



SHAG RAG

Shag Dancer Newsletter



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Keep on Shaggin'

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From the President - By Charlie Price

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you! I hope I will see you all at our Christmas Party on Sat., Dec. 9th. Great music, great friends, great door prizes and, most of all, great, great fun. Don't miss it!

Our charity this year is collecting winter coats for those in need. If you have an old coat -- adult or children's -- please bring it to the Christmas party, to DeJa Vu, or let H.K. LEE or any Club officer or director know. Bergman's Laundry will clean the coats and they will then go to the Salvation Army for distribution. Help somebody stay a little warmer this winter; please dig through your closet or attic and see what you can come up with.

Congratulations to our 1996 Officers and Directors: CHARLIE PRICE, President; JOHN BELT, Vice President; VALERIE SWIGER, Secretary; BILL HOPKINS, Treasurer; and JANIS GRIMES, RICK HENDRIX and CHRIS PAX, Directors at Large. Thanks also to every member who voted in the November election for our officers and directors for '96. It was the best election turnout we have ever had, and your participation and support is truly appreciated. I personally want to thank you for your continued support and, "with a little help from my friends," we can all look forward to an even bigger and better NOVA Shag Club. Remember, we are now dancing and giving Intermediate lessons at DeJa Vu on Sunday evenings, and we will be having many, many exciting instructors (including our own CHRIS PAX and BILL HOPKINS, and DEBBIE and NICK NICHOLS) for our Intermediate lessons during this coming year. We are also planning four workshops for the coming year which will feature fabulous guest instructors. Watch your Shag Rag for the news as it develops!

By the way, if you are looking for something to do on a Saturday night, check out the Hand Dance Preservation Society's monthly Saturday dances at the Elks Club in Riverdale, MD (right next to College Park). The music has been great, the drinks are cheap, and our brother and sister Hand Dancers, as always, most friendly and gracious. Take it from me, try it, you'll like it.

AGAIN, THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Keep on Shaggin' and see you at DeJa Vu!

We're Havin' a Party 
HOLIDAY PARTY

DANCE to BEACH MUSIC
by Bert Nelbach
FOOD, BEVERAGES
FRIENDS, FUN
DOOR PRIZES

Saturday, December 9th
7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
McLean VFW
Old Dominion & Spring Hill Road
McLean, Virginia

Bring Your Favorite Fancy Dish
Appetizer, Entrée or Dessert
BYOB -- Cash Bar for Beer (only \$1.00!!)

Tickets - \$15 per person

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

CALL NOW!! RSVP: Valerie, 703-281-9193

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In The Mode . . . by Patricia Parrott

In the **mode** (the way in which a thing is done) of **co-op-er-a-tion** (to work in a helpful way with others) and with the interest and enthusiasm of the club's members and directors, **no-ta-ble** (worthy of notice) progress was made last year. The cooperation was **com-men-su-rate** (equal) to the gain. The gain was **com-mend-a-ble** (worthy of praise). And so, we now **strut** (walk in a pompous self-satisfied way) our **stuff** (unnamed things) . . . and give ourselves a big A++, a hug, and **kudos** (honor and glory). This will **re-ca-pit-u-late** (sum up) the main points. Last year we (in random order):

- Met all requirements for formal acceptance into the ACSC.
- Conducted weekly lessons in basic Carolina Shag.
- Published an interesting, informative news letter monthly. Three articles from it were reprinted in the **SOS Carefree Times**.
- Published a membership roster.
- Established a library of video instructional tapes and club music.
- Increased our membership by 100+ new members.
- Moved our location to better accommodate increased attendance.
- Ruffled a weekend in Myrtle Beach during SOS.
- Attended, by invitation, the UNC Alumni Assn. Annual Springtime Ball beach music night.
- Began regular Sunday Socials with intermediate dance instruction.
- Exhibited the Shag for cable TV in Bowie, MD, in conjunction with the D.C. Hand Dance Society.
- Spotlighted the Shag in a "den ~ night" at Malibu's in Maryland, also in conjunction with the D.C. Hand Dance Society.
- Sponsored two formal shag dance workshops.
- Taught basic Carolina Shag to a group of telecommunications personnel at a party dubbed a "Boardwalk Bash."
- Enjoyed a cookout and pool party with fun, food and dance.
- Were featured in a Sunday edition of the **Washington Post**.

