



# The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

## Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

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

**December 2023**

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

### President's corner

And so, we find ourselves here again, the closing days of another event-filled year. Only a few dancing days remaining and we'll be into the new year. Another year of shared music, dancing, and fun events.

This year, I will complete my 2<sup>nd</sup> term as your club President. I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have worked with me and supported me over the last two years. Thank you to the 2023 Board of Directors for all your work in accomplishing all the matters of business we had over the past year. Especially in achieving our main goal — increasing Colonial Shag Club membership. Much appreciation is also given to our social committee for their great work on the special events throughout the year. The events were all colorful, festive, and fun. Thanks for your hard work. Many thanks also to all the dance instructors who volunteered their time throughout the year. Your knowledge and experience help all of us become better dancers. Gracious thanks to Bonnie Arms (membership committee) for maintaining the club roster.

Thank you, Lloyd Pitzen and Joe Mitchell, for keeping us informed and notified through the newsletter and weekly Newsy. Thank you, Alan Michaelis, for recording our events in photos and videos. And thanks goes to so many, many more who have assisted and contributed in one way or another. My greatest appreciation goes out to the



members of Colonial Shag Club, for it is all of you who really make the club what it is. Many, many thanks to everyone.

I'll be passing the torch on to one of the club's past presidents, Harry Walthall. Having spoken with Harry about several of his ideas, he brings not only his experience, but also other new concepts for the club to pursue, such as expanding the club's footprint on social media. Other possibilities being looked at are e-voting, online membership renewal, and more. Next year's board includes several people who have been involved with the club since its beginning -- Patty and Rex Walker, Jerry Nichols, and Camille Walthall. I wish much success to Harry and the 2024 Board of Directors.

Some quick business to address. Membership renewals have begun. Please remember that beginning in 2024, the annual membership fee is 25 dollars. You can submit your application with the fee at any Saturday social or printout the application from the club's website and mail it in. All renewals must be submitted before February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

December 9<sup>th</sup> will be the last dance for Colonial Shag Club for 2023. Regular dancing should resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Two Left Feet will be having its Christmas Party on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Although ticket sales have already closed, check with Rick Tvelia if you are interested in attending. He might have an

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

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*Ways & Means (50/50 raffle)*— Bobby Chiles



2 Karen MacDougall	25 Sandra Alford
3 Craig Sinclair	26 Belinda Gray
8 George "Buzz" League	27 Mike Dyson, Sr.
9 Hal Lare	27 Lin Hines
10 Ben Parson	27 Renee Lare
16 Delaine Milton	28 Jerry Nichols

Two Left Feet Dance Studio

in conjunction with

Colonial Shag Club

offers

**beginner shag dance lessons**

4 week session starts Saturday, January 6th, 5:30-6:30

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available seat or two left. Two Left Feet will also be having its New Years Eve Party on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Keep an eye out for more information on time and cost. We'll post that information in the Newsy, when it becomes available.

With that, I'll end my last comments with wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, "See you on the dance floor"

Notable Quote: "The last time always seems sad, but it isn't really. The end of one thing is only the beginning of another." Laura Ingalls Wilder – Writer, teacher, journalist

Mike Dyson  
 President, Colonial Shag Club

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## “Open door, open floor”

Two Left Feet Dance Studio (TLF) is open to members of any shag club every Monday evening, starting at 8pm, to provide you with the opportunity to practice moves you have learned or to improve your dancing. Typically, several experienced club dancers are on hand to provide guidance on request. Free, as a courtesy of TLF

## Colonial Shag Club dances every Saturday night

at Two Left Feet Dance Studio

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Doors open at 5:30pm

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

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

Soda and water provided, Snacks welcomed,

Alcohol permitted

## Shaggers @ Heart

shag workshop and dance weekend event

sponsored by Boogie on the Bay Shag Club

February 2-4, 2024

at Holiday Inn, Omni Blvd, Newport News

registration started November 1<sup>st</sup>

see event website [boogieonthebay.com/shagheart](http://boogieonthebay.com/shagheart)

## Other shag clubs

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

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club shag dance lessons every Tuesday 7-9pm at *Big Woody's* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake. See 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

Richmond Shag Club social every Tuesday night at Visions Night Club in Double Tree hotel, Midlothian. Beginner shag classes from 6:30 until 7:15 followed by dancing until 10pm. Line dance lessons second Tuesday of each month

Outer Banks Shag Club social first and third Monday each month, 4-7pm at Duck Woods Country Club, Southern Shores, NC. See the club's website

River City Shag Club social every Wednesday night at CPOA Club, Elizabeth City. See the club's Facebook page.

## Colonial Shag Club

[colonialshagclub.com](http://colonialshagclub.com)

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