



The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

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

May 2024

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

President's corner

April has been another very busy month for our club. We finished our third series of four-week beginner shag lessons, plus a fifth night of practice workshop for our students on April 13th. The fourth series started on April 20th and will conclude with a workshop on May 18th. Jerry Nichols and Dwayne Hardy put together these beginner classes and acquired excellent, experienced instructors to teach our new students. The beginner classes last for one hour and are followed by thirty minutes of more advanced "Moves You Can Use on the Dance Floor." This thirty-minute lesson has been a big success with our members. Jo Hardy has used her artistic talents to make fantastic flyers for our dance classes which are posted on the club's website, Facebook page, Instagram page, and our weekly Newsy. The Facebook and Instagram posts are also shared by many of our members which helps us promote the dance lessons.

On April 13th, we had our semiannual SOS Kickoff Party with the club serving fried chicken provided by club member, Malcom Mann, and members brought side dishes and desserts to share. Camille and I were not able to attend the party and dance, but we heard that everyone who attended enjoyed the event.

The club has had a lot of activity so far this year. In January, we had our Re-Up party. In February, we celebrated St. Valentine's Day. In March, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day. On March 23rd, Tim Kroskey became the eleventh Colonial Shag Club member to be inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame. On March 30th, we learned that Janis Grimes has been selected, as only the fifth person from Virginia, to be inducted into the National Shaggers Hall of Fame. On April 6th, Jerry and Lana Nichols were notified they had been selected to be inducted into the National Living Legends of Dance. For more than forty years, Jerry and Lana have been involved in teaching others to dance both country and shag.

Diane Capps has been a member of our club since 2014 and, for most of the years since, she has been the person



who sent birthday cards to our members in a very timely manner. Diane has decided to turn the job over to someone else after doing this for so many years. This is a task that required attention several times a month to see that our members received their birthday cards on time. We thank Diane for her dedicated service to the Colonial Shag Club and its members. Bonnie Arms has offered to assume the chore of sending birthday cards.

At the Spring Safari (that's Spring SOS for those of you unfamiliar with shag events in North Myrtle Beach), the Colonial Shag Club participated in the SOS Parade for the first time since about 2009. The theme for this year's parade was "It's a Dream." Judy Chiles was our club's lead in putting together a display. Judy came up the theme "A Donut and a Dream" from a song by the Mills Brothers. Participating members were Judy and Bobby Chiles, John de Koff, Susan Ross, and Camille and me. Bobby, Judy, John, and Susan walked and carried banners. Camille and I rode in a car and played the song "Donut and a Dream" at full volume over and over for almost an hour. See pictures on page 6. There were two other couples who were also going to be in the parade with us but had to withdraw due to health issues. We had a great time putting our display together and hope to do this again next year.

The Colonial Shag Club lost a long-time member on Sunday April 21st. Lisa Jones passed away while snorkeling near Great Abaco Island in the Bahamas. Lisa became a member of the Colonial Shag Club in 2010 and had served on the Board of Directors as Director at Large in 2013 and 2014, and as Recording Secretary in 2015. Lisa always had a warm smile and happy greeting for everyone. Lisa passed away doing what she loved — traveling the world and experiencing life to the fullest. Our deepest sympathy to Lisa's daughters Alison and Lindsay, family, and special longtime friend Warren Crusenberry.

Hope to see everyone on the dance floor.

Harry

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

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Charity — Judy Chiles

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Elections — TBD

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Membership — Bonnie Arms

Music — Harry Walthall

Nominating — TBD

Social — Jo Hardy, Camille Walthall

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

Ad hoc committees

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Newsletter — Lloyd Pitzen

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 Bobby Chiles

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 6-9:30pm 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 social first and third Monday each month, 4-7pm at Duck Woods Country Club, Southern Shores, North Carolina. 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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Who better to eulogize Lisa than her daughter?
Shown below is a Facebook post by her daughter.

by Alison Jones McPherson

April 23

It is with great sadness that Lindsay Jones and I share that our mom, Lisa Wagner Jones, died unexpectedly on Sunday, April 21st, while on vacation on Abacos Island. She lived an amazing life doting on family and friends, always saying “yes” to the trip, and dancing whenever the music turned on.

She will be greatly missed by so many and always in our memory as the example of how to love others and how to live life to the fullest.

We will share more in the coming days/weeks as we work to get mom back home. Lindsay and I are flying there this afternoon.

Celebration of Life services will be shared publicly as we know more. In lieu of flowers, we ask for donations to Menchville House or PORT Winter Shelter. Thank you all for loving our mom





THE RICHMOND SHAG CLUB

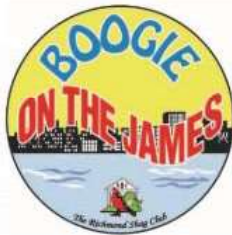
Presents...

