



NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

Shag Rag

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Keep on Shaggin'

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From the President - By John Belt


Emotions are strange feelings. This past June 29th, I had many -- **elation**, because our second Capital Shag Classic was a party to remember. Everybody I spoke to had nothing but **praise** for the food, the deejays, and all the committee people who performed like the stars they are. I felt **pride** as I looked at our logo shining in the middle of our dance floor, the red, white and blue of our decorations, symbolizing our great nation. I thought about **character**, as I reflected on all the hard work, watching as each of our personalities put together the final pieces of the puzzle that made our Classic the success that it was.

I also felt **sadness** as I watched the floor committee disassemble and load the floor for storage. I felt **emptiness** as I sat alone, looking around the ballroom, spying an overturned liquor bottle, a table with the last remnants of food, and sawdust on the floor instead of dancers. I feel **pleasure**, because I know our club has arrived, and that we will continue to grow, thanks to you, our members. And finally, there is **warmth**, for all the new friends, old friends, all the dancers who strutted their stuff; the great instructors who taught us, **Ellen Taylor** and her husband, **Carl**; and **Larry & Shirley Jones**; the caterers; the staff of Howard Johnson's and for each of you, the officers and the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Shag Club.

Remember, shaggers do it with their feet.

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We're Havin' a Party 

Carolina Shag Workshops

with

National Competitors Bill and Brenda Barber

*Learn the Basic Fundamentals,
Intermediate and Advanced Steps*

When: Saturday, August 16th

Where: **Blackie's Steak House,**
6710 Commerce St., **Springfield, VA**

Three Workshops: Basics, Intermediate & Advanced

Basics	10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Intermediate	12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Advanced	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Cost: Members -- \$10 per workshop
Non-Members -- \$15 per workshop

DANCE PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT!

****FREE to Workshop Participants!!!***

Dance & Dinner -- only \$10; CASH BAR

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To register, call Janis Grimes - 703-536-7362



SOS Fall Migration

Sept. 5-14 in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

It's that time of year again, Shaggers -- time to head for Fall Migration at North Myrtle Beach, S.C., for ten full days of beach, sun, party, party, and dance, dance, dance -- as long as your feet and legs hold up!

For those of you who have not yet been to S.O.S., it is the best time you could ever imagine. Where else can you find over 5,000 friends (old and new!) dancing, partying and generally having a ball, in one place, at one time -- and all because of a regional dance called the Shag? That's right -- for ten days each spring and fall, shaggers from all over the country flock back to Ocean Drive in North Myrtle Beach to celebrate and perpetuate the best party in the world -- S.O.S.

The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs hosts these events by the Society of Stranders (S.O.S.), named after the 35-mile stretch of beach along the South Carolina coast called the Grand Strand. Shag DJs keep the beach music euphoria going from 10 a.m. until *waaay* after midnight (*I've heard it goes on until 3 or 4 a.m. each night, but have not yet lasted that long, myself!*).

You will need an S.O.S. pass (cost \$35) to be able to go back and forth between all the clubs and lounges (last year we counted twelve (12) dance floors within a few block radius!). It is well worth the cost, believe it! In addition to the dancing, there are several complimentary buffets throughout the week, as a gift from the clubs to the shaggers. And it's right there at The Beach.

Come join the party at S.O.S. in Myrtle Beach -- Shag Mecca, a dancer's paradise.

For Hotel and Condo Info in North Myrtle Beach:

- Ambassador East, 507 S. Ocean Dr. 803-249-3531
- Bel-Aire Motel, 102 N. OD 800-342-0078
- Buccaneer, 401 S. OD 803-249-1466
- Helms Vista Motel, 300 N. OD 803-249-2521
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- Seaside Inn, 2301 S. OD 803-272-5166

• = Near Main Street

Shagger Profile-- Barringer Fox Wingard, Jr.

