



# The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

## Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

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

October 2024

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

### President's corner

A lot of important dates have been set for the next two months:

- On October 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual charity event to benefit Menchville House. See page 3 for more information.
- On the weekend of October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in North Myrtle Beach, Janis Grimes, a Colonial Shag Club member, will be inducted into the very prestigious Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame.
- On October 19<sup>th</sup> at a special membership meeting at the Saturday night social, the nominees for the next year's board of directors will be announced. More specifically, as prescribed by our bylaws, the nominating committee will announce the slate of candidates and then will take nominations from the floor. After which, if there is only one nomination for each board position, the slate of nominees will be declared as being elected by acclamation.
- Also on October 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Halloween party. We moved the party to October 19<sup>th</sup> so that it will not conflict with Boogie on the Bay Shag Club's Halloween party on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mike Dyson will present our annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Saturday night social. Mike always does a wonderful presentation for Veterans Day, which many members look forward to.
- On November 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual membership meeting and the election of directors for next year's board.

As you can see, we will be very busy from now to the middle of November.



Our dance development committee, co-chaired by Jerry Nichols and Dwayne Hardy, has worked very hard to have free beginner shag dance classes this year. The very first class started off with 54 new students showing up on the first Saturday night in January. Needless to say, we were all delighted to see so many potential new shag dancers and hopefully new members. Our club has been very fortunate to have wonderful, experienced instructors volunteer to teach these series of four-week classes. Our instructors this year were Marsha Ruth and Stan Gurganus, Sandy Alford and David Sawyer, Janis Grimes and Steve Booth, and Lana and Jerry Nichols. Several of our club members also helped with the dance classes to fill in where needed. Our instructors also taught a 30-minute lesson called Moves You Can Use. This lesson is intended to teach the students various shag dance moves that can be lead without having to be a called move or mirror pattern. Many thanks to our volunteer instructors for giving their time to make shag dancing more enjoyable. I would ask our members to help the club with this effort of beginner shag lessons by promoting our classes and our club to your family, friends, and neighbors. This way we all win.

See you on the dance floor.

Harry

### Interested in being on next year's board of directors?

Contact a member of our nominating committee — Patty Swan (chair), Mike Dyson, Dwayne Hardy, Jo Hardy, and A.W. Jones

*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

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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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## Colonial Shag Club Charity Event for Menchville House

as part of the club's Saturday night social

# October 12

Includes a silent auction. You are encouraged to make a donation to the Menchville House by either cash or a check made out to the Menchville House with "Colonial Shag Club" on the memo line. By writing a check, the Menchville House will send you a receipt which can be used as proof for a tax deduction. If you are unable to attend, you can make a donation by sending a check to the club's mailing address, which is shown on page 2.



Mission — "To help homeless families return to self-sufficiency by providing a temporary home and supportive services. Menchville

House is a forty six-bed facility emergency housing facility for homeless families, located in the Denbigh area of Newport News."

### Shaggers @ Heart

shag workshop and dance weekend event  
sponsored by Boogie on the Bay Shag Club

February 7-9, 2025

at Holiday Inn, Omni Blvd, Newport News

\$130 through end of October, \$140 thereafter

see event website [boogieonthebay.com/shagheart](http://boogieonthebay.com/shagheart)



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| 2 Terry White         | 20 Dottie Carpenter  |
| 6 Carol Michaelis     | 20 Theresa Slaughter |
| 8 Harold Jr. Bohannon | 21 Jay Magness       |
| 13 Barney Mars        | 23 Sherry Allain     |
| 14 Elena Gilmore      | 23 Beth Liivak       |
| 15 Sebastiana White   | 31 Sheila Kerr-Jones |
| 16 Judy Sinclair      | 31 David Puckett     |

## Christmas PARTY

### Save The Date!

Hosted by: Two Left Feet Dance Studio!

...with Plenty of Terrific Music for Shag Dancing!

*Good Food, Good Drink & Best of All; a Lot of Fun FOLKS!*

Date: December 7<sup>th</sup> TIME: 5:00 to 10:00p.m.

DJs: Harvey Taylor & Jerry Hardy

Catered by: The Vineyards Tickets: \$49.00 pp.

If interested, call Rick at 757-813-4371

Open to all Shag Dancers; however, Limited seating!

(This is not a Colonial Shag Club function)

# Looking back ten years

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Beginning October 4th, 2014, the Colonial Shag Club will be dancing at our new “home,” *Two Left Feet Dance Studio* in the Fairway Plaza Shopping Center on Kiln Creek Parkway in Newport News



Over the past ten years, the “No Saturday Night Social” sign has gotten covered with cobwebs. Prior to calling Two Left Dance Studio our home, the sign did not collect dust because it would appear in the newsletter on occasions when our host would preempt us in order to have a another event.



## *the wall*

For the first month of dancing at Two Left Feet, we danced on both sides of a wall that divided the room down the middle. For our club’s benefit, Rick got rid of the wall. After a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the social on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, we danced unimpeded by the wall. (Harry is cutting the ribbon being that he was our club’s president in 2014.)



before



after