



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

As we start the last month of 2024, I would like to remind our members just how fortunate we are to have danced every Saturday night for the last ten years (except for cancellations due to severe weather conditions and the Covid shutdown) on a great dance floor at Two Left Dance Studio with music played by some of the best deejays in the ACSC (Association of Carolina Shag Cubs). We have had dance lessons by our club's instructors which have brought in new members. We have had several theme parties this year, most with food provided by the club and some of our members. Our members routinely bring snacks to share at our Saturday night dances.

Through the generosity of our members, we raised \$4,425 for the club's main charity, Menchville House, and donated \$500 to God's Pit Crew, a nonprofit disaster relief organization, from Danville, Virginia, for hurricane Helene relief. Along with other Virginia shag clubs, we are raising funds to support members of Mountain Shag Club in Asheville, North Carolina, who lost everything during the hurricane. Our club will be donating our club's portion of the 50/50 each Saturday night through the rest of the year to support this effort. Anyone who would like to make a donation, can give cash or a check to our club (write check to Mountain Shag Club and write hurricane relief on the memo line). Don Ligon, in his capacity as second vice president of Boogie on the Bay Shag Club, is heading up this donation effort for the Virginia shag clubs.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the members who made this a successful year for the our club. We have a great group on the board this year. Bobby Chiles is our vice president and chair of the ways and means committee. Judy Chiles is our recording secretary and chair of the charity committee. Dwayne Hardy is our corresponding secretary and editor of the weekly Newsy. Dwayne keeps us up to date on our club's happenings each week. Patty Swan, as our treasurer, keeps track of the club's financials. We have four directors at large and each one has been a long time club member and, as such, brought their past club experiences to the board. Jerry Nichols has held several



board positions including vice president and director at large. Patty Walker is a past president and past vice president. Rex Walker is a past corresponding secretary. Camille Walthall is a founding member of our club. We have several club members who have volunteered to be chairpersons of our various committees. Bonnie Arms is chair of the membership committee, a job that takes a lot of time to keep records straight on our members. Also, Bonnie, as chair of the birthday cards committee, ensures that everyone gets a birthday card in the month of their birthday. Colette Quinn, as chair of the 50/50 committee, is doing an excellent job managing our club's only fund raiser. John de Koff and Susan Ross chair the financial review committee. Jerry Nichols and Dwayne Hardy co-chair the dance development committee. Jo Hardy and Camille Walthall, as co-chairs of the social committee and with help from others, plan and decorate our special events. Joe Mitchell is our club's webmaster and, with the help with information from Dwayne Hardy and others, keeps the club's website up to date. Lloyd Pitzen is our club's newsletter editor and has been for several years. Lloyd puts together one of the best newsletters in the local shag communities. The one person who shows up almost every week, when he's not photographing at another shag event, to take photos at our club events is Alan Michaelis. Alan usually has the photos on our club's Facebook page within twenty-four hours.

Our club has been truly blessed with a great place to dance, excellent music by great deejays, and fellowship with wonderful friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members and friends who have been so kind to me this year and to let you know it has truly been an honor to serve as your president. I hope all our members have enjoyed this year and will continue to support our club and the 2025 board of directors.

May all our members, families, and friends have a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the dance floor.

Harry

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

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Standing committees

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 — Patty Swan (chair), Mike Dyson, Dwayne Hardy, Jo Hardy, A.W. Jones
Social — Jo Hardy, Camille Walthall
Ways & Means (50/50 raffle)— Bobby Chiles

Ad hoc committees

Birthday cards — Bonnie Arms
Communications
Newsletter — Lloyd Pitzen
Newsy — Dwayne Hardy
Social media (Facebook, Instagram) — Connie Sledd, Harry Walthall
Website — Joe Mitchell
Hospitality — Camille Walthall
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Venue Liaison — Harry Walthall, Jerry Nichols, Dwayne Hardy, Bobby Chiles



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2	Karen MacDougall	26	Belinda Gray
3	Craig Sinclair	27	Mike Dyson
9	Hal Lare	27	Lin Hines
10	Ben Parson	27	Renee Lare
16	Delaine Milton	28	Jerry Nichols

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.

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Congratulations to **Bonnie Arms** on her selection to be inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame.

“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

For a calendar view of shagging events throughout Hampton Roads and beyond, see boogieonthebay.com/calendar

Except no CSC social on December 7 because TLF is hosting a shagging Christmas party — ticketed event

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



It's also time to renew your membership

To: Colonial Shag Club members

Your membership expires at the end of January 2025, if you do not renew your membership by then. If you allow your membership to expire, you will have to pay the “new member” rate to get re-instated.

In comparison to prior years, when a new membership card was issued each year, a “2025” sticker will be affixed to your current card.

There are two ways to renew:

- at a Saturday night social — Bonnie Arms typically staffs the “membership table” where you can renew your membership (application form provided). Bring your membership card so that a sticker can be affixed to it.
- by mail — The application form is available on the club’s website and one is distributed with this newsletter. Fill out an application form and mail it to the club (address on page 2) along with the money specified on the form. Make your check payable to Colonial Shag Club or CSC (best not to send cash through the mail). If you include a stamped self-addressed envelope, a sticker will be mailed to you. If you don’t have a membership card, request that a new card be mailed instead of a sticker. Or get the sticker or card from Bonnie at a Saturday night social.

