



SHAG RAG

Shag Dancer Newsletter



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Keep on Shaggin'

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From the President - By Charlie Price

HELP! Along with the coming of summer there is an increase in Club activities. If you have not already been asked, over the next several weeks you will be asked to help out on one of your Club's committees. When you are, please step up and help us out. It takes a lot of work to keep this Club going, and while your Board does the lion's share of the work, we can't do it all by ourselves.

For those of us (including Yours Truly) who go into withdrawal when we don't Shag more than once a week, some relief is in sight: Beginning June 11th, we will be sponsoring a "Sunday Social" on the second Sunday of each month from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the Cool Hands Cafe. The details are in this newsletter, so don't be a drag, come on out and Shag!

In case you haven't noticed, the high season for Shag weekends has begun. Check out the flyers and the calendar at the back of this newsletter. If you like to Shag, and I assume you do or you wouldn't be a member of our Club, you really owe it to yourself to visit one of our sister clubs for their weekend bash. Ask around the Club, the odds are that you will find at least one member who is going to any bash that you are interested in, particularly if it is in Virginia or the Carolinas. I doubt that you can find a better weekend bargain, and I know that you will not find a more fun-filled weekend, anytime, anywhere.

Last, but certainly not least, our DC Hand Dance Preservation Society brothers and sisters have a goodly number of dance venues going on every week across the river in Maryland, and have arranged for some major weekend entertainment this Summer. (I have it on the best of authority that they are bringing the Band of Oz up here at the end of August!) As I hope most of you are aware, Carolina Shaggers and Hand Dancers dance to Beach Music. The Hand Dancers have been there for us, both when we were at the Juke Box, and now at Deja Vu, so let's return the support. GET UP, GET OUT, AND KEEP ON SHAGGIN'

NOTICE ALL MEMBERS!!! GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wed., June 14th
8 - 8:15 p.m.
at Deja Vu

We want Your input
We need Your input
So be there and give us Your input!!

NOTICE FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL

When: June 11th
Where: Cool Hands Cafe*
Time: 5-9 p.m.
Cost: \$2.00
* Great Dance Floor!!!

Directions: from Beltway in VA, take Exit 8 Rt. 50
Arlington Blvd. East to 7 Corners; Wilston Shopping Ctr is
on the left; Cool Hands Cafe is located right next to Boston
Chicken, 6196 Arl. Blvd., Falls Church, 703-261-7511

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The Roving Shag Reporter . . .

MYRTLE BEACH MEMORIES

What's SOS, you ask? Remember your college days and spring break? Simply said, SOS is spring break in later years. Party!! Dance, dance, dance and more dancing. Fat Harold's, Duck's, OD Arcade, beer, wine, good friends, new friends, old friends. Boy, did you see the youngsters (Junior shaggers) do their thing at the Grill? WOW! (Dream on, John.....)

How about our good neighbors from Richmond, Larry and Shirley Jones? You old smoothies! Congratulations. Oops! Pauline said, "Come on, John, they're playing our song." Man, my feet ache! God, my legs hurt! Push on, push on..... Thank God, it's 3 a.m. Sleep, SLEEEEP.

Rick said, "Tee Time at Robbers Roost!" Golfing with the boys. SOS Spring golf tournament each morning, 11 a.m. Push on.....

Donna and Pauline need a new pair of shoes. Barefoot Landing, Belks, The Shoe Store, push on, push on.....

Heard where the best fish chowder is ... Captain Juels Little River Mmmmmm Mmmm! Push on.....

Cocktail hour at Ocean Annie's. Dance; a screwdriver. Dance; a screwdriver. Dance, dance, dance, and more dances. Push, push, push on.....

