



# SHAG RAG

Shag Dancer Newsletter



Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music

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Keep on Shaggin'

October 1995

## From the President - By Charlie Price

We have made arrangements with Deja Vu to continue our Sunday Socials!! Beginning Sunday, October 15th, we will hold our SUNDAY SOCIAL EVERY SUNDAY from 6-10 p.m. Our Intermediate lessons will move from Wednesday nights to Sunday nights.

Once more I want to urge each of you to consider running for one of the Club's officerships (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer), or one of the three Directorships At-Large. The continued vitality of our Club is directly related to the level of member interest and the willingness of each of us to actively participate in running and managing the Club. A member's Meeting will be held at Deja Vu on Wednesday, October 18, for the principal purpose of soliciting nominations from the floor. All nominations received at that time (provided the nominee agrees to serve), together with the Nominating Committee's nominations, will be included in a printed ballot to be included in your November newsletter. The election will be held at Deja Vu on Wednesday, November 15, and mail-in ballots postmarked NLT November 10th will be accepted from members who cannot attend in person.

At this time, I would also like to urge each of you to help out Donna and Pauline in any way you can in putting on our Christmas Party, which will be held at the McLean American Legion on December 9th. This party will take a major effort, so please volunteer some of your time.

On a final note, if you have not yet been to a WEEKEND PARTY this year, or if you'd like to go to another, Twister's Shag Club's FALL CYCLONE V is coming up November 3-5. In my opinion, this was one of the premier parties of last year, and the cost for an entire weekend of great fun, FREE FOOD and FREE POURS ALL WEEKEND is still only \$30 per person! *What a deal!*

Keep on Shaggin' and see you at Deja Vu!

## SUNDAY SOCIAL

### EVERY SUNDAY!!

STARTING  
OCTOBER 15TH

6 - 10 P.M.

AT

### DEJA VU

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LEARN NEW STEPS!!

INTERMEDIATE LESSONS  
START ON NOVEMBER 5TH  
(BE THERE, OR BE SQUARE!)

## IMPORTANT NEWS FLASH!!!!

We will not meet at Deja Vu for our usual dance night on Wed., Oct. 4th (club management has scheduled another function that evening). We could still dance, however, at the GALAXY in Falls Church, with the Potomac Swing Club, if you can't stand to miss a week. Music by "the Gator." Details on back page.

### NVSC Officers and Board Members

President	Charlie Price	790-0783
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NEWS / INFO -- Contact: Janis Grimes, 202-737-2824; or 703-536-7362 - leave message.

# ELECTIONS

## New Officers and Board Members

It's that time again!! If you are interested in running for an office, or would like to nominate someone (*with their consent*) -- or just would like more information, please call one of the nominations committee members before the October 18th meeting - 7:30, at Deja Vu, when the new slate of officers will be presented for membership approval (nominations will be accepted from the floor. The approved slate will be published in the November newsletter featuring a mail-in ballot for your convenience (needs to be postmarked not later than November 10th). Elections will be held Wed. night, November 15!!

### Nominations Committee

Bill Hopkins .....	410-730-2714
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Latrell Shaw .....	703-768-7424
Valerie Swiger ..	703-359-2653
James Taylor .....	703-971-2487

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## CORRECTION

In last month's issue, we inadvertently neglected to mention RON and DONNA NICHOLSON, who were FIRST PLACE winners in the 1994 "Pro-Am" Division for DC Hand Dance at last year's VA State Open Swing Championships! We regret the error; and apologies are extended to anyone who may have been accidentally overlooked.

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### Speaking of Champions .....



ED MAGIN, "the Lone Shagger of SoJe" (*that's South Jersey, y'all...*), won FIRST PLACE again -- this time in the Invitational Jack & Jill at a dance weekend in Cape May, New Jersey last month. Go, Eddie!!

