



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

Phew! Have you caught your breath yet? I did say that October was going to be a full and busy month. What a way for it to end with an incredible Halloween Bash. Such an amazing job on the decorations by the social committee and all the great food everyone brought. Congratulations to our costume contest winners, although everyone's costumes looked terrific. It was a lot of fun, some great music, and a Spooktacular time for all, wasn't it?

Now, we get to slow down a bit and enjoy some crisp weather and leisurely fall days of November. Were you aware that November is National Gratitude Month. Gratitude is more than simply saying "thank you." Expressions of gratitude can shift us from focusing on the negative to appreciating what is positive in each of us. There are many things in our lives that we can all be thankful for — our family, our friends, neighborhoods and communities we live in, and much more.

November is also the time that our nation provides an opportunity to demonstrate our collective appreciation by observing Veterans Day. This one single day is set aside each year so that we can all recognize and give a heartfelt "Thank You" to the many Veterans of this country. The selflessness of these individuals to ensure we continue to enjoy the freedoms we have is very deserving of our gratitude. On this November 11th, take a moment to thank a veteran. They'll appreciate your recognition of their service. We will have our own Veterans Day recognition ceremony at the November 11th dance. Wear something to show your branch of service, and thank you for your Service!

As we all know, Thanksgiving is also a November event, celebrated on the 4th Thursday of the month, as proclaimed by Abraham Lincoln in 1863. This expression of thankfulness is modeled after the autumn



harvest feast shared by the English settlers and the Wampanoag Indians. We celebrate this day of thanks by gathering with families and friends to also share a feast and good fellowship. Some people even have the tradition of expressing verbally what they are thankful for. However you celebrate Thanksgiving, I wish you a happy, healthy, and enjoyable day. Maybe take time to watch the Macy's parade or catch a football game on TV. Have a Happy Thanksgiving! A fun fact about Thanksgiving — it is the second most favorite holiday celebrated in the US, following Christmas as #1 and Halloween being #3. Irony how that worked out on the calendar, huh!

A bit of business to take care of! We have all been made aware of the annual board of directors elections. Our nomination committee has done a great job compiling and presenting the slate of candidates at the special membership meeting on October 21st. This slate is shown elsewhere in this newsletter. Now it's time for you to begin considering who you will vote for on November 18th, CSC Election Day. The elections committee has already begun preparing the ballot. Some more work is yet to be done to prepare for the election, so we could use one to two more people to assist. Please contact Sheila or JR if you can help out. Also, if you already know that you may not be attending the social on November 18th, no worries, you can still vote by absentee ballot. Voting information will be published in the weekly Newsy.

Notable quote: "At times, our own light goes out and is rekindled by the spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." Albert Schweitzer - French-German theologian, organist, musicologist, writer, humanitarian, philosopher, physician and Lutheran Minister.

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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Dance development — Jerry Nichols, Dwayne Hardy

Club enhancement — Harry Walthall (chair), Camille Walthall, Jerry Nichols, Lana Nichols, Bobby Chiles, Judy Chiles, Patti Walker, Rex Walker, Patty Swan, Jo Hardy, Dwayne Hardy, Sandra Alford, David Sawyer

Communications

Newsletter — Lloyd Pitzen

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Dance liaison — Jerry Nichols

Hospitality — Jamie Wood

Membership — Bonnie Arms

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Social — Rhonda D'Bene (chair), Debbie McCusker, Darla Frederick, Jim Frederick, Dwayne and Jo Hardy, Keith D'Bene

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



1	Jerry Hardy	14	Nancy Crow
3	Kim League	15	Carol Puckett
6	Buddy Mateo	17	Mel Hemphill
10	Jessie Johnson	23	Mark Basnight
10	Michael Lewark	23	Larry Stewart
10	Toby West	29	Vicki Walker
13	Bob Psimas	30	Lisa Manley
13	Connie Sledd		

**Candidates for board of directors of Colonial
 Shag Club for calendar year 2023**

President

- Connie Sledd
- Harry Walthall

Vice President

- Bobby Chiles

Treasurer

- Patty Swan

Corresponding Secretary

- Dwayne Hardy

Recording Secretary

- Judy Chiles

Directors at Large

- Bonnie Arms
- Jerry Nichols
- Patti Walker
- Rex Walker
- Camille Walthall

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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 starts November 1st

see event website 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.

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



Other Christmas parties

- Boogie on the Bay Shag Club — Saturday, December 2nd at Fraternal Order of Eagles #795, 521 Maple St, Chesapeake
- Virginia Beach Shag Club — Saturday, December 9th at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Virginia Beach. Music by Soul Intent Band
- River City Shag Club — Saturday, December 16th, Elizabeth City.
- Richmond Shag Club — Saturday, December 9 at Hopewell Moose Lodge

Candidate bios for 2024 board of directors

Connie Sledd — candidate for President

Colonial Shag Club

- Director at Large 2020, 2022
- Corresponding Secretary 2017-2019
- President 2010
- Vice President 2009
- Second Vice President 2008
- Christmas Party chair 2017-2019, 2022

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, district chair, state bylaws committee
- Odyssey of the Mind — State judge, Regional Problem Captain, and team coach
- Helped establish the Poquoson Animal Welfare Sanctuary (P.A.W.S.)

