



NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

# Shag Rag

Shagger Newsletter

*Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music*

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Keep on Shaggin'

May 1998

## From the President . . . by Vesta Jones

*What's All the Fuss About?* Seems like a lot of buzzing going on with the words "classic" and "Capital Shag Classic" being used ... what's it about? Come and join us and find out...you'll be buzzing about it this time next year! The last weekend in June is "our" date for our weekend party. Many (most?) shag clubs have an annual event that is "their" event...some (like Virginia Beach) are completely sold out months before the event! They've been at it a lot longer than we have...but that's our goal too...to be the best party to attend!

This June 26, 27, 28, is the weekend for our **Third Annual Capital Shag Classic**. It will be held at the Howard Johnson's in Alexandria (at the intersection of Rt. 1 and the Beltway.) It truly is an all-weekend event (park-and-party as it's known in the shag world)...plan to stay there if possible...there are free pours (if you don't know what that is, come to the weekend and check it out!), fabulous food (all you can eat -- included!), great deejays (our guest "out-of-town" deejay is JoAnne Johnson...she's a legend in herself); we'll have free shag workshops given by Bill & Brenda Barber, and Larry & Shirley Jones; door prizes, dance demonstrations by some of the "greats" in the dance world, and a wonderful chance to shag your little booties right off...and meet new friends and socialize with old friends...it's a lot of what the "shag thing" is all about.

Come put your autograph on our dance floor (that's right, we have our own dance floor that we use!), be part of it! Experience it! I keep encouraging all of you to go to various shag weekend events... This is THE one to do. If you just haven't been able to get away to others for one reason or the other (or even if you have), plan to do this one...OUR weekend event -- ..help us create that "best shag party."

## THIRD ANNUAL CAPITAL SHAG CLASSIC

Continuous Dancing  
Music by  
Great Beach Music Deejays

JOANNE JOHNSON  
LARRY JONES · CRAIG JENNINGS

### June 26, 27 & 28, 1998

Registration desk opens at 4 p.m. on Friday  
Party's over at 12 noon on Sunday

**!!! SPECIAL ATTRACTION !!!**

**FREE SHAG WORKSHOPS on Saturday**  
BILL & BRENDA BARBER  
LARRY & SHIRLEY JONES

**FREE ALL YOU CAN EAT MENU**  
Friday Night - Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres  
Saturday Breakfast; Saturday Dinner  
Sunday Continental Breakfast

Howard Johnson's      **\*\*Request Special NVSC Rate**  
5821 Richmond Hwy., Alex., VA      **\*\*Rooms \$55\*\* (1-4 persons)**  
Beltway Exit #1, Rt. 1 So.      Reservations: 703-329-1400

### Smoke-Free Ballroom

**\*\*Hotel Discount Rate Reservation Cut-off June 4th!!**  
**No Exceptions!**

Weekend Tickets \$50 -- Buy Your Tickets Early!  
**RAFFLE: For only an extra \$2. Take a Chance**  
**on a FREE ROOM and 1 Weekend Pass!!!**  
For additional information, call Valerie Swiger at  
703-281-9193 or e-mail vms@olg.com

News/Info/Ads - please contact Janis Grimes, 703-536-7362; or email [JaniGrimes@aol.com](mailto:JaniGrimes@aol.com)  
Do you have email? Send your email address to our Communications Committee--[vms@olg.com](mailto:vms@olg.com)

## 1998 Sunday Shaggin' Season Starts in MANASSAS

*Hey Vern!* Wake up, buddy, this is your ol' pal Ernest P. (for Powertools) Worrell with some hot NEWS. I mean HOT, Vern, like an August day in a Mississippi trailer park. Seems like those nice folks over at the Northern Virginia Shag Club have made arrangements to dance Sunday afternoons in Manassas, starting Sunday, May 17, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. What do you mean, "What kind of dancin'?" Ever since I stopped doing those lucrative TV commercials a few years ago, there's been only one kind of dancin' for me and Edna -- the Carolina Shag. Ya see Vern, you got your underarm turns. You got your belly rolls, your pivots, and your walk ups. You got your leans, your leads and follows, your Sugarfoots, your boogie walks, your boogie trains, and your boogie nights. Uh, scratch that, Vern, that last one is a movie that might not be suitable for the Mrs., if you catch my drift.

