



# SHAG RAG

Shag Dancer Newsletter



Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music

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Keep on Shaggin'

September 1995

## From the President - By Charlie Price

Remember that old poster about Uncle Sam "needs you"? Well, YOUR SHAG CLUB NEEDS YOU. As a Club, we've done so much and come so far in this, our second formally organized year, but there is a lot more to do and we must have your help to do it. During the past eight months, we successfully negotiated our move from the Juke Box to Deja Vu, we started up our Sunday Socials, we've got two great parties planned for you at the end of this month and in December, we've had some great workshops, and we've increased our membership to more than 180 members!

Now is the time to start thinking about next year. With our present membership, I would hope that there would be at least fifteen or twenty people who are willing to give up some of their time to help manage the Club during 1996. If you are interested in serving as one of the Club's officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer), or one of the Club's three Directors at-large, please let me or any of the following members of the Nominating Committee know: Bill Hopkins, Chris Pax, Jim Taylor, H.K. Lee, Harvey Niblack, Trelle Shaw, or Valerie Swiger. The election will be in November and the Nominating Committee must have its slate of candidates ready in time for the October membership meeting, so don't be shy -- step up and let us know that you are willing to contribute some of your time and effort to help make your Club grow even bigger and better.

In addition to the formal Officerships and Directorships, we need a Newsletter Editor. After nearly two years of doing what I think everyone will agree has been an incredible job of creating and publishing our newsletter, Janis Grimes intends to step aside and let someone else take on the **Shag Rag**. If you are interested, please let Janis or me know.

Keep on Shaggin' and see you at Deja Vu!

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## DANCE PARTY

Sat., Sept. 30th

Time: 7 p.m. - midnight

Where: Cardinal Forest Clubhouse

Cost: \$12 per person

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*at the Beautiful Cardinal Forest Clubhouse  
5900 Prince James Drive  
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Info: Donna Harrington - 703-356-6035  
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NEWS / INFO -- Contact: Janis Grimes, 202-737-2824; or 703-536-7362 - leave message.

## The Roving Shag Reporter: Shaggin' in South Carolina.....by Fast Eddie

As I pulled into Aiken, I got that small town feeling similar to my hometown of Columbus, Georgia. Slowly I wound through the downtown streets. It could have been the set for "Back to the Future."

I noticed an unusual license plate in the driveway. I hopped out of the car for closer inspection. It was a Shag plate! Well, shut my mouth. "The Official State Dance" read the license plate. Just too cool.

That night, we went to a Shag club downtown called Legends, and found it (In The Alley). I could hear the beach music sounds from the corner. Furniture was sparse, with a bar in the back. The wooden inlaid floor was packed with dancers, Shagging Only.

It felt good to have come so far and found a dance I was familiar with. My partner was a novice, so we kept it simple. Great to be on the dance floor. I danced with another lady, and asked her if she was going to SOS. Her eyes got big and she exclaimed, "Isn't everyone?!"

My evening was very enjoyable and I'm grateful to the Northern Virginia Shag Club for the basic skills that helped me feel comfortable in a new environment where "Shag is King"!

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### A NOTE OF THANKS...

Dear Shag Club Members:

Many, many thanks to those of you that came to my workshop in June. My staff and I really enjoyed every minute of working with you and getting to know you. I feel I have made many new friends through a dance that we all love. Checkers was also great fun.

I look forward to returning to your area for another visit and more FUN! I love my job and I love teaching Shag!

Come see me when you're in High Point, NC, and we'll go out and play!

Many thanks and love,

Susie "Smoozie" Beaver  
910-841-SHAG



## CONGRATULATIONS DANCERS!!

Last month the Swing Fling Dance Competition weekend took place at the Hyatt Regency in Reston. Several NVSC members were in attendance, including RICK HENDRIX, DONNA, BILL & CHRIS, JANIS, PHYLLIS, MARK ROLLINS, BARRY KUMAR, ED MAGIN, JIM NANNEY and CHRIS MEYER.

CHRIS MEYER won FIRST PLACE(!) in the Novice Jack & Jill competition for West Coast Swing. Congratulations, Chris!!

ED MAGIN, our inspired New Jersey member, competed in the Advanced Jack & Jill competition (West Coast Swing), and his dancing was cool and smooth, as always. Ed has previously won First Place in the Novice Jack & Jill. ED, hurry back to Shag with us soon!

You may not be aware that our club has several members who are 1994 Champions -- each won FIRST PLACE in last year's Virginia State Open competitions, namely: RICK and LIBBY HENDRIX, for the Carolina Shag division; DAN SHAMES, for West Coast Swing; and LEE ANN WOODCOCK, for DC Hand Dance.