- Traveled in groups to out of town shag events.
- Competed in the Amateur and Open Classic Divisions at the Virginia State Open Swing Competitions.
- Performed exhibitions of Carolina Shag upon request at other dance clubs in the area.
- Held four general membership meetings.
- Established a nominating committee to present a slate of potential officers for 1996.
- Will celebrate the holidays with a Christmas party, food and dance.

I, for one, extend thanks to all who diligently worked to make it happen . . . thanks to all who came to dance . . . without you we wouldn't have a club . . . and thanks to those of you who supported the club from afar. *By Patricia Parrott, 1995 Board of Directors, Secretary and Membership*
Editor's Note: Ditto



Happy, Happy Birthday

December Birthdays:

- 4 - Al Martina
- 5 - Lee Ann Woodcock
- 6 - Barry Kumar
- 7 - Debbie Surniak
- 12 - Joe Laws
- 12 - Debbie Nichols
- 13 - Frank Del Piano
- 16 - Eddie Gooden
- 19 - Stuart Dearing
- 19 - Dotty Hale
- 19 - Dave Rapson
- 19 - Bob Rogers
- 20 - Lynn Lowery
- 21 - Michael Browne
- 23 - Sal Acosta
- 31 - Ann Hansborough

You Can Win!!

50-50 Drawing at Deja Vu

First Wednesday

Shagger Profile -- Steven E. Adams

Nickname: Steve

Occupation: Presentation Graphics Professional /
Primerica Financial Services Rep.

Birthday: November 21

Hometown: Hollywood, Maryland

Marital Status: Single

Self-Portrait: Party Animal; Love to Dance

Motto: Make a Friend -- Be a Friend

Dream: Beach House on the Ocean

Inspiration: God

Only Bad Habit: Smoking

Hobby: Scuba Diving, Dancing, Snow Skiing

Luxury defined: Financial Freedom

Drink or Wine: Foster's Beer, good Bourbon,
Perrier, Foster's Root Beer

TV Program: Commercial Free American Movie
Classics /Bravo

Books at bedside: Holy Bible

Last words: Where's the next party!

New Members in November

Welcome, new members!! Bob Benoit, Willie Caplan, Eddie Gooden, Celie Griffith, Ann Hansborough, Vesta Jones, Sid Kramer, John and Nancy Krooth, Sam Lewis, Shannon McGonegal, Jim McLean, A.J. Nowaskey, Patricia Pepper, Ken Roesel, Steve Stein, Walter White

**WALTER WHITE
is our 200th Member!!**

Our club has reached another milestone, even sooner than predicted! The acceptance into membership last month of WALTER WHITE brought our total to 200 (and climbing rapidly!). At this rate, membership could double by next year!!! WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

ATTENTION

!!Please Help!!

**DOOR PRIZES NEEDED
FOR HOLIDAY PARTY!!!**

*Do you or your business/company have
anything to donate as door prizes?*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Contact Charlie Price 703-790-0783

SUNDAY SOCIAL

**DANCE TO BEACH MUSIC
6 - 10 P.M.**

**INTERMEDIATE LESSONS
5 - 6 P.M.**

**\$5 CHARGE
FOR EACH LESSON**

**DECEMBER 3RD & 17TH ONLY
THIS MONTH!**

AT

DEJA VU

"HOME OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB"

\$2 COVER

LEARN NEW STEPS!!

YOU DO NOT NEED A PARTNER

(BE THERE, OR BE SQUARE!)

CHARITY

DECEMBER is COAT MONTH

Winter Coats, Anyone??

NVSC's charitable activity this year is donations of winter coats to the homeless in this area. Bergmann's has agreed to clean and give to the Salvation Army all coats that we collect.

H.K. LEE is our Charity Coordinator -- bring your old winter coats to Deja Vu on Wednesday nights throughout December, and he will take care of the rest.

