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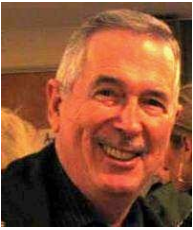


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From The President



Congratulations go out to our own DJ CLIFF MERRITT for being voted into the 2015 Association of Beach and Shag Club DeeJays Hall of Fame. The Induction will be at "Fat Harolds" on Friday night, March 6, during DJ Throwdown. Hope to see RSC members and friends there to support Cliff. For more information on this event, you can go to the RSC website.

The John Mancini Golf Tournament will be held on June 1 at Stonehinge. The co-chairs will be Leonard McAdams and Doug Strothers. Flyers and more information will be coming as the event gets closer.

There will be a Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame Induction Dance at Fort Magruder in Williamsburg, VA, on March 28. This is a weekend party. Please attend and support Charlotte and Allen Batchelor, Phillip Mitchell, Joyce Burnley, and Alan Michaelis who are being inducted. Information on this event is posted on the RSC website.

On May 9, 2015, we will be having our 4th Annual Spring Fling. The event will be held at the Hopewell Moose Lodge in Hopewell, VA. We will have a flyer out in the near future.

Spring SOS will be here before you know it. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

See you on the dance floor.

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Club Communications, Care & Concern

If you know of a club member who is ill or has a personal "crisis" and would appreciate hearing from the RSC, please let **Kathy Lane** know the details (email: socrmom8286@yahoo.com.)

If you have personal news that you would like to share with the club membership, please email the details as you would like for them to be conveyed to **Pam Tinsley** pstinsley@verizon.net. Also, *please specify* that you would like for that information to be sent in a bulk email to the members. (We do not want to compromise anyone's privacy.)

Our bulk emails will reach most members, specifically those who have posted their email for communication.

If you are an email user and think that you may not be receiving club messages, be sure to check the spam or junk folder in your email program.

Also, be sure to check the RSC website

<http://richmondshag.homestead.com/> and the RSC Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/groups/51783245956/> for news and for posting info to share.

Thanks!

2015 General Membership Meetings

March 16 * June 15 * August 17 * November 10

All General Membership Meetings will be held at the Doubletree Inn-Kroger South in a meeting room and begin at 6:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.



CLUB BIRTHDAYS		MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS	
MARCH	APRIL	MARCH	APRIL
Jeanne Dalton-1 JC Petree-1 Renee Manley-6 Donald Lumpkin-7 Will Hazell-8 Bob Stevens-9 Tina Tomanovits-9 Jeff Bradbury-11 Judy Smith-13 Fred Anderson-14 Sandra Cook-14 Dickie Robinson-14 Jo Maul-16 Sally Dobbins-17 Bob Owen-17 Rebekah Hiter-19 Pam Allred-22 Mike Walton-23 Paul Scott-25 Jennie Poynter-26 Bill Richardson-30 Jean Sullivan-30	Joan Hicks-2 Phyllis Wells-3 Rob Bickert, Sr.-4 Shirley Holmes-4 Jayne Voelker-4 Joyce Salmon-7 Donald Sheffer-8 Debra Owen-12 Dickie Wilson-13 Beth Lyerly-14 Richard Clary-16 Kayla Craddock-17 Pat Nelson-18 Hal Stickley-19 Chase Layman-22 Steve Beville-24 Bill Woolf-24 Joan Byrnes-25 Charlotte Batchelor-26 JJ Jackson-26 Fuzzy Lambert-27 Debbie Robertson-27 Bill Thomas-27 Joyce Burnley-29	Elaine Anderson Fred Anderson Joe Berkle Greg Chambers JoAnne Childress Jerri Cowan Jim Easter Martha Foley Mike Graham Nancy Hallman Dawn Harman Gary Harman Bill Hecht Barbara Knight Jamie Lewis-Boyer Kelli Mallinger Candace McKinley Sheila Parker Ronnie Peebles Terry Pollard Jane Renger Jinx Robinson Joyce Salmon Nancy States Jean Sullivan Tim Sullivan Steve Switzer Jayne Voelker Nancy Wall Barbara White	Steve Bateson Abby Bookhultz Jeff Bradbury Cary Estes Vince Ferranti Diane Fisher Bridgette Harrison Philip Harrison Will Hazell Arlene Helton Joe Jones, Jr. Jennie Poynter Pam Shultz Denise Underhill Roger Underhill Wyon Wheatley



Vice President



“E.T., Phone Home!”

