey as president of CSC is about to end. As much fun as it's been, it's time to go. But you'll be in good hands. We have experienced and new, young, enthusiastic people running for the board and club offices. The election is November 20th. We have a full slate for the election, but we will take nominations from the floor. The nominees are listed below this article.



We are planning a Christmas Party in conjunction with Rick Tvelia at Two Left Feet on December 18th. Rick will get the place all spruced up and take care of his usual duties as owner and host for the dinner dance, and the club will provide the food. You, our esteemed members, will provide the festively dressed partygoers and great dancers. See page 2 for more information about this event.

On October 30th, we had our Halloween dance. If you weren't there, you missed some great costumes and the wonderful snacks everyone brought. Ed and Elena Gilmore won a \$50 gift certificate to The Vineyards, provided by Rick, for the best costumes by a couple, and Randy Woolard won best costume by an individual. He also received a \$50 gift certificate to The Vineyards. The single ladies were lining up all night long for that invite to dinner. Thank you to everyone that participated.

And finally, although unfortunately it won't be finally. For in our age group, the loss of another

club member may be visited upon us at any time.

On Saturday, October 30th, hundreds of people gathered to pay their final respects to Bill Williams, well known and much loved member of the shag community and husband of Steva Williams. The stories told in tribute to Bill by shaggers, golf buddies, and neighbors left me with the same feeling I've left other memorials with. There are some wonderful people in our shag community and I wish I'd had the opportunity to spend more time with these folks like Bill, and get to know them better. They were some truly remarkable people who brought much joy into the lives of those closest to them and to those whose lives they touched. Our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to Steva and her family. As a newly reborn golfer, I would say to Bill, Hit 'em long and hit 'em straight down that white fluffy fairway in the sky.

See you on the dance floor.

Tim Kroskey, CSC President

Nominees for the 2021 board

President	Mike Dyson
Vice-president	Sheila Kerr-Jones
Treasurer	Rosalie Mitchell
Recording Secretary	JR Jones
Corresponding Secretary	Mel Hemphill
Director at Large	
	Cindy Bruno
	Al Sledd
	Connie Sledd
	Jaime Wood

Their bios are presented on pages 4-8

The beat goes on thanks to out

club board of directors and committees

Directors and Officers

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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 — tbd

Photographer — Alan Michaelis

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

Deejay schedule

The deejay for each Saturday night social is announced in the club's weekly *Newsy*



1 Jerry Hardy	13 Connie Sledd
3 Kim League	15 Shirley Lindsay
6 Buddy Mateo	15 Carol Puckett
7 Earl Hill	17 Mel Hemphill
10 Jessie Johnson	19 Janelle Oehler
10 Toby West	19 Doug Ortery
11 Deborah Thompson	23 Bob McCreary
13 Bob Psimas	29 Vicki Walker

New Year's Eve shag dance party

Two Left Dance Studio
Friday December 31st
call Rick @ 757-813-4371 to make reservation



Colonial Shag Club Christmas Dinner & Dance

Two Left Feet Dance Studio
Saturday, December 18

BYOB

\$20 per person

call Rick @ 757-813-4371 or any board member to
make a reservation.

Stay tuned for more information (i.e., time)

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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

Proof of membership for first visit next year

Being that memberships in some clubs expire at the end of the calendar year, you will need to show a current shag club membership card the first time you attend a CSC Saturday night social next year to get the discount on the admission. So pay your dues and get your new/updated membership card on time.

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 6-9:30pm at *Big Woody's* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake. See boogieonthebay.com and the club's Facebook page.

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club shag dance lessons every Tuesday 6-9pm at *Big Woody's* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake. See boogieonthebay.com and the club's Facebook page.

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

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club Christmas party, Friday, December 3, Eagles Club, Chesapeake. See boogieonthebay.com and the club's Facebook page.

Virginia Beach Shag Club Christmas Party, Saturday, December 11 at Virginia Beach Convention Center



Best couple's costume
Ed and Elena Gilmore



Best individual's costume
Randy Woolard



Bill Wheelbarger passed away on October 17th. Many shaggers from throughout Hampton Roads have been guests in Bill's home when he provided the place for the Boogie on the Bay summer picnic, which was a tradition for several years. The following is an excerpt from a Boogie on the Bay Newsflash.

Bill Wheelbarger

May 26, 1933 - October 17, 2021

Bill Wheelbarger peacefully passed away. A well known figure in the Shag Community, Bill was awarded a Lifetime Membership to the Boogie on the Bay Shag Club in 2012 for continuous and dedicated service to the club. Bill was also a member of and remembered by many of the area clubs. He had a smile and a story for everyone he met.

Please join in offering condolences to his family and countless Shag friends. We will miss him.



Bill Williams passed away on October 17th. The following tribute to Bill was published in the Virginia Beach Shag Club newsletter. Bill has also been a member of Colonial Shag Club for the last several years.

Bill Williams, along with his wife, Steva Williams, joined the Virginia Beach Shag Club in 1994. Since then, he has been a man of action in all his endeavors including the support of Carolina shag in both the Tidewater area and throughout the East coast. Bill, Steva, and Larry Williams taught shag lessons for two decades and made the time in class fun. Bill and Steva are members of The Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame and National Living Legends of Dance.



On October 17th, Bill died unexpectedly. He will be missed by so many including his beloved wife and numerous family members. We will all miss his dance talent, organizational skills, and vibrant personality.