Remember -- DON'T THROW THAT COAT AWAY! Bring it to Deja Vu, and it will be put to good use.

SHAG The Dance Legend

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 you're interested in this priceless artifact, see JOHN BELT!

Your Pretty Face Is Needed. . . by Donna Harrington

We are compiling an album of NVSC "happenings," both here at home and at shag weekends. If you have any photos you'd like included (maybe *funny* ones of your friends) please contact Donna Harrington (703-56-6035, or bring them to Deja Vu on December 6th, so we can show them off at our Holiday Party, Saturday, Dec. 9th.

Let's create a pictorial history of our Shag Club -- our memorable past, our fantastic spirit and exciting growth.

FREE - Carolina Shag Lessons

Every Wednesday night at 7:30 sharp, FREE BEGINNER SHAG LESSONS are given by NVSC members at Deja Vu -- in Blackie's, Commerce Street, Springfield.

Dance afterwards to BEACH MUSIC by BERT NELBACH from 8 - 12 p.m. Cover \$2.00. Call 703-971-4200 for directions.

AND THE WINNER IS . . . \$\$\$

CONGRATULATIONS to new member SID KRAMER, who got lucky and won the 50-50 drawing in November!!

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!*

MIXED DOUBLES

(JACK & JILL)

SHAG DEMONSTRATION

Dance Partners Selected By RANDOM DRAWING

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

at DEJA VU

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

Northern Virginia Shag Club

FLASH!!

Reports just in over the wires confirm that BRENT KEY and SHEA CARVER made a fantastic debut at the US Open Dance Championships held in Anaheim, CA, over Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Competing in the Classic Division against many of the country's best dancers, *they made it all the way to the Over-All Finals, finishing 8th out of ten in Finals!!* JACKIE MCGEE and CHARLIE WOMBLE finished 5th in the Finals. *Way to go, Shaggers!!!*



Santa Claus Arrives Early!!

Anonymous Donation of \$300 Bolsters NVSC's Treasury

YES, IT'S TRUE -- One of our members, who cares very much about the success of our club, has made an extremely generous gesture: A sizable contribution to our treasury to be used as we wish.

It is more than a monetary gift -- it is a gift of the heart and spirit. Upon request, this member shall remain *anonymous*..... but we'll let you know how this gift is used to help us grow in a future edition. *Thank you, Shagger!!!*



Road Trips With Gypsies By Trelle Shaw

DOZENS of NVSC members flocked to the Virginia Beach Shag Club Beach Bash Oct. 26-29, at the beautiful Cavalier Hotel on the ocean. Some had to brave a difficult, rainy drive on Friday night, but everyone made it safely and agreed it was well worth it. Except for the weather on Friday night, the rest of the weekend was filled with sunshine, music, laughter and dancing (as well as great food and free pours to sustain the energy level).

Winners of 1995's first annual Shell Award for the Best Weekend Party, the Virginia Beach Shag Club did an outstanding job of entertaining the crowd with three meals a day, "free pours," basic, intermediate and advanced shag lessons, line dance lessons, a costume contest, a fashion show, a raffle, awesome dance exhibitions and almost continuous shagging to great DJs -- all included in the ticket price of \$45.00. *Where else can you find a deal like that??* They also hosted a golf tournament, and they even brought in the Hallelujah Chorus for Sunday morning breakfast -- featuring our own shag member, Sister Mary Ugly -- if you weren't there you'll have to see it to believe it -- there are photos in our Shag Club Scrapbook.

NVSC members not only had a great time participating in all of the events, but they got lucky, too: JERRY CREWS' Lizard of Odd (!!) team was one of the costume winners on Friday night and TRELLE SHAW won a gas grill at the raffle drawing on Saturday night.

