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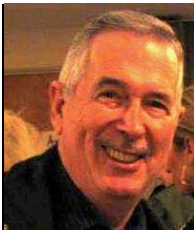


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From The President



I attended the John Mancini Golf Tournament on June 1, at the Stonehenge Country Club. It was a huge success. I would like to thank the Golf Tournament co-chairs Leonard McAdams and Doug Strother for making this possible. I would also like to thank a lot of dedicated RSC members for doing once again a FANTASTIC job on the tournament. The revenue should be around \$11,000.00. The tournament is our club's biggest money making event for our charity, Camp Fantastic.

The RSC had it's fourth annual Spring Fling party at the Hopewell Moose Lodge. Everyone in attendance had a great time. Thanks go out to Kendall and Stephanie Hockaday and their committee for a job well done. This event is also being planned for 2016.

At this time, the RSC Board of Directors and myself would like to thank all of the members who always

volunteer throughout the year to serve on a committee or chair our many events. Without your help the RSC would not be the BEST shag club anywhere

See you on the dance floor.

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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 17 * June 16 * August 18 * 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	
JULY	AUGUST	JULY	AUGUST
John Moore-1 Ronnie Tidd-1 Rodney Snyder-2 Donna Agosti-4 Jane Chaffin-5 Sheila Parker-5 Nancy Thomsen-Urban-8 Gary Weishaar-8 Earl Robinson-9 Carol Thomasson-9 Donna Vaughan-10 Ron Bessent-11 Faye Vines-12 Dick Collins-14 Glenn Miller-14 Joanne Tripp-17 Bana Gaborne-18 John Kontopanos-18 Terri Lumpkin-18 Cookie Vaughan-18 Corina Richardson-22 Angie Abbott-23 Mike Armentrout-23 Sandy Justice-25 Barbara Alford-26 P.A. Frank-26 Robert McAdams-26 Larry Sawyer-26 Bill Shelton, Jr.-26 Shirley Gough-27 Bernard Bowles, Jr.-28 Butch Earnhardt-30 Barb Hodge-31 Kathy Lane-31 Cindy Slade-31	Diane Jessie-1 Mary Ann Lambert-1 Rob White-2 Janice Jones-5 Carolyn Anderson-6 Debi Mitchell-6 Maureen Romanosky-6 Jerri Cowan-8 Howard Overbey-8 Sharon Ricker-8 Gretchen Stephens-8 Fay Martin-9 Tammy Varney-9 Ken Furr-11 Ardna Giannini-12 Bill Hecht-14 Dickie Burnley-16 Earl Barton-17 Wyon Wheatley-18 Diane Langford-19 Sid Strawderman-22 Dough Strother-22 Jane Renger-23 Nita Harris-25 Janie Perry-25 Dink Slaughter-27 Toni Termini-27 Brad West, Jr.-27 Roger Underhill-29 Rogers Verser-30 Bill Chambers-31	Pam Allred Tina Bessent Bernard Bowles, Jr. Dick Collins Sandra Cook Butch Earnhardt Benny Evans, Jr. Judith Feola Mark Feola Larry Herbert Joan Hicks Kendall Hockaday J.J. Jackson Janice Jones Mastin Kitchen John Kontopanos Nelda Lucas Janie Perry Marvin Saunders JoAnne Scott Debbie Shelton Bill Shelton, Jr. Linda Taney Nick Reams Deke Summers Nancy Thomsen-Urban Ann Watson	Steve Beville Kayla Craddock Beth Crews Bev Dillard Parker Dillard Debbie Edmonds Jackie Fischer Larry Fischer Sherry Gaillard Henry Geisz Graham Haddock Mike Harris Stephanie Hockaday Ella Johnson Bruce Justice Sandy Justice Donna Kontopanos Stephanie Mayo Sherry Padgett Debbie Robertson Dink Slaughter Dwight Stephens Gretchen Stephens Hal Stickley Nancy Verser Rogers Verser



Vice President

Kudos to the Golf Committee

I'd like to extend my personal thanks to Leonard McAdams, the many RSC volunteers and financial sponsors for another well-run and successful golf tournament! Named in honor of former RSC member and annual tournament chairman, John Mansini Jr., the tournament continues to generate strong financial support for Special Love Inc. and it's Camp Fantastic.