Topping off the weekend was yet another dazzling display of "cool moves" and "fancy footwork" by CHARLIE WOMBLE and JACKIE MCGEE!! They took FIRST PLACE in the Classic Division, and the competition was very impressive. Cool.

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### SPEAKING OF CHARLIE & JACKIE.....

Be sure to mark your calendars the weekend of October 6-8th. CHARLIE & JACKIE will be here teaching Carolina Shag workshops and attending the VA State Open Swing Dance Competitions to be held at the Tyson's Westpark Hotel.

They will hold an advanced Shag workshop on Sunday, Oct. 8th, from 11:30-1:00, with dancing until 5 p.m. in Randy's Lounge. NVSC members are encouraged to attend.

Details are included in this newsletter. Plan to come out and support your club members who will be competing in the Carolina Shag Division at this event!

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**Road Trips With Gypsies .....**  
By Janis Grimes

August 11th-12th was another chance to party, party and dance, dance, dance with many friends from everywhere at the Richmond Shag Club's 2nd Annual Shag Splash in Petersburg. Among the NVSC members spotted dancing and frolicking inside and out were Dee Bassett, Libby, Eddy Farmer, Janis, Mark Rollins, John "Catfish" Kelly, Donna, Keith Abernathy, Charlie, Phyllis, Fran Harris, Sid Strawderman, Barry Kumar, Valerie, Dave and Sharon Shipp, Dewain Hammond, Ronnie Reid, Larry Camp, and Mary Taylor (*sorry if I missed anybody!*).

On Friday night we danced to the best -- Roc Sarlo -- and a wonderful time was had by all. But the highlight of the weekend was poolside the next day, enjoying free pours and dancing *in the pool* to the fantastic sounds of Cliff Merritt. Someone (*you know who you are....*) nibbled on my toe(!).

Legendary Hall of Famer Judy Duke was on hand to teach a workshop for the sturdy and very ambitious, and what a great teacher she is! She and Larry Jones did an enchanting Shag demonstration on Saturday night to the delight of everyone there. It doesn't get any better than this, y'all!!

Thanks so much to the Richmond Shag Club for hosting another memorable weekend. Next year, don't miss this unique party -- the only "splash party" in the Association!

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**New Members in August**

Welcome, new members!! Carolyn Bopp, Emily Dearing, Stuart Dearing, Bill Shecter, Sandy Shecter, Marissa Cunningham, Bob Lutz, Marsha Popp, Debbie Shurniak, Len Shurniak, Ron Warner



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**YA DON'T WANNA MISS THIS!!**

**VA STATE OPEN  
DANCE COMPETITIONS - OCT.**

It's time to start getting ready for the Virginia State Open Swing Competitions, October 6-8, to be held at the Tyson's Westpark Hotel. There will be LOTS of OPEN DANCING, as well as very exciting competitions in several styles and classes of Swing -- including CAROLINA SHAG!!

LET'S GET SERIOUS about promoting our dance, and get some Shaggers entered into this competition -- which will be attended by dancers from all over this area, and from around the country. Do you want to help bring the dance we love to this area? *Don't be shy* -- DANCE FOR YOUR CLUB!

The entry fee for competitors covers your admission into all the dances for that weekend. For information, call Craig Hutchinson, 703-698-9811.

*Come On! Get Over It, Get a Partner, Get a Grip, and SIGN UP!! Somebody's gonna Win -- will it be YOU??*

**"JACK & JILL"  
SHAG CONTEST**

Dance Partners Selected  
By RANDOM DRAWING

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**  
at DEJA VU

Dancers need to register  
by 8:30 p.m.

**FUN PRIZES!**

Northern Virginia Shag Club

*Fun•Shag•Fun•Shag•Fun•Shag•Fun•Shag•Fun*

## GOLDEN KEYBOARD AWARDS

The Second **Shag Rag** Golden Keyboard Awards go to **DONNA HARRINGTON**, NVSC Vice President, and **PATRICIA PARROTT**, our Club Secretary, for continued excellence in literature.

Donna has contributed many informative, upbeat articles which are greatly appreciated. And Pat's latest article about her former car was, and I won't mince words here, quite a giggle.

In case you didn't know it, Pat's articles also have been featured in the **SOS Carefree Times** twice during the past year -- first for the inspired "Live From Myrtle Beach: It's SOS Fall"; and also the very amusing "Medical Alert: Peculiar Syndrome Spreads to D.C." article which appeared last spring.

