



Shag Rag

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Keep on Shagging'

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OH YEAH!!! HERE WE GO AGAIN! by Vesta Jones

Northern Virginia Shag Club sweeps Spring SOS events... our "Marching Troop" in the Parade won first place (AGAIN)... Beverly Jones and Earl Robinson won first place in the Smoothies Contest... we don't know yet where we placed in sales in the SOS Company Store, but at the very least we had a great time, supported the SOS and met neat new people...

Our NVSC people are once again wowing (is that a word?) me... Joan McKinney's idea for the parade (NVSC Salutes the OD Clubs) was truly a winner... Val Swiger's ability to pull it all together and actually bring it to fruition just confirmed her incredible management abilities... the pirates, Bob Lutz and Jim Harley, were so colorful that they attracted a television crew... and Andrea Crews duck costumes for Roy and Bonnie to represent "Ducks" was ingenious, clever and funny as hell... I can hardly wait for Kenwood Country Club and the Fairfax County Police to see Roy and Bonnie in orange tights, yellow webbed feet and duck bills (not to mention white duck bodies with feathers, wings and... duck-butts)...

And then... all those "SOS Moments" ... a great DJ and wonderful shag music by the Tilghman pool with the ocean beside us, the temperature was warm but not hot, the sky clear and blue... and some wonderful human being from Little River NC passing a crab-pot filled to the brim with huge strawberries that had soaked all night in Cointreau and Vodka... new friends from Charlotte and Virginia Beach...

And the DANCING! Shaggers from Charlotte, Atlanta, Rock