



Shag Rag

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music

September, 1998

Keep on Shagging!

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• From the President... *Vesta Jones*

DC Hand-Dancers and Shaggers Share Event!

What a memorable evening it was!!! The Hand Dancers went out of their way to make us feel welcome on their territory (Maryland) although we were technically co-sponsoring the event (e.g., splitting the costs, splitting the profits). They had signs saying "Welcome SHAGGERS!!" They had cake. They "went on record for charity." They were friendly beyond all expectations. And the MUSIC was fabulous. Denny, Eddy and our Charlie played some really fine music...nothing was played that I couldn't shag to...

We shaggers were faced that night with too many choices: in addition to this event, the Swing Fling was the same weekend with 3 of our own couples competing in the Shag Division Saturday night. What a dilemma...but we all had to make choices...and even though the shaggers hardly represented 15% of the dancers at the Shagger/Hand Dance event, the Hand Dancers split the profit from the party just as we had agreed to do back in May when this was planned (...\$450 for our share...!!!!!!!).

Soooo, I suggest we shaggers take advantage of the fine music, and the friendly people (and those people LOVE to dance), and get ourselves to the **Hand Dance events**. Let's return the outstretched hand of friendship and generosity! Denny and Eddy play in Deale, MD every Sunday afternoon (check the back page of the Shag Rag for details), and there are Hand Dance events at least once a month...it would give us yet another place to dance...and more new friends to meet. **Two upcoming Hand Dance events:** September 12, PRE SOS Dance and September 19, Day Cruise to St. Michael's.

Trust me, this was a really nice event...I intend to take advantage of more of them! Want to go?

• ATTENTION!!! ALL SOS-GOERS

• Take your **cameras**...take pictures of your friends and shaggin' buddies at SOS. Let's try and get some good shots of **Northern Virginia Shag Club folks** having a large time at SOS to have them included in the next SOS Carefree Times! Give them to Vesta after you get them developed (before Christmas), and she will send a group of them to the Carefree Times editor in time for the selection process for Spring '99 SOS.

• LINE DANCING LESSONS?

• Shag Line Dancing is BIG in the Carolinas...for men and women...there are even line dancing competitions at SOS. At all of the Carolina weekend parties, there are always line dances (shag style). If there is an interest in learning some shag line dances, just tell Janis or Craig or Vesta.

• DEE-JAYING A LABOR OF LOVE - CLEARLY

• August 9, we had our monthly board meeting at Craig and Heather's lovely home in Fredricksburg ...actually in King George...actually ...actually it's about 40 miles on the other side of "resume speed." Craig and Heather drive all the way up here every Wednesday night for Craig to deejay for us...now this can't be for the money: Blackies pays Craig \$50/Wed night...that's it...\$50.00. It might be to dance with us wonderful folks, of course...but I think it's a labor of love. Craig does this because Craig loves to deejay and to play beach and shag music and wonderful r&b (loves that Bostic), and to see the floor filled with happy shaggin' feet. I, for one, have a whole new appreciation for what he does for us. Thank you both, Craig and Heather, for making the effort.

Is a Win-Win-Win Possible?

You bet! And you can be part of it this fall at **SOS!** Want that SOS Fall Migration '98 tee shirt? Want that great looking long-sleeved denim shirt with the SOS logo? Well, come to the SOS store on Main street in N. Myrtle Beach and shop to your heart's con-tent' (or wallet's con'-tent)...just make sure you do your shopping on **SATURDAY, SEPT. 26** between 2:00 and 4:00.

NVSCers will be staffing the SOS store at that time (want to help? see **Vesta**.) The club that sells the most each day that the store is open gets \$50 for their club and the club that sells the most over SOS gets \$100 for their club...come on in and shop (*Saturday, 9/26 from 2 - 4*) and help build our club!



ELECTIONS '99

It's that time again. Time to begin thinking about electing a new board of directors for 1999. The nominating committee will be chaired by **Dennis Gehley**. Committee members will include: **Jerry Barker, Don Borja, Jane James, Kathryn Quattrone, G. Salpini, Dave Shipp and Bonnie Mahoney(alternate).**

Their function is to provide you, the membership, with a list of carefully selected nominees for each position on the board: **president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and five board members at large.**

Holding an office in a social dance club as large as NVSC is a job that requires time, thought and energy. But is also rewarding. Just observe the current board members at work on any dance occasion and you'll see how well they work together with a sense of pride in accomplishment. It appears that they are having a great amount of fun at those monthly board meetings too.