This year, we had special guests in having Special Love/Camp Fantastic CEO, Dave Smith, with a Richmond family whose son has personally experienced this special summer camp for kids with cancer. The top three teams all donated their winnings, totaling \$1000, to the Club's escrow account for our annual Camp donation. With a generous box lunch from Tripp's and steak dinner donated by Outback Steakhouse, the event was a great time for all! Even the weather cooperated, with beautiful sunny skies all afternoon! If you haven't participated in or assisted this worthwhile event, please consider doing so next year...you won't be disappointed!

Support to Junior Shaggers

I've written about this before but I thought I'd add some clarification and updates.

1. Virginia Junior Shaggers Inc. (VJSI) and Central Virginia Junior Shaggers (CVJS). VJSI is a statewide, charitable non-profit (see: <http://vajrshaggersinc.com/>) dedicated to the preservation, education and promotion of Carolina Shag (the dance) and it's music. The Central Virginia Junior Shaggers (CVJS, found on Facebook.com) is not formally organized like VJSI, but sponsors the annual Junior Shaggers workshop and shag contest which will be held this

year on October 3rd. CVJS is looking for someone to volunteer to record and produce a DVD of this fall's shag contest. If interested, contact Joyce Burnley (vjshaggersinc@yahoo.com)

2.. The Junior Shag Dance Team

(www.juniorshagdanceteam.com and Facebook) was started by Brennar Goree and Autumn Jones, and recently received its charitable non-profit determination letter from the IRS. Donations (see: <http://www.gofundme.com/jsdt4>) support team members' costs to travel to distant competitions. All donations to support the team are now tax-deductible.

3. The Ellen Taylor Foundation for Junior Shaggers (see: <http://www.ellentaylorfoundation.org/>). This group provides financial assistance to needy juniors to help defray the cost of shoes, travel, lodging, meals and entry fees to participate in shag events, including competitions and Jr. SOS. This group also accepts donation of used, but usable, shag shoes to be passed along to growing junior shaggers that out-grow their shoes before they wear them out. Visit the SOS store during SOS to drop off any donations you might have.

4. Junior Shag Association (see:

<http://www.juniorshaggers.com/support.html>) Sponsor of the annual Junior SOS, scheduled for July 14-19, 2015 in North Myrtle Beach.

5. J. Lee Foundation for the Arts & Sciences

(www.jleefoundation.org), founded by Jim Hern (as in the August Hern Hangar party in Beckley, WV) provides competitive college scholarships to youth from both the shag & non-shag worlds. The Foundation has a fundraising charity golf tournament, to be held this year on August 13th at the Cobb course at the Resort at Glade Springs near Beaver, WV. For more information about the Foundation or this year's golf tournament, contact Karen Callahan (304-252-1900 or kcallah@qecusa.com). The Hangar party will be Aug 14-15, adding to a fun-filled week-end!

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 this year is slipping by, next thing you know we will be talking about Christmas and a new year. It goes fast when you are having fun, and the Shag certainly contributes to that.

As your Ways & Means Chairman, I have a few things to discuss.

Our Tuesday night 50/50 sales have been steady. To date, we have sold \$2,684.00, with the RSC pocketing about half that amount. Some folks have given their winnings back to the club, and others have requested theirs go to Camp Fantastic. We will turn those contributions over as part of our annual gift in December. Thank you for participating in the 50/50 raffle, your support is greatly appreciated.

While I am in the thanking mode, I would like to recognize some fine folks who have filled in for me recently as my schedule has not allowed me to be at Vision's for several Tuesday nights. Carol Ann Thomasson and Robert McAdams, Carolyn and Gene Anderson, and Nancy and Rogers Verser all did admirable jobs of subbing for Beverly and me. If anyone is interested, we will need someone to take our place on June 30 also, but I will soon be scouring the room for that one. Hopefully, after that we will be settling in and will not need to bother others to fill in for us for a while.

Let me not forget to point out that we have RSC Tervis Tumblers for sale. These are great drink cups for the summer while you are travelling to your vacation destination. We have a quantity of 18 each of the 12 ounce, at a reduced price of \$8.00, and 6 each of the 16 ounce, at a reduced price of \$10.00. Also, we have 22 RSC patches for sale at \$2.50 each. These are great for sewing on a shirt, jacket or hat, to proudly display your club logo.

