



Northern Virginia Shag Club, Inc.

SHAG RAG

Shag Dancer Newsletter



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Keep on Shaggin'

May 1994

From the President - By Dee Bassett

Dear Members:

It's great to see the members of NOVA Shag Club support the functions that have brought us together as a Shag Club.

We were well supported in our first effort to sponsor an all-day workshop done by FRAN and PETER from Virginia Beach. It was so much fun to be together and learn many new steps as well as brush up on steps we know.

Except for Ruth falling and breaking her foot, I think everyone who attended S.O.S. had a blast. (Hurry and get well, Ruth!) For many it was their first taste of an "Adult Spring Break."

Last, but not least, we have Wednesday dancing at the Juke Box Cafe, a great opportunity to learn to shag (lessons at 8 p.m.). Make new friends and enjoy some dancing. We're having a great time! Join us, won't you?

MEETINGS -- PLEASE NOTE

General Membership, Wed., May 4th

To elect three Board Members -- Juke Box Cafe, 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting, Wed., May 11th

Board Members Only -- Juke Box Cafe, 7:30 p.m.

Reminder . . .

RENEWAL DUES of \$15 per person will be due in June for all Charter Members who signed up last June. Notices will be mailed out shortly.

Charity Committee Report - by Donna Harrington

We have acquired information from those charitable organizations which were discussed at our last Club Meeting on Sunday, March 20th.

The several organizations under consideration for sponsorship by the No. Va. Shag Club are:

- Bethany House of N. Virginia
- House of Ruth
- SOME (So Others Might Eat)
- Your Daily Bread
- Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless
- Carpenters Shelter
- Family Respite Center

Remember that the parameters we chose to work with include:

- Elderly
- Homeless
- Battered Spouse
- Encompass diverse area of No. Virginia

If you have any information -- favorable or unfavorable -- concerning any of these groups or wish to include another, speak with DONNA HARRINGTON or RICK HENDRIX.

NOVA Shag Club at S.O.S.

Our Club was well represented at this year's S.O.S. Spring Safari in Myrtle Beach -- about 25% of our members were there, enjoying themselves and making our presence known.

News / Info -- Contact: Janis Grimes, 202-737-2824; or 703-536-7362 - leave message.

Thank You!!

On Saturday, April 9th, we had the great good fortune to have FRAN HARRIS and PETER JONES here from the Virginia Beach Shag Club.

This marathon workshop was a great success, and everyone in attendance enjoyed it and had such a good time.

THANKS so much to Fran and Peter for sharing their dancing skills and spending this time with us!!

Secretary's Report - by Libby Hendrix

Our last meeting was held March 20th at Dee Bassett's house. The principal purpose of the meeting was to finalize by-laws. The agenda included the following: The Club voted to retain CHARLIE PRICE as the Club's legal representative. The official Club name and purpose (to promote Carolina Shag) was decided. Membership is automatic upon payment of dues, and is good for one year from date of payment. The Club will have quarterly meetings. We will need to plan a money-making function, and we need to establish a charity to support -- members voted to support elderly people. The name of the newsletter was voted to be "Shag Rag." PAULINE EASBY-SMITH, as our official advertiser, volunteered to prepare fliers regarding upcoming events, and we discussed advertising in the Week-End Section of the **Washington Post**. Members expressed gratitude for BERT NELBACH, our Dee Jay, in that he has gone out of his way to locate our special beach tunes. Members are reminded to tip Bert for his good service on Wednesday nights.



Magic Maydays Weekend

The Boogie on the Bay Shag Club of Portsmouth, Virginia, is hosting their "Magic Maydays" weekend May 13-15, in Chesapeake, Virginia. Several of our members will be attending, and we'll let you know how much fun it is sure to be. Details are enclosed, so make plans NOW!



American Swing Dance Champs

The American Swing Dance Championships were held in New York City over the weekend of April 8th, at the Hotel Pennsylvania. There were seven divisions represented, including Carolina Shag.

Although no one competed (tsk!) in Carolina Shag, CHARLIE WOMBLE and JACKIE MCGEE put on a dazzling demonstration and taught two workshops, which were well attended by some of the best dancers in the country.