Sunshine, tanning, poolside party with the Richmond Shag Club. Tilghman's Free Pour. Charlie and Jackie at their best. Rockin' Judy spinning the greatest hits. And you ask what SOS is? Need I say more? And just think, today is the first of seven more.... Push, push on... *by John Belt*

On Friday evening, Gary & Sharon Salpini, and Dave & Ruth Rapson welcomed H.K. Lee & Debbie Hewitt (of VA Beach) at their final destination and favorite haunt, the Boulevard Grill. Interestingly enough, because of some bureaucratic-like mumbo jumbo, the Grill's free party was exempt from the SOS membership organization. Therefore, perhaps unconsciously to justify the big cost of their SOS tickets, the three couples cruised methodically through the full array of SOS frenzied, affiliated clubs. In a continual effort to discover adequate dance space amongst the frolicking hordes, they rediscovered Zack's, which featured a very do-able dance floor and free eats. What a deal! Taking time only to shower, nap, toss down

scrumptious strawberries and sample the local cuisine, without a doubt, the six smoothies from Northern Virginia took full advantage of the SOS delirium of music and Shaggin'. *by H.K. Lee*

Dances with Champions at the Boulevard Grill. . . Smooth, smoothies Sid & Linda looking good, while Nick & Debbie partied on . . . Brent Key, Sy Creed and other juniors showing the best in Myrtle Beach Shaggin' . . . and a dazzling display by Brent and Dana Brown!!

Breathtaking demo by JoJo Putnam at the Pad. . .

Ellen Taylor, gliding through Harold's, gracious as always. . . Catfish -- everywhere!

Jackie and Charlie at Duck's . . .

Second floor ocean front balcony - great for displaying our Club banner. It produced some interesting comments. People are beginning to know that Northern Virginians are Shaggers, too.

Miss P's stupendous jello shooters, as power packed as any wild west six-shooter. They are *potent!*

Strawberry yummys poolside at Ambassador East with Nick and Debbie, Karen and Bob -- wish we could see more of these guys!

Front row seats for the first-ever Saturday S.O.S. parade -- how do these people get up so early? *by Donna Harrington*

GALLEY GAL

Jello-Vodka Shooters

1 - large pkg jello - your favorite flavor
Dissolve jello w/ small amount of hot water
Let it cool a little
Stir in vodka to complete the recipe
Pour into those small little plastic cups (used for pills or condiments)
Chill. Serve!
OR, if you don't have those little cups, pour about 1" into an ice cube tray; chill. Serve!
(To remove jello cubes easily, set bottom of tray in hot water for a minute.)

Shagger Profile -- Ed Valaer, Jr.

Nickname: "Fast Eddy"

Occupation: Geographer

Birthday: October 11th

Hometown: Columbus, Georgia

Marital Status: Single

Self-Portrait: Friendly, informal, love to party!

Motto: Keep on Rockin'

Dream: Island hop endlessly

Inspiration: Nature, music, poetry

Bad Habit: Skimp on sleep

Hobby: Dancing, travel

Favorite Dance Tune: How Sweet It Is - James Taylor
Chapel of Love - Dixie Cups

Luxury defined: Never having to ask the price!

Drink or Wine: Imported beer and ale
Chardonnay / Cabernet

TV Program: Seinfeld, McNeil Lehrer News Hour

Books at bedside: Don't read in bed!

Last words: Let's dance!

A Lesson in Class . . . By Janis Grimes

Although I was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Northern Virginia, I have solid roots in North Carolina -- my mother was from Henderson, and so we made that road trip and visited my grandparents often when I was growing up; my older brother was born and raised in Durham and attended Duke University; I attended college at (*where else?*) East Carolina in Greenville; and I still have friends and relatives in N.C.

Just thought I'd mention it, in case someone might have the mistaken idea that since I'm a "native," then I must be a damn Yankee or something close to it..... (*haha*). But everyone knows that Northern Virginia is not "the North" -- *don't they?* This area is abundant with memorials, souvenirs, artifacts -- you can hardly go a mile without spotting some

historical marker or other, noting an event of significance from the Civil War, which was fought all over Northern Virginia, by the way. But, I digress

Class -- some have it, and some don't. By "class" I mean that quality possessed by people who know just how to put others at ease, who go out of their way to make sure that you're comfortable and that you're having an enjoyable time. One of the hallmarks of the Shag world is the way Shaggers treat people. I have never -- in all the Shag events, weekend functions and the times I've been to Myrtle Beach -- ever, seen any sign of disrespectful or discourteous behavior among the Shaggers -- even with all that partyin' going on! Of course, there *are* exceptions to everything, but in this case it must be truly rare. (Okay, *once* -- there was a gal on an elevator who'd had waaay too much to drink, and I guess she forgot she was in mixed company. But, still, she wasn't confronting or insulting anyone *else*.)