See me at Visions if you would like to purchase any of these items

Parker Dillard



Social Committee

Hello fellow RSC Members. This year is flying by with the Spring Fling in May and in June we had a great day of fishing, corn hole and some good conversations along with great music at James Osborne's house in Hadensville. There was some nice size bass caught along with some brim. Plenty of folks fishing and drowning some worms. Also had a couple of sizzles in the corn hole. We had new members The Johnsons attend. Come on out new members to these fun events. It's a good way to meet other members of the club. If you did not attend, trust me, you missed a good time. Hopefully we will do it again next year.

The next event will be at Bob and Linda Stevens home on Saturday, July 18th from noon-until. Bring your bathing suit, drink of choice and a side dish. The club will again be providing hotdogs and hamburgers. I promise, I grill a good hamburger. The Stevens have a lovely home that they open up to the Shag Club every year. They have an awesome in-ground pool. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Hostess Desk for desserts and side dishes.

Keep in mind that plans are in the works for another event Labor Day weekend. Please support the club by attending these events. Participation is the key to future events.

Kendall Hockaday



Dance Committee

Our Shag Jams continue to be a real hit with the club. May's Jam was very well attended with Ralph & Vickie Tedesco doing the instruction. Our next Shag Jam will be on July 12 with Allen & Charlotte Batchelor instructing.

As usual, the RSC was well represented at SOS as well as the Beckley Hangar Party. We were by far the best represented club of the 17 clubs at the Hangar Party. While these events have passed, there are numerous events all through the summer... check our web site for upcoming events.

See you on the dance floor.

Kenn Ward

SOS

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW

I was at Spring SOS in 2014 and I was staying with friends who had invited a couple that had never been to SOS before. This was their first time. We had a great time with them and everyone did their best to show them all the things to do at North Myrtle Beach including all the clubs to go to. One night I was talking with them and I realized that they knew very little about SOS; when it started; how long it's been going on. They were having the time of their life, but they knew very little about the history of SOS. I told them a little about the beginning in the short time they were there and I realized that most of the new folks who started coming to our club just a few years ago, really don't know much about how it started or who started it.

Several years ago I was talking to a very good friend of mine, who is also a business partner but NOT a shagger. I was telling him that I was getting ready to go to Spring Safari. Once I told him what that meant, he smiled and asked me if I ever ran into Gene "Swink" Laughter. You can imagine my surprise when he mentioned the man who actually started SOS, and I wondered how he knew him, since he wasn't a shagger. It turns out my friend had known "Swink" pretty much his whole life and knew the history of SOS, and offered to get me in touch with him, which he did. At that time Mr. Laughter was still living in Richmond, and I called him and I can tell you that even on the phone he was quite a character. I was thrilled to actually get to talk to Mr. Laughter and I went to the Shag Club Board and threw out the idea of making the famous "Swink" who started SOS in 1980 in Myrtle Beach, but still lived in Richmond, an honorary LIFE TIME Member of the Richmond Shag Club. The Board voted him in, and Mr. Laughter accepted and has been a member of our club now since 2008.

I could fill up this whole newsletter with the exploits of "Swink", but I am just going to hit some of the highlights and you can learn the whole story by going to the SOS website and clicking on HISTORY. (I would recommend that you do this).

As I understand it, "Swink" was a little mischievous in his early days and he used to entertain his family on their summer Myrtle Beach trips by playing pranks such as acid staining coins and putting them on the beach and watching people find them and think they had discovered old coins from sunken ships. He would also write notes on parchment paper and put them in bottles and throw them in the ocean.

One of his bottle in the ocean pranks made national news and it is one of the most amazing stories you have ever heard. Again, you will have to go on the SOS website to read the whole thing but you really won't believe it!!! He continued to vacation in Myrtle Beach most of his life, and in 1980 (35 years ago) he decided he wanted to have a reunion with his old beach bums. He convinced a friend who worked at the Charlotte Newspaper to do an article about his party and he tracked down old acquaintances. He arranged hotel rooms and talked to some of the clubs about playing music and on September 11th, 1980 history was made when as the story goes somewhere between 500 to 1,000 people showed up to dance and party. It's still hard for me to believe that this one man is responsible for this great party that we enjoy so much.

Gene and his friends continued the party every year, and in 1989 the SOS Foundation bought the rights to SOS and have continued it and made it what we know today. From a weekend party back then, SOS has evolved into a 10 day party in the spring and fall and a day party in January. It is known as the largest adult party on the east coast and people come from all over the United States and from other countries to dance and socialize. A few years ago Gene "Swink" Laughter and his wife moved to Myrtle Beach, back to where he spent his summers and helped make history in 1980. When you go to SOS now, you will have to look for "Swink", and if you see him, ask him to tell you a story. And above all, let's keep the party alive and the story alive and remember Swink's own words "and they came from all over to relive those days of youth at the old OD haunts"

Wolfman



TREASURER

"SONNY BIRD"

This is for those who were not at the golf tournament to see and hear the story of the bird's new shoes.

