



The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

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

July 2017

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

a note from the club President

There will be a lot happening in the Colonial Shag Club between now and the rest of the year.

- On July 1st, we will have our Independence Day celebration with a fried chicken dinner for all who attend the dance for just the usual cost of admission.
- Fall SOS (the *Fall Migration* at North Myrtle Beach) is September 15-24. That means we will have our semiannual SOS Kickoff Party on Saturday, September 9th.
- On October 7th, we will have our second Charity Event for 2017.
- On October 14th, the Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominees for the 2018 Board of Directors.
- On October 28th, we will have our annual Halloween Party.
- On November 11th, we will have election of officers for the 2018 Board of Directors.
- We will have our 13th annual Christmas Party and Dance on December 16th.

That's a lot of dancing and partying for the rest of 2017.

It is obvious to those of us who keep track of attendance that attendance has been less this year as compared to that for the last two years. There are several possible reasons for this. One is that we are competing with other events for dancers on Saturday nights. Two, it is just summer time and members take vacations. Three, some of our members from the south side don't like to fight the summer traffic and choose to look elsewhere for their Saturday night entertainment. The Board of Directors is

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 a board meeting as a "visitor."



very aware of the lower attendance, and we are working on ideas to create more interest for our current members and attract new members. We realize that all three shag clubs in the Hampton Roads area are working to attract the people who want to shag dance, and we have to present dancers with a good reason to come to Two Left Feet on Saturday nights and dance with the Colonial Shag Club. One way to improve attendance is for the three local clubs to work together and promote each other. This is something the Colonial Shag Club has always done. We have always supported our sister clubs, and many of our members are also members of Boogie on the Bay Shag Club and the Virginia Beach Shag Club.

In the March newsletter, I wrote about our club deejays and just how fortunate we are to have five regular deejays who are some of the most sought after in Virginia and elsewhere. They routinely play at shag events throughout the state, and we must now compete for their limited availability on Saturday nights. It has become more difficult for our regular five deejays to be available for our Saturday night dances, and we have frequently had to call on substitute deejays to fill in. I feel certain the deejays will play where they know what they will be payed instead of playing for the Colonial Shag Club where they are uncertain of what they will earn by only being payed from the tip jar. If attendance is good, the deejays usually get enough for their efforts. If attendance is low, the deejay may be poorly compensated for spending nearly five hours playing music for the dance lessons and our dancing. Those who attend our Saturday night dances should keep in mind that we are blessed with very talented deejays, and I strongly recommend that everyone contribute to the tip jar when it is passed around so we can properly compensate our deejays. As much as I hate to say this, if we don't do a better job of supporting the deejays with your tips, we may have to increase the cost of admission in order to see that everyone contributes to deejay compensation.

I thank Dianne Ligon who won the 50/50 drawing of \$97 on Saturday June 24th and donated it back to the club.

See you on the dance floor

Harry

The beat goes on thanks to our

club board of directors and committees

Directors and Officers

President: Harry Walthall — 757-784-8380, thewalthalls@cox.net

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Committees

Audit — Lisa Jones

Budget — Rosalie Mitchell

Beverage — Joe Mitchell

Cards — Diane Capps

Charity — Suzanne Kolesha, Tim Kroskey

Christmas party — TBD

Christmas party decorations — TBD

Communications

Newsletter — Lloyd Pitzen

Social Media (Facebook) — Lisa Jones

Website — Joe Mitchell

Dance instruction — Darla Frederick

Elections — TBD

Junior program – Joe Mitchell

Historian — TBD

Hospitality — Sheila Kerr-Jones

Membership — Heldur & Beth Liivak

Music — Harry Walthall

Nominating — TBD

Photographer — TBD

Riverwalk events — Carolyn Felder

Social — Carolyn Felder, Elena Gilmore

Venue negotiations – Joe Mitchell, Jerry Nichols, Harry Walthall

Venue Operations — J R Jones

Ways & Means (50/50 raffle)— Janie Tompkins

the music goes on thanks to our colonial tunesmiths

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| 1 Brian Eubank | 22 David Miller |
| 8 Chris Coolican | 29 Larry Black |
| 15 Jerry Hardy | |



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| 1 Darla Frederick | 15 Ronnie Saunders |
| 3 Camille Walthall | 16 Tim Kroskey |
| 7 Docia McKean | 16 Cindy Perkins |
| 7 Susan Turner | 19 Al Sledd |
| 9 Mary Beth Leavitt | 27 Karen Psimas |
| 10 Warren Crusenberry | 28 Marion Butsavage |
| 14 Sandy Stewart | 29 Wayne Tate |
| 15 Ed Matheson | |

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

go to twoleftfeetdancestudio.net

For your Beach Music listening pleasure ...

Larry's Beach Party™ Live radio show - WFOS 88.7 FM - Saturdays from noon to 4pm. Listen on line at www.cpschools.com (select WFOS Live Radio).

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

- Beginner shag dance lessons each 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.
- 'Beyond basic' shag dance lessons each week of each **even-numbered** month. The subject of each lesson is chosen by the instructors.