Having agreed to help club Secretary, Pam Tinsley, and assume (or share) the club communications role, and working with Joan Byrnes (who maintains club membership records as club Membership Committee chair), I have gained a greater appreciation for the demands of these jobs for the RSC. I can tell you from first-hand observation that Joan is working hard to organize all the membership records, reconciling inconsistencies between member information stored in separate RSC e-mail and phone message systems and club membership records. BUT, the responsibility for effective, timely and helpful club communications starts with the membership....this means **YOU!**

Ask yourself this question: “***Since I joined the RSC or last renewed my RSC membership, have I....***

- Changed my phone number (e.g. discontinued a land line number, changed my cell phone carrier, changed my work place number, etc.)?
- Changed my e-mail account or e-mail service provider (e.g. from AOL to Google, Verizon to Comcast, etc.)?
- Stopped using a work place number or e-mail for personal communications?
- Moved (i.e. relocated) my residence and changed my mailing address?”

If the answer to any of these is “Yes”, now ask yourself: “Did I report the change(s) to the RSC to update club records so I can continue receiving club communications?”

In helping Dwight Hash coordinate the Brunswick Stew this winter, I realized that several past stew customers had moved over the last year and not yet reported a change of phone, e-mail or mailing address; and from the number of e-mail or phone messages which fail each time we send a message, it is clear that the club has been working with some out-of-date information for some folks **for some time**. So if you hear “...*through the grapevine*” of a club event (before- or after-the-fact) and wonder “Why didn’t I hear from the RSC about that?”...maybe it’s time to send Joan an e-mail (jbyrnes425@verizon.net) or call (804-270-1454) with your updated contact information...you’ll be glad you did!

Kevin Byrnes

RSC MAIN EVENTS

- January 17-19 Mid-Winter
- April 17-26 Spring Safari
- July Junior SOS
- September 18-27 Fall Migration
- December 19 Christmas Party (Hopewell Moose)



Watch your e-mail, RichmondShagClub.org, and listen for phone tree messages for more information on these upcoming events.

*Also look for the Richmond Shag Club group on Facebook where event information will be posted.

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Ways & Means Committee

Well we are pretty early in so the Ways & Means Committee does not have a lot to talk about at this point. One thing that does need to be said is that Beverly and I extend our sincere thanks to all of you who have been supporting us on Tuesday nights as we circulate the room selling 50/50 tickets. This has become a reliable source of revenue for the club, while at the same time providing the opportunity for those who “play” to put a few bucks in their pocket as well. This is also probably the time to clear up a misconception, as it appears that many of you think that that one half of the 50/50 sales is designated to go to Camp Fantastic. This is not so, and we do not promote it as such. One half of the “pot” goes to the winner, the other goes into the general treasury of the club. This is not to say that some of it could go to Camp Fantastic at the end of the year in our “rounding up” process.

Not all of our winners keep their cash, as more than a few will give it back to the club, or tell us to give it to Camp Fantastic, or to the Junior Shaggers. We thank you all for that.

See ya’ll on the floor.

Parker Dillard



Membership Committee

What's It Worth To You?

Every so often I'll hear a member question the value of renewing their membership. In case you missed the things the RSC

has offered or given to you, I've made a list. There are various other opportunities from year-to-year, but at least it's enough to help you realize what a great club we have, and what a value it is to its members. For just \$30 per person, it provides:

Intermediate Lessons (40 @ \$5)	\$ 200
Sunday Shag Jams (12 @ \$10)	120
Sunday Socials (3 @ \$10)	30
Jingle Bell Ball (\$10)	10
Spring Fling	10
Fall Party	10
SOS Membership Card Discount	5
VA Party at SOS	10
Summer Picnic	10
Pool Party	10

Total \$415

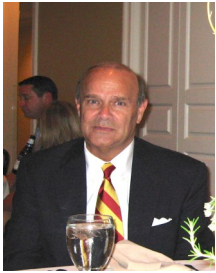
Obviously, this assumes that you participate in all of these worthwhile activities. However, even if you participate in a few of these activities, your dues are easily recovered. And, to keep you informed about what is going on, you receive timely e-mails and telephone calls as a reminder. Newsletters come out every other month to announce upcoming activities and to capture recent activities and memories.

