



SHAG RAG

Shag Dancer Newsletter



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Keep on Shaggin'

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From the President - By Charlie Price

I can't help but notice that the number of new faces seems to grow and grow at our regular Wednesday night dances at DeJa Vu, which reminds me that each and every one of us needs to make a special effort each Wednesday to meet and greet our newcomers. As many of you have remarked in the past, one of the hallmarks of our Club is its friendliness. As our Club grows, let's not lose sight of what enabled us to grow from a handful of members just a little over three years ago to over 200 members today. So each Wednesday, let's each of us make a special effort to introduce ourselves to at least four new people, and try to make everyone feel at home.

I also want to personally extend a special thanks to our friends **Larry & Shirley Jones** from the Richmond Shag Club for making a special effort to come up and visit us on September 25th. **Larry's** music was fantastic, and the new move that they taught to our intermediate dancers will have everyone looking like champions on the floor! From the very beginning, **Larry and Shirley** have time and again gone out of their way to support our Club, so when you see them -- and if you travel on the bash circuit you will see them -- go up and let them know how much you appreciate their support.

Please also mark out on your calendars the last weekend of **June 27-29, 1997**, because I'm certain that you don't want to miss out on what will be our second fabulous, fantastic, incredible **Capitol Shag Classic**. We have already begun planning and organizing this weekend, and tickets will be limited. So, keep tuned to this station folks, and we'll bring you all the latest news as it breaks!

KEEP ON SHAGGIN' AND SEE YOU AT DEJA VU!



GOOD LUCK, DANCERS!!

VA STATE OPEN DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

It's time for the Virginia State Open Swing Dance Championships, October 4-5-6, 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!!** Last year shaggers took top honors, captivating the crowd with dynamite shaggin'.

Several NVSC members will compete in the Shag division on Saturday night. **We also expect some surprise out-of-town shaggers in for this event (!!!)**, so make plans to come on out and cheer for them on Saturday night -- *you won't want to miss this!*

Junior National Champions* **Michael Norris** and **LeAnn Best** will be here, teaching Carolina Shag workshops, cost \$15 each, scheduled as follows:

Saturday - 10:30 a.m.-noon: **BEGINNER**
" - 1:30-3 p.m. **INTERMEDIATE**
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.-noon: **ADVANCED**

**Michael and LeAnn won Best Over-All Shaggers this year at the National Shag Championships in Myrtle Beach -- the first time ever that juniors have won the top honors!*

FLASH: Full-time shag instructor and national competitor **Susie Beaver** will be here too! Susie has taught many top competitors, and is a master teacher of the technique and styling of Carolina Shag. Susie will teach workshops on Friday from 6:30-8 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30-3 p.m. at the hotel, and also will be available for **PRIVATE LESSONS** during that weekend (cost \$45 per hour). You do not need a partner. **CALL NOW to sign up -- 703-536-7362; leave message.**

News/Info -- please contact:
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Co-Editor: Trelle Shaw, 703-768-7424

Charity Update... by Patricia Parrott

Once, several years ago, I volunteered to work Saturday mornings at a shelter in Norfolk temporarily housing abused and neglected children.

At Christmas time that year, I asked that family and friends not give me any gifts because all my gift-giving was going to the small children in the shelter.

On Christmas morning my daughter, Becky, and I visited the shelter bringing a wrapped gift for every child. It was an eye-opening experience!

In no time, the stuffed animals and dolls were on the floor, the children showing no interest in them whatsoever. Yet, they were literally fighting each other to sit in our laps to be held if for only a moment or two.

I received no input from the shag membership in response to my newsletter request to select a charity for club participation. Therefore, as I warned, I, Charity Chair, and my committee of two, will select the charity of *our* choice. It will more than likely involve small children who may not otherwise celebrate the joys of the holidays. It *may* involve more than just your money; your participation *and* money. So, make a mental note to help out in our club's charitable endeavor coming up over the holidays. More information will follow.

IDEA... \$\$ FUNDRAISER \$\$

We need to raise money for our club!

Idea: A collection of the favorite recipes of NVSC members -- and out of town shaggers, too, if we can get 'em! The money we raise will be used to increase the NVSC Treasury.

Think of it! We have some *good cooks* in this club, as we have seen at our covered dish parties. Come on Guys -- and Gals -- send in your favorite recipes and we'll do the rest. (Of course, we'll list your name with your recipe, so you'll get proper credit.)

Cost: We'll compile a nice, handy volume, which will be available for a *pittance* -- a few dollars, (@ \$5). You could buy several to use as gifts!

Need: Your favorite recipe (or two) -- ASAP!

Please Submit: To Janis Grimes, c/o this newsletter. *Please -- Do it now!!*

FOR SHAGGERS ONLY...

