



SHAG RAG

Shag Dancer Newsletter



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Keep on Shaggin'

November 1994

From the President - By Dee Bassett

Dear Members:

Election Night

Monday, Nov. 14, 1994, 7:00 p.m.
Heatherwood Retirement Community
9642 Burke Lake Road
Burke, Virginia 22015
425-1698

I look forward to seeing everyone as we elect a new group of dedicated members to serve for the coming year. If you're unable to attend, will you please get an absentee ballot from a member of the Nominating Committee. Ballots must be postmarked Not Later Than November 10th, to be counted. Please Vote!

A Special Thank You to the Committee for their time and effort.

Happy Thanksgiving! Remember: Yesterday is the Past; Tomorrow is the Future. But Today is a "gift" -- that's why it's called the Present.

**** Those attending Mid-Winter Party in Myrtle Beach must have a RED DOT on their S.O.S. card. Call me to get RED DOTS.**

NVSC Officers and Board Members

President	Dee Bassett	569-9793
Vice Pres.	Debbie Nichols	323-8665
Treasurer	Dave Rapson	978-8656
Secretary	Libby Hendrix	425-0006
Membership	Sharon Salpini	425-2848
Newsletter	Janis Grimes	536-7362
Events	Donna Harrington	356-6035
Board Mem.	Larry Camp	823-0282
Board Mem.	Gary Salpini	425-2848

WE ARE IN !!

NVSC Voted In By ACSC at Fall S.O.S. in Myrtle Beach, SC - By Dave Rapson

On September 17th, members of the Northern Virginia Shag Club attended the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs meeting during Fall S.O.S. in N. Myrtle Beach, SC.

ROGER ELLING of the Virginia Beach Shag Club placed our Club before the Association membership, and with a unanimous vote the Northern Virginia Shag Club became a member of the ACSC. As an Associate Member for a period of one year, we will not have a vote in the Association until the Fall '95 S.O.S. In addition there is a need to have an S.O.S. Coordinator to work with the ACSC's S.O.S. Committee on its events.

Special thanks to ROGER ELLING and ROC SARLO for taking the time to come up here and visit us at the Juke Box Cafe, and for all of their efforts on behalf of NVSC.

IT DOESN'T SNOW AT THE BEACH!

GET READY for the Mid-Winter Classic Party coming up in January 1995 at North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

****You must have a current 1995 S.O.S. membership card, plus the ACSC stickers on your card. Details included with this newsletter.**

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

The Roving Shag Reporter Sez:

Arms reaching out for balance, thumb and forefinger pinched together, he gingerly moves forward . . . a look of concentration and determination upon his face. A little wobbly around the middle, but legs are strong as he takes one step, then another. Suddenly, he very gracefully and gleefully takes off and WALKS! That is how Pat P. describes her grandson's first steps.

That is also what the secret Roving Shag Reporter says about the NOVA Shag Club's initial steps. First, flat on our bellies, we came together with an idea and a love of beach music and Shag dancing. Then we mastered CRAWLING as we officially grouped together with a set of by-laws, parliamentary procedure, and an objective to share the love of beach music and Shag dance. Through leadership, teamwork and effort, we officially joined the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs and grew in membership to over 75 members. Voila! We WALK, we dance, we love beach music!

Along comes the time to nominate and elect our second slate of officers. Now that we WALK, next we look to RUN and LEAP and grow and continue to have fun and further the love of beach music and Shag dance. Right now's the time to give careful thought and consideration to those whom we nominate and vote into office because they will be the ones who keep us from stumbling or lift us if we fall. They will lead and guide us beyond the growth spurts and over the lumps and bumps. Through them the appropriate lines of communication will flow. With their help we will continue to progress and grow as a team that wishes to share and expand the love of beach music and Shag dance. Within the Club's membership exists a plethora of talents, skills, backgrounds and experiences to make use of (I didn't say to take advantage of). So, let's LEAP forward and break into a RUN together as we "keep on shaggin'."

