

The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

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

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

July 2024

President's corner

June turned out to be one of our most active months. It started with regular Saturday night dances and then we had our Deejay Appreciation Party on June 22nd, enjoyed by 125 attendees. Judy Chiles proposed the idea of having the party to honor our five deejays who are members of the Association of Beach and Shag Club D.J.'s (ABSCDJ). These five



deejays are referred to as our regular deejays for purposes of this article. Judy also felt that we should especially honor Greg Howell, who retired last November from deejaying regularly, for deejaying for our club for twenty years and for his activities in promoting the appreciation of beach music and shag dancing that go beyond our club. Judy and I agreed this was a great idea and she followed up by talking to Jerry Hardy to get his thoughts. Being that Jerry and Greg have been close friends for those twenty years, Jerry was excited about honoring Greg and offered to work out the details for this party. The board members were all in favor of doing this event. I appointed Jerry and Judy to co-chair the ad hoc Deejay Appreciation Committee and left the details to them. With the committee's recommendation and agreement by the board, this event was expanded to include five people, each of whom deejayed since the club's inception and did so without being a member of ABSCDJ. These five are:

• Oscar Ward, who was a founding member of our club and deejayed during our club's early years.

• Lana Nichols, who deejayed when we were dancing at Mitty's.

• Lloyd Pitzen, who was a backup deejay years ago on occasions when our regular deejays were not available.

• George Dean and Judy Chiles, who are newest deejays and are currently our backup deejays.

Our club has, over the years, been very fortunate to have the support of its members to step up and deejay to keep us dancing.

All of our regular deejays got their start playing music for our club. These deejays network with each other as well as with

other deejays in the Tidewater area and throughout other shag communities. Some background on each of these five is as follows:

• Larry Black is our senior deejay. I believe Larry got started playing music while teaching shag dance lessons when our club was forming.

• Cindy Black became a deejay by playing music for her shag dance classes. Cindy and Larry often play music together at various events. Cindy is responsible for starting our club. If it were not for Cindy, there would be no Colonial Shag Club. Cindy and Larry are Colonial Shag Club's only Lifetime Members.

• In 2004, Greg Howell became a deejay while taking shag dance lessons at our club.

• Jerry Hardy became interested in becoming a deejay while taking shag dance lessons at our club. Jerry started deejaying for our club in early 2005.

• David Miller is our youngest regular deejay. David also became interested in deejaying while taking shag dance lessons at our club. David started deejaying for our club when we were dancing at Mitty's.

Each of our regular deejays has purchased their own sound equipment to use when not playing at our club's dances.

I personally believe that our club is one of the most fortunate clubs in the ACSC. Some shag clubs have only one, two, or three deejays at most, but the Colonial Shag Club has been blessed with excellent deejays of which five are home-grown members of the prestigious Association of Beach and Shag Club D.J.'s. Also, we had and have excellent backup deejays.

Hope to see everyone on the dance floor enjoying music by our WONDERFUL DEEJAYS.

Harry

Notes:

- Although Greg Howell retired from deejaying regularly as of last November, he is referred to as a regular deejay for purposes of this article.
- For background information on Mitty's and the formation of our club, see colonialshagclub.com/csc-history.
- Mitty's was in what now is the Holiday Inn at the intersection of
- J. Clyde Morris Boulevard and I-64.

The beat goes on thanks to our

board of directors and committees

Directors

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Charity — Judy Chiles Dance instruction — Dwayne Hardy, Jerry Nichols 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 Ad hos committees

Ad hoc committees

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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

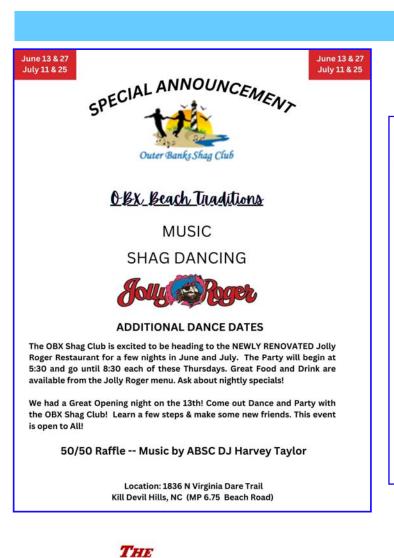
Richmond Shag Club social every Tuesday night at Visions Night Club in Double Tree hotel, Midlothian. Beginner shag classes from 6:30 until 7:15 followed by dancing until 10pm. Line dance lessons second Tuesday of each month

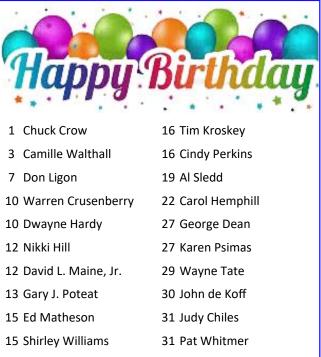
Outer Banks Shag Club — see flyer on page 3

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.