But enough gum flappin' and yap trappin'. You got to get out and see it to believe it, move it, groove it, and just plain ol' DO IT, Vern. I'm gettin' hot just thinkin' about it. So listen real close..... Sunday May 17. 2 to 5 PM. A great restaurant & bar by the name of OLDIES MUSIC LEGENDS, 8241 Shoppers Square, Manassas, VA. If you get lost, Vern, call them at 703-257-0500. There's no cover charge. It's air-conditioned, got lots of tables and chairs, a bar long enough for all your drinkin' buddies, and you can smoke your lungs black if you like. Vern, it's about as close to heaven on earth as we're ever gonna get. They got your food, they got your booze, they got your soft drinks. They got your DJ, your dance floor, your paved parking lot big enough for a whole army of pickup trucks. This place is first class, ol' buddy, something you and I aren't much used to. Know what I mean?

One last time, Vern: read my lips. Sunday, May 17. OLDIES MUSIC LEGENDS in Manassas. Shaggin' from 2 to 5. Me and Edna are definitely gonna be there. And a whole lot of other folks, too. YOU gotta be there with your shag shoes on. Remember what I always told ya, Vern: Be There, or Be Square. It's a place where we can all be LEGENDS in our own mind. (A little shag humor, Vern.) And that's the straight poop from your shaggin' pal Ernest.

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### Going to Atlanta??

**HURRY!** - DELTA has round-trip flights to Atlanta for \$144, non-stop! Are you going to Atlanta for Charlie & Jackie's Grand National Dance Championships? *Better book it now!!*

## Shagger Profile -- Vesta Jones

*Nickname:* Vesta

*Occupation:* Manager Information Systems

*Birthday:* July 29

*Hometown:* Atlanta

*Marital Status:* Not (been there; done that)

*Self-Portrait:* Pollyanna with an attitude

*Motto:* If you love someone, be sure and let them know

*Dream:* I don't think I should go into that....

*Inspiration:* My kids

*Favorite Dance Tune:* Crazy About Your Love; Some Enchanted Evening; One by One

*Bad Habit:* M&Ms

*Hobby:* Shaggin', web stuff, leaded-glass windows

*Memorable Moment:* Sailing our boat through a crowded anchorage in Annapolis Harbour

*Luxury Defined:* A place to shag every night with favorite shag partners

*Drink or Wine:* Water, Tequila & tonic, Jordan wines

*TV Program:* TV?

*Books at bedside:* Living on Purpose, Blue Highway, Lawrence Research Catalogue

*Last Words:* Do you shag?

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## **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

to manage our Video Tape Library

**Anyone? Anyone??**

Contact Janis at 703-536-7362  
or on Wed. night at Lulu's

**Northern Virginia Shag Club**

Invites You to Join Us For Our **THIRD Annual**

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*Near Historic Old Town Alexandria, Mount Vernon, and the Nation's Capital*

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*For additional information, call Valerie Swiger at 703-281-9193 or e-mail vms@olg.com*

Tickets will be held at the check-in desk -- Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive confirmation

**Tickets \$50 - Please make checks payable to No. Va. Shag Club  
NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 4th**

Names (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Shag Club \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:  
No. Va. Shag Club  
PO Box 5522  
McLean, Virginia 22103

For additional information, call Valerie Swiger at 703-281-9193  
or e-mail vms@olg.com



**THE VIRGINIA BEACH SHAG CLUB**  
**1998 "SHAG HAWAIIAN" BEACH BASH**  
**OCTOBER 29TH, 30TH, 31ST, & NOV 1ST**  
 VOTED BEST WEEKEND PARTY!!