HELP!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

For Birthday Celebrations: On the last Wednesday of each month we celebrate the birthdays of our members. Please volunteer to bring a cake -- bought or baked). Call SHARON SALPINI (425-2848) or RUTH RAPSON (978-8656) if you would like to volunteer. (We need volunteers starting THIS MONTH!)

VA STATE OPEN

The Virginia State Open Swing Dance Championships were held at the Tyson's Westpark Hotel the weekend of October 7-9. We saw some VERY impressive dancing by some of the best dancers in the country -- and they saw some fine shaggin', by NVSC members!

Many of us turned out to support our Club members who were dancing in the Carolina Shag Division, and we had a ball! We were very fortunate to meet and dance with the lovely SUSIE BEAVER at this weekend event -- what a treat for us!! Maybe she will come back and teach a workshop for our Club.

CHARLIE WOMBLE and JACKIE McGEE performed a dazzling exhibition dance which, for many, was the highlight of the weekend. We were so proud of them (*and, we think that they were proud of us, too!*). They taught three excellent Shag Workshops, which were very well attended by many dancers, as well as private lessons for the most determined and indefatigable shaggers.

All in all, this marathon dance weekend was exciting and a lot of fun for all who attended. Maybe next year we'll have more shaggers out there dancing and bringing attention to Carolina Shag

SPECIAL THANKS also to CRAIG ("HUTCH") HUTCHINSON for all that he has done to help promote Carolina Shag!

Speaking of Parties . . .

A THANK-YOU PARTY FOR US!

- By Donna Harrington

The Easter Seals Society has invited ALL Members of the Northern Virginia Shag Club to an appreciation party to be held on Saturday, November 5th, 7-10+ p.m., at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, NOVA 35, 6311 Arlington Blvd., at 7 Corners. There will be light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar..... *And*

We have also been invited to teach the Shag at this party! Let's have a great turn-out and spread the "Carolina Shag" word! A flier with directions will be available soon. *Alright!! A Chance to Dance!*

THANKS - By Patricia Parrott

We Love, Love, Love you, DONNA and PAULINE, for picking up the ball and running with it. It began as a simple suggestion by CHARLIE that we ask Jackie McGee and Charlie Womble if they would give our Club members an advanced Shag lesson while they were in town for the Virginia State Open Championship. You planned a whole celebration party around the event, complete with a luncheon, cake, and a certain special DJ, ROC SARLO, playing the music we love to hear. Thank you! We had a lot of fun.





CONGRATULATIONS, Rick & Libby

Congratulations to members RICK and LIBBY HENDRIX, who won FIRST PLACE in the Carolina Shag Division at the Virginia State Open Swing Dance Championships!!!

Rick and Libby danced a smooth and graceful shag, winning First Place in the Carolina Shag Division on Friday night. They also danced with energy and elegance in the finals, and received a plaque on Saturday night. They were definitely cool!

Congratulations also to members CHRIS MEYER and JANIS GRIMES, who came away with the Second Place award. They danced a stylish shag that was watched with considerable enthusiasm by the crowd -- NVSC members were especially vocal in their support.

Next year, let's have more of our fine shaggers out there on the floor, representing our Club in the Carolina Shag Division!

New Members in October

Welcome, new members!! Char Dewalt; Mary Jane German; Betty Harrington; Barry Holt; Edward Magin, Jr.; Debra Mullins; Gwen Sigda; Raili Tate; Lee Ann Woodcock.

News Flash! - By Donna Harrington

Last month, Shaggers invaded Georgetown -- tomorrow, the World!

On Friday evening, Sept. 30th, an exclusive group of area thrill seekers was introduced to our beloved Carolina Shag.

Shag masters RICK and LIBBY HENDRIX, accompanied by their three assistants (CHARLIE PRICE, PAURLINE EASBY-SMITH and DONNA HARRINGTON) demonstrated their "footwork" (Charlie Womble style) for guests at a private party in the Desirée Club of the Four Seasons Hotel.