Dancing was almost nonstop beginning on Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. and not ending until Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Among the NVSC members attending this year were John Belt, Pauline Easby-Smith, Larry Camp, Mary Taylor, Eddy Farmer, Mark Rollings, Janis Grimes, Keith Abernathy, Donna Harrington, Libby & Rick Hendrix, Bill Hopkins, Bob Lutz, Ed Magin, Jim Nanney, Patricia Parrott, Chris Pax, Charlie Price, Phyllis Schulte, Bonnie Torguson, Dee Bassett, Nick & Debbie Nichols, Trelle Shaw, Sid Strawderman, Valerie Swiger, Jim Taylor, Ed Valaer, Carol Vann, Karen Wagley, Steve Adams, Craig Hutchinson, Barry Holt, Mary Ferguson, Bruce Collier, Ron Reid, Fran Harris, Dick White, Patricia McMillan, Bob & Karen Rogers (and SORRY if I missed anyone!!).

DJs providing the best beach music in America all weekend included: Jerry Canada, Roc Sarlo, Steve Baker, David Jones, Debi Dee Keys, Judy Collins and Chuck Watters.

If you'd like to attend the Beach Bash next year it's not too early to make reservations at the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach. Some club members made reservations for next year as they checked out. Tickets for the weekend will go on sale in 1996, so keep reading the **SHAG RAG** so you won't be left without a ticket because it surely will be sold out again next year! We also encourage you to attend other weekends in 1996 including: January - Mid-Winter Party in Myrtle Beach; Feb. - ACSC Winter Workshop in Atlanta; there's always something going on. For more information about any of these weekends, keep reading the **SHAG RAG** or ask one of our officers.

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I Love Beach Music
Every Single Day of My Life . . .
 By Trelle Shaw

. . . and **The Embers** from Raleigh, NC, who made that song famous will be appearing on **Sunday, December 3rd** at the Holiday Inn in Richmond (site of Visions Lounge). Cover charge is only \$5.00; the ballroom opens at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in car pooling to Richmond for an evening of exceptional music and dancing plan to meet in Blackie's parking lot at 4:45 p.m. on Dec. 3rd. We will need drivers (bring your car) as well as riders (bring gas money)! If you have never heard The Embers this is a treat you will not want to miss so mark your calendars and plan the road trip!

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The Bones of Every Organization

There are Four Main Bones
in every organization . . .

The Wish Bone

Those wishing that someone would do something about the problem

The Jaw Bone

Those Doing all of the Talking
 but Very Little Else

The Knuckle Bone

Those Who Knock Everything

The Back Bone

Those who Carry the Brunt of the Load
 and Do Most of the Work

(Which Bone Are You??)

Reprinted from Sun Coast & Richmond Shag Club newsletters

The Shagmaster Says.....

- Shaggers Do It With Their Feet...
but there's a lot more to it than fancy footwork!
- Attitude
- Posture
- Style
- Presence
- Elegance
- Coolness
- *Keep on Shaggin'*

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"Life is a road that winds along the hills of time. With every turn in the road an old view vanishes, a new view appears. Life is a pilgrimage, a passage through eternity, a journey into the unknown. People are as travelers on a journey.

Some pass quickly beyond the bend in the road that hides them from our view. Some walk beside us all the way. Some seem to creep along, and some pass swiftly as a runner. But life cannot be measured in terms of time, only in terms of living."



From the Editor

Hey, everybody! Can you believe it's almost *Christmas* already?? And *that* means it's almost time for the ACSC Mid-Winter Party in N. Myrtle Beach, the weekend of January 11-14. Have you made your plans yet? Last year it was really great and not *too* crowded..... Your current shag club membership card will admit you into all participating clubs in North Myrtle Beach.

To our many new members: You cannot fully appreciate this wonderful dance until you've seen the style and grace of bona fide shaggers in N. Myrtle Beach, S.C. -- Home of the Shag, a dancer's paradise..... Thousands of shaggers reunite there each January, April and September for what seems like endless days of fun, sun, party, party, and dance, dance, dance.

ASK WHY shaggers continue to go back, year after year. Check it out and experience it for yourself. Also, throughout the year there are shag club weekend dance parties which recapture the spirit of the beach club scene. Come along with us and join the fun!

On another subject: With the welcome assistance of TRELLE SHAW (who was the first -- and *only* -- volunteer), I am pleased to continue the publication of your newsletter. Many thanks, Trelle!!

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

See ya Shaggin'

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