



# 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

I am extremely pleased to report that the first series of beginner dance lessons have been a rousing success. On January 6<sup>th</sup>, the beginner class had fifty-three new students show up to take the first lesson. Because it was rainy and chilly, we, the board and the dance development committee, were hoping to get around twenty-five new students. The Colonial Shag Club Board of Directors held its first meeting on the same afternoon hoping to get an early start on planning the 2024 club activities. We met at TLF and planned to adjourn the meeting around at 5:15 to help with the beginner dance lesson. To our amazement, when we opened the door to the lobby, it was full of people with a line out the door and down the sidewalk. What a wonderful surprise! Due to the time it took to register everyone for the class, we didn't actually start the class until about 5:50. Jerry Nichols and Dwayne Hardy, co-chairs of the dance development committee, had worked diligently to find excellent instructors for our first series of lessons. They were very fortunate to have Marsha Ruth and Stan Gurganus agree to teach the beginner class. As many of you might know, Marsha and Stan teach the same class for the Boogie on Bay Shag Club, Franklin Shag Club, and River City Shag Club. Marsha has been teaching shag lessons for thirty years and, even though Stan may be relatively new at teaching, he is one of the smoothest dancers on the floor and compliments Marsha's teaching very well. As we anticipated, the second class would



be somewhat smaller than the first class. On January 13<sup>th</sup>, there were thirty-four students taking the class which we are very pleased with. In the first two Saturday nights of 2024, the club had ten new members join. We, the board of directors, feel this is a great start for our club this year. With help from our club members, using social media, and word of mouth, we can promote our club's social events as being a great place to dance on Saturday nights. Those of you who use social media, please consider sharing our weekly notices about the dance lessons. This way, we will be able to get the word out more effectively without having to pay to have the notices posted.

I feel January has been a productive month for our club. We successfully completed our first four-week series of beginner lessons, signed up twenty-four new members, and had an extremely successful Re Up Party on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Let's continue this momentum for the rest of 2024.

Congratulations to Marsha Ruth from Boogie on the Bay Shag Club for being one of the five people selected to receive the ACSC Shag Icon Award, which will be presented to her at SOS Spring Safari in April. (See description of the award on page 4.)

Back to a little more history of our club. As I stated in last month's note, Jay Magness was president of the our club in 2002 and 2003. Janet Richards served as president in 2004 and 2005. The club continued to grow as Larry and Cindy continued to teach shag lessons at Mitty's Nightclub in the Omni Hotel (now the Holiday Inn on Omni Blvd in Newport News).

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

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*Elections* — TBD  
*Financial review* — John De Koff, Susan Ross  
*Membership* — Bonnie Arms  
*Music* — Harry Walthall  
*Nominating* — TBD  
*Social* — TBD  
*Ways & Means* — TBD

**Ad hoc committees**

- Birthday cards* — Diane Capps  
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*Newsletter* — Lloyd Pitzen  
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*Ways & Means (50/50 raffle)*— TBD

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On January 13<sup>th</sup>, Camille and I attended an ACSC meeting held in the Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort hotel in North Myrtle Beach. We invited John de Koff and Susan Ross to join us so they could experience just what the ACSC is all about. When you purchase an SOS card, you automatically become a member of the ACSC with the privilege of attending all of its events. A synopsis of the meeting appears on page 4. I feel we learned a lot at this meeting and that the ACSC is doing an excellent job helping all of its member clubs.

Hope to see everyone at our Valentine’s Day party on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Judy Chiles has assembled a team to decorate TLF for the event, and we are planning some special treats for everyone. Look for more information in our weekly Newsy.