It is said that the shag community is like a great big family. Many of our members have met some of their best friends through the RSC. Where else can you go to socialize, dance, and listen to good music while in the company of friends and with the opportunity to make more good friends with whom you share common interests? Without the club, there would not be anywhere for you to socialize and dance on a regular basis two nights a week.

The RSC's existence is dependent on membership dues, money-making projects, and many hours of volunteer time to keep the club running and to provide the many activities that it offers. Please do your part to support the club by renewing your membership when it comes due. Also, consider volunteering to help on a committee. It's a great way to meet new people or get to know other members better. You may be pleasantly surprised at how much fun it can be!

For those of you who continue your membership on a regular basis, and especially for those who have also given of their volunteer time...THANK YOU!

Joan Byrnes



Dance Committee

Our instructors for the 2015 year are now posted on the website. I thank them all for volunteering their time and talents. We had a huge January and February beginners class due to our new friends at the "meet up" group and our intermediate classes have been well attended. And..if you have not taken advantage of attending our Shag Jams, you are missing a great opportunity to add to your dance and have a great time. All of these are just benefits of membership in our club. I know Richmond shagger's will represent us well at the upcoming SOS and other shag weekend events.

March 27-29 we look forward to going to Williamsburg to induct club members, Charlotte Batchelor, Allen Batchelor, Joyce Burnley, Phillip Mitchell, and Alan Michealis, into the Virginia Shagger's Hall of Fame. We congratulate them all. SOS (April 17-26) is coming and SOS passes are on sale at the desk. With the Hanger Party and Cyclone weekends coming up there are many opportunities to travel to shag. Check with the desk for these and other events in the shag world.

Kenn Ward



Care & Concern

It is with great sadness that we lost one of our own members, Ann Dunnivant in a hard fought battle against cancer on January 21st. She was a strong and vibrant member of our club and will be greatly missed. Our sincere and utmost condolences to Pete Saunders and her family.

Condolences to David Ferry in the death of his father on December 28, 2014. David and his wife Julie were voted most improved dance couple of 2014.

Condolences to Linda Taney in the death of her sister, Glen "GiGi" Trout of Salem, Virginia. She passed away on January 17th.

Condolences to Sid Strawderman in the death of his mother, Bonnie Mae Strawderman, of Richmond, Virginia. She passed away on February 10th at the age of 90.

Mary Harward had surgery on January 8th. She continues with her recovery, but is doing well.

Donna Boone had an emergent surgery in mid January but has gratefully made a quick recovery.

Please continue to remember Cliff Merritt and Mo Phillips in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to battle their illnesses.

And finally on a bright note, I'd like to announce the birth of my granddaughter, Mia Gabriella Jenkins, who was born on February 10th to my daughter and son-in-law, Kristin and Willie Jenkins. She weighed in at 7lbs. and 13 oz. and 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long.

As always let us remember our members in their joys and sorrows with love and kindness.

Kathy Lane



Social Committee

We want to thank everyone that attended our Social Committee Meeting in January after the Sunday Shag Jam lesson. We have a lot of great ideas such as a riverboat cruise, a baseball game outing, winery tours, and a bus trip to the Virginia Beach Music Festival on May 16th. We will also be hosting the Spring Fling May 9th at the Hopewell Moose Lodge. There is a signup sheet at the Host/Hostess Desk for the bus trip if you are interested in attending. Cost should be kept to under \$25 for this fun event. The last trip was one for the memory book!

We also want to thank everyone that helped with the Valentine Sunday Social on Feb. 8th. We had a good turnout. Craig Jennings played some great tunes. We also had guests from other clubs attend. We are still getting good feedback on the appetizer format. So many good cooks!

We look forward to a bunch of fun activities this year! Hope there is something for everyone to enjoy!