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### New Members in September

Welcome, new members!! Donna Leibowitz, Carmie Mazzan, Sally Vlick, Ray Wagman

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### Shagger Profile -- Glenn Batten

*Occupation:* Program Manager

*Birthday:* May 5

*Hometown:* Dublin, NC

*Marital Status:* M

*Self-Portrait:* Hard-driven, eager to please, energetic

*Motto:* Some men see things that are and ask why. I dream things that never were and ask why not?

*Dream:* Just to be Happy

*Inspiration:* My Grandfather

*Bad Habit:* Not eating healthy

*Hobby:* Exercise (dancing included)

*Favorite dance tune:* Sixty-Minute Man

*Luxury defined:* To enjoy the finer things in life without having to work myself into an early grave

*Drink or Wine:* Old Bushmill - straight up

*TV Program:* Frazier

*Books at bedside:* Usually a Tom Clancey novel

*Last words:* Was it good for you?

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## Happy, Happy Birthday

### October Birthdays:

- 8 - Latrelle Shaw
- 11 - Ed Valaer
- 12 - Randy Mitchell
- 13 - Sharon Shipp
- 14 - Phil Spicer
- 16 - Dean Hipps
- 18 - Sandy Champion
- 18 - Sandy Schecter
- 20 - Mark Rollins
- 21 - James Magness
- 23 - Don Garris
- 24 - Dave Shipp
- 25 - Barry Holt
- 26 - Nick Nichols
- 30 - Louise Pyles

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**GOOD LUCK, DANCERS!!**

**VA STATE OPEN  
DANCE COMPETITIONS**

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

Several NVSC members will compete in the Amateur Carolina Shag division on Saturday night. There will be some surprise out-of-towners in for this event (!!!), so make plans to come on out and cheer for them on Saturday night -- *don't miss it!!!*

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**ATTENTION SHAGGERS**

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, the weekend of October 6-8th. They will teach shag workshops on Saturday and Sunday as follows:

Sat. - 10:30-noon --BEGINNER  
- 1:30-3:00 --  
INTERMEDIATE ↗  
Sun. -11:30-1 p.m.--ADVANCED

There will be dancing afterward until 5 p.m. in Randy's Lounge. NVSC members are encouraged to attend!! The cost is \$10 paid in advance\*, or \$15 at the door, per workshop.

Details are included in this newsletter. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the BEST!  
*See you there!*

**\*Pre-registration deadline Sept. 30th!!**

**You Can Win!!**

50-50 Drawing at Deja Vu

First Wednesday

**SHAG -- The Book!!**

A book has been put together about the history, the music and the life of the dance that we all love so much. It's a fascinating, beautiful hard bound, coffee table quality book with pictures, biographies and general nostalgia about the dance, how it began, its evolution -- and the near death and resurrection of the Shag. *I could not put it down!!*

If you are interested in the history of your dance this is a must read. By ordering through our club, we make \$4 per copy -- the book will be on display every Wednesday night at Deja Vu. If interested in this priceless artifact, see JOHN BELT!

**We're Havin' a Party .....**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

December 9th  
**NVSC CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
McLean American Legion  
Old Dominion & Spring Hill Road  
McLean, Virginia

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Call Pauline 759-4478  
Donna 356-6035

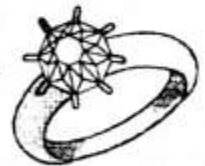
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**FREE - Carolina Shag Lessons**

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 by BERT NELBACH from 8 - 11 p.m. Cover \$2.00. Call 703-971-4200 for directions.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Deborah Sola (*sister of club member Candy Crouch*), who got lucky and won the 50-50 drawing last month!

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR CLUB!** See JOHN BELT, our Club Treasurer, for your tickets (1 for \$1, or 7 for \$5!!) and YOU might be the lucky one the next time.....

The 50-50 Drawing will be held the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH** -- *maybe more often if the response is good!*

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### Intermediate Shag Lessons with Chris Pax and Bill Hopkins

Okay, so you've learned the shag basic, the male and female underarm turn, a mirror step or two, and you're working on getting that pivot down . . . now what? Where do you go to learn more?

