



# SHAG RAG

## Shag Dancer Newsletter



Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music

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Keep on Shaggin'

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### From the President - By Charlie Price

It is with regret that I announce JIM TAYLOR's resignation as a Board Member. JIM advises that he just has too much going on in his life right now to be able to give the time necessary to serve as a Director. On behalf of the entire Board, I want to wish JIM "good luck," and convey our collective wish that everything works out for the best for him.

As often seems to happen, however, there is a silver lining to the black cloud, and it is with great pleasure that I announce that PATRICIA PARROTT has been nominated by the Board to serve out the balance of JIM's term, and has agreed to serve. As I believe most of you are aware, PAT has made major contributions to our Club over the past several years, not the least of which was her service as Secretary and Membership Chair this past year. On behalf of the entire Board, I want to publicly thank PAT for agreeing to serve the Club for another year, and to welcome her back to the Board. Pat's energy, ideas, and good cheer are most welcome.

What with the holidays and weather over the first few weeks of January, we finally were able to hold our first Board meeting of the year on January 16th! Despite this late start, we are organized and off and running and, with your help, we will all see major growth in our Club this year.

SPECIAL THANKS to our Club DJs who have volunteered their time to weave their magic spell for you on Sunday evenings -- CRAIG JENNINGS, MARC FISHER and KEN ROESEL. If you see these fellows around the Club, take a minute to thank them for making your Sundays just a little bit brighter.

Keep on Shaggin' and see you at Deja Vu!

\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\*

Dance/Party at Cherry Hill on Saturday night, Feb. 10th, after workshops with Sy Creed & Dana Brown. Sy & Dana will perform a special Shag demonstration! Details inside.

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### Carolina Shag Workshops

with  
1993 National Shag Champions  
Sy Creed and Dana Brown

Learn the Basic Fundamentals,  
Style and Technique

When: Saturday, February 10th  
Where: Deja Vu at Blackie's, Springfield, VA

**Three Workshops:**

Beginner	10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Intermediate	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Advanced	3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per workshop per person

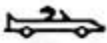
**YOU DO NOT NEED A PARTNER!**

SIGN UP before Feb. 3rd to assure your place in class!

To pre-register, call:  
Rick Hendrix - 703-425-0006  
Mark Rollings - 703-406-9726

*Private Lessons are available during the weekend at the rate of \$25 per person, per hour (\$25 - individual lesson; \$50 - couple). To schedule Private Lessons call Mark Rollings - 703-406-9726*

NVSC Officers and Board Members	
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*Road Trips With Gypsies...*  
by Janis Grimes

We took a chance this time. Leaving during a lull in the Weather, three determined shaggers headed south Thursday night for Mid-Winter Party at North Myrtle Beach, hoping to beat the next Winter Storm headed our way. The Blizzard of '96 had paralyzed the state of Virginia, but after digging out of over two feet of snow, we bopped on down the road.

A broken windshield wiper (driver's side.....) during an impressive sleet / ice storm was an unexpected complication. We had to stop several times on the side of that icy highway to realign the wiper so that we could go a few more miles, in search of shelter. After midnight, we found a hotel that was open(!), warm, clean beds, a late snack shared among friends, and an easy drive the rest of the way the next day. Thanks to Bill and Barry, we made it!!

Was it worth it? You bet it was. We had *the best* time (it's always the best time!). We danced, we partied, we saw old friends; we ate (a little), and danced some more, learned new steps, and met new friends.... We slept enough to get by, and we shopped for dance shoes. Mark and Bill showed new member Sherry all around town.

A highlight was seeing shag demonstrations performed by the best of the best young shaggers -- Sy Creed & Dana Brown on Friday night at the Pirate's Cove; and Brent Key & Shea Carver on Saturday night, at the Cove. What a lot of energy! Awesome -- those feet look like propellers -- but they're gliding as if on skates.....

Ken & Connie Key, and Sonny & Judy Carver were there, beaming, and jovial as usual. They always look like they're having more fun than anyone else (I believe they are!).

The drive home was fun too, since we had our new beach music tapes from Ducks to listen to all the way home. It's great to have the music as a reminder of this enchanting place -- but it's just a "fix" until we can get to the next event. If you've never been to SOS or Mid-Winter Party -- you don't know what you're missing! Experience the magic in Myrtle Beach -- Home of the Shag, a dancer's paradise.