CAVALIER HOTEL AT THE OCEANFRONT, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA PHONE (757) 425-8555 or 1-800-446-8199  
 Room Rates: \$59.00 Ocean View; \$73.00 Ocean Front (per night up to 2 people per room)  
 \*When Making Reservations mention the VBSC Beach Bash!

**WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS**

- Thursday, Oct. 29
  - Get Acquainted Party - Main Ballroom at the Cavalier
  - Golf Tournament (Extra charge & registration)
  - Free Beer - Light Food & Drinks (included in ticket price)
  - Shag-O-Ween Costume Party with Prizes for Best Costumes
  - Dancing in the Main Ballroom 12 PM until 2 AM
  - Breakfast served at hotel restaurant (there is a charge)
  - Free Four w/Continental Breakfast (included in ticket price)
  - Lunch Buffet on the Deck (included) (weather permitting)
  - Afternoon Free Beer & Refreshments (included)
  - Dance Instruction (included)
  - Fashion Show (included)
  - Entertainment (included)
  - Dinner Buffet (included)
  - Dancing in Main Ballroom 10 AM until 2 AM (closed during dinner)
  - Golf returns announced & Awards presentation
  - A "Holey Water" Free Beer
  - Breakfast in Main Ballroom 10 AM until 1 PM
  - Dancing in Main Ballroom 10 AM until 1 PM
  - Clean Up 2 PM (included) *Now don't you even eat!*
- Saturday Oct. 31
  - Breakfast Nov. 1



Tickets for the entire weekend are \$55.00 per person now until August 31. \$65.00 beginning Sept. 1.  
 This is a park and party event that sells out early every year so get your ticket early.

*All Attendees Must Be At Least 21 Years of Age*

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**TICKET REQUEST**

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**THE FOLLOWING RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH PERSON REQUESTING A TICKET BEFORE TICKET CAN BE ISSUED. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, SIGN AND RETURN WITH TICKET REQUEST.**

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**  
 In consideration for being permitted to participate in any activities conducted by the Virginia Beach Shag Club, in connection with the Beach Bash, the undersigned (hereinafter referred to as "releasor") does hereby for himself, spouse, legal representatives, heirs and assigns, hereby release, waive and discharge the Virginia Beach Shag Club, its officers and members (hereinafter referred to as "releasee") from all liability to releasor, releasee's spouse, legal representatives, heirs and assigns, from any and all loss or damage and any claim or damages resulting therefrom, on account of injury to releasor's person or property even if injury resulting in death of the releasor, whether caused by the negligence of releasee or otherwise, while the releasor is for any purpose participating in an activity of function sponsored by the Virginia Beach Shag Club in connection with the Beach Bash.  
 Releasor agrees to indemnify the releasee and each of them from any loss, liability, damage or cost they may incur due to the presence of the releasor at any function sponsored by the Virginia Beach Shag Club in connection with the Beach Bash.

Releasor hereby assumes full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death or property damage due to the negligence of releasee or otherwise while for any purpose participating in any activity or function sponsored by the Virginia Beach Shag Club in connection with the Beach Bash.  
 Releasor expressly agrees that this release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad in inclusive as permitted by the State of Virginia and that if any portion hereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall nevertheless constitute in full legal force during the Virginia Beach Shag Club Beach Bash.

By execution of this document, releasor certifies that he or she is 21 years of age or older.

By \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL) Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please complete a separate Ticket Request and Release of Liability for each person and note all names on check.  
**Mail Request and Release and Payment to: VBSC, P.O. BOX 3098, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23454-3098. Request must be mailed.**  
 For additional information call Kandi White W - (757) 683-9277 H - (757) 479-1933 or Les Spolourner (757) 638-0619.  
**PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_ SHAG CLUB MEMBER OF \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

*Charlie & Jackie*  
 PRODUCTION

**1998 MEMORIAL Weekend**  
 Early Bird Party - Thursday, May 21  
 May 21-25, 1998  
 ATLANTA, GA

Competition Coordinator Emcee  
 Annie Hirsch Mario Robau, Jr.

