



Shag Rag

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music

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Keep on Shagging'

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- **From the President...Vesta Jones**
- **Elections-- No Mud Slinging Here!**
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- Soon we'll have our elections...an incredibly big thank you to all who have expressed an interest and willingness to run for the board and to make such a contribution to the club and to all the members. It takes a team to make this all work.
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- Once elections are finished and the new board is ready to rock-and-roll, please think about volunteering to help on a committee (or two)...the list of committees will be listed in this and other Shag Rags. No one person can make all this happen. If we all do a little bit, it's a great thing and you will feel so much more a part of the club!
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- The other REALLY BIG thing to remember is that the directors (officers and board members) represent you...the only way we can do what you want us to do is for you to tell us. Tell us the changes you'd like to see made, tell us your concerns and complaints (USE that Suggestion Box if you'd rather be anonymous), and if appropriate, tell us the good stuff, too.
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- There is another item to be voted on in the elections. We have a re-write of our By-Laws. Joan McKinney and David Rodgers have spent countless hours (THANK YOU, David and Joan...you are amazing) rewriting them to make them more readable for us non-lawyer folks, and also to better represent our club as it has evolved over its five year existence. Drafts have been presented to the board, comments, re-draft, comments, re-draft, discussion, re-write, one more review by the board and now a proposed "By-Laws" for your review.
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- There are copies on the club table on Wednesday nights and a copy on our website (<http://www.sbolnet.com/shag/bylaws>) for your review. On the ballot (elections - Nov.18) you will have an opportunity to concur to accept the proposed bylaws or non-concur.
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- This is your club: help make it the best ever. Now, let' go have some fun shaggin'.
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NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

Christmas Party



- * **Date: DECEMBER 12, 1998**
- * **Saturday Night**
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- * **Time : 8Pm to Midnight**
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- * **Place: Springfield VFM**
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- * **Cost: FREE for members**
- * **\$5.00 for non-members**
- * **BYOB---- Beer and setups**
- * **provided**
- * **Directions; 1-95, exit Newington (exit just south of exti for Blackies). Go strsiaght thru the stoplight, continue under one lane bridge. Approximately .15 mile take hard left(almost U turn) onto Cinderbed Road, go approximately .5 miles (past Fairfax Water Authority), right on Hillpark Drive (industiral complex), go to end, turn left on Kincannon (VFW right there). Park anywhere.**

Volunteers NEEDED

Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for **December 12, 1998**.
If you are planning on attending and wish to help out, here is what is needed.

Decorating: Make decorations and set them up the day of the event.

Set Up: Come early and do final set up.

Food : Prepare dishes, serve and remove.

Table: Sit at entrance table, check off names of prepaid or take money for those paying at the door.

Clean Up: End of party clean up.

Circle the work crew that you wish to be a part of, place your **name and phone number** on this line _____ and return to **Betty Abshire** or place in the **suggestion box**.



Bylaws

On **November 18**, our club will hold elections.

The ballot will have the names of candidates and also will ask you to vote "yes" or "no" vote on new Bylaws.

Bylaws? For a dance club?

Yes. This club handles your dues money. It's a publisher - of our Shag Rag. It hosts a very expensive weekend party and that involves signing contracts. Bylaws also are a requirement of our membership in the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs.

In drafting our current Bylaws, our founding members borrowed from other clubs, principally Richmond. Now our club has its own experiences, and the proposed revision of the Bylaws is an effort to match our Bylaws to our own programs and needs.

The Bylaws can not be changed without your permission. On **November 4** and **November 11**, several copies of the proposed new Bylaws will be in notebooks on the information table at LuLu's. The proposed Bylaws also will be available on the club's website at www.sbolnet.com/shag.

ADVANCED LESSONS NOW OFFERED

Say Yeaaaay, there's something New! at Lulu's on **Wednesday nights, FREE FOR MEMBERS ONLY**. In response to the requests from our veterans for more variety in the Wednesday lessons, the Dance Committee is trying to build an **Advanced Class** into our regular Wednesday night program. Rick Hendrix will continue his very well received Styling and Techniques class the first week of each 4-week session. Other instructors will teach a variety of advanced steps on the remaining Wednesdays.

In order to free up instructors and floor space for the **Advanced class**, we'll be combining the "Intro" class for brand new walk-ins with our regular **Beginner class**. This may challenge our instructors, but we're willing to try it, in response to the requests from members of our club. Members are encouraged to complete the 8-week Intermediate classes at least once before moving on to the Advanced lessons.

The **Sunday sessions** at Lulu's will continue each week, with an **Advanced lesson** at 6:00. This is a time to practice and share steps, and also a time to work with junior shaggers, from 5-8 each Sunday.

Who's Running And Why??????????