Harry

**SOS & ACSC Workshop DATES**  
**2024**  
**SOS Mid-Winter & Winter Workshop January 11-14**  
**SOS Spring Safari April 18-28**  
**SOS Fall Migration September 12-22**  
 in North Myrtle Beach

**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



16	Trudy Terry	16	Trudy Terry
18	Betty Hargrave	18	Betty Hargrave
22	Bill Landreth	22	Bill Landreth
24	Cyd Kroskey	24	Cyd Kroskey
1	Kendall Hockaday	26	Dottie Landreth
5	Lyn Whitmer	26	Roberto Ugoletti
7	Brenda Pollock	27	Debbie Fertitta
9	Dave Miller	27	Jan Poteat
12	Cindy Matheson	27	Diane Underhill
16	Nancy Mason	28	Alice DeGraff
16	Sheila Stevens	28	Pat Hughes

### “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

### 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.

Four Weeks of Free Beginner Shag Dance Lessons by Colonial Shag Club Instructors at Two Left Feet Dance Studio  
 1405 Kiln Creek Pkwy  
 Newport News, VA

Starting on February 10 from 5:30 to 6:30

To Enroll Call (757) 813-4371 or Email shag@colonialshagclub.com

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**CSC SWAG--Tee Shirts, Sweatshirts, Tumblers, Mugs, and Shoe bags!**

See John and Susan at Saturday night socials to place your orders

**What is a shag icon?**

The ACSC Shagging Icon Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions within their own ACSC-affiliated shag club. Nominees for this award have made significant efforts and contributions to their shag club and are clearly outstanding members of the shag community. Although some of these nominees may go on to be well known in the shag world, many of these individuals may not be known outside of their own club. This award has come to be one of the most highly prized awards that a shagger can attain.

The path for someone to attain this award is as follows. The respective shag club president, with board approval, submits a completed Shagging Icon Award Nomination form by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. The nominations are evaluated and scored based on predetermined criteria by a nine-member evaluation team. The evaluation team consists of volunteers who are past Icon award recipients and who are selected randomly at the ACSC Summer Workshop of the current year. Based on the evaluation, five people are selected as recipients and announced in January of the next year at the Mid-Winter Workshop.

**Synopsis of ACSC meeting held January 13th at SOS Mid-winter Break/Workshop event in North Myrtle Beach**

At the subject meeting, several business matters were presented by Robin Morley, chair of ACSC.

- The minutes of the previous meeting were presented by Becky Berry, ACSC Secretary.
- The financial report was given by Cecil Martin, ACSC Treasurer.
- Novlene Powell, chair of the icon committee, presented the names of five people selected for the 2024 Icon Award, which will be presented at the Spring Safari SOS in April. Marsha Ruth from Boogie on the Bay Shag Club is one of the five.
- There was a great deal of discussion about the 2025 ACSC Summer Workshop, for which the Smoky Mountain Shaggers shag club (Pigeon Forge, Tennessee) won the right to host it. To attend the event, the cost of two tickets and three nights in the hotel came to \$887 plus taxes, fees, and travel. It was noted that many of the smaller clubs can not afford to send a representative to an event this expensive; as such, the event was cancelled and the club was released from their obligation.
- Reports were given by members of the SOS Board of directors on the finances of SOS and the SOS parade, to be held during the Spring Safari.

The meeting included four workshops that gave attendees information about:


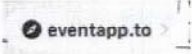
- the necessity of the clubs having insurance for liability protection, asset protection, and directors liability protection;
- a new SOS app for your mobile devices (see page 5);
- IRS tax requirements and exemptions for shag clubs;
- information for club presidents.



..... Harry Walthall



## How to Install the SOS App.

1. Scan this QR Code either with a QR Reader or your Camera

	<p>Or if you use your Camera: It will come up </p> <p>Click on the eventapp.to (box)</p>
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1. If Android Phone Click on the Install Icon at the top  and then click install. (it will be installed)
2. If iPhone, If you Scanned by **QR Code** or clicked on the **"eventapp.to"** box the following screen appears:
3. Then click on this icon:  and **scroll down** and click on **"Add to Home Screen"**



4. Name it: **SOS APP** and Click **ADD**.