At least 30 partygoers, some eagerly and others with a "little encouragement," filled the dance floor to learn the Basic Step, Male and Female Turns. A little bit of knowledge is supposed to be a dangerous thing, but in this instance we may have created some Shagger Wanna-Be's! We Travel, we Teach, we Spread the Carolina Shag word.....



In Search Of . . .

Shagger Profiles -- LAST CALL!!

UNFORTUNATELY, the Shagger Profile file is still ... misplaced. ?? Now, I know I told you this last month, but it bears repeating: *This column will have to end unless some Shagger Profiles are turned in. I could just start making up stuff about random members -- but I thought you enjoyed reading the True Tidbits about your fellow shaggers.....*

COME ON Y'ALL -- I'm inviting you again -- Don't be shy! Submit your Shagger Profile -- WITH YOUR NAME (*that's right; some of them were turned in before completely filled out, but Without a Name...*), for the Shagger Profile file.

Can This Column Be Saved? It's up to YOU! Form included. Fill it out. Send it in. Do it Now!

Treasurer's Report - by Dave Rapson

The Club has \$490 in the bank. See Dave or Libby for NVSC buttons, t-shirts, and any ideas you may have for fundraising!



FREE - Carolina Shag Lessons

The weather is getting cooler, but Shaggers are still Dancin' at the Beach (*in spirit at least!*), every Wednesday night at the Juke Box Cafe!

FREE SHAG LESSONS - Juke Box Cafe at 7:30 sharp every Wednesday night by NVSC members. Our volunteers do a good job of teaching beginner and intermediate steps, and you should take advantage of this FREE opportunity to learn to Shag, the Carolina way! *You Can Do It!*





THE DANCERS ARE COMING!

S.O.S. Grand National Dance Championships -- in Atlanta, GA. Memorial Day Weekend 1995

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!!

There will be **PLENTY** of Open Dancing, as well as seven divisions of competitions (including JUNIOR Carolina Shag!!), with **\$25,000** in prizes to be awarded! Also, Workshops, Special Awards and Dance Exhibitions that will leave you **BREATHLESS** from watching!

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

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

The Shagmaster Says:

- Take **SMALLER STEPS**
- Be Kind -- to yourself, and to everyone else
- Men -- put your keys in your **LEFT** pocket!
- Plan to attend Mid-Winters, and/or Spring SOS!!
- *Keep on shaggin'*



ATTENTION SHAGGERS

SONNY AND JUDY CARVER!!

FLASH !! THIS IS BIG -- The Fabulous SONNY and JUDY CARVER (!!) will teach a workshop for us on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12th!** That's right! Two weeks from now!! The cost will be \$30 per person for a four-hour workshop, to be held from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Deja Vu, Springfield, VA (adjoining Blackie's). **ALSO**, a lunch buffet will be served (*included in the \$30 fee!*). **TO SIGN UP** for this workshop (out-of-towners, too!) -- **CALL Dee Bassett or Rick Hendrix.** *Don't Miss This Fantastic Opportunity - Learn to Shag from the Pro's, the Carolina Way! Call today to register!!*

Happy, Happy Birthday ...

November Birthdays:

- 5 - William Hopkins
- 6 - Matthew Cosgrove
- 7 - Jim Nanney
- 8 - Valerie Swiger
- 11 - Jose Garcia-Frias
- 13 - Edward Magin, Jr.
- 15 - Debbra Williams
- 21 - Steve Adams
- 21 - Eddy Farmer
- 27 - Chris Meyer
- 28 - Betty Harrington

From the Editor

HEY, Y'All! What's happening? What have you been up to lately? Well... remember to let me know, okay?