Name: **VESTA JONES** Board Position I Am Seeking: **PRESIDENT**

My qualifications for this position are essentially that I've done it for the past year. My vision, which I hope will carry me through another year, is that the NVSC energy and momentum we currently have will continue to grow through club activities, dance workshops and lessons, increasing membership, and reaching out to other shag clubs to let them know that we are here to visit when they are in the area, to let them know who we are when we visit their clubs, and to increase the growing respect for our club and its members within the entire shag community.

Name: **JOAN MCKINNEY** Board Position I Am Seeking: **VICE PRESIDENT**

I've been on the Board previously and I've worked with the Dance and Social Committees and have helped with the Classic. I would enjoy being on the Board to help expand the Shag in this area and to help preserve a dance that has been a happy part of my life for - 40 years!!? (I started as a baby?)

Name: **KATHRYN QUATTRONE** Board Position I Am Seeking: **SECRETARY**

Personal Qualifications

Willing to do the job; served two years as secretary for General Council of Methodist church; 10 years experience production manager (word processing center) government agency.

NVSC Experience

1998 Communications Committee; 1998 Capital Shag Classic (Hospitality and Decorating Committees); 1998 Dance Committee (Instructor).

I would like to give back where I can to the Northern Virginia Shag Club what it has given to me: a true appreciation for the dance of Shag; plenty of opportunities to expand my dance steps; a new appreciation of Myrtle Beach; and all of the great friendships I have acquired as a member.

Name: **DENNIS GEHLEY** Board Position I Am Seeking: **TREASURER**

I volunteered in 1997 to run for Treasurer because I thought I could benefit the club by contributing my financial record keeping skills. During my tenure as Treasurer from January 1998 to the present, I have worked hard to make sure that all club receipts are deposited promptly and that detailed records are kept for all expenditures in accordance with NVSC bylaws. I have devoted a substantial amount of personal time to prepare the club's application to the Internal Revenue Service for non-profit status, and I have developed a thorough understanding of the club's financial history from its beginning in 1994. I would be pleased to serve another year as Treasurer and contribute my talents to the continued financial well being of the NVSC. Also, I look pretty good in both jukeboxes and bathing suits.

Name: **BETTY ABSHIRE** Board Position I Am Seeking: **DIRECTOR- AT-LARGE**

I have served as a Board member for the last two years. During that time I have only missed one meeting. I have been chairperson for the Social and Hospitality Committee. The main responsibility of this committee is to coordinate social functions for the Club throughout the year, with the exception of the Classic. The position requires the contracting for the site locations and being responsible for the food and beverage for the guests. In the last two years the quality of the social functions has greatly increased and we have gotten to a position that we financially are supporting the function.

I enjoy the job and would willingly accept the position for another year.

Name: **ROY CAMP** Board Position I Am Seeking: **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE**

I am interested in working in any capacity that will help our club. My aualifications are unclear other then I have a desire to serve.

Name: **JANIS GRIMES** Board Position I Am Seeking: **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE**

I have served as a Director-at-Large since the NVSC was formed, and have worked faithfully to promote the club, beach music and shag, the dance that brings us together.

As editor of our club newsletter, SHAG RAG, from the first edition through July of this year, I took special care to protect our club's positive reputation as a friendly club with a spirit of graciousness and class.

Chairman of the Dance Committee, 1997 and 1998. We have seen an amazing increase in membership through our free lesson program, and impressive growth in the level of our shag dancing in general.

If elected, I would like to continue to contribute significant energy toward serving the Northern Virginia Shag Club.

Name: **RICK HENDRIX** Board Position I Am Seeking: **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE**

Been there. Done it many times. I know how.

Name: **CRAIG JENNINGS** Board Position I Am Seeking: **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE**

I am running for this position because I would like to help the NVSC continue growing and becoming one of the best shag clubs in the ACSC. I feel qualified for this position because I've been a member of the Board in 1997 and 1998. I am also the regular club DJ for the NVSC. I am active in the Shag community as a member of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's and the Competitive Shaggers Association (CSA).

Name: **HEATHER JENNINGS** Board Position I Am Seeking: **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE**

I'm interested in serving on the Board because I would like to give something back to the club. I've been a member of the Shag club for three years and enjoyed every minute, but I hope by being on the Board I can make an honest contribution to the success of the club.

For qualifications, I've been on the Dance Committee for a year and am a member of the Competitive Shag Association.

This year I was responsible for the Hospitality at the Capital Shag Classic and next year I will be coordinating the entire event.

Name: **H. K Lee** Board Position I Am Seeking: **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE**

Although not one of the original members, it's my understanding that I am listed on the charter membership roster when NVSC joined the national organization. Since the ole "Juke Box" days I've been to amost all regular and special events sponsored by the club. As long as I can continue on Gary Salpini's pick-up the floor committee, at our annual clasic, I'll do whatever I can. Let's Shag.