The point is, there is a sense of elegance and refinement that permeates the South, and it is prevalent among Shaggers. Another thing is their insistence that women be treated with respect -- their code of behavior does not tolerate rudeness, and I like that . . . I like that a lot.

One of the things I noticed at my first Shag weekend (besides the !!Music!! reverberating out of the ballroom) was the friendliness of the people . . . how they went out of their way to make newcomers feel welcome; how they'd talk with you, dance with you, draw you in and make you feel like they were genuinely glad you were there (*they were!*). This graciousness seems to be second nature to Southerners, who are born and raised with a sense of gentility and warmth that oozes out; it gets in and around and under you, and lifts you right up in a Southern embrace.

The Nation's Capital draws people from all over the country, and from around the world. But it is still very much a city with a distinct Southern flavor and charm. And the Northern Virginia Shag Club is drawing new members at an impressive rate, because we're more than just a dance club. We offer great music and dancing, but also great people, camaraderie, friendships, road trips, vacations, and a lot more fun than you'd expect.

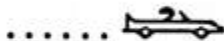
Shag -- a Southern dance of style and grace. What an unexpected lesson in class.

Happy, Happy Birthday ...



June Birthday Babies:

- 1 - C.W. Arthur
- 7 - Sharon Salpini
- 9 - Jan Dowden
- 10 - Ron Nicholson
- 15 - Gerry Meredith
- 17 - Mary Ferguson
- 19 - George Murray
- 20 - H.K. Lee
- 28 - Keith Abernathy
- 29 - Fred Suthard
- 30 - Ruth Rapson



Road Trips With Gypsies ...

Several of our NVSC members went south to Atlanta for the SOS Grand Nationals over Memorial Day weekend. More next month on this first-time Grand Event!

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WE NEED HELP

We are trying to plan a New Year's Eve event for our Club. We need some suggestions from our members as to where to hold it. If you have any ideas or contacts (are you a member of a club with a hall; do you have a great party room in your neighborhood; or have you been to a function somewhere?) -- PLEASE CALL: Pauline Easby-Smith - 703-759-4478

New Members in May

Welcome, new members!! Betty Abshire, Ron Reid, Karen Wagley

Treasurer's Report - By John Belt

Thanks to each of you -- your support for NVSC t-shirts and our 50-50 Drawings has helped to increase our treasury. IDEAS for fundraising, anyone? Contact John - 703-914-8744.

NOTICE! Members Only!! NVSC Shag Video Library SHAG VIDEOS NOW AVAILABLE

Instructional Shag videos are now available ON LOAN to members only wanting to brush up on their Shag steps. The Club will loan you a video for one week, FREE OF CHARGE. A refundable \$10 deposit permits you to view the tape for one week. A small charge of \$5 for each additional week is required.

LARRY CAMP has generously agreed to be the Keeper of the Tapes. Larry is available at Deja Vu on Wednesday nights, or call him at 703-823-0282.

Speaking of Parties . . .

RICHMOND SHAG SPLASH !!

The Richmond Shag Club is hosting their Second Shag Splash weekend August 11-13 -- only 400 tickets will be sold! Last year we had a ball, and yes, we danced IN the pool!! Don't wait until it's too late -- sign up now for the RSC Shag Splash at their **NEW LOCATION** in Petersburg, VA. Details included in this newsletter.

MEMBERS! Opportunity to Present the Carolina Shag!

... by Patricia Parrott

The D.C. Hand Dance Preservation Society has invited the Northern Virginia Shag Club to participate with them in a "demo night" at Malibu's on Tuesday, June 6, at 8:30 p.m.

The demo night will spotlight three local dance styles: D.C. Hand Dance, West Coast Swing, and Carolina Shag. They want to have as many couples as possible dance to demonstrate these three similar but distinctly different styles of dance.

For further info, contact Louise Pyles at 301-899-7245, or Pat Parrott, 703-591-4113.