Dear Readers: Do you have shag questions or problems that you need help in resolving? Gabby (Shagmaster's alter ego and "better half") will give you the help you need. Call or write to Gabby, c/o the Editor.

Dear Gabby:

I was raised in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and have only been a resident in the D.C. metropolitan area for a brief time. I enjoy the dance scene up here, but I must confess that I find it strange watching men dancing with other men, and to a lesser extent women with other women. What goes on up here? --

Confused from Carolina

Dear Carolina:

Obviously Everything, Babe.... (hahaha). Seriously, though, dancing "on the other foot," so to speak, helps improve one's dancing skills, and it's immensely entertaining to onlookers. Don't knock it -- try it!

Dear Gabby:

I wish a certain guy in the shag club would ask me to dance, but he ignores me. What can I do to get him to notice me? -- *Wishful Thinker*

Dear Wishful:

Each day when you're practicing The Basic, smile and keep repeating this until you can say it in person: "Can I have a dance with you?"

Dear Gabby:

I was visiting in the U.K. recently and attended a social dance. While there I asked a very lovely lady -- a local resident -- if she'd shag with me, or at least let me teach her how to shag. She promptly slapped my face, cried "Villain!" and walked away in absolute disgust. Was it something I said? -- *Red Face in London*

Dear Red:

Oh, dear... you really stepped in it this time, didn't you? Actually, in England, to "shag" means to... hmm, how shall I put this?... well, it's a lewd bit of slang, and it's not about dancing! Next time, impress her first with your footwork, then let her ask you....

Got a question? Call or write to Gabby, c/o the Editor.

NEED A ROOM / ROOMIE?

NOTICE: Studio efficiencies NEAR CAVALIER HOTEL during Virginia Beach Bash in October, @ \$45 per night, sleeps 4. *The Cavalier is SOLD OUT!* Do you need a room? **Call ASAP** - John Ambrose, 804-428-9021; info - 703-536-7362

NEED A ROOMMATE for the VA BEACH BASH? Contact Patricia Brennan - 203-877-4649.

Shagger Profile -- Ken Tyler

Occupation: Program Director, Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Birthday: January 29th

Hometown: Salisbury, North Carolina

Marital Status: Married With Children

Self Portrait: A good person

Motto: "Who Dares, Wins!"

Dream: Finding a good dance partner of years past.

Inspiration: John F. Kennedy

Favorite Dance Tune: Opportunity by the Jewels and Michael (The Lover)

Hobby: Playing beach volleyball

Luxury Defined: On the beach, in the rain, glass of wine or going to a Clemson Football game (Death Valley)

Drink or Wine: 1991 bottle of Josephs Welch Chardonnay

Books at Bedside: Better Homes and Garden; Volleyball Magazine

Last Words: I wanna dance with you! Or Hold That Tiger!!!!

FOR RENT: Nice CONDO in North 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 S.O.S.!) CANVASBACK -- Contact Beachcomber Realty, 800-334-3798



WINNER -- Cool Condo Award

New Members in Sept.

WELCOME, new members!! David Blanco, William Devenney, Howard Fox, Mimi Glaes, Barry Newman, Nick Tisak, Sandra Tucker

Happy, Happy Birthday

October Birthday Babes:

- 3 - Denny Martin
- 3 - Trelle Shaw
- 5 - Bob Rubel
- 8 - Pamela Alfano
- 9 - Isabelle Bunch
- 13 - Donald Lynch
- 13 - Sharon Shipp
- 14 - Phil Spicer
- 16 - Dean Hipps
- 18 - Sandy Shecter
- 19 - Jake Willingham
- 20 - Mark Rollings
- 21 - James Magness
- 22 - Walter White
- 24 - Nancy Astreve
- 24 - Dave Shipp
- 25 - Barry Holt
- 26 - Nick Nichols
- 27 - Mary Williamson
- 28 - Debra Danforth
- 28 - Kenny Roesel
- 30 - Louise Pyles
- 31 - Sherri Bassham
- 31 - Richard Sullivan

FREE FOR MEMBERS ONLY Instructional Shag Videos

Instructional Shag videos by **Charlie & Jackie; Sy Creed & Dana Brown;** and **Sonny & Judy Carver** are 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.

Shaggers on Cable TV!

Below is a list of the channels that will air the shag club dance video on Pinky O'Neill's show, "Dancing Around." Airing begins in October.

Fairfax Cable, Ch. 10: Mondays, 10 p.m.,
Wednesdays, 12 noon; Fridays, 9 a.m.
Alexandria Cable, Ch. 10.
Jones Communications, Reston, Ch. 8.
Montgomery Cable, MD., Ch. 23 and 49.
Prince George's County Cable.

New Shag Classes at Deja Vu!

