



# 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

"It's summertime summertime  
sum sum summertime  
Summertime." That's the  
opening stanza to the 1958  
song, "*Summertime*,  
*Summertime*" by The  
Jamies. Although the lyrics  
are directed to a slightly  
different audience, the  
meaning is still the same —  
it's Summertime.

Summertime brings with it days  
of fun and adventure or simply rest  
and relaxation. It might be the time to get "*On the  
Road Again*" and do some traveling. Maybe get  
yourself a "*Ticket to Ride*" and enjoy some thrills at  
events throughout the area. Possibly enjoy the  
"*Summer Breeze*" on an evening stroll at the beach.  
Whatever you do to enjoy "*Those Lazy, Hazy Days of  
Summer*," be safe, be together with friends and loved  
ones, and of course..... be "*Happy*."

I'd like to take a moment to give a big welcome to  
everyone who has recently joined our club, several of  
whom been were introduced to shag by friends and by  
the lessons at Two Left Feet. In the last few months,  
we have had several members from our sister clubs  
come and join our ranks. I want those members to  
know that we always enjoy your company. And we are  
very excited and energized at your decision to become  
members and support Colonial Shag Club. For  
everyone, no matter what club you're a member of, or  
where you dance, or how you support your club, the  
purpose of any shag club is to promote and preserve  
the heritage of beach/shag music and the dance called  
Carolina Shag. Each week, there are several  
opportunities to enjoy camaraderie, music, and dance.  
Locally, there is Boogie on the Bay Shag Club and  
Virginia Beach Shag Club. If you like to travel a short  
distance, there's the Richmond Shag Club or take a trip  
to the Outer Banks Shag Club, River City Shag Club  
(Elizabethtown City, NC), or Franklin Shag Club. For those



who like getting out further, check out the Burlington  
Shag Club in Burlington, NC or the Golden Isles  
Shag Club in St Simons, GA. There's always an  
opportunity somewhere to gather, meet old friends or  
make new ones, and dance. Thank you everyone for  
your support.

We've got the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration dance scheduled  
for Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. BBQ, buns, and coleslaw will  
be provided by the club. Please bring a dish to share.  
Information has been posted in the weekly Newsy  
and elsewhere in this newsletter. Dress up in  
whatever patriotic attire you have and come out and  
enjoy a great time with friends, food, and great  
music. We'll also have a couple of raffles for you to  
enjoy. There will be no dance lessons, as dinner will  
begin at 6pm.

Another moment of your time please about dance  
etiquette. A few of our members approached me  
about the following matter. The dance floor is for the  
dancers, please walk around the outside perimeter  
when possible. Avoid taking food or drink out onto  
the dance floor. Except when the dance permits it,  
maintain your space on the dance floor. Remember,  
dance etiquette is nothing more than being polite and  
having consideration for your dance partner and other  
dancers around you so that all may have a safe and  
enjoyable time.

Notable quote: "And every night we'll have a dance,  
cause what's a vacation without romance. Oh man  
this jive gets me in a trance, Because it's  
summertime." Lyrics from "*Summertime, Summertime*" --  
Written by Tom Jameson, performed by The Jamies,  
produced by Epic Records 1958.

See you on the dance floor.

Mike Dyson

President, Colonial Shag Club

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

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Hardy, Keith D'Bene

*Ways & Means* (50/50 raffle)— J R Jones

## **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

Soda and water provided, Snacks welcomed,

Alcohol permitted

## **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.





1 Chuck Crow	16 Cindy Perkins
3 Camille Walthall	19 Al Sledd
6 Jack Lohmeyer	22 Carol Hemphill
7 Don Ligon	27 George Dean
10 Warren Crusenberry	27 Karen Psimas
10 Dwayne Hardy	29 Wayne Tate
12 David L. Maine, Jr.	30 John de Koff
14 Sandy Stewart	31 Judy Chiles
15 Ed Matherson	31 Pat Whitmer
16 Tim Kroskey	

## 'United with siblings' is a very special melody

Mike mentioned several summer songs in his message on page 1. Colette Quinn's tune for the start of summertime is 'united with siblings.'