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## *Shagger Profile* Jacquelyn C. Lindner

*Nickname:* Jackie

*Occupation:* Personnel Officer

*Birthday:* February 18

*Hometown:* Baltimore, MD

*Marital Status:* Divorced

*Self-Portrait:* 5'3", 130 lbs., graying brown short hair, brown eyes

*Motto:* Do it today, tomorrow may never come

*Dream:* Financial independence into retirement

*Bad Habit:* Over-extending on time commitments

*Hobby:* Zoo volunteer

*Luxury defined:* Basking in the sun on a beach in February

*TV Program:* X-Files

*Drink or Wine:* White Zinfandel

*Books at bedside:* Escapist fiction and a pile of magazines

*Last words:* Hope that I get up the nerve to come for lessons!

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## CHARITY A SUCCESS

According to our Charity Coordinator, H.K. LEE, we collected 30 (thirty!) winter coats which were donated to the Salvation Army. DONNA LIEBOWITZ brought in the most coats, after having collected many from co-workers. Thanks to Donna and to everyone who went to the back of the rack to help those less fortunate.

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FOR RENT: Nice condo in N. Myrtle Beach: 2 BR, 2 Baths, 4 blocks from Fat Harold's, 2 blocks from Ocean. Sleeps 6. Swimming pool, washer/drier. (SORRY--not available during SOS!) Contact Beachcomber Realty, 800-334-3798.

## NEW COMMITTEES . . . by Charlie Price

Our 1996 Committees and Committee Chairs are:

ACSC Coordinator - LIBBY HENDRIX  
Charity - PATRICIA PARROTT  
Dance Instruction - RICK HENDRIX; CHRIS PAX  
Marketing & Sales - JOHN BELT  
Membership /Telephone Tree - VALERIE SWIGER  
Music - FRED WHITMAN; CHARLIE PRICE  
Newsletter - JANIS GRIMES; TRELLE SHAW  
Social Events - BILL HOPKINS  
Nominating Committee - CHARLIE PRICE

When you are asked to help out on a Committee, "Just Say Yes!" Each of these committees has a big job to do, and it is much, much easier to get the job done -- and a better job is usually done -- if we have many hands, heads and hearts working together towards achieving our objectives rather than just a few. Your officers and directors have already volunteered to devote a considerable part of their free time so that all of us can have a great time on Wednesday and Sunday nights and at other Club functions, but a handful of people simply cannot do it alone over the course of a year.

Remember, this is a Club, it is your Club, and it will only be as strong and as good as you are willing to help make it.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND KEEP ON SHAGGIN'

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### GOING TO MYRTLE BEACH??

To Attend SOS Events, YOU NEED THIS:

SOS MEMBERSHIP CARD GIVES YOU FREE ENTRY INTO ALL PARTICIPATING CLUBS DURING SOS

**Cost Reduction!! \$30 per person  
Order before March 1st - SAVE \$\$**

Order through Libby Hendrix, our SOS Coordinator  
If you do so before March 1, 1996,  
you will save \$5!!

You will receive S.O.S. membership card  
Plus subscription to the Carefree Times for the year

Make check payable to No. Va. Shag Club - \$30  
Info - call Libby at 703-425-0006

## ATTENTION SHAGGERS

### DANCE at CHERRY HILL

*after Saturday workshops  
with Sy Creed and Dana Brown*

**Saturday, February 10th  
8 p.m. - midnight**

**Sy and Dana will perform  
a demonstration of the  
Carolina Shag at this event!!**

There will be a live band  
**AND BEACH MUSIC**  
will be played during the breaks

Admission cost for shag club members  
**\$8.00 - with membership card**  
Swing workshop at 7:30 - \$4 extra

Support your club and  
National Shag Champions Sy & Dana

*Plan to come on out to CHERRY HILL  
and share the magic of Carolina Shag*

*Directions: Beltway 495 to exit 25B for Route 1  
South toward College Park, MD. At second light  
(1/10th mile), go Right on Cherry Hill Rd. Entrance  
to Cherry Hill Park is one mile on left. Follow the  
main road; turn right one block past stop sign and  
follow dance signs to clubhouse.*

### FOR MEMBERS ONLY Membership Directories

New membership directories are available to  
MEMBERS ONLY for just \$2.00. Copies available at  
Deja Vu each Wednesday night.

# Happy, Happy Birthday

## February Birthdays:

- 1 - Dan Shames
- 1 - Len Surniak
- 3 - Mary Atienza
- 4 - Marissa Cunningham
- 4 - Char DeWalt
- 6 - Dee Bassett
- 6 - Shannon McGonegal
- 6 - Carole Vann
- 7 - Sarah Brodsky
- 7 - Alberta Hutchinson
- 8 - Judy Gale
- 8 - James Raney
- 9 - Jeanette Bright
- 14 - Bruce Collier
- 16 - Debra Mullins
- 18 - Fred Fritz
- 18 - Jacqueline Lindner
- 18 - Bill McGhee
- 19 - Jim Taylor
- 20 - Carmie Mazzan
- 22 - Frank Hale
- 23 - Sid Kramer
- 24 - Chloe Getsey
- 28 - Charles Stringer

## New Members in January

WELCOME, new members!! Mary Atienza, Renato Atienza, Fred Cronkhite, Mary Peterson, Connie Reid, Richard Sullivan, Sherry Winter

## 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 at Deja Vu on Wed. night!

## SUNDAY SOCIAL

EVERY SUNDAY!!