Here's an idea: **Starting Nov. 5th, NVSC will offer Intermediate shag lessons from 5-6 p.m. on Sundays at Deja Vu.** This class is an outgrowth of the earlier, free intermediate classes that used to be offered on Wed. nights. Because of the growing size of that group, the time and attention required to learn new steps, and NVSC's need to raise funds for club activities, the format has evolved into something new. Now the class will be a four-week course. We will meet for a full hour each Sunday at a time when there are no competing distractions. This new format will allow for more time and room to practice and master each step, and to get all of your questions answered. Because this class meets on a different night of the week, you can expect to see your dancing improve faster, as you get out there and shag two nights a week, instead of one.

After much (much!) discussion, we have decided to charge a small fee of \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple, for each four-week course. The instructors for the class will donate their time to the club, so 100% of this money will go to your club's treasury.

The Intermediate Shag Class will cover eight new steps (four mirror patterns and four leadable steps, plus some variations), but will also stress form and technique. You'll get tips to make your dancing smoother and more shag-like. To sign up, just show up early, before the first class on November 5th.

Come and join us -- it'll be fun!

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# 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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### From the Editor .....

Hey Y'all! Was SOS a *ball*, or what!? Please submit articles and photos of your fun times in N. Myrtle Beach, ASAP.

Speaking of PHOTOS, we have a scrapbook, and we need photos to put in it. LIBBY is the Keeper of the Scrapbook. Please share your photos of club events and fun times with all of us.

Speaking of SOS, does anyone have any ideas for our club's entry in the parade next year at Spring Safari? The parade last spring was really fun, and some of those floats were just unbelievable! Next year they want more walking entries. *We can do that!!* We need to be thinking about this ..... *ideas, anyone?*

Do you have an idea, a suggestion, something to say? Want to write an ad, an article, a column, your *Shagger Profile*? Just let me know, okay?

**REPETITION, Repetition.....** Again, please note: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED** be the next Newsletter Editor, beginning January 1996. **WHO WANTS THIS JOB??** Think about it, and contact any Board Member. *Yes, I'm serious. Anyone, anyone?? See ya Shaggin' .....*

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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.

See LARRY CAMP - he's available at Deja Vu on Wednesday nights, or call him at 703-823-0282.

## GOING TO N. MYRTLE BEACH??

To Attend SOS Events, YOU NEED THIS:

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(Event is 6-7-8 Oct 95 and pre-registration deadline is 30 Sep 95.)

(Please order your tickets today and save \$, as room, buffet, dance, and workshop space is limited.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Homephone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Workphone \_\_\_\_\_