Meet the 2022 Board of Directors candidates

Mike Dyson – President

CSC

- Director At Large 2019-2020
- Nominating committee member 2019

Other

- Member Boogie on the Bay Shag Club since 2019
- Retired US Marine after 24 years
- Business owner of *The Handyman Can* — Handyman and Home Rehab 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 and committees with church
- Hobbies include riding my motorcycle; reading; fishing; and woodworking; and, most recently, shag dancing (three years)



Sheila Kerr-Jones – Vice President

CSC

- Vice President 2020-2021
- Director at Large 2019
- Member since 2010
- Charity committee chair 2018
- Cochair 10th Anniversary Party 2011
- Nominating committee member 2012 and 2018
- Charity Event committee member 2012-2013
- Social Events committee cochair 2013
- Ways and Means committee chair 2014
- Christmas Party Decorating committee member 2013 and 2015; committee chair 2016
- Hospitality committee chair 2017-2018
- Currently volunteer wherever needed

Other volunteer activities

- Longtime Virginia Living Museum (VLM) volunteer
- VLM Annual Bacchus (Wine Event) Organization board member
- VLM Fundraiser
- 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
- English as a Second Language instructor
- Spanish Language instructor
- Substitute teacher
- Tours and Travel Guide, specializing in Scotland and Spain
- Hobbies include dancing, travel, traveling to dance, reading, gardening, and jeopardy!



Cindy Bruno — Director at Large

CSC

- Member since 2018

Other volunteer activities

- Fire Fighter for Carova Beach Volunteer Fire Department 2004-2019
- Volunteer various activities for South Eastern Virginia Golden Retriever Rescue Education and Training (SEVA GRREAT) since 2013
- Various volunteer functions for Coastal Community Church

Other

- Retired NASA; employed for 36 years
- Employed with Department of Justice for three years
- BS from the University of Maryland
- Hobbies include traveling, dancing, gardening, kayaking, biking, hiking, and photography

**Al Sledd — Director at Large**

CSC

- Member since 2006
- Director at Large 2020-2021

Other

- Past Commodore of the Poquoson Yacht Club
- Past President of the former Coliseum Rotary Club
- Currently serving as a Trustee for the Kirkwood Presbyterian Church
- Currently a member of the Poquoson Exchange Club
- Graduated from VMI in 1968 with a BS degree in civil engineering
- Owned a civil engineering and surveying firm for eleven years. Retired in 2011.
- Served four years in the U.S. Air Force; honorably discharged in 1972 at the rank of captain
- Hobbies include genealogy and shag dancing



Rosalie Mitchell - Treasurer

CSC

- Treasurer 2010-2014, 2018-2021
- Director at Large 2017
- Corresponding Secretary 2016
- Recording Secretary 2017
- Member since 2003

Other

- Member of Virginia Beach Shag Club for twenty years
- Member of Boogie on the Bay Shag Club for eighteen 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 include dancing, reading, and travel



J.R. Jones – Recording Secretary

CSC

- Recording Secretary 2018-2021
- Director at Large 2013-2017
- Member since 2010
- Served on the 10th Anniversary Party Committee
- Volunteer assisting with various events and functions
- Chair of Venue Operations Committee 2014-2019
- Nominating Committee 2017



Other

- Employed full time with the Federal Government after twelve 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

Mel Hemphill - Corresponding Secretary

CSC

- President 2011 and 2018
- Treasurer 2014-2019
- Member since the club was formed in 2001
- One of several club dance instructors



Connie Sledd — Director at Large

CSC

- Director at Large 2020-2021
- Corresponding Secretary 2017-2019
- President 2010
- Vice President 2009
- 2nd Vice President 2008
- Christmas Party chair 2018-2020
- Christmas Party cochair 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, and substitute teacher

Other volunteer experience

- Poquoson Education Foundation, Board of Trustees since 2011
- PTA — local, district, and state offices
- General Federation of Woman's Clubs — Past President of Poquoson Woman's Club,
- GFWC Tidewater District Chairman 1986-2011
- Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs — State Bylaws Committee member, Nominating committee member
- Odyssey of the Mind — State judge, Regional Problem Captain, and team coach
- Helped establish the Poquoson Animal Welfare Sanctuary (P.A.W.S.)

Hobbies

- Spoiling our granddaughter!
- Dancing, animal welfare, travel – again hopefully!

Jamie C. Wood — Director at Large

CSC

- Member since 2017

Other shag clubs

- Member of Richmond Shag Club since 2006
- Member of Boogie on the Bay Shag Club since 2017
- Member of Virginia Beach Shag Club since 2018

Education and occupation

- M.Ed., Resident in Counseling
- Currently employed as Clinical Supervisor with Pathways Developmental Services
- Currently employed as Clinician/Family Therapist with Kreative Milestones
- Three years as Clinician at Poplar Springs Hospital on Military Unit specializing in PTSD
- Sixteen years as Emergency Services Therapist and Hospital Pre-Admission Screener
- Former Youth Director with Farmville United Methodist Church for ten years
- Former Special Education Teacher at Prince Edward County High School, JV football head coach and girls soccer assistant coach.

Volunteer work

- Youth soccer coach for ten years
- Habitat for Humanity – sixteen years
- Board of Directors, Farmville United Methodist Church, ten years
- Virginia Conference on Youth, ten years
- Farmville Area Food Pantry, ten years
- Farmville Christmas Parade chair, one year
- Adventure Bound leader, two years



Hobbies

- Dancing
- Fishing
- Wine making