DANCE TO BEACH MUSIC  
7 - 10 P.M.

INTERMEDIATE LESSONS  
6 - 7 P.M.

WITH CHRIS PAX, BILL HOPKINS  
& SURPRISE GUEST INSTRUCTORS

\$5 CHARGE  
FOR EACH LESSON

AT  
DEJA VU

\$2 COVER

YOU DO NOT NEED A PARTNER  
LEARN NEW STEPS!!



## Member Music Survey

What's your favorite shag tune? We're compiling a list of your favorite BEACH / SHAG MUSIC. Take a minute -- call Fred Whitman at 301-816-2941 and name that tune! (And the artist, too!)

## You Can Win!!

50-50 Drawing at Deja Vu

First Wednesday

# HUMOR CORNER

## *Everything I Need to Know, I Learned in Corporate America.....*

- Indecision is the key to flexibility.
- There is absolutely no substitute for a genuine lack of preparation.
- Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
- Sometimes too much to drink is not enough.
- The facts, although interesting, are irrelevant.
- Anything worth fighting for is worth fighting dirty for.
- Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler.
- Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.
- I have seen the truth and it makes no sense.
- By the time you make ends meet, they move the ends.
- Never wrestle with a pig. You both get dirty and the pig likes it.
- Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.

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## 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... \$\$\$

WHO will get lucky and win the 50-50 drawing this month? Please support this effort to raise funds for your club. Tickets are only \$1 for one, or \$5 for seven!

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## Super Pig Bowl Dance...by John Belt

Many, many thanks to the following members: NICK NICHOLS, not only a great shagger, but a master chef, too; DEBBIE (we know you're the strength behind him) NICHOLS; line dancer supreme TRELLE SHAW; VALERIE SWIGER -- we could not have done it without you; the potato salad gals DEBBRA WILLIAMS, RICK HENDRIX, SHARON SHIPP, and again, VALERIE SWIGER; the chips and dippers JUDY LANCE, BONNIE NIBLACK, VESTA JONES, TRELLE SHAW; the clean-up crew, BILL HOPKINS, CHARLIE PRICE, CRAIG JENNINGS; ticket takers; the odd couple LIBBY & RICK HENDRIX; DAVE & SHARON SHIPP, LINDA & C.W. ARTHUR; set-ups (tables and chairs, that is) CHARLIE PRICE, JIM TAYLOR, HARVEY NIBLACK; the music makers EDDY FARMER, CRAIG JENNINGS. Suggestion box -- PAULINE EASBY-SMITH for her many helpful hints; FRED WHITMAN (Asst. Porker), true friend of the club. And to each of you, my fellow shaggers -- What a Party! Thank you, John Belt

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## The Shagmaster Says....

- Shag is Discipline -- from head to toe
- You hop to Bop
- You slide and glide to Shag
- Shaggers Do It With Their Feet
- It doesn't snow at the beach!

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## From the Editor.....



The Editor is busy practicing the Basic and planning her next trip to the Beach.....

Do you have an idea, a suggestion, a thought? Would you like to place an ad, write an article, a column, your Shagger Profile? Just let me know, okay?

See ya Shaggin' .....

NORTHERN VIRGINIA  
SHAG CLUB

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR 1995 TO 12/31/95		TOTAL DEPOSIT	TOTAL EXPENSES	
DESCRIPTION				
SHIRTS TOWELS BAGS TAPES			156897	
SHAG RAG / POSTAGE			162760	
PROMOTIONS ADVERTISEMENT BIRTHDAY CAKES RAFFLES ACSC MEETINGS CLUB MUSIC FLOOR RENTAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FALL BASH SHAG BOOKS			250810	
WORKSHOPS JUIKE BOX FLOOR SHIRLEY JONES SUSIE BEAVERS CARDINAL FORREST			119000	
PRINTING POSTERS KINKO'S			44638	
SUPPLIES			39986	
MISCELLANEOUS P.O. BOX RENTAL RETURN CHECK AND FEE BANK ACCOUNTING FEE NEW CHECKS CLUB LOGO FLOWERS			43956	
		973533	818047	155486
BALANCE FROM CHECK BOOK				155486