A couple of years ago, I thought the golf tournament needed a symbol, a mascot if you will, to tell people they were at the home of the Richmond Shag Club's charity golf game.

With Cynthia's help, I constructed a giant bird, we toted it over and proudly erected it at the tournament, only to hear a clear voice saying, "Mike, the bird looks great, but the shoes are the wrong color." Ah jeez, who was saying that? Turn around and there was Sonny Tinsley. Didn't think he was such a stickler for details, and ...well, maybe the shoes weren't the best..but...

What can I say, Sonny and Pam Tinsley, great folks. Good people as I like to say. Sonny loved golf and he and Pam...great supporters of the shag club.

After Sonny's passing, I approached Pam with the idea of, in Sonny's memory, repainting the shoes on the bird .. She liked the idea, but not sure what she thought when I came back with more requests for her help since I wanted to do it a little differently than just repainting. Wanted it special and frankly, at that time, I wasn't even sure how I was going to accomplish it myself.

As time progressed, through designing it, figuring out this and that, I got to referring to the bird as "Sonny" bird. Kinda rolled of the tongue, never could call it Big Bird since,..well..it's not yellow. I confessed to Pam that as soon as I started calling it "Sonny" bird, I was working on a prototype and a sharp tool jabbed my hand, blood went flying and the bird was quickly renamed that \$%#@&#! bird! We think he would've liked the nickname.

So after weeks of drawings, measurements and giving Sonny's golf shoe a ride around town to paint stores to get the color just right, it all came together and was presented on June 1, at our tournament.

I think Sonny would be pleased with the results. I, on the other hand, do get a big smile when I conjure up the scene with Sonny standing at the golf course, barefoot, shoes in hand, asking "Where the devil are my shoelaces?" and I get to reply, "Well, Sonny Boy, you pick on the bird, you play this round of golf barefoot!"

A special THANK YOU goes to Pam for her help. Her work on the poster is a good example of what results when you have the right tools in the hands of someone with talent and good taste. Talent? Simply ask Pam where she "found" that photo of Sonny and you will see my point.

Mike Walton



JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:30 – 8:00 Intro & Basic Step (Sid & Jane)	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7 6:30 – 7:30 Lean (Kevin &Joan)	8 7:00 Board Mtg.	9 6:30 – 8:00 Start, Female & Male Turns (Sid & Jane)	10 ACSC Summer Workshop (NOVA) 	11
12 2-4 Shag Jam (Allen & Charlotte)	13	14 6:30 – 7:30 Belly Roll (Kevin &Joan)	15 Junior SOS 	16 6:30 – 8:00 Trail Pass, Half Turn, Front & Back Preps	17	18
19	20	21 6:30 – 7:30 Boogie Walk (Kevin &Joan) Birthday Dance	22	23 6:30 – 8:00 Sugarfoot (Sid & Jane)	24	25
26	27	28 6:30 – 7:30 Pivot (Kevin &Joan)	29	30	31	

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 2-4 Shag Jam (Allen & Charlotte)	3	4 6:30 – 7:30 Lean (Parker & Bev)	5	6 BOTJ Early Bird Welcome	7 Boogie on the James ←—————→	8
9	10	11 6:30 – 7:30 Belly Roll (Parker & Bev)	12	13 6:30 – 8:00 Start, Female & Male Turns 7:00 Bd. Meeting	14	15 Sept/Oct Newslet- ter Deadline
16	17	18 6:30 Gen. Member Mtg. No Shag Class Birthday Dance	19	20 6:30 – 8:00 Trail Pass, Half Turn, Front & Back Preps (Allen & Charlotte)	21	22
23	24	25 6:30 – 7:30 Pivot (Parker & Bev)	26	27 6:30 – 8:00 Sugarfoot (Allen & Charlotte)	28	29
30	31					

A Glimpse of

HOLLYWOOD

August 7 & 8



RSC Party Features

- Thursday Night Early Bird Party At Visions in the Doubletree Inn
- Friday evening heavy hors d'oeuvre
- Saturday brunch & buffet dinner
- Free pours Friday and Saturday
- Pool party on Saturday
- Entertainment on Saturday
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