You may have noticed a few changes with the FREE SHAG LESSONS at 7:30 on Wednesday nights. At the request of the NVSC Dance Instruction Committee, a group of ten of the club's best dancers put their heads together and came up with a four-week LEVEL ONE class, and an eight-week LEVEL TWO class. Check 'em out -- these classes are a lot of fun!

CLASS START DATES: These are the dates when classes start over with "Week 1."

October 2 Level 1 and Level 2A

PLEASE NOTE: Level 2 instruction is available to MEMBERS ONLY

FREE - Carolina Shag Lessons

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

Dance afterward to beach music by Craig Jennings and guest deejays, 8:30-11 p.m.

Shaggers Do It With Their Feet

AND THE WINNER IS . . .

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim Taylor, who got lucky and won the 50-50 last month!

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR CLUB! Tickets are just \$1 for one, or \$5 for seven!! YOU might be the lucky one the next time!

AVAILABLE!! Instructional Videotapes from the Capitol Shag Classic Workshops

Cost: \$15

To order, contact Valerie Swiger at 703-281-9193

The Shagmaster Says....

- Guys; Gals -- Take a chance! ASK SOMEONE TO DANCE!
- Listen to the Beat of the Music, and Step On The Beat.
- Shag is danced on a slot in a back-and-forth movement, not in a circular movement. Imagine that your hand is on a post and you're moving toward an away from it.
- Take SMALL STEPS for better control.
- Body movement is basically from the waist down, with knees slightly bent. Do not bounce; glide -- as if on skates.



From the Editor....

Hey Everybody! Have you recovered from SOS yet? We'd like to hear about it.... Please submit articles and photos of your fun times at SOS, ASAP.

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

See ya Shaggin'

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GOING TO MYRTLE BEACH??

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The Rhythm 'N Beach Network presents the September 28th 1996 - Top 40

(A) = Number of Weeks on the Top 40 Chart
 (B) = Last Weeks Position
 (C) = This Weeks Position

(A)-(B)-(C)	Title	Artist
34-01-01	HIT AND RUN	David Briskin
23-02-02	ROAD RUNNER	Microphone Devs & the Nikes
23-04-03	AVALON	Rhythm Sheds
34-03-04	MEMBERS WOMEN & FRIENDS	Cher
06-08-05	66 POUND WOMAN	Floyd Dize
04-12-06	WALL TO WALL	Vince Kelly
23-04-07	OOH PUPP FISH DOO	Taj Mahal
16-07-08	SNO' ENOUGH	Tina Turner
04-09-09	LOVE COME KNOCKIN'	Fanny Sledge
17-08-10	HONKY TONKS (GONNA PLAY TELL)	Proton Ramones
08-10-11	STAND BY ME	Buffy Zinn
19-11-12	TRICKLE, TRICKLE	The Brakes
06-19-13	THREE HOURS FAST MIDNIGHT	Burt W
08-14-14	CAN I WALK YOU HOME	Bo Diddley
28-12-15	PLASTIC FLOWERS	Don McLean
19-17-16	TAKE A TRAIN, TRAIN	Mele Bliss Band
13-18-17	LIKE IT LIKE THAT	98' Gunbe Zydeco Band
00-15-18	HE'S IN A MIDNIGHT MOOD	Oh! Nightingale
08-20-19	LET'S STAY TOGETHER	Patricia White
15-16-20	SOME ENCHANTED EVENING	The Temptations
23-31-21	YOUR HEART'S IN GOOD HANDS	Al Green
17-21-22	CRAZY ABOUT YOUR LOVE	Teddy Pendergrass
04-23-23	BIG AND HOT	The Love Dogs
07-25-24	BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ	Michael Wayne Dimes
29-24-25	SEE'S EXCITED	Sonny Rhodes
03-31-26	I'M DOIN' FINE NOW	Sonny O'Banion w/ Mardi Gras
03-31-27	JAZZ FREAK	Debbie Debbies
15-23-28	GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON	Tracy Chapman
07-31-29	LET ME BE YOUR LOVER	East Coast Band
26-37-30	COULD IT BE I'M FALLING IN LOVE	Regina Bell
06-34-31	WHY YOU WANNA DO ME LIKE THAT	Tony Coleman
02-37-32	DOO WOP SEANG-A-LANG	Greg "Fingers" Taylor
28-38-33	MIDNIGHT SPECIAL	Little Richard
03-38-34	BEAUTIFUL LOVER	C. L. Hunt
02-38-35	A QUIET PLACE	Tammy Lepson & Lefty Boys
05-33-36	LOOK INTO THE EYES OF A FOOL	Johnny Br'ndal
07-35-37	KAT'S SONG	Septemans
02-40-38	ONE BY ONE	Cher
01-00-39	HAPPY EVER AFTER LOVE	Cas Brothers
01-00-40	I WORRY BABY	Larrie Margas