Some events already on the schedule:

- May 9th Spring Fling Dance at the Hopewell Moose Lodge
- May 16th Virginia Beach Bus Trip

RSC Parties are planned throughout the summer at homes of various shag club members. Look for more information soon about parties at the homes of Paul and Barbara Hodge, James Osborne and Martha Foley, and Bob and Linda Stevens. All of these folks know how to show you a fantastic time! TRUST ME! You don't want to miss out on these events.

If you want to help out with any events, please contact me and MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Kendall Hockaday



Treasurer

The Richmond Shag Club is organized as a 501 (c)(7) organization-social club. It was granted it's exemption from Federal income tax effective July 1987.

Social clubs are organized for exempt purposes. They are accorded an income tax exempt status to allow individuals to join together to provide pleasure, recreational and other non-profitable purposes, on a mutual basis, without further tax consequences.

A social club is a membership organization, primarily supported by dues and assessments, paid by the members.

The income tax exempt status comes to play since dues support a social club, it would be unfair to tax twice the income of those who pool their entertainment money (i.e., form a club for their own recreation as opposed to those who spend it directly), by taxing the income when the member earns it and taxing it again when it is moved into the treasury of their club.

The joining of a social club or non-taxable entity should cause neither a tax advantage nor disadvantage to its members. If substantial amounts of money were paid to an individual for his entertainment, such amounts would be taxable income to him. Channeling these funds through a club should not change that result, lest persons who belong to the club gain a significant tax benefit, the right to entertain themselves with pre-tax dollars over those who do not or cannot join the club.

Thus gross receipts will come predominately from members. Cross receipts from non-members is permissible if their receipts come

from normal and usual activities that have been traditionally conducted by the club or by other social and recreational clubs of the same general type. (Party ticket sales to non-members for example.)

Generation of profits from non-members, unless set aside, subsidizes club activities to members and should be viewed unfavorable to the organization. (The funds for the golf tournament and silent auction are prime examples of funds from non-members) and thus cannot be used for the benefit of club members.

SO:

The Richmond Shag Club is **NOT** a non-profit social club. The profit discussion does not enter into the conversation about social clubs: be it profit or non-profit. By definition, a social club cannot be an income tax exempt entity and make a profit.

If a member asks why do we have so much money in the bank if we're a non-profit? Answer: We are a social club **NOT** a non-profit.

If a member asks why are our dues such and such when we have so much money in the bank? Answer: Because we are a social club. We could have thousands in the bank and the dues will/should cover the running of the club—if dues need to be \$30, then they need to be \$30, regardless of the money in the bank.

Michael Walton

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2-4 Shag Jam (Sid & Jane)		3 6:30 - 7:30 Lean (Doug & Sherry) Dance	4	5 6:30 – 8:00 Intro & Basic Step (Phillip & Diane)	6 National Shag Dance Competition (NMB)	7 DST Starts
8	9	10 6:30 – 7:30 Belly Roll (Doug & Sherry) Birthday Dance	11	12 6:30 – 8:00 Start, Female & Male Turns (Phillip & Diane) 7:00 Bd. Meeting	13	14
15	16	17 6:30 Gen. Mem. Meeting No Shag Class St. Patrick's Day	18	10 6:30 – 8:00 Trail Pass, Half Turn, Front & Back Preps (Phillip & Diane)	20	21
22	23	24 6:30 – 7:30 Boogie Walk (Doug & Sherry)	25	26 6:30 – 8:00 Sugarfoot (Phillip & Diane)	27 Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame (VA Beach)	28 Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame (VA Beach)
29	30	31 6:30 – 7:30 Pivot (Doug & Sherry)				

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:30 – 8:00 Intro & Basic Step (Rogers & Nancy)	3 Good Friday	4
5 Easter	6	7	8	9 6:30 – 8:00 Start, Female & Male Turns (Rogers & Nancy) 7:00 Bd. Meeting	10	11
12 2 - 4 Shag Jam (Parker & Bev)	13	14 Birthday Dance	15 May/June Newslet- ter Deadline	16 6:30 – 8:00 Trail Pass, Half Turn, Front & Back Preps (Rogers & Nancy)	17 SOS Spring Safari	18
19 SOS Spring Safari	20	21	22	23 6:30 – 8:00 Sugarfoot (Rogers & Nancy)	24	25 10:00 ACSC Mtg.
26	27	28	29	30		