**Workshops by Champions**

- Mario Robau, Jr Ramiro Gonzalez
- Robert Cordoba Wayne & Sharlot Bolt
- Barry Jones Beata Howe Michael & Marl Klehm
- Charlie & Jackie.....and a free Shag workshop

2 ballrooms open all weekend!

**COMPETITION DIVISIONS**

- Classic Team Carolina Classic Masters
- Showcase Cabaret Strictly Swing Jr Shag Jr Swing

**Novice Jack & Jill**

GNDC 'FAVORITE ENTERTAINER' AWARD

Renaissance Waverly Hotel  
 Special Rate for GNDC

\$79 per night 1- 4 persons (770) 953-4500 Reservations

**EVENT TICKET ORDER FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET \_\_\_\_\_ (\$70 each at door)  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (\$600) \$650 Table of 10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 CLUB AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_ (\*\*\$600) \$25 per day pass \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check or M.O. payable to GNDC  
 Mail to GNDC 1206 Dunwoody Walk Atlanta, GA 30338  
 Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 QUESTIONS: (770) 512-7848  
 (\*\*\$600 price good for table purchase ONLY and must be purchased before Feb. 15)



## Shag Weekend ... By Valerie Swiger

Are you a new member of the Northern Virginia Shag Club? Do you check our information desk on Wednesday nights, pick up fliers for weekend shag parties, read them, then trash them because you are not sure what a weekend shag party is? Well it is time you found out.

When I joined the shag club in 1994, we didn't have a weekend party, we were just too small. So my first party was in Portsmouth, Virginia at Magic May Days. I went alone. Not knowing a soul or at least I thought. Then who did I see but **Shirley and Larry Jones**. I had taken a workshop from them. I got up my nerve, introduced myself and they took it from there. Every person that came up to speak to them was introduced to me. Later I ran into **Keith Abernathy**, and he introduced me to more people. Late Saturday night **Janis Grimes** came to the party and she introduced me to even more people. I danced, ate, took lessons and had a wonderful time.

You don't have to drive four hours for your first shag weekend and you don't have to go alone. You're already a member our club and you already know a lot of other members, if not by name then by sight. So plan on attending the 3rd annual Capital Shag Classic, June 26, 27 and 28. Our party is at the Howard Johnson's, just one mile south of Old Town Alexandria. What could be more convenient? You too will dance, eat, take lessons and, most important, meet shaggers from all over. We already have reservations from as far south as Virginia Beach and as far north as Massachusetts. You don't want to miss this party!!!

### **Northern Virginia Shag Club Dance to Beach Music**

**by Craig Jennings**

*every Wednesday night at  
Lulu's*

at **Blackie's** in Springfield, VA

\$2 Cover

For Directions, call 703-971-4200

**FREE Shag Lessons**  
at 7:30 p.m.

**DANCE from**  
8:30 - 11 p.m.

## Happy, Happy Birthday

### **May Birthday Babies:**

- 1 - Alexandra Manolatos
- 1 - Raili Tate
- 2 - Bob Beard
- 3 - Bill Fullerton
- 3 - Lynne Sullivan
- 5 - Rick Mesmer
- 5 - Ray Wagaman
- 5 - Jean Witz
- 6 - Barry Fine
- 9 - Gary Crowden
- 8 - Louise Brown
- 10 - Jackie Albano
- 11 - Ron Toms
- 15 - Joe McLaughlin
- 15 - Juanita McNamara
- 18 - Mary Davis
- 18 - Donna Harrington
- 19 - Bob Lutz
- 20 - Joan McKinney
- 23 - Celia Griffith
- 24 - Ann Shimel
- 26 - Betty Elliott
- 27 - Jean Jennings
- 27 - Nancy Polisky
- 28 - David Blanco