Want to write an article; a column; an ad; **your Shagger Profile??** Call me, Call me, Call me! Remember This is **YOUR** Newsletter! *See ya shaggin'.*

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS

PRESIDENT:

CHARLES PRICE - "I have been a member of the Club for more than a year. I helped to incorporate the Club, and chaired the Committee that prepared the Club's Bylaws. I believe that it is vital for the Club to continue to grow and expand both its membership and its activities during the coming year, building on the very solid base developed through the hard work and dedication of our Officers, Directors, and concerned Members this year. I believe that my interest in both the Shag and the Club, and my organizational and administrative skills can positively benefit the Club in reaching these objectives."

VICE PRESIDENT:

DONNA HARRINGTON - "Shaggers are great people and the Carolina Shag is a fantastic dance! I believe I can utilize the information I've gathered and the contacts I've made during this past year of traveling and shagging to help our Club grow and mature as I'm convinced it can. I've learned through our disappointments and been heartened by our successes. I want to keep on ...!"

SECRETARY:

PAT PARROT - "The Northern VA Shag Club has the potential to grow and grow and provide enjoyment of the dance, the music, and club association to many people. If elected as Secretary, I will do all that I can to promote the Club's growth and to carry out the duties of my office."

TREASURER:

JOHN BELT - "Thank you for the nomination for Treasurer. As an independent businessman for many years handling financial matters I feel qualified to administer the resources of our Shag Club in a professional, responsible manner."

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE:

LARRY CAMP - "Having served as a member of the Board of Directors during our first year, I would like to continue to serve for the coming year. From just 30 members when we formed the Club in February '94, we have grown to over 80 members as of October. As a member of the Board I will do all I can to continue to promote the membership of our Club."

PAULINE EASBY-SMITH - "I would like to serve as a Board member. I have been involved with our Shag Club since its beginning and would like to continue to do so. I feel I have a great deal of time I can donate to the Club as we have a lot of things still to be done. We have made so much progress, let's continue to move forward! Keep on Shagging."

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS. CONT.

JOSE GARCIA FRIAS - "I am an avid dancer and tennis player. I began Latin dancing at age 12, and progressed to rock and roll during the 50's. I am currently experimenting with East Coast and West Coast Swing and Hand Dancing. I am an Administrative Officer with the U.S. State Department. I am single (for now) and looking for a partner."

DICKIE GEE - "Because I have been working at a local airport on Wednesday nights, I haven't been able to attend. I am trying very hard to get my schedule changed."

JANIS GRIMES - "Having volunteered to be the Newsletter Editor for another year, I feel strongly that the Newsletter Editor should be a Board member (or be included on the Executive Board) in order to facilitate the exchange of accurate information. With two teenage children, I generally work hard and have fun (not necessarily in that order!). Without noteworthy enthusiasm from my son, my daughter (*Sometimes...*) and I frequent shag outings together. In addition to being a dedicated shagger, I really enjoy the theater and the other lively arts."

RICK HENDRIX - "I know how to shag and do things. Enough said!"

H.K. LEE - "As one of my missions in life is to be the 'foremost oriental shagger' of Northern Virginia, I am committed to the Club, the fine music and its nourishing culture. If elected as a new Board member, I hope to facilitate the generation and implementation of ideas for a new, positive approach for the club's 'form and function' that will offer fun for everyone. Let's dance!"

SHAGGER PROFILE - You don't have to answer every single question, but please do your best!

Name:

Nickname:

Occupation:

Birthday:

Hometown:

Marital Status:

Self-Portrait:

Motto:

Dream:

Inspiration:

Bad habit:

Hobby:

Luxury defined:

Drink or wine:

TV Program:

Books at bedside:

Last words:

Please Complete and return to:

Janis Grimes
7006 Lee Park Court
Falls Church, VA 22042

SOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\$25.00 per person

_____ **Renewal**

_____ **New**

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ **Zip** _____

AGE(S) _____

PHONE (Day) _____ **(Night)** _____

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Mail to: SOS, P.O. Box 4688, Columbia, SC 29204

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