Board meetings

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





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, 2024; \$140 thereafter

Registration opens 7pm on August 1

see boogieonthebay.com/shagheart

Colonial Shag Club

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outdoors at Sagos restaurant Elizabeth City, NC

Friday July 19th, 7-9pm

general admission \$18

see Sagos on the River Facebook page

colonialshagclub.com

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Theme of Colonial Shag Club July 6 social is



The picture to the right, from the Deejay Appreciation Party, shows the 'regular' deejays posing with our club's president for the presentation of a certificate of appreciation to Greg. Left to right are Larry, Black, Cindy Black, Harry Walthall, Greg Howell, David Miller, and Jerry Hardy.





Deejays 'in the house' at the Deejay Appreciation Party

From left to right are: Harvey Taylor, George Dean, Larry Black, Cindy Black, Greg Howell, Jerry Hardy, Judy Chiles, Brute Vaughan, Gary Barnes, Lloyd Pitzen, David Miller, and Don Ruth.

The deejays in the picture who have not deejayed for Colonial Shag Club are:

- Harvey Taylor, who deejays for Outer Banks Shag Club, River City Shag Club, and Boogie on the Bay Shag Club;
- Brute Vaughan, who deejays for Richmond Shag Club;
- Don Ruth, who deejays for Boogie on the Bay Shag Club; and
- Gary Barnes, who deejays for Virginia Beach Shag Club.

Notice the decorations in the background that are specific to this

event. Dwayne and Jo Hardy decorated the room with such things as vinyl records throughout the room and deejay names behind the deejay booth.

Something that could not be captured in pictures was the camaraderie among deejays on full display as deejays mingled around the deejay booth.



Outdoor concerts

Wednesdays

Live on the Square at Port Warwick Newport News, 6-9pm

July

- 3 Revelation
- August 7
- 10 Blackout
- Wonderland
- 14 Anthony Rosana & the
- 17 Celeste Kellogg
- 24 Phazz II
- 31 2nd Wynd Band
- Conqueros
- 21 USAF Rhythm in Blue
- 28 Good Shot Judy

Thursdays

Sounds of Summer

at Riverwalk Landing, Yorktown, 6:30-9pm (weather hotline 757-890-3520)

July	August	
11 The Gentlemen and	1	Band of Oz
Their Lady	8	Deloreans

- 18 The Embers 25 InsideOut band
- eloreans
- 15 Slapnation

Sunset Thursdays

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

- July
- 11 Better By Tuesday (R&B, Funk, Jazz)
- BrassWind (Beach, Pop, R&B, Motown, Rock, Soul) 18
- 25 The Gentlemen and Their Lady (Motown, Oldies, Top 40)

August

- Hot Cakes (Country, Rock, 70's, 80's, 90's) 1
- 8 SynHERgi (R&B, Jazz, Motown)
- People's Choice Band (Old School, R&B, Funk, 15 Top 40)
- Slapnation (Rock, Jazz, Motown, Beach) 22
- 29 2nd Wynd (R&B, Reggae, Jazz)

Suffolk TGIF Summer Concert Series

Constance's Wharf Park and Marina July 12: The Original Rhondels Bennett's Creek Park July 26: The Deloreans August 2: Roberta Lea August 9: Slapnation August 16: Anthony Rosano and the Conqueros

Sundays

Groovin on the Bay

Mill Point Park, Hampton, 5pm

August

- July
- 7 The Janitors
- 14 TFC Band
- 21 Tidewater Drive Band
- 28 Savannah
- J & the Band 4
- 11 The Gentlemen & Their
- Lady
- 18 Brasswind
- 25 The Original Rhondels

Shaggin' 4th of July Celebration

High Street Landing Portsmouth, VA

July 4, 5-9:30pm

The Mighty Saints of Soul Band will play beach music from 5–8 pm with a follow up performance by the Tidewater Concert Band playing patriotic music from 8:00 to 9:30pm.

Fireworks show at 9:30pm