During my 2021 presidency, my board introduced the weekly member drawing and the monthly birthday drawing. If elected, I would continue to seek ways to increase club membership and attendance.

I also believe that the members should be aware of board decisions and actions. I would share this information in the monthly newsletter and at the quarterly meetings

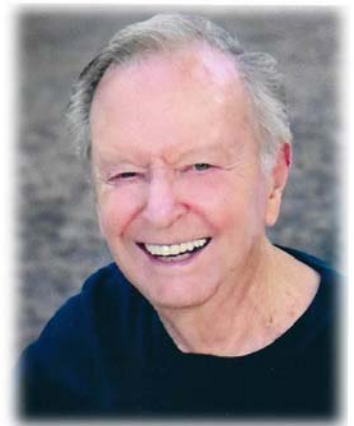
Harry Walthall — candidate for President

Colonial Shag Club

- President 2008, 2014 through 2017
- Vice President 2007, 2012, and 2013
- Director at Large 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, and 2018
- Webpage committee chair 2004
- Designed first webpage and opened web hosting in 2004
- Board liaison to the nominations committee two years
- Member of nominations committee four years
- Nominations committee chair two years
- Designed club's original logo in 2002
- Incumbent club enhancement and venue liaison committee chair

Other

- Inducted into Virginia Shaggers Hall Of Fame in 2016
- Retired from Langley Research Center
- Received patent for design and development of an automated, low flow rate, ground water seepage meter for Virginia Tech Biology Department as part of a NASA Research and Technology Transfer Program
- Received Distinguished Service Award from NASA
- Became a Class A Building Contractor after retirement from NASA
- Peninsula Housing and Builders Association board of directors five years



Candidate bios for 2024 board of directors

Bobby Chiles — candidate for Vice President

- Colonial Shag Club Director at Large and ways and means committee chair
- Started dancing in the mid 80's



Bobby and Judy

- Members of Colonial Shag Club, Richmond Shag Club, and Competitive Shaggers Association
- In 2000, won the Spirit of Dance award that is given yearly to a couple who demonstrate the true spirit of dance through dedication, determination, and commitment
- Won Volunteer Family of the Year for Hanover county as well as for the state of Virginia in 2003 for their work doing dance parties for Special Populations. They continue to provide dance parties for Special Populations
- Were recognized as the Most Improved Couple by Richmond Shag Club in 2016
- Teach shag dance at Colonial Shag Club, Richmond Shag Club, Dance Masters studio, Riverside School in Chesterfield, and The Montpelier Center for Arts and Education
- Attended multiple SOS events each year for more than a decade

Judy Chiles — candidate for Recording Secretary

- Colonial Shag Club Director at Large and nominating committee chair
- Started taking dance class in elementary school and was so young that I don't remember that first class
- Started deejaying shag functions this year in an effort to become a member of The Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs



Patty Swan — candidate for Treasurer

Colonial Shag Club

- Incumbent Treasurer
- Member since 2008

Education

- BA From CNU, MBA from The William & Mary
- ISM Certified Purchasing Manager, Lifetime

Work Experience

- Ball Corp 39 ½ years as employee and 3 ½ as contractor in engineering and sourcing, project management, and training now

Other volunteer experience

- Merrimac Dog Training Club (lifetime member) - Obedience Trial Secretary, Treasurer, budget committee, audit committee, bylaws committee, show volunteer for many events
- Peninsula Piecemakers - audit committee several times, block of the month committee
- Empty Bowls Virginia Peninsula - volunteer since the start, artist, bagmaker, annual event volunteer coordinator, board member
- USA Dance Williamsburg - Treasurer three years



Candidate bios for 2024 board of directors

Dwayne Hardy – candidate for Corresponding Secretary

Colonial Shag Club

- Member since 2018
- Incumbent dance development committee co-chair
- Nominating Committee 2023
- Club enhancement and venue liaison committee 2023
- Social committee 2023
- Co-developed several promotional videos

Other: member Northern Virginia Shag Club 2015-2017

Professional Career: Senior Systems Engineering consultant to DoD and other federal agencies on the application of systems engineering, open architecture, information technology, standards and advanced concepts in the development and acquisition of military and telecommunication systems



Bonnie Arms — candidate for Director at Large

I talk to people about shag dancing whenever the subject of dancing comes up in a conversation. I recently (2023) facilitated a shag dance demonstration at the apartment complex I am living in.