So, to all club members reading this newsletter: if you're up to the challenge, if you have any time left or talent to give, if you'd like to see the club grow and prosper, and if you'd like to have a role in providing the great activity of shag dance to people inside and outside and all around Washington D. C., please let your self be known. If you wish to nominate someone for a position of the Board, let any of the committee members named above know.

Workshops and Dance TOTAL SUCCESS!

Our August 22, workshops were wonderful, thanks to Beverly Jones and Earl Robinson. The dance that night was great. Many thanks to Betty Abshire for the wonderful food, Jerry Canada for the great music and to Craig Hutchinson who arranged for our use of the Ft. Myer Community center.

OUR DJ'S AT SOS

We are pleased to announce that DJ's from our club, will be playing at **SOS**.

Stop by and support them at:

The Boulevard Grill

Larry Jones Saturday Sept. 19, 1-5
Thursday Sept. 24, 9 to close
Saturday Sept. 26,
Line Dance Competition

Craig Jennings Tuesday Sept. 22, 1-5

Denny Martin And Eddy Farmer
Saturday Sept. 26, 11 - 2

For members Only

Are you shy? Would you like to practice your dance steps in the privacy of your home.

Instructional Shag Videos — are the answer.

The club will loan you a video for one week, for a refundable \$10 deposit.

Videos by: **Charlie & Jackie; Sy Creed & Dana Brown; Ellen Taylor, Sonny & Judy Carver and VA Beach Shag Club Members.**

A small charge of \$5 for each additional week is required.

See Patricia Parrott to check out video, or call her at 703-435-8906.

What is a Paver????????? A Brick!!!

Many small towns are updating, revitalizing, sprucing up their **MAIN street**. **North Myrtle Beach**, Shag Capital of the World, has decided to spruce up it's **MAIN street**. They have added center islands and planted trees and have added **PAVERS** to the sidewalks.

The pavers are for sale.

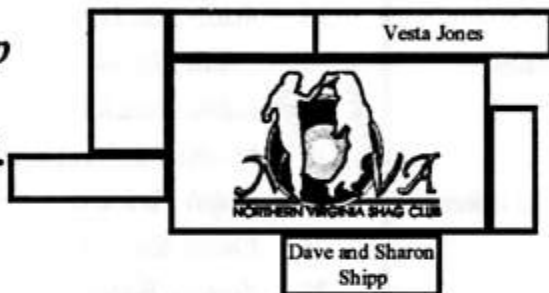
The 16" x 16" is \$600. Our club hopes to buy one of these.

The 8" by 8" is \$200 and holds 4 lines of print, with 13 spaces per line.

The 4" by 8" is \$100 and holds 2 lines of print, with 13 spaces per line.

Would you like to see your name permanently become a part of this revitalization effort.

Contact Dave Shipp
for an application
form, 703-569-9032.



SOS Fall Migration

September 18-27 in North Myrtle Beach, SC.

It's getting close to that time of year again, Shaggers heading south to **North Myrtle Beach, S. C.** for **ten** full days of beach, sun, party, party, party, and dance, dance, dance--as long as your feet and legs hold up!

You will need an **SOS** pass (cost \$35) to be able to go back and forth between all the clubs and lounges (one year we counted twelve (12) dance floors within a few block radius!).

You can order your **SOS** pass by calling toll free 1-888-767-3113. Or you can wait and buy your pass in North Myrtle Beach.

ome join the party, North Myrtle Beach is Shag Mecca, a dancer's paradise.

Hotel and Condo Info in North Myrtle Beach:

- Ambassador East, 507 S. Ocean DR. 803-249-3531
 - Buccaneer, 401 S. OD 803-249-1466
 - OD Beach & Golf Resort, ocean front at Main Street (by Spanish Galleon) 800-438-9590
 - Summer Sea Inn, 109 S. OD 803-249-4411
 - Beachcomber Realty 800-334-3798
 - Coastal Condos 803-280-0005
 - Blockade Runner, 1910 N. OD 803-249-3561
 - Days Inn North, 1321 S. OD 803-272-5131
 - Marion Earl Motel, 1401 S. OD 803-272-5181
 - Ocean Sands, 1525 S. OD 803-272-6101
 - Red Tree Inn, 1415 S. OD 803-272-5353
 - Sands Ocean Front, 74th Ave.... N 800-845-6701
 - Seaside Inn, 2310 S. OD 803-272-5166
 - Near Main Street
- *If you can't get a room in NMB, there are plenty of places to stay a little further down the beach*