Directions from Virginia: Beltway south; cross Wilson Bridge; take exit 7A Branch Avenue South towards Waldorf; right at 2nd light on Allentown Rd., left at 2nd light on Allentown Way; follow circular road; Malibu's is on the right. No Cover!



A Weekend of Magic . . .

Boogie on the Bay's annual event, "Magic Maydays" was a wonderful weekend romp, attended by many friends, old and new. The **MUSIC** was great, the **FOOD** was really good, the **PEOPLE** were wonderful as always, the **DANCING** was fantastic (and we learned a new step, "Magic," from **KEITH ABERNATHY**).

The BOTB Shag Club has purchased a **NEW DANCE FLOOR**, which is comparable to Virginia Beach's portable dance floor. **KEITH** purchased a section of the dance floor for NVSC, and NVSC members in attendance decorated and signed it to commemorate our attendance at this event.

Next year, **YOU** can help to decorate "our" section of the floor -- at **MAGIC MAYDAYS!**

RENEWAL DUES??

Is it time yet to renew your club membership?
Will it soon be time?

THINK fun, dance, music, party, lessons.....
THINK socializing, club association, special events.....
THINK friends, trips, SOS, Myrtle Beach.....
THINK newsletter, information, network.....
THINK renew!

(*THINK don't renew? . . .*
THINK no more news, deleted from membership
THINK Non-Member.....
THINK miss out, no fun.....)

NOTE: When the time comes, renew quickly.
Still a bargain at \$15!! *Pat Parrott, Membership Chair*

**MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS
ARE STILL AVAILABLE
FOR ONLY \$2.00.
Two Dollars!!
Contact Pat Parrott**

AND THE WINNER IS . . .

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim Notta, VA State D.C. Hand Dance Champion, who won the 50-50 Drawing last month. Jim has been invited to dance in the SOS Nationals, demonstrating his unique style of D.C. Hand Dancing.

The 50-50 Drawing will be held the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

LOOK!

Shaggers Network

Place your ad here

Business card size - \$5 for one month/\$50 per year

Contact: John Belt, 703-914-8744

Seeing Spots? Goshogoshag

Take three days and call us in the morning
July 14th, 15th and 16th, 1995

Hosted by:
Capital Area Shag Club
Dillon County Shag Club
Fayetteville Area Shag Association

Ticket sales limited to first 24,532 people HURRY!!!

Adult Party 21 & older Please

Location and Accommodations:
Howard Johnson's, Exit 49 on I-95, Fayetteville, NC
Rooms \$53.00 per night - up to 4 people per room
1-800-253-7808

\$10.00 Friday Night - \$10.00 Saturday Afternoon - \$15.00 Saturday Night
Tickets for the Entire Weekend \$25.00
Dillon tickets - Hollis Britt - FASA tickets - David Nichols

Schedule of Events

Friday	5 PM - Registration and Check-IN	4th Floor
6-8 PM	Hospitality Suite (Free Pours)	4th Floor
8 PM until 2 AM	ECSB: Dj Charlie Byrd	Grand Ballroom
Saturday	10 AM - 1 PM	4th Floor
1-6 PM	Hospitality Suite (Free Pours)	Grand Ballroom
2-6 PM	ECSB: Dj Gene Petty	Concourse and Gallery
6-7 PM	Shag Vendors	4th Floor
8 PM until 2 AM	Hospitality Suite (Free Pours)	Grand Ballroom
Sunday	10-12 AM	4th Floor
	Hospitality Suite (Free Pours)	

Light Hors'oeuvres Friday Night

Heavy Hors'oeuvres Saturday Night

This is an ACSC Workshop Weekend For Information on Workshop Call (919) 878-0052

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 Cliff Merritt - Hopewell, VA

FOOD, FOOD, FOOD!
 Friday Night - Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres till 7-10
 Saturday - Continental Breakfast
 Lunch
 Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres till 10:00
 Sunday - Continental Breakfast



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Mail to Richmond Shag Club, P.O. Box 35771, Richmond, VA 23235 (For More Information Call (804) 745-1680)

Confirmations will be sent. Registration opens 4:00 NO ONE DAY TICKETS

Before 7/21, \$37.50/ticket - After 7/22, \$45.00/ticket - After 8/1, No Cancellations/Refunds