Nickname: Barry / Binky

Occupation: Army Officer

Birthday: September 12

Hometown: Clinton / Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Marital Status: Divorced

Self-Portrait: Honest, easy going, nice guy

Motto: The easiest way to predict the future is to invent it

Dream: Never having to drive under 55 in the left lane

Inspiration: My kids

Bad Habit: Too lazy

Hobby: Crossword puzzles and snow skiing

Favorite Dance Tune: Ms. Grace and/or Rainy Day Bells

Luxury Defined: Good friends and good health

Drink or Wine: Screwdriver or cold beer

TV Program: Andy Griffith Show

Books at bedside: Any Lewis Grizzard or Dave Barry book

Last Words: God Bless you.



Congratulations

*and
Best Wishes*

Jerry & Andrea Crews

on their recent marriage!!

CAPITAL SHAG CLASSIC IS A SUCCESS! . . . by Valerie Swiger

Back in January of 1996 when **John Belt** first suggested that our club throw a weekend party, I thought he was crazy and that we would never pull it off. But we did, and it was a **GREAT IDEA**. The success of the 1996 Classic gave us the inspiration to try a second time.

We knew we had the best caterers. We knew we had a terrific Board of Directors. And we knew that those who came in 1996 had a great time. But, we still worried. For six months your Board planned, discussed, argued, planned some more, and finally brought it all together the weekend of June 27th.

But, it was those of you who attended that made it a success. As I wandered around the tables meeting new people and talking to old friends, all I saw was smiles. Being around people who are happy is a wonderful way to spend a weekend.

Throw in some excellent teachers, good food, a great dance floor plus good music, and you can't ask for much more.

By the end of the weekend my feet hurt and I was exhausted, but I'd do it all again. I hope that you would, too. Thank you for coming to the **1997 Capital Shag Classic!**

NVSC COMMITTEES and DIRECTORS :	
Capital Shag Classic	Charlie Price
Charity	Pauline Easby-Smith
Communications	David Rodgers
Dance	Janis Grimes
Hospitality	Vesta Jones
Membership	Valerie Swiger
Music	Craig Jennings
Newsletter	Janis Grimes
Promotions, Sales	John Belt
Social	Betty Abshire; Joan McKinney

SUNDAY SOCIAL AT KILROY'S . . . by John Belt

On Sunday, July 20th, about 40 of us showed up at Kilroy's, and had a good time dancing to the music of **Craig Jennings**. As always, **Pip** and his staff were our gracious hosts. I know some of our dancers feel the floor is not the best to dance on, but remember the original shag was danced on the sand. Our socials are simply a way to promote our club and to preserve the shag. See you on the floor.

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While the spirit remains as a teenager, forever young, the knees and feet may take a sudden, unexpected turn on the sloping path of decline.....

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FLASH!! It's a BOY!!

Latest news from the Beach: **Brent and Kellese Key** have been blessed with a healthy, bouncing baby boy, **Bailey Chase Key**, who weighed in at 7 lbs., 2 oz., -- *and reportedly has his father's feet!!* The Keys are currently residing in Dallas, Texas.



AND THE WINNER IS . . .

CONGRATULATIONS to **Joe McLaughlin**, who got lucky and won the 50-50 at the Capital Shag Classic last month!

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

(Psssst! Pass It On!!)

Next SOS . . . NVSC members will rendezvous at the Barrel (formerly known as the Pad, across from the Boulevard Grill) at 9 p.m. each night . . .

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Charlie Womble & Jackie McGee

will be here -- August 1-2-3

SWING FLING at the Hilton

The 4th Annual Swing Fling Dance Festival produced by **Barry Durand** will feature a Shag Division in the dance competitions to be held at the **National Airport Hilton here August 1, 2, and 3.**

We understand that some awesome shaggers are coming up from the South to perform and compete that weekend! Shaggers are encouraged to sign up and dance in the Shag Division. Come on out and be there to support our dance and our club!

Our club will sponsor a Hospitality Room with **FREE POUR on Friday night** at this event, with snacks and drinks, from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Stop in after the shag workshop with **Charlie & Jackie** to meet new people!

Shag Workshops with Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee (\$10 each*) are scheduled for:

Fri., Aug. 1 - 6-7 p.m., "Easy & Fun"
Sat., Aug. 2 - 2-3 p.m., "Int. Hot Stuff"

*Does not include entry into event. **Day or Evening Passes are available at the door.** For info, call 301-417-0679.