Beach Music Radio FM 100.7

Heading South? Tune in! There is a great beach music/oldies station out of Fayetteville, just past Emporia, VA. **FM 100.7, South of Emporia....Yeaah!!**

Shagger Profile---

Name: *Cliff Phillips*
Occupation: *Retired*
Birthday: *Young at Heart*
Hometown: *Roanoke, VA*
Marital Status: *Single*
Self-Portrait: *The consummate "Outdoor" person*
Motto: *Life is GREAT*
Dream: *See the "West"*
Inspiration: *Harry Truman*
Bad Habit: *Addicted to Perennials*
Hobby: *Gardening, Building*
Luxury Defined: *Condo in Hilton Head*
Drink or Wine: *Rum coke*
TV Program: *Star Trek Voyager, Rockford Files*
Books at bedside: *Audubon Magazine,
Mosby the Grey Ghost*
Last Words: *His trees and flowers be enjoyed by others
for years to come.*

Welcome back to old friends
Phyllis Schulte and Ken Tyler.

Happy, Happy Birthday

September *Birthday Babies*

2 *Troy Taylor*
3 *Dawn Papas*
7 *Cheryl Fahl*
12 *Barry Wingard*
13 *Betty Abshire*
14 *Pete Campbell*
15 *Sandra Cangiano*
16 *John Stanford*
16 *Bonnie Mahoney*
16 *Gerry Scott*
17 *Pat Canestra*
18 *Kathy Guckert*
20 *Cecile Rocek*
20 *Eddie Bunch*
20 *Michael Edmonston*
21 *Ralph Tedesco*
21 *Frank Stowell*
21 *Audrey Borja*
22 *Curt Guckert*
23 *Leonard Shinn*
23 *Valerie Henson*
24 *Nancy Bailey*
27 *Pat Parrott*

•KUDO KORNER

•The first Wednesday night of every month we celebrate our "birthday babies". Everyone who has a birthday in that month, dances the "birthday dance", all the members break in and dance with the birthday folks...really a good time...and the BEST part is nowadays, on a regular basis, there is a birthday cake for the group, to be shared with everyone there. Now where does this cake come from? Price Club? NO! Giant or Safeway Bakery? NO! Mama Leoni's Corner Bakery? NO! **Heather Jennings** bakes them for us...from scratch...each month a different kind. **AND THEY ARE SOOO GOOD!** **Thanks, Heather**...if it wouldn't make me 100 years old in just 4 more years, I'd want to have a birthday every month...just for the cakes! Thank you.

New Members in August

Welcome, new members!!!

Lori Cousins, Rob Creedon, Andrea Crews, Teresa Debates, Karen Garmon, Beverly Jones, Janet Jones, Peter Jones, Richard Majuk, Fred Medley, Kate Murphy, Carolyn Plymale, Arden Reese, Earl Robinson, Byron Snyder, John Stanford, Troy Taylor, Grace Weber, Billy White, Colin White, Larry Winstead

Out of Town Visitors

Throughout the course of the year the Northern Virginia Shag Club sponsors workshops and dances. Although a majority of our attendees are local, we sometimes have visitors from out of town.

To assist them with the cost of coming to our area for these events, we would like to be able to offer them a place to stay for the evening or weekend.

If you have a spare bedroom or two and would be willing to house out of town shaggers, **Pauline Easby-Smith** has volunteered to maintain a list of volunteers. She will then attempt to match rooms with people.

So if your interested in offering your spare bedroom or if you are the out of town visitor, please call **Pauline Easby-Smith** at 703-759-4479.

We have a **WINNER!!!!** ★ **Larry Camp** correctly guessed the true identify of **ERNEST**. And who is this witty humorist, none other than **Dennis Gehley**, our treasurer.

TO ALL MEMBERS Have you given us your *e-mail* address and your still not receiving our shagger *e-mail's*. The problem could be my typing. The best way to correct this problem is to *e-mail* me at vms@olg.com, then all I have to do is add you to the address book, without the possibility of a typing error.
Valerie Swiger

A Friend is a Treasure

*A friend is someone we turn to
When our spirits need a lift,
A friend is someone we treasure
For our friendship is a gift,
A friend is someone who fills our lives
With beauty, joy and grace
And makes the world we live in
A better and happier place.*

August 7, 8 and 9

How was your weekend???????

by Valerie Swiger and Bob Lutz

Ours was great. Started with a lesson Friday given by Jackie McGee and Charlie Womble.