Time	Level	Workshops/Events	Teacher	Prepaid/Door	Qty	Amt
Thr 8:30-2:00am		Early Arrivals Party in Randy's Lounge		\$4/\$6	___	___
Fri 4:00-7:00pm	Dinner	Dancing/Happy Hour Buffet in Randy's Lounge		Included in Package		
7pm-8pm	Beg	Jitterbug		Included with Dance		
8pm-3am		Dance/9:00pm Pro Demos & Showcase Champ/11:00pm Amateur & Open Jack & Jill		\$15/\$20	___	___
Midnight	Snack	Sandwich/Chip Ballroom Buffet		Included in Package		
Sat 9:00-10:25am	Beg	Texas Whip/Push	Gary Long	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Beg	St. Louis Shag	Dan Darlington & Sally Tharp	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Int	Jitterbug	Barry Durand & Dawn Blorstad	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Adv	West Coast Swing	Michael Kiehm & Mari Hernandez	\$10/\$15	___	___
→ 10:30-11:55am	Beg	★ Carolina Shag	Charlie Womble & Jackie McGee	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Int	Lindy Hop	Frankie Manning	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Int	Swing	John Festa	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Adv	Texas Whip/Push	Gary Long	\$10/\$15	___	___
12:00-1:00	Lunch	Sandwich/Soup/Salad Ballroom Buffet		Included in Package		
1:30-5:00		Dancing in Randy's Lounge		Included in Package		
1:30-2:55pm	Beg	DC Hand Dancing	Bonnie Torguson & Joe King	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Beg	West Coast Swing	Michael Kiehm & Mari Hernandez	\$10/\$15	___	___
→	Int	★ Carolina Shag	Charlie Womble & Jackie McGee	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Adv	Hitting the Breaks	Barry Durand & Dawn Blorstad	\$10/\$15	___	___
3:00-4:25pm	Beg	Jitterbug	Barry Duran & Dawn Blorstad	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Int	West Coast Swing	Michael Kiehm & Mari Hernandez	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Int	Hustle	Rick Andrews	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Adv	Swing	John Festa	\$10/\$15	___	___
4:30-5:55pm	Beg	Swing	John Festa	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Int	St. Louis Shag	Dan Darlington & Sally Tharp	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Int	DC Hand Dancing	Bonnie Torguson & Joe King	\$10/\$15	___	___
	Adv	Lindy Hop	Frankie Manning	\$10/\$15	___	___
6:00-7:00	Dinner	Three Course Ballroom Buffet		Included in Package		
7:00-8:00pm	Beg	Shim Sham with Frankie Manning		Included with Dance		
8:00-3am		Dance/9:00pm Classic Championships/11:00pm Overall Championships		\$20/\$25	___	___
Midnight	Snack	Awards/Sandwich/Chip Ballroom Buffet		Included in Package		
Sun 9:00am-1:30pm	Breakfast	Brunch Buffet/Dancing in Randy's		Included in Package		
10:00-11:30am	Adv	West Coast Swing	Michael Kiehm & Mari Hernandez	\$10/\$15	___	___
10:00-11:30am	Adv	Lindy Hop	Frankie Manning	\$10/\$15	___	___
→ 11:30-1pm	Adv	★ Carolina Shag	Charlie Womble & Jackie McGee	\$10/\$15	___	___
11:30-1pm	Adv	Texas Whip/Push	Gary Long	\$10/\$15	___	___

Package price for all of the above with meals (Pre-Registration Deadline 9/30/95) \$115/\$165

Package price for all of the above without meals \$75/\$105

**TOTAL AMOUNT** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a check or money order made payable to the Potomac Swing Dance Club (PSDC) for the total amount and mail to: PSDC-VSOSDC; 3409 Silver Maple Place; Falls Church, VA 22042-3545. Any questions, call 703-698-9811. All tickets will be held at the door for will call beginning at 6pm Friday, 6 Oct 95 and 8:30am Saturday, 7 Oct 95. Advanced tickets are non-refundable after 30 Sep 95. Above schedule is tentative. VSOSDC Flyer 09/06/95.

**LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS:** Tyson's Westpark Hotel \$55 single/double. Call 800-533-3301/703-734-2800 for reservations by 9 Sep 95 with code "Swing Dancer."

Check if you desire to enter the individual Lindy Hop, Jitterbug, Carolina Shag, D.C. Hand Dancing, Hustle and/or West Coast Swing championships. We will send you contestant information and an entry/waiver form. Competitor entry fee is \$30 per amateur category and \$50 per open category and includes entry to all dances. Each Championship is limited to a minimum/maximum of 3/10 couples and competitors must register between 1 Apr and 15 Sep 95.

**TRANSPORTATION:** United Airlines: Call 800-521-4041 for 5% discount below lowest advertised fare with code "Swing Dancer". Ground transportation from Dulles or National airports is via Washington Flyer Express Bus (\$8, 703-685-1400) to West Falls Church Metro stop and Westpark Hotel Shuttle (734-2800) from the West Falls Church Metro stop.