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS**

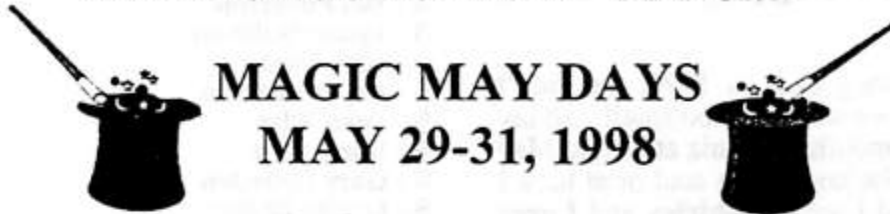
"Communications Committee" is the fancy name for a small group of NVSC members who periodically telephone about 250 other club members and remind them about important upcoming events that they may not already be aware of. (If "phone tree" comes to mind, you've got the picture.) Committee Chairman (King Bee) **Dennis Gehley** and his 8 other volunteers on the committee are looking for 3 more volunteers from DC, Maryland, and Virginia to help make these calls.

Your NVSC uses email rather than telephone to contact our members who have given us their email address. But, there are still nearly 250 members who need to be called for such events as our periodic dance lesson workshops with national shag champion dance instructors, parties at the Army Navy Country Club, Kenwood Golf and Country Club, and so forth.

If you would like to spend not more than 1 hour or so every few months making a brief 1-minute phone call to your very own list of about 25 fellow NVSC shaggers, give Dennis a buzz at 703-451-6764 and tell him you want to add YOUR name to the current list of such nice committee volunteers (Honey Bees and Worker Bees) as **Jean Albaugh, Craig Singleton, and Fred Whitman (MD), and Pamela Alfano, Larry & Mary Camp, Jane James, Sharon Marsh, and Kathryn Quattrone (VA).**



**BOOGIE ON THE BAY SHAG CLUB  
PORTSMOUTH, VA  
INVITES YOU TO THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**



**MAGIC MAY DAYS  
MAY 29-31, 1998**



**AT THE  
RAMADA MADISON HOTEL  
GRANBY AND FREEMASON STREETS  
(CENTRALLY LOCATED NEAR WATERSIDE)  
NORFOLK, VA**

**ROOM RATES \$60 + TAX      FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 1-757-622-6682**  
(BLOCK OF ROOMS AVAILABLE UNTIL 4/29/98 - AVAILABILITY MAY BE LIMITED  
AFTER 4/29/98)  
(RESERVATIONS MUST BE GUARANTEED WITH CREDIT CARD)  
(DRAWING FOR A FREE WEEKEND FOR FIRST 50 ROOMS BOOKED)

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO RESERVE NOW

**TICKETS FOR MAYDAY EVENT \$45  
AFTER 5/1/98, TICKETS \$50**  
(CALL 1-800-SHAGGER TO CHARGE TO VISA OR MASTERCARD)  
**NO ONE DAY REGISTRATION!**



Tickets Include	Disc Jockeys	Dance Instructors
Fri, 5/29 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm	Heavy Hors d'oeuvres	David Jones - OBSC
	Free Pour	Tom Little - BOTBSC
Sat, 5/30 -	Breakfast Buffet	Don Ruth - BOTBSC
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Free Pour	
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Dinner Buffet	
Sun, 5/31 -	Breakfast Buffet	There will be raffles, 50/50, door prizes and
	Gospel Hour	<b>DANCING, DANCING, DANCING</b>
		From 3:00 pm Friday until noon Sunday

**MAGIC MAY DAYS '98 REGISTRATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

# OF TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL APPLICATION TO: BOTB, PO BOX 3291,  
PORTSMOUTH, VA. 23701