Colette's mother gave one of her children up for adoption right after birth. Colette and her long lost brother, Mike, found each other through the "23 and me" website.

Last month, Colette and her siblings got together and united with Mike.

Shown below are Colette and her siblings. Front row : Melanie, Mike, and Billy. Back row: Colette and James



Colonial Shag Club  
will celebrate  
Independence Day  
on July 1<sup>st</sup>  
at the Saturday night social



The club will provide BBQ, buns, and slaw  
Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share

Last name starts with:

- A-K side dish
- L-M condiments (pickles, onions, sauces, those type of things)
- N-Z desserts/sweets/fruit

Food serving starts at 6pm

DJ is Greg Howell

Raffles for wagon-full of booze and other goodies



The Richmond Shag Club  
Presents  
**Lost in the 50's Tonight**  
For Our  
**Boogie on the James Party**  
August 11 & 12, 2023



### Guest DJs

**Jim Rose & Buck Crumpton**  
Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs

**Two Free Shag Workshops**  
with

**Lani and William Greene**

**Free Line Dance Workshop**

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 \$128/night plus tax until July 11

### RSC Party Features

- ❖ Thursday Night Early Bird 'Sock Hop' Party at Visions in the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton...Free to BOTJ Attendees, \$10 Cover for Others Music provided by Brute Vaughan
- ❖ Three Free Workshops
- ❖ Two Free Drinks at Free Pour both Friday and Saturday Evening
- ❖ Plated Dinner on both Friday and Saturday Evening
- ❖ Large Dance Floor
- ❖ Seating for Everyone
- ❖ Smoke-Free Ballroom

For more information, contact **Shirley Lee** at [shirleyshags@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleyshags@yahoo.com)  
Check our website at [www.RichmondShagClub.org/annual-party](http://www.RichmondShagClub.org/annual-party) for updates



# Outdoor concerts

Wednesdays

## Live on the Square at Port Warwick

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6-9pm

July	August
5 Bobby Blackhat — blues, you never know what's going to happen!	2 Inside Out Band — top 40 party band
12 Blackout — rock/party band featuring classic and modern rock along with a full variety of favorite dance tunes!	9 Nashville Nights Band — authentic 90s country music
19 Celeste Kellogg — country, rock, pop	16 Good Shot Judy — swing and swagger with classic vocal jazz entertainment
26 Phazz 2 — smooth and funky jazz	23 Forte Jazz Band — jazz, a magical musical experience
	30 Vinyl Headlights — popular rock, pop, and dance music from yesterday to today

Thursdays

## Sounds of Summer

at Riverwalk Landing, Yorktown

6:30-9:00pm

event weather hotline 757-890-3520, visitcityofyorktown.org

July	August
13 Brasswind	3 Slapnation
14 The Deloreans	10 The Main Event Band
20 Tidewater Drive	24 Tidewater Drive
27 CAT5 Band	

Thursdays

## Sunset Thursdays — Portsmouth

6:30-9pm, Festive park (16 Crawford Circle)

July	August
6 Seamless (Jazz, Pop, Soul, Rock)	3 Calden and Company (R&B, Jazz)
13 The Original Rhondels (Beach, Rock, 70's, 80's)	10 Tidewater Drive Band (Jazz, R&B, Reggae)
20 Elements Band (R&B, Jazz)	17 Ned Harris and The Appeal (Jazz, R&B, Funk, Soul)
27 BrassWind (Beach, Pop, R&B, Motown, Rock, Blues, Funk, Soul)	24 Blackwater Band (Top 40's, Blues, Funk, Country)
	31 RaJazz (R&B, Jazz)

## Colonial Shag Club

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Through the National FastDance Association, our club dance activities are licensed by:



## “Open door, open floor”

Two Left Feet Dance Studio (TLF) is open at 8pm every Monday evening 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. CSC members only. Free, as a courtesy of TLF