Congratulations, writers! We look forward to more of your entertaining prose.

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Happy, Happy Birthday ... 

### September Birthdays:

- 2 - Troy Taylor
- 13 - Betty Abshire
- 14 - Pete Campbell
- 25 - Carolyn Bopp
- 26 - Marilyn Isler
- 27 - Patricia Parrott

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## Shagger Profile -- Patricia McMillan

*Nickname:* Trisha

*Occupation:* Guidance Counselor

*Birthday:* May 22

*Hometown:* Greenville, SC

*Marital Status:* Single

*Self-Portrait:* Lover of outdoor activities, diving, biking, skiing, camping, hiking and indoor theater, dance and sitting by the fire

*Motto:* The essence of all art is to have pleasure and give pleasure

*Dream:* Live in the Virgin Islands in a small chalet, walk the beaches and go diving and dancing daily, without utility or mortgage payments

*Inspiration:* Hope and faith in God giving cure

*Bad Habit:* Driving in the left lane

*Hobby:* Refinishing furniture and buying antiques

*Drink or Wine:* Wine

*Books at bedside:* Bible

*Last words:* There are alternative manners to make situations work effectively

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## FREE - Carolina Shag Lessons

Every Wednesday night at 7:30 sharp, FREE SHAG LESSONS are given by NVSC members at DeJa Vu -- Blackie's, Commerce Street, Springfield. Dance afterwards to BEACH MUSIC from 8 - 11 p.m. Cover \$2.00. Call 703-971-4200 for directions.

## YOU CAN WIN!!

50-50 Drawing at DeJa Vu

First Wednesday

# WANTED

## VOLUNTEER for position of NEWSLETTER EDITOR

for monthly publication  
of  
SHAG RAG

Term: 1 year  
Begin: January 1996

*Does anyone want this job??*

Contact Any Board Member

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### AND THE WINNER IS . . .

CONGRATULATIONS to DALLAS CAMPBELL, who got lucky and won the 50-50 drawing last month!

Please support this effort to raise funds for our Club. See John Belt for your tickets (1 for \$1, or 7 for \$5!) and maybe YOU will be the lucky one the next time.

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

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### FOR SALE: SHIRTS and BAGS!

Yes, we've expanded our line of NVSC products. Libby now has canvas bags with our NVSC logo embroidered on them for just \$7.50. These bags are perfect to put stuff in when you don't want to haul your purse around -- and guys can use them to carry their shoes! Check it out at Deja Vu each Wednesday.

Anybody wanting polo shirts or t-shirts should contact LIBBY, 703-425-0006. Prices are reasonable -- polo w/your name on it - \$29; without a name - \$25. T-shirts - \$15. All shirts have our NVSC logo.

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS. . .

By Patricia Parrott

It's that time again! Time to think about a slate of officers for 1996 who will make decisions, handle finances, keep records, plan events, teach the lessons, oversee the growth, and act for the betterment of "your" club. It's time for new talent to emerge who desire to see the club grow to provide enjoyment for many, and who are willing to work to promote Carolina Shag and Beach Music in the area. We need a newsletter editor similar to our present one who diligently, without fanfare or complaint, works each month to provide us one of the best newsletters within the Association (not my quote. . . someone else's). We need new ideas, new heads, hands and hearts.

More than anything else . . . 'tho dance is dance and fun is fun . . . we must keep in mind that this club formed from a desire to provide and promote Carolina shag and beach music in the area, and we can all strive to maintain that purpose and status. We cannot transplant the attitude, culture, history and style that are so much a part of Carolina shag. . . but we can dance the dance as it is danced in the Southeast.

Our club has 180 members, plus some, and growing. Within that membership lie the talents and abilities to successfully carry the club forward. We need to know . . . Who are you? What can you give? Step forward! Now! Call any member of the current Board of Directors (phone numbers listed on front cover) or inform the upcoming Nominating Committee of your thoughts, wishes, desires and willingness to "assist in '96."

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### The Shagmaster Says....

- Shaggers Do It With Their Feet!!
- *Keep On Shaggin'*

### From the Editor

Hey Shaggers! It's time for SOS Fall Migration, and the world's best party on Ocean Drive in North Myrtle Beach -- Shag Mecca, a Dancer's Paradise.... See you there!!

**AGAIN, PLEASE NOTE:** The next elections of Club Officers and Board Members are coming up fast! **VOLUNTEER NEEDED** to be the next Newsletter Editor, beginning January 1996. **WHO WANTS THIS JOB??** Think about it, and contact any Board Member. *Anyone, Anyone?? See ya Shaggin' .....*

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