If your address, phone number, or email address has changed, notify membership@colonialshagclub.com

SOS events

in North Myrtle Beach (unless otherwise specified)

- Summer Workshop in Concord, NC, July 14-16
- Fall Migration, September 15-24

Our Events

Club social — Saturdays 6-10pm at Two Left Feet Dance Studio in Fairway Plaza Shopping Center, 1405 Kiln Creek Parkway, Newport News.

Lessons 6-7pm. Dancing to deejay music 7-10pm

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



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August 4 & 5



RSC Party Features

- Thursday Night Early Bird Party At Visions Dance Club in the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
- Friday evening heavy hors d'oeuvres
- Three free workshops
- Saturday brunch & buffet dinner
- Free pours Friday and Saturday
- Pool party on Saturday
- Entertainment on Saturday
- Silent Auction on Friday night
- Large Dance Floor
- Seating for Everyone
- Smoke-Free Ballroom
- Saturday Vendors

Guest DJs

Ed Timberlake & Larry Black
Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs

Two Free Shag Workshops

Featuring

Charlie Womble & Jackie McGee

Free Nightclub Two-Step Workshop
Joey & Bernie Fanini

Four Points by Sheraton Hotel

9901 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23235
Call 1-804-323-1144 and ask for the "Richmond Shag Club" rate of \$104/night plus tax until July 10

For more information, contact Joan Byrnes at (804-270-1454) jbyrnes425@verizon.net
Check our website at www.RichmondShagClub.org for updates



A rose by any other name would smell as sweet

All four *Sounds of Summer* concerts in Yorktown in June were marinated with beautiful weather. In previous years, this event was called *Shagging on the Riverwalk*. The cadence on the dance floor has been attuned to the music, not the title of the event.



Larry Leavitt died on June 21, 2017

SHAGGIN' ON HIGH
A TRIBUTE TO PORTSMOUTH'S BILL DEAL & BEACH MUSIC
SATURDAY, JULY 8
OLDE TOWNE PORTSMOUTH

Featured Beach Bands & Performance Schedule:

Hosting both stages:

WFOS 88.7 Larry's Beach Party: Larry Williams • 3-6:45 p.m.

- 3-3:45 p.m.:** **Soul Intent** • Middle Street Stage:
Near the VA Sports Hall of Fame
- 4-4:45 p.m.:** **The Original Rhondels** • Dinwiddie Street Stage
- 5-5:45 p.m.:** **Soul Intent**
- 6-6:45 p.m.:** **The Original Rhondels**
- 7-8 p.m.:** **Street Music Performances:**
Caribbean drummer & Saxophonist

Performances in the following restaurants:

- **Baron's Pub & Restaurant**
Music by: Request Station • 7 p.m.
- **Roger Brown's Restaurant & Sports Bar**
Music by: The Beachnut Band • 7-8:30 p.m.
DJ Larry Williams • 8:30-10 p.m.

Other participating restaurants with music and dining specials include:

- Baron's Pub & Restaurant
- Griff's Restaurant & Sports
- Longboards
- Stellar Wine Co.
- The Bier Garden
- The Lobscouser Restaurant



Free and Open to the Public. For more information, call (757) 393-5111 or visit us online at PortsVaEvents.com.

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:



at The Banque

Sunday, July 16th

Sunday, August 13th

Soul Intent band

Doors open at 4. .

Band starts at 6pm

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



Outdoor concerts

Wednesdays

Live on the Square at Port Warwick

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6-9pm

July

- 5 USAF Heritage of America
- 12 Tidewater Drive
- 19 Forte Jazz band
- 26 Buckshot

August

- 2 Tumbao Salsero
- 9 Gina Dalma and the Cowtippin Playboys
- 16 Rooserfoot
- 23 Slapnation
- 30 The Original Rhondels

Thursday

We Be Jammin' Barrett's Landing

Franklin
6-10pm

July

- 6 Steve Owens and Summertime
- 13 Feature Attraction Band
- 20 Hickory Null
- 27 Jim Quick & Coastline
- ... and more

Fridays

Paradise Ocean Club

at Fort Monroe

6:30-10:30pm(\$5 cover charge)

July

- 7 J & the Band
- 14 Janitors
- 21 Soul Intent
- 28 Hotcakes

August

- 4 River Boyz
- 11 Original Rhondels
- 18 Janitors
- 25 Tidewater Drive

September

- 1 Slapnation

Fridays

TGOV (Thank Goodness Ocean View)

Norfolk

6-9:30pm

July

- 7 Tidewater Drive Band
- 14 Hotcakes
- 21 Deloreans
- 28 TFC Band
- ... and more

Fridays

City Center Fountain Park

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6-9pm

July

- 7 Coastal VA Jazz All-Stars
- 14 Fine Swiss Cheese
- 21 Wonderland
- 28 Galaxy Groove
- ...and more

Thursdays

Sounds of Summer on the Riverwalk

Yorktown

7:00-9:30pm

July

- 13 The Main Event
- 20 Tidewater Drive
- 27 Band of Oz

yorkcounty.gov/tourism/Events/

Weather hotline 890-3520

Sunset Thursdays at Portside

Portside – Portsmouth

6:30-8pm

July

- 6 - Original Rhondels
- 13 - Elements band
- 20 - Island Boy
- 27 - Good Life band

... and more

See

portsvaevents.com/portside-events/