Jackie and Charlie incorporated our sailor step and barrel roll into a swing move. Later that night we got to see some great demo's by shag stars Sam and Sarah West, Jackie and Charlie, and Michael Norris and partner. And of course we fitted in some dancing.

Saturday an intermediate shag lesson with Jackie and Charlie, where we attempted to learn the Elvis move. Not sure my knees will cooperate with this one.

Saturday night I was off to the joint dance with the MD DC VA Hand dance association. The VFW in Morningside is hugh, with a wonderful dance floor, inexpensive drinks, friendly people and wonderful music.

Bob headed back to the Swing Fling to root for our local competitors Janis Grimes, Bill Hopkins, Heather and Craig Jennings and Larry and Shirley Jones. They had some stiff competition, but made a wonderful showing of what our club members can do.

Hope your weekend was as much fun as ours.

Another Chance

To take Shag Workshops

October 3

Jackie McGee and Charlie Womble
10:30 AM Beginning Shag
1:30 Intermediate Shag

October 4

Michael Norris
10:30 AM Advanced Shag

*See Virginia State Swing flyer
for location and cost.*

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Taxes \$40.00 per person (our events) Tips \$45.00 your cabin & dining staff

NAME: _____ U.S. Citizen Yes No

1. _____ Yes No

2. _____ Age (if child) _____ Yes No

3. _____ Age (if child) _____ Yes No

4. _____ Age (if child) _____ Yes No

5. _____ Age (if child) _____ Yes No

Note: Every passenger must pay port charges and gratuities in advance.
\$150 per person deposit is due at the time of reservation. Final payment is due July 15, 1998

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Total payment now: \$ _____ Card type: _____ Number: _____ X-Over: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Office): _____

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892-1483 or 892-1161

http://members.aol.com/tscwebpage



You must use these phone numbers and ask for a Fall Cyclone room and rate when you make reservations to get rooms or discounts! Continuous shuttle service Fri. & Sat.

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 Ramada Limited 704-664-6556
 Days Inn 704-664-6100
 Super 8 Motel 800-800-8000

Notes: The Hampton Inn is brand new and will open sometime in late September. Even if you don't stay in our motels, PLEASE park there & ride our fast shuttles!

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Party in an old skating rink with all hardwood floor. DJ's this year are Ron Arey, Harold Beaver, Judy Collins, Bobby Fowler and Mike Rink.

Free workshop Saturday 11:30-1:00pm taught by pro shaggers

Free munchies all weekend. Free late night coffee and donuts

Free meal on Saturday from 5-7pm

Free breakfast Sunday morning from 9:30-11:00.

FREE POUR CONTINUOUSLY ALL THREE DAYS!

Hours: Fri 8pm-1am, Sat workshop 11:30am-1pm, party til 1am, Sun 9:30am-2:00pm.

Tickets purchased in advance are only \$39 each. Don't wait. They sell fast!

Print Names: _____
Mailing Address: _____

(Please include all the information for anyone not at this address on a separate sheet of paper.)

Phone: _____ Primary Shag Club: _____

Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to get your tickets! (List Only One)

Twister's Shag Club P.O. Box 2310 Cornelius, NC 28031

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1998

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45262-0552

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(Please Print All Information Below)

Number of Tickets _____
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 @ \$25.00 Total (after Oct. 12, 1998)
 @ \$15.00 Total ONE DAY PASSES

Tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE but may be transferred

Name _____ Name _____
 Address _____ Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Phone () _____ Phone () _____
 Club Affiliation _____ Club Affiliation _____

(Advance ticket requests received by 11/2/98 will be mailed. Ticket requests received after 11/2/98 will be held at the door.)
(Please include a self-addressed stamped business size envelope (4.5" x 7") with your ticket request.)

Day Cruise to St. Michael's Saturday, September 19

Depart City Dock at 10:00 am

3 hours in St. Michaels

Arrive back at 5:00 pm

Denny & Eddy will play, for our dancing & listening pleasure, on the way over and on the way back!
Tickets are limited to only 100!

For information contact:

Pat Abernethy or Diana Richardson

410-721-6956 301-464-8165

COST: \$30 per person



