



# The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

## Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

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

**April 2023**

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

### President's corner

Another month ticks off the calendar and here we are, it's already April. A few things happen in this month. Easter being the most obvious. Then, of course, there's April Fool's Day on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Interestingly, I became curious about this thing called April Fool's Day. Seems that this day has been celebrated for several centuries starting in the 1500's, although it's not certain just when it did begin. April Fool's is a day in which traditions include playing jokes and hoaxes on others and then shouting, "April Fool's." In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the celebration expanded into Britain and beyond. Throughout history, this day has been a day of pranks and hilarity. So I wish for you a day, (month and year), of enjoyment, smiles, and a laugh or two.

Another thing happening on April 1<sup>st</sup> is two of our members will be inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame; Wayne Tate and Sheila Kerr-Jones. Their induction is a testament to all the great work they've done for the shag dance community. When you see these people (and any inductee for that matter) please take a moment to congratulate them. (A list of all the inductees can be found on the VSHOF website [vshof.com](http://vshof.com))

April events also include the SOS Spring Safari being held April 13-23 in North Myrtle Beach. If your plans include attending or if you're just curious what SOS is about, check out their website at [shagdance.com](http://shagdance.com). There's a lot of great events happening including a parade on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our club will have an SOS Kickoff at the Saturday night social on April 8<sup>th</sup>. To help celebrate this, we're asking members to bring in a few extra snacks to share. It'll be a great time for all with some great music by David Miller. Have Fun!



As I stated earlier, I was curious about April Fool's Day. Well, I was also curious about those other "national days" that seems to occur each month. Here's some for you to enjoy; National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day – April 2<sup>nd</sup>; National Tartan Day – April 6<sup>th</sup>; National Grilled Cheese Day – April 12<sup>th</sup>; National Jellybean Day – April 22<sup>nd</sup>; and of course, don't forget about National Bugs Bunny Day – April 30<sup>th</sup>. There's all sorts of "national days" throughout April and the entire year. Whichever day you like best I want to wish you a really great and enjoyable day.

A quick note on a couple of bits of business; Thanks to all of you who have been contacting our club membership committee and verifying your contact information. It helps us all when we help each other. Also, I want to let everyone know that for the month of May we will be doing a food drive from May 6-27 for Virginia Peninsula Food Bank. We'll contact the Food Bank so that we can let everyone know what essentials they're looking for. Keep an eye out for more information in our weekly Newsy.

Notable Quote: "Never dance in a puddle when there's a hole in your shoe (it's always best to take your shoes off first)." John D. Rhodes – Author and blogger

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

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Beach Music Weekend

Friday –Saturday, May 12-13

on the beach at 30th street, Virginia Beach

The Catalinas

The Swingin' Medallions

Gary Lowder and Smokin' Hot

Bill Deal's Original Rhondels



**YORKTOWN**  
*Sounds*  
**OF**  
**SUMMER**  
AT RIVERWALK LANDING

**2023 Lineup**

*June 1*  
THE UPTOWN BAND

*June 8*  
STRICTLY BIZZNESS

*June 15*  
BLACKOUT

*June 22*  
TIDEWATER DRIVE BAND

*June 29*  
BAND OF OZ

- No Concert July 6 -

*July 13*  
BRASSWIND

*July 20*  
THE DELOREANS

*July 27*  
CATS BAND

*August 3*  
SLAPNATION

*August 10*  
THE MAIN EVENT BAND

**THURSDAYS**  
**6:30 - 9:00 PM**  
*All concerts are FREE!*

EVENT WEATHER HOTLINE: 757.890.3520  
**VISITYORKTOWN.ORG**



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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 10 Carolyn Freeman | 21 Ken Lantz         |
| 11 Pat Crank       | 25 Michelle Calloway |
| 12 Tim Miller      | 26 Joe Mitchell      |
| 17 Ed Gilmore      | 29 Cindy Bruno       |
| 18 Heldur Liivak   |                      |

## 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

## “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

## 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

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

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## 2023 SOS events in North Myrtle Beach

- Spring Safari ..... April 13-23
- Fall Migration ..... September 14-24