While I was working, I tithed a donation each payday to the Ellen Taylor Foundation. I now donate once a month.



I have donated gently-used shag dance shoes to the Junior Shaggers.

I retired from the federal government in April 2022 after 37+ years. My love of shag dancing was a determining factor for my move to Virginia Beach because there are three shag clubs within decent driving distance.

I joined Virginia Beach Shag Club (VBSC) in May 2022. For VBSC, I sold 2023 SOS cards in 2023 and will be selling 2024 SOS cards.

I joined Boogie on the Bay Shag Club in May 2022.

I joined Colonial Shag Club in May 2022. I handled the election process for the election of 2023 board members. I currently handle the membership committee tasks.

I have been a member of Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC) since 1998 with a five and one-half year break when I lived overseas. The following applies to NVSC:

- Shagger of the Year award 2014
- President four and one-half years (2018-2022)
- Vice President two years (2016-2017)
- Secretary two years (2014-2015)
- Membership chair eight and one-half years (2014-2022)
- Handled vendors for NVSC Classic events six years (2015-2020)
- Nomination committee member three years
- Handled the signing in at the front desk on dance nights, serviced the NVSC post office box every week, sent out welcome letters to new members, sent out membership renewal letters to members, notified the sunshine committee whenever someone had a death in the family, had an operation, was ill, etc. Whenever I was out and about, I would pass out NVSC business cards.

Candidate bios for 2024 board of directors

Rex Walker — candidate for Director at Large

Colonial Shag Club

- Newsletter editor in 2007 — including marketing, and designing business cards, event flyers, venue signs, brochure, and birthday post card
- Coordinated a club fund raiser — the sale of blinky lights at the Shagging on the Riverwalk venue that raised \$3,700 for the club

Other

- Past secretary of Peninsula Housing and Builders Association
- Was board member of Peninsula Housing and Builders Association for 25 plus years
- Past president of three homeowner associations — two builder-selected and one elected in 1982-1985, 1987-1989, 2012-2014



Patti Walker — candidate for Director at Large

Colonial Shag Club

- President 2007
- Vice President 2006
- Director at Large 2004, 2005, 2012
- Worked with York County to promote club at *Shagging on the Riverwalk* venue. This included having CSC provide lessons
- Served selflessly on many committees
- Represented the club at ACSC meetings

Other

- Inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame in 2019
- Founder member of the Williamsburg Chapter of USA Dance, (formally known as USABDA, United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association)
- Taught ballroom dancing at William & Mary for several years
- Earned many designations throughout real estate career of 50 years
- Served on the Peninsula Home Builders Association board
- Introduced the CSP (Certified New Home Sales Professional) designation, a designation that can be earned by builders and realtors

Rex and Patti

- CSC founding members (2001)
- CSC club enhancement and venue liaison committee members
- Instrumental in forming the Sales and Marketing Council for Peninsula Housing and Builders Association
- Owned and operated a real estate, building, property, and homeowner association management firm from 1980 until retirement
- Patti is a member of the *Colonial Heritage Show Girls*, a group that gives charity performances at local retirement and assisted living facilities. Rex and Patti, along with David and Carol Miller, are promoting shag and river waltz dancing at these facilities
- Built custom homes and competed in several Parade of Homes venues

Candidate bios for 2024 board of directors

Jerry Nichols - Director at Large

Colonial Shag Club

- Vice President several years
- Active member since 2002
- Director at Large 2009, 2011
- Nominations and elections committee chair 2009
- Nominations and elections committee member three years
- Co-chair bylaws re-write committee
- Was Volunteer deejay at Omni venue
- Co-chair dance development committee 2023
- Former member of Venue Negotiations Team
- Currently and for past 16+ years, an instructor of shag and other types of dance
- Dance development committee chair 15+ years
- Incumbent dance development committee co-chair

Other

- Inducted into Virginia Shaggers Hall Of Fame in 2018
- Paid dance instructor at Two Left Feet Dance Studio 2+ years

- Boogie on the Bay Shag Club member since 2001
- An accomplished Country Western (CW) dance instructor for 15+ years
- An accomplished CW deejay for 10+ years
- Repeat CW dance instructor at multiple Atlantic Seashore Dance Competition events
- Planned, coordinated, and implemented CW 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 CW dance events
- Active in my church as an usher, premises committee member, and active in bible studies and small groups



Camille Walthall – candidate for Director at Large

Colonial Shag Club

- Founding member in 2001
- Worked on several party decorations committees
- Chaired Christmas party decorations committee two years
- Chaired Christmas party catering service committee three years
- Assisted husband when he was vice president three years and president for five years
- Appointed by club president to welcome attendees at Saturday night dances

- Helped with dance lessons for beginners
- Helped with Junior Shaggers lessons
- Helped teach beginner shag lessons

Other

- Retired from banking and real estate
- Enjoys home decorating, flower arranging, gardening, and traveling

