

# The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

# **Colonial Shag Club, Inc.**

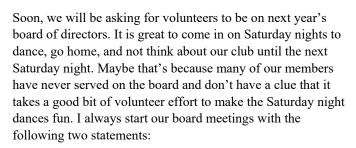
a member of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC)

## August 2024

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

#### President's corner

I have always considered June,
July, and August to be the three
months of summer. I find it
hard to believe two thirds of
summer is over and only
August is left. Summer and
the first seven months of 2024
have flown by. We will be
heading into the Thanksgiving
and Christmas holidays before
we can blink. That's how it is at
this stage of our lives. Days, weeks,
and months seem to accelerate each year.

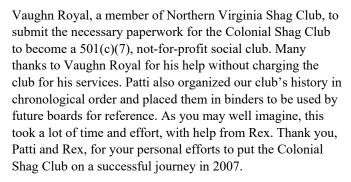


- Decisions that we make at this meeting should be in the best interest of all our members and not our own personal agendas.
- We will not always agree with each other on issues discussed at this meeting, so I ask that, if you disagree, please do so respectfully.

We, the 2024 board, have tried very hard to see that we have a lot of fun at our dances and give back to our members as often as we can. We have had several food events this year and hope to continue this as often as we can for the rest of the year.

A party for Janis Grimes will be held at our Saturday night dance on August 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate her selection for induction into the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame. Food will be provided by the party's committee at no cost to our club. We are expecting a large attendance so members should arrive early. Look for more details in a future Newsy. See page 3 for more information about Janis' induction.

Now for a bit of club history. Patti Walker was our club president in 2007. At that time, our club's designation with the IRS had not been completed. Patti worked with attorney



The Colonial Shag Club has had Menchville House as it's charity since 2002. It has been personally rewarding to me to see some of our members donate part or all of their member drawing and 50/50 winnings to Menchville House. This will help the club more generously support our charity. Speaking of the 50/50 raffle, this and the yearly dues are the only two sources of income for the club. We have no other fundraising events. We have been extremely fortunate to have some of our members sponsor food events, so the club is doing very well financially with the hopes of giving back to the membership as much and as often as we can.

Hope to see everyone on the dance floor.

Harry

# **Board meetings**

The Colonial Shag Club board meetings are held at Two Left Feet Dance Studio on the first Saturday of each month at 3:30 pm.

**SOS** Fall Migration in North Myrtle Beach

September 12-22

# The beat goes on thanks to our

#### board of directors and committees

#### **Directors**

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Elections — TBD

Financial review — John De Koff, Susan Ross

Membership — Bonnie Arms

Music — Harry Walthall

Nominating — TBD

Social — Jo Hardy, Camille Walthall

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

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# Colonial Shag Club dances every Saturday night

at Two Left Feet Dance Studio, Newport News
Doors open at 5pm
shag dance lessons 5:30-7pm, dancing 7-10pm
\$10 for member of any shag club, otherwise \$12
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 6-9pm at *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 *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

River City Shag Club social every Wednesday night at Tooley's Tavern at The Boathouse, Elizabeth City, North Carolina. See the club's Facebook page.

# **Colonial Shag Club**

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3 Dana Forrest

24 Barbara Elliott

8 Kathy Hardison

24 Wayne Robbins

17 Ron Johnston

25 Ivy Hill

21 Keith D'Bene

26 Carol Miller

21 Lloyd Pitzen

26 Phillip C. Walker

22 Sid Strawderman

27 Terry Abbott

23 Jane Renger

The following is paraphrased from various shag club websites

# Shag Etiquette

- 1. It is equally permissible for a woman to ask a man to dance as it is for a man to ask a woman.
- 2. If you don't want to dance, say "No thank you." Don't dance with someone if you just turned down a request to dance. If someone says "no thanks." do not be persistent — take them at their word.
- 3. It is not polite to correct your partner on the dance floor.
- 4. It is not polite to offer instruction to someone in a social dance setting (or in a dance class if you are not the instructor). Unless they ask for help or are hurting you, don't teach. If your partner requests help, kindly take them off to the side away from the other social dancers.
- 5. Be aware of the dancers around you. It's a fairly accepted practice that, when a collision occurs, apologize, even if it wasn't your fault.
- 6. Find your spot and keep your slot. The first person on the floor usually has the right to set the slot of the dance. Dance Small! If you require half of the floor in order to do your thing, you need to change your thing.
- 7. Step off the dance floor if you're not dancing. If you are drinking a beverage, stay off the dance floor.
- 8. Leaders, when dancing with a less experienced partner, keep the steps simple at first and build to the level that your partner can handle. Leading should be defined as "the art of making your partner comfortable."
- 9. Leaders, protect your partner. Because you are directing her movement, you need to be sure to protect her safety.
- 10. Leaders, if you must count and give verbal leads, keep it low enough that just you and your partner can hear. It can confuse those around you.

Janis Grimes has been selected for induction into the Beach **Shaggers National Hall of** Fame. The induction ceremony will be held on October 12th in North Myrtle Beach.

The Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame is the original Hall of Fame for shag dancers and is generally considered the most prestigious organization honoring shag dancers who deserve special recognition.



For Janis, this is the crowning achievement of thirty-two years of studying the art of dance, competing, promoting and teaching in the Carolina Shag dance world.

> A party for Janis will be held at our Saturday night dance on August 24<sup>th</sup>, with food provided



The Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame came into existence with the first inductees in April 1983. According to its

original bylaws, the inductees were chosen from people who had been "on the beach" prior to 1955.

# "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 shag steps, learn something new, ask for help, help someone else, and just dance

Free, as a courtesy of TLF

# **Outdoor concerts**

### Wednesdays

## Live on the Square at Port Warwick

Newport News, 6-9pm

#### August

- 7 Wonderland 21 USAF Rhythm in Blue
- 14 Anthony Rosana & the 28 Good Shot Judy Conqueros

### Thursdays

# Sounds of Summer

at Riverwalk Landing, Yorktown, 6:30-9pm

#### August

- 1 Band of Oz
- 8 Deloreans
- 15 Slapnation

## **Sunset Thursdays**

Festival Park (16 Crawford Circle) Portsmouth 6:30-9pm

#### August

- 1 Hot Cakes (Country, Rock, 70's, 80's, 90's)
- 8 SynHERgi (R&B, Jazz, Motown)
- 15 People's Choice Band (Old School, R&B, Funk, Top 40)

# **Suffolk TGIF Summer Concert Series**

Bennett's Creek Park

#### August

- 2: Roberta Lea
- 9: Slapnation
- 16: Anthony Rosano and the Conqueros

#### Sundays

## Groovin on the Bay

Mill Point Park, Hampton, 5-8pm

#### August

- 4 J & the Band 18 Brasswind
- 11 The Gentlemen & Their 25 The Original Rhondels Lady

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club

# Shaggers @ Heart

February 7-9, 2025

Holiday Inn, 980 Omni Blvd, Newport News

ticket price: \$130 before November 1; \$140 thereafter

# **Registration started on August 1**

see boogieonthebay.com/shagheart

#### Save the date

Outer Banks Shag Club New Year's Eve party December 30-31 Nags Head, NC