SUSIE BEAVER, the fantastic instructor who taught that great workshop at Greensboro, N.C., in mid-February was also there, dancing up a storm.

Some new steps were learned, which can be shared with you at our weekly get-together on Wednesday night at the Juke Box Cafe.

Speaking of S.O.S. and Dance Champs...

Get out your calendars, Shaggers, and plan to attend the **FIRST ANNUAL S.O.S. GRAND NATIONAL DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP**, sponsored by (yes!!) CHARLIE and JACKIE in Atlanta, Georgia, over Memorial Day Weekend NEXT YEAR, May 26-29, 1995!!!

This event will feature seven divisions of competitions (including JUNIOR Carolina Shag!), with \$25,000 in prizes to be awarded, as well as workshops, special awards and dance exhibitions that will leave you breathless from watching!

We expect this weekend function will be very well attended by dancers from all over the country, so mark your calendars and plan to be there to support this event which will promote Carolina Shag on a Grand scale!

Plan to compete! Yes!! Come on, Shaggers, you can do it! Win some \$ prizes!! Make us proud! Bring the kids! Okay, DON'T bring the kids! Just plan to be there.

Details are on the enclosed flier, and you will be hearing about this again (and again!).

ALERT

Shag Tag

Due to the efforts of BARBARA TAYLOR of the Roanoke Valley Shag Club, we each have the exciting opportunity to own a SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE representing the Shag Clubs of Virginia.

Unless we act QUICKLY, however, this chance may be lost! Presently, 150 applications, accompanied by a \$10 check to DMV are required before the plates can be issued; Barbara says she now has 100 applications. New regulations may soon require 1,000 or more applications before specialty plates can be issued, if at all!

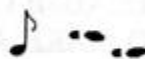
If you currently have a personalized tag, those same letters can still be used, if there are a total of 6 letters (and one dash). Personalized letters or numbers are not necessary to have the SHAG TAG, though.

Please let DONNA HARRINGTON know if you are interested. She has the necessary forms from DMV. See further information included with this newsletter. Let's make this happen!

By The Way, THANKS . . .

To all of you Shaggers who make sure that EVERYONE gets out on the dance floor! Let's keep on sharing the fun and help our Club to grow!

Carolina Shag Lessons



Learn North Carolina and Myrtle Beach Shag, and the latest line dances!

FREE LESSONS every Wednesday, 8-9 p.m., at the Juke Box Cafe, Backlick Rd., Springfield, VA. Dance to beach music and join the fun!

New Members in April

Welcome! Troy Taylor and Jim Nanney

Happy Birthday!



May 29 - Michael Getsey



Sweet Virginia Breeze

The Sweet Virginia Breeze weekend in Roanoke, VA, the weekend of June 4-5 is being hosted by three clubs -- Martinsville Shag Club; Lynchburg Area Shag Club; and Roanoke Valley Shag Club. They have scheduled workshops by GAIL and ERNIE HOLMES of Rocky Mount, NC. Complete details are enclosed with this newsletter.

NOTICE!!!

S.O.S. GOES TO TEN-DAY FORMAT!! Fall Migration to begin Sept. 9th

According to the S.O.S. Carefree Times Winter Newsletter, the 1994 Fall Migration in Myrtle Beach, SC, has been extended to ten full days, beginning September 9th through 18th!

Several of our members (25%, in fact!) have just returned from the Spring Safari celebration in Myrtle Beach (and I'm sure we'll be hearing about it for a long, LONG time!).

Plan to enjoy the Beach, the Strand, the Music and Shaggin' with old and new friends!

Send now for your S.O.S. membership/admission card. (Application enclosed.)

Make your room reservations early!




From the Editor

COME ON, Y'ALL! Would you like to write an article or, better yet, a column? Call or send info, photos, and news of upcoming Shag Events to Janis Grimes. Remember, this is YOUR Newsletter!

SHAG TAG

MONTH	○	VIRGINIA	○	YEAR
YOUR CHOICE OF				
7 LETTERS/NUMBERS/SPACES				
○ SHAG CLUBS of VIRGINIA ○				



FORMS AVAILABLE AT DMV

SUBMIT BY 31 MAR 94

OUR DESIGN HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND READY TO SUBMIT ONCE WE HAVE ENOUGH APPLICATIONS (150 WITH \$10.00 CHECKS ATTACHED). DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES HAS RECENTLY DECIDED TO PUT A HOLD ON NEW SPECIALTY TAGS. BECAUSE OF MY CONNECTION WITH DMV, I HAVE ASKED IF THEY COULD MAKE AN EXCEPTION IN OUR DESIGN BUT, I NEED 150 APPLICATIONS TO SUBMIT WITH OUR DESIGN. IF INTERESTED, WE NEED YOUR APPLICATION AND CHECK OR CASH NOW. YOU CAN MAIL TO BARBARA S. TAYLOR, ROANOKE VALLEY SHAG CLUB, 5830 PLANTATION CIR., ROANOKE, VA. 24019. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU CAN CALL BARBARA AT 703-362-4555 (H) OR 703-857-6938 (W).

ACT NOW IF INTERESTED OR COULD BE TOO LATE FOR OUR SHAG TAG IN VIRGINIA.

Boogie On The Bay

Shaq Club

Portsmouth, Va.



Presents Their Second Annual

MAGIC MAYDAYS

Come join your friends, meet new ones and dance
the weekend away

Plenty of good food, good friends, good music
and dance, dance, dance.

May 13, 14, 15, 1994

Association DJ's Joanne Johnson, Dave Roby,
Norman Mills and our own Don Ruth
Guest Dance Instructors

Chesapeake Holiday Inn

725 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320

RESERVATIONS: (804) 523-1500

REQUEST BOOGIE ON THE BAY RATE

All rooms \$55.00 regardless of # of persons

Registration \$40.00 (\$45.00 After April 29)

space is limited and no one day passes

For additional information, call 488-9327 or 397-8594

Registration: BOTB, P.O. Box 3291, Portsmouth, VA 23701-0291

Name _____ Phone _____ Club _____

Address _____

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**Club Banners
Welcome**

Park N Party

**Hospitality Room
Late Nite Snacks**



**Door Prizes
Raffles
50/50**

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TAILS ARE GONNA WAG

No Competition!

Lots of Partying!



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Park 'n Party Party
on the East Coast!**

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FOUR BIG
DAYS OF
PARTYING

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We recommend that you plan now for the
9th Annual

Boogie on the Riverwalk®

June 15-19, 1994



- Tour of major attractions in Old St. Augustine, Florida
- Play golf at the PGA Golf Course • Deep sea fishing
- Tickets are still only \$20.00 (\$25 after May 1, 1994)
- \$49 room rates • 4000 sq. ft. wood dance floor
- All in one room • Plenty of free food and drink
- Great D.J.'s, great dancers, friendly people, surprises
- Workshops: Shag with Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee; Bop with Butch and Betty Berrey; Swing (TBA)

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION, send name, address, and telephone number to: Boogie on the Riverwalk Info., P.O. Box 40352, Jacksonville, FL 32203-0352 or Call (904) 739-1113 or (904) 724-9024



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30 hours of general dancing
Special awards
Exhibitions

A
Charlie & Jackie
Production



7 Divisions

- Classic
- Carolina Shag
- Showcase
- Masters
- Cabaret
- Junior Carolina Shag
- Team



May 26 - 29 1995

Stouffer's Waverly Hotel 1-800-HOTELS1
Make your reservations early and tell the hotel you are with SOS
Grand National to receive the special rate.

SOS Grand National Dance Competition Pre-registration Form

Name _____ Age _____
 Street _____ Tel # (____) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Club affiliation _____

Pre-register before Sept 30, 1994 \$54
 Pre-register after October 1, 1994 \$60
 Register at Event \$70
 Day Pass at Event \$25

Number of tickets _____
 Amount inclosed \$ _____

Make check or money order payable to **SOS GNDC**
and mail to: **SOS GNDC PO Box 4688 Columbia SC 29204**

Please send me a contestant entry form for _____ division.