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Northern Virginia Shag Club
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New Members in June & July

WELCOME, new members!! John Eastes, Mary Frey, Cheryl Hatchell, Frederick MacAdam, Suzy Nevins, Linda Nichols, Bruce Skidmore, Harold Stephens, Rebecca Watson

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Shaggers Do It With Their Feet

ThanksThanksThanks

To **Gary Salpini** and **Dave Rapson** for rescuing our dance floor! **Dave** has arranged through his extensive contacts, to have the floor safely stored in a warehouse near Baltimore, at no cost to the club! Yes, *you heard right -- we now have FREE STORAGE for our dance floor!!*

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Happy, Happy Birthday

August Birthday Babies:

- 1 - Sandra Tucker
- 2 - Linda Nichols
- 2 - Pete Soriano
- 5 - Larry Camp
- 7 - Norma Jones
- 7 - Donna Liebowitz
- 13 - Diane Moody
- 18 - Mary Peterson
- 18 - Bruce Skidmore
- 20 - Sherry Winter
- 22 - Sid Strawderman
- 23 - David Rodgers
- 25 - Reny Atienza
- 29 - Mary Bower
- 29 - Martha Riley
- 29 - Mona Sites
- 29 - Fabio Tribino
- 30 - Sam Rankin

The Shagmaster Says....

- Shag is Discipline -- from head to toe
- You *hop* to Bop
- You *slide* and *glide* to Shag
- Take **SMALL STEPS**
- Think **APSP**: Attitude, Posture, Style, Presence



From the Editor....

HEY y'all!! Are you getting ready for **SOS??** There's just a **FEW MORE LONG, HOT WEEKS** until Sun, Fun, Beach, Dance, Dance and Party, Party all night long!!

Remember, this is **YOUR** newsletter. 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?

Suzie Shaggin'

July 1, 1997
 Charlie, Beverly, John, Janice,
 Vesta and all committee's and
 members of the Northern Virginia
 Shag Club.

Carl and I wish to express to all
 of you our thanks for a wonderful
 weekend and for your warm hospitality.
 We had a wonderful time getting to
 know so many of you on a much
 personal level. Your interest and
 enthusiasm for this dance that is so
 much a part of our lives is exciting.
 Thank you for inviting me to do
 your workshop. The participation was
 more than expected and the cooperation
 of everyone to provide a place for
 us to hold private lessons was so
 much appreciated. Remember - learn
 all you can of the dance but don't
 work so hard at it that you forget
 to enjoy it.

Now, Julie I close, let me say
 that last but definitely not least
 the food was absolutely
 delicious.

Hoping

you'll know

this brings more thanks

than words

can show!

I look forward to seeing many
 if not all of you in future workshops
 and Carl and I will both be
 looking forward, also, to seeing
 you on the dance floor. We feel
 that we have added so many
 new friends to our list and to
 our dance family.

Until then -

Best Regards -
 Ellen and Carl

Shagger's Crossword Puzzle

Inspired by a puzzle by Roger and Laura in the Twister's newsletter, here is a
 variation for your amusement! *Who wants to create the next one??*

Across:

- Lounge where we dance at the beach
- New name for an old alley. The _____ Cove
- Large body of salt water
- Our club party (initials)
- Either of the two big shag events at the beach
- Duck _____ (coifs)
- A bird's Fall activity -- the SOS Fall _____
- Artwork, on our floor
- Person who plays music for a dance
- Popular footwear for shaggers
- Shag step where dance partners turn together
- Item used for outdoor cooking
- Downstairs at Ducks (reversed)
- A large, old boat -- the Spanish _____

Down:

- A hunting trip in Africa, or the SOS Spring _____
- Lounge known for support of Camp Kemo
- The Continental and Tush Push are line _____
- Our party has the finest
- State dance of South Carolina
- Favorite dance step
- From Shorty George
- One of the original watering holes at the beach
- Party hosted by the ACSC for shag club members only
- Another name for North Myrtle Beach (initials)
- Our shag club (initials)
- Event held during Spring SOS



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WINNER - Cool Condo Award

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