Name: **GREGORY OWENS** Board Position I Am Seeking **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE**

I have been a member for 2 years. I would love to have an opportunity to share my ideas with the Northern Virginia Shag Club

Name: **CHARLIE PRICE** Board Position I Am Seeking: **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE**

I have been a member of the Club for five years and served as the Club's President in 1995 and 1996. Under my leadership we moved the Club to Blackie's in 1995, and in 1996 initiated the Capital Shag Classic and built our own dance floor. In 1997 I chaired the Second Annual Capital Shag Classic, and I have remained active as a Club shag instructor, DJ, and as the Club's lawyer.

I believe that my knowledge and familiarity with our Club and its history, together with my demonstrated interest and willingness to work, would be a valuable asset for the future management of our Club.

Shagger Profile---

Name: Michael Edmonston

nickname: Mike

Occupation: Estimator/Project Manager

Birthday: September 20

Hometown: Rockville, MD

Marital Status: Married

Self-Portrait: EH!

Motto: Keep dancing, don't stop; the devil may catch up to you

Dream: Hit the Loto; Dance 7 nights a week

Inspiration: Watching superb dancing couples together no matter what style; shag, swing, hand dancers

Favorite Dance Tune: I Don't Do Duets

Bad Habit: Driving to fast

Hobby: Hand dancing, cooking

Luxury Defined: Gourmet meal followed by 3-4 hours of dancing

Smoking or Wine: "43"

TV Program: Anything on ESPN

Books at bedside: Cook books

Last Words: I Love You



**Engagement
Congratulations
to
Sandra Feroney
and
Ron Maierhofer**

Thanks to Sharon Salpini

Sharon Salpini was elected by the board (in accordance with the club's bylaws) and agreed to sit on the board for the rest of this year to fill the vacancy left by Dave Shipp's resignation. We will miss Dave, but welcome the opportunity to have Sharon's presence.

THANK YOU, Sharon!

Happy, Happy Birthday

November *Birthday Babies*

- 1 Carol Garfinkel
- 3 Walt Warme
- 5 Bill Hopkins
- 5 Dorothy Purvis
- 7 Mona Juliano
- 8 Valerie Swiger
- 10 Roy Camp
- 10 Janet Lahr
- 10 Domenic Valarioti
- 11 Craig Hutchinson
- 12 Carl Montoya
- 13 Jerry Barker
- 15 Peter Jones
- 16 Dennis Gehley
- 17 Lou Yarbrough
- 18 Andrew Gross
- 20 Carol McAlee
- 21 Eddy Farmer
- 22 Martha Walker
- 23 Jim Peterson
- 24 Harvey Niblack
- 25 Annie Foster
- 25 Jim Harley
- 27 Sharon Marsh
- 28 Betty Harrington
- 29 Diane Stickler
- 29 Cliff Phillips
- 30 Robert Cahill
- 30 Warren Warrick

Congratulations to **H. K. Lee** on the birth of his first grandchild, **Stella Lee**.

What Northern Virginia Shag Club member will marry a DC Hand Dancer on November 13???????????????

Events Calendar

December 11, 1998 — Hand Dance Christmas Party

December 12, 1998 — Northern Virginia Shag Club Christmas Party

OTHER LOCAL REGULARLY SCHEDULED DANCING

Every Sunday: Advanced Shag Lessons, Blackies, 5-8 PM, **Starting October 4**

Third Sunday of every month: Oldies Music Legends, Manassas, VA 2:00 - 5:00 Beach & Shag Music (no social in September)

Fourth Sunday of each month: MD DC VA Hand Dance will host a dance, Decoy Lounge at the Colony South Hotel, RT.. 5, Clinton, MD:

Hand Dance Lessons 3-4PM, dancing 4-8PM

Sundays: Vienna Tap & Grill, 146 E. Maple, Ave..., Vienna, VA \$10 WCS Lessons, 6:00 - 8:00 then dance & drinks till 11:00, or \$8.00 incl...
dance & drinks 8:00 - 11

Tuesdays: Best in Beach Music w/Denny and Eddy, Coconuts, Crofton, MD; info 301-261-3366

Wednesdays: FREE SHAG LESSONS 7:30, Northern Virginia Shag Club, Lulu's Blackie's, Springfield, VA; info 703-971-4200

Thursdays: Galaxy, Hillwood Ave..., Falls Church, VA, 8:00 - 11:00, Kenny Roesel; \$5.00 cover.

Fridays: Oldies Music Legends, Manassas, VA 6:00 - 10:00 Beach & Shag Music

Saturdays: Bethesda Swing Dance, 4916 St. Elmo Ave., Bethesda, MD Cost \$7 Dance from 9:30 to Midnight

Out of Town Shag Events

First Sunday - Shag at COUNTRY/SHAG WORLD, 2656 Lishelle PL, Virginia Beach, VA. Lessons 4-5 PM, food, dance 5-9 PM.

Sundays- Shag at Visions in Richmond, Holiday Inn at Koger Center, 7-10 PM

Tuesdays - Richmond Shag Club dances at RAZZLES Lounge, Best Western, 9848 Midlothian, Tnpk, 804-330-0007.

Wednesdays - Shag at COUNTRY/SHAG WORLD, 2656 Lishelle Place, Virginia Beach, VA, lessons 7-8 PM, dance 8-12PM.

November 6-8, Fall Cyclone, Twister's Shag Club, Mooresville, NC at Lake Norman, see flyer or call 704-892-9044 or e-mail mikesmail@mindspring.com

November 9-13, 4th Annual Beach Music Cruise, call Stuart Buchanan, 800-852-7773

November 11-15, Cincinnati Bob Coub, Move Across the River, call Paul Hennessey, 513-489-4983

November 13-15, 1998 Cammy Awards Weekend, check www.cammy.org

November 13-15, 17th Annual Invitational Shag and Golf Weekend, Columbia Shag Club, Columbia SC, call Jan Ashford 803-798-2591 or 803-734-1175

November 25-29, Gobbler Beach Classic, Atlantic Beach, NC call 252-240-7424

December 4-6, Shag Atlanta Christmas Party, call Moe Patterson, 404-288-1191

January 1-3, 1999, Hilton Head Island, SC Island Winter ClassicIV, call Marty or Pat Hughes, 843-681-2832

January 14-17, 1999-Mid Winter Beach Classic, N. Myrtle Beach, SC

For more events call 1-800-SHAGGER or the Southern Shagger website or Shagdance.com or check out the Northern Virginia Shag Club website www.sbolnet.com/shag

Got the I-66 Blues

Getting to Legends on I-66 getting you down?

Avoid the mess, try Braddock Road off the Beltway. It usually moves fairly well and should only take you about 30 minutes from the Beltway. It also eliminates going through Centreville and those awful intersections.

Take Braddock Road (exit 5) west for 12 1/2 miles to Rt. 28 South.
Make a left on 28 and continue to Legends. It works for us.

See you at Legends.

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A few "Corny" NVSC members...

by Heather Jennings

On **October 24**, Craig and I traveled to Richmond to attend the **Richmond Shag Club's** annual "**Acorn Ball**" party. Once there we also met up with club members Vesta Jones, Janis Grimes, Vaughn Royal, and Pamela Alfano. The "ball", held at the Tomahawk Ruritan club, was just a casual gathering (despite the name!) of shaggers dancing to the music of Norris Cross and Larry Jones. The Ruritan club was nicely decorated with a Halloween/autumn theme, but got pretty crowded by the time all 113 people arrived! Around 6:00, dinner began and we were treated to some of the best barbecue and fried chicken I've had in awhile. We also were served baked beans, coleslaw, and rolls! Yum! After dinner we talked with friends from the Richmond Shag club and then shagged the night away until after 11:00 pm! All in all a very enjoyable evening!! I encourage everyone from NVSC to attend the party next year or to visit the Richmond Shag Club whenever you're in the area.

Veteran Shaggers don't forget to dance with our beginners. Those "**red - dots**" are their way of telling you they are **new** to our dance and want to learn.

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.

SOS MEMBERSHIPS ARE ON SALE NOW!!!

Buy your **1999 SOS** membership through the club and save money. SOS membership when bought "on the street" is \$35.00. We are now accepting applications (accompanied by \$30.00 check made out to NVSC) for 1999 SOS badges. Buy early and be ready

As we fast approach the season of parties, keep your eyes open. Our **Capital Shag Classic** committee, headed by **Heather Jennings** is already working on plans for next year's party and they need your help.

Do you work for a hotel? Do you have a friend who works at a hotel? Have you attended a party, where the ballroom appears to be large enough to host our party? If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, contact **Heather**.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

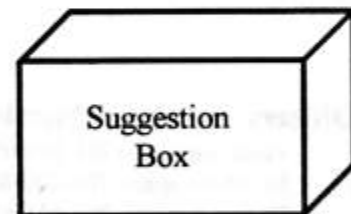
Thank You VESTA

Because Vesta talked a group of us into volunteering, our club won **\$150.00**. How you ask? We ran the SOS company store for 2 hours. And in those 2 hours, sold more SOS merchandise than any other club had sold in the same amount of time.

Did we do good or what????

Vesta's helpers included: *Jean Jennings, Keith Teele, Heather Jennings, Valerie Swiger.*

Thanks Vesta



Did you know we have a suggestion box? It's black, about the size of a shoe box and sits on the information table every Wednesday night.