WILD WEST SHAGGERS ROUNDUP

for our annual

Boogie on the James

AUGUST 16 & 17, 2024



Guest DJs

John Smith & Billy Waldrep

Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs

Two Free Shag Workshops

with

Mike & Debbie Pace

Free Line Dance Workshop

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

1021 Koger Center Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23235

Call 1-804-379-3800 and ask for the "Richmond Shag Club" rate of \$132/night plus tax until July 16

RSC Party Features

- ❖ Thursday Night Early Bird Saloon Party at Visions in the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton...Free to BOTJ Attendees, \$10 Cover for Others Music provided by Brute Vaughan
- ❖ Three Free Workshops
- ❖ Two Drinks at the Saloon Happy Hour both Friday and Saturday Evening
- ❖ Plated Dinner on both Friday and Saturday Evening
- ❖ Large Dance Floor
- ❖ Seating for Everyone
- ❖ Smoke-Free Ballroom



For more info and to register, go to RichmondShagClub.com/annual-party

Also, for more info, contact Lisa Cox at Lcox@carrerastech.com

Memorial Day Party is theme for Colonial Shag Club Saturday night social on June 1st



	23	Rhonda D'Bene
	23	Malcolm Mann
	24	Larry Herbert
14		Diane Capps
	25	Henry Roper
14		Deb McCusker
	28	Alan Michaelis
15		Christine Werner
	28	Rosa Shockley
20		Janet Roper
	31	George Joyner

Outdoor concerts

Wednesdays

Live on the Square at Port Warwick

Newport News, 6-9pm

May		July	
22	Brasswind	3	Revelation
29	Bobby Blackhat & Fade to Blue	10	Blackout
		17	Celeste Kellogg
June		24	Phazz II
5	Girl Can't Help It	31	2nd Wynd Band
12	Down River		
19	BJ Griffin Band		... and more
26	Soul Intent		

Sunset Thursdays

Festival Park (16 Crawford Circle) Portsmouth

6:30-9pm

June

13 Janitors (R&B, 60's Soul, 70's Funk, Classic Rock, Top 40)

20 Revalation (R&B, Funk, Rock)

27 The Original Rhondels (Beach, Rock, 70's, 80's)

July

11 Better By Tuesday (R&B, Funk, Jazz)

18 BrassWind (Beach, Pop, R&B, Motown, Rock, Soul)

25 The Gentlemen and Their Lady (Motown, Oldies, Top 40)

... and more

Thursdays

Sounds of Summer

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

(weather hotline 757-890-3520)

June		18	The Embers
6	Uptown Band	25	InsideOut band
13	The Main Event Band	August	
20	Nashville Nights band	1	Band of Oz
27	Blackout	8	Deloreans
July		15	Slapnation
1	The Gentlemen and Their Lady		visityorktown.org

Portsmouth Seawall Music Festival

High Street Landing, Portsmouth

Friday, June 7 th	3:15-4:15pm	5Starr (R&B, Rock-n-Roll)
6:00 -7:30pm	Island Boy (Hard Rock, Country, Funk)	4:30-5:30 pm J & The Band (Top 40, Classic Rock, Beach, Oldies)
7:45-9:15pm	Ned Harris & The Appeal (Jazz, R&B, Funk, Soul)	5:45-6:45 pm TFC Band (Motown, Soul, R&B, Oldies, Beach)
9:30-11:00 pm	Soul Intent (Beach, Shag, Rock, 7's, 80's)	7:00-8:00 pm Hot Cakes (Country, Rock, 70's, 80's, 90's)
Saturday, June 8 th	2:00-3:00 pm	Lucky 757 (Rockabilly, Rock-n-Roll)
	8pm-9:30pm	Better By Tuesday (R&B, Jazz, Funk)

Beach Music Weekend at Virginia Beach oceanfront

17th Street Park

Friday, May 10

7:30 pm: The Tams

Saturday, May 11

Noon: Bill Deal's Original Rhondels

3:30 pm: The Catalinas

7:30 pm: Chairmen of the Board featuring Ken Knox

Suffolk TGIF Summer Concert Series

Festival Park, downtown Suffolk

June 14: Fuzz Band

June 21: Nashville Nights

June 28: Vinyl Headlights

July 12: The Original Rhondels

Bennett's Creek Park

July 26: The Deloreans

... and more

Grand opening of Festival Park

Pictures of Colonial Shag Club contingent in the SOS parade in North Myrtle Beach on April 27th

“A donut and a dream — Come dance with us on a dream dance floor. We will provide the donuts.”



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

Free, as a courtesy of TLF

