a note from the club President

During our Saturday night dance on October 21st, a special membership meeting was held to present the nominations for the 2018 Board of Directors. Dee Fertitta, nominations chairman, presented the slate of nominees for next year’s board, of which there was only one nominee for each position, and then he opened nominations from the floor. Hearing no nomination from the floor and there being only one nominee for each position, the nominees were declared elected by acclamation in accordance with our bylaws. The members of next year’s board are listed at the bottom of this page.

The directors have the responsibility to ensure that the club members have an enjoyable place to dance every week. Those who have never served on the board may not realize what's involved in the operation of our club. When Tribeca closed at the end of 2012, our club became a real business. That is, we rent a place to dance, pay for an alcohol license, pay admissions tax to the city, pay ASCAP BMI fees to play copyrighted music, purchase supplies for the social, see to it that the dance studio is decorated appropriately for our special events, and end the year with a Christmas dance party that is an excellent event for our members. I am confident that the 2018 board will continue to move our club in a positive direction.

As we all know, it takes more than just the board to make the club successful. With year 2018 rapidly approaching, Tim will be asking for members to serve on committees. This is an extremely important part of the operation of our club, and I ask our members to consider helping with the club by working on a committee.

November is also the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. There is so much that we the members of the Colonial Shag Club have to be thankful for. We are very blessed to have an excellent place to dance every week, great deejays, and wonderful friends whom we met through shag dancing. The friends whom Camille and I met because of our association with the Colonial Shag Club are the single most important part we have derived from our membership. These are friendships we are truly thankful for and will treasure for the rest of our lives.

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone.

Harry

2018 Board of Directors
- President ....................... Tim Kroskey
- Vice President .............. Jerry Nichols
- Recording Secretary ............. JR Jones
- Corresponding Secretary ....... Connie Sledd
- Treasurer ...................... Mel Hemphill
- Directors at Large
  ◊ ............................ Marion Butsavage
  ◊ ............................ Sheila Kerr-Jones
  ◊ ............................ Rosalie Mitchell
  ◊ ............................ Harry Walthall

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Dance lessons at the club’s Saturday night socials 6-7pm

- A six-week series of beginner shag dance lessons begins the first week of each odd-numbered month. The lessons are progressive — starting with the basic steps and adding a few turns/moves in the following weeks.
- After six weeks of beginner lessons, beyond basic lessons will be given for the remainder of the month.

Notice — for regular members
It is time to renew your membership. Dues are due and payable by December 31. 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.

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)

Other Shag Dance Events

Virginia Beach Shag Club Mix & Mingle Wednesdays at The Yacht Club at Marina Shores, Virginia Beach. See VBshagclub.com
Boogie On the Bay Shag Club social — Friday nights at Big Woody’s in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake
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 in Chesapeake, 7-9pm
Northern Neck Shaggers — dancing every Thursday night at KC’s Crabs and Cues on Rt. 200 a few miles north of Kilmarnock, Virginia. Deejay Greg Howell. See Northern Neck Shaggers on Facebook
Virginia Beach Shag Club Christmas party — Saturday December 2
Boogie On The Bay Shag Club Christmas party Friday December 8 at Garden Inn Chesapeake/Suffolk, Harbour View Blvd, Suffolk

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Save the date

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club Shaggers @ Heart
February 2-4, 2018
Crown Plaza Hotel, Hampton
Registration opens November 1
In mid-October, more than fifty Carolina Shaggers, including Larry and I, took the trip of our lives to Australia to share our passion for Carolina Shag. The trip was masterminded by Brennar Goree, who has traveled to over fifteen countries spanning five continents through “dance” since 2008. His dream was to take the Junior Shag Dance Team abroad to showcase shag. Being that Brennar and Autumn Jones were hired as event Pro’s for the Australian Open West Coast Swing Dance Championships, why not take this opportunity to travel to an English speaking country!

Our group included Mott Free (member of Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame and National Living Legends of Dance [NLLD]); Jennifer Batten (Keeper of the Dance); Ashley and Tobitha Stewart (both NLLD); Larry and Cindy Black (both NLLD and Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame); and numerous National Shag Dance junior champions, Grand National champions, and US Open champions.

This year’s Junior Shag Dance Team traveled along with their families and competed in the event.

The travelers visited Sydney’s Opera House and the Sky Tower, climbed “The Bridge,” took ferry rides to Manly Beach and Taronga Zoo, and walked over forty miles in three days. Melbourne had its tourist sites as well! The most memorable was seeing penguins, kangaroos, and koalas up close and personal, as well as notorious graffiti as street art.

As the sight seeing subsided, onto Dancing! Shagging USA style! WOWing ALL with the grace and elegance of Carolina Shag! Workshops taught by Brennar and Autumn were well attended with Australians traveling from near and far to learn Carolina Shag!

Our shag community would be extremely proud of how our Juniors were southern gentlemen and belles! They were well dressed, polite, respectful, and danced their hearts out. Being there were no rules about the Classic Division, seven couples were able to compete individual routines — taking home 2nd-5th places. Shag Jack-n-Jill was a huge success with some local Australians competing with our Shaggers making for great cross over entertainment. Some of our junior shaggers crossed over into the West Coast Swing Jack-n-Jill competitions and did awesome. Two Pro Am couple routines won 1st and 3rd. The entertainer of the year award was presented to Jackson Batten.

The highlight of the trip was the TEAM Division performance by the Junior Shag Dance Team that sent chills down your spine with the precision and execution of movement through the choreography of Brennar Goree.

To say I’m proud would be an understatement. (Some of you might not know that Brennar grew up in the Colonial Shag Club and Boogie on the Bay Shag Club.) Was the long flight worth it, you bet! On behalf of all who traveled, this trip could not have been a reality without the financial support of the many shag clubs, Jukin’ Oldies, and individuals who donated money so these Junior Shaggers could travel. If you didn’t get a chance to support and would like to, visit their website www.juniorshagdanceteam.com (your donations are tax deductible as the Team is a non profit 501c).

The Junior Shag Dance Team is the current US Open Champion (i.e., won first place in Team category at the last US Open Swing Dance Championship), are managed by the Stewarts, and have eight couples ranging in age from 15 to 20.

As I always say, “The future of Shag lies in the hearts and feet of our Juniors.”
Outer Banks Shag Club
25th Annual New Year’s Eve Gala
December 30 - January 1
Hilton Garden Inn Kitty Hawk
252-261-1290
mention OBX Shag Club to receive discounted rate
$99 on 12/29 &1/1, $114 on 12/30 & 12/31
$115 per person
limited to 160 people
- heavy hors d’oeuvres on Saturday night, buffet dinner on Sunday night, hot breakfast on Monday
- two free pours
- champagne toast and party favors at midnight
- deejays — Harvey Taylor and Jerry Hardy
- shag dance lessons by Tom and Donna House
- line dance lessons by Margie McRae, Loretta Fertal, and Sue Hivner

Information:
- Sue Broaddus 252-305-9016
- Valerie Taylor 252-339-0355
Registration form is available as part of the flyer at obxshagclub.com

at The Banque
Sunday, November 19th
a tribute to Ammon Tharp
featuring the All-Stars band
Doors open at 4 with deejay Larry Williams
Band starts at 6
$15 per person
$12.99 prime rib buffet

1849 East Little Creek Road, Norfolk
757-480-3600
(A donation from proceeds will be made to SPCA in Ammon’s name)
Meet the 2018 Board of Directors

Timothy Kroskey – President

CSC

• Incumbent Director at Large
• Member for approximately the last four years
• Help with Junior Shagger events
• Dance instructor

Other

• Married to Cyd
• Started dancing 7 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 3 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.

Jerry Nichols-----Candidate for Vice President

CSC

• Incumbent Vice President
• Member since 2002
• Director at Large in 2009 and 2011
• Chaired 2009 Nominations and Elections Committee
• Served three years on Nominations and Elections Committee
• Co-chaired Bylaws re-write Committee
• Served as volunteer deejay for one year
• Currently a member of Venue Negotiations Team
• Currently and for past 10+ years, a CSC shag dance instructor
• Served as chair for Dance Development 10+ years

Other

• Currently and for 2 years a Two Left Feet dance studio Dance Instructor
• Currently and many years a member of Boogie on the Bay Shag Club
• Accomplished Country Western (C/W) dance instructor for 15+ years

• Accomplished C/W deejay for 10+ years
• Repeat C/W dance instructor at multiple Atlantic Seashore Dance Competition events
• Planned, coordinated, and implemented C/W dances at NASA Activity Center for 12+ years
• Taught dance lessons for Hampton and Newport News Parks and Recreation Services
• Traveled to England, Texas, Florida, New York, and all across Virginia and North Carolina teaching and attending national and local dance events
• Retired NASA/Langley Research Center Manager
• Active in my church as an usher, Premises Committee member, and active in bible studies and small groups
Mel Hemphill — Treasurer

CSC
- Incumbent Treasurer and was Treasurer in 2016 and 2015
- Past President board member 2012
- President 2011
- Vice President 2010
- Also held positions of Director At Large and Corresponding Secretary
- Active dance instructor, with wife Peggy, for intermediate and beginner levels
- Have been a club member ever since the club was founded

Other
- Started dancing in 1996 (two-step and swing). I love dancing and met my wife Peggy on the dance floor.

J.R. Jones — Recording Secretary

CSC
- Incumbent Director at Large and held that position since 2013
- 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 2017
- 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

Connie Sledd — Corresponding Secretary

CSC
- Incumbent Corresponding Secretary
- President in 2010
- Vice President in 2009
- 2nd Vice President in 2008

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

Volunteer experience
- Poquoson Education Foundation, Board of Trustees member since 2011
- PTA – school president, district officer, Virginia Board of Managers
- General Federation of Woman’s Clubs, Past President of Poquoson Woman’s Club (twice), District

Chairman – many years, many jobs; Virginia Federation (State) Bylaws committee (twice)
- Odyssey of the Mind - state judge, Regional Problem Captain, team coach

Hobbies:
- 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 and at SOS. If elected to the board, I would work to see our club continue to grow while providing a place for dancing, friendship, and fun.
Marion Butsavage – Director at Large

CSC
- Incumbent Director at Large
- Member since 2014
- Assisted with 50/50 drawing – 2014

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 Ways and Means Committee by collecting 50/50 drawing 2016
  - Boogie on the Bay Shag Club
  - member since 2014
  - Served on Ways and Means Committee by working in food concession at NTelos pavilion 2016

Sheila Kerr-Jones – Director at Large

CSC
- Member since 2010
- Co-chair 10th Anniversary Party 2011
- Nominating Committee member 2012
- 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
- Currently volunteer wherever needed

Other past and present 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

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 — Director at Large

CSC
- Incumbent Corresponding Secretary
- Member for fifteen years
- Treasurer for five years

Other
- Member of Virginia Beach Shag Club for fifteen years
- Member of Boogie on the Bay Shag Club for fourteen years
- Inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame in 2013
- 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
- Currently treasurer for the Yorktown Preservation Society
- Trustee for Comte De Grasse Chapter DAR Trust Fund and Building
- Past treasurer for the Seaford Yacht Club for eight years
- Hobbies: Dancing, reading, and travel

Harry Walthall — Director at Large

CSC
- President in 2008, 2014 - 2017
- Vice President in 2012 and 2013
- Director at Large three years
- First Vice President 2007
- Was chairman of Web Page Committee
- Board Liaison to the Nominations Committee two years
- Member of the Nominations Committee three years
- Chairman of the Nominations Committee one year
- Designed the club logo
- Designed the club’s first web page and opened the club’s web hosting account

Other
- Retired from NASA Langley Research Center
- Received Patent for Design and Development of Underwater, Low Flow Rate, Ground Water Seepage Meter
- Received Distinguished Service Award from NASA
- Owner and General Manager of Colonial Classic Enterprises, LLC
- Have Class “A” Building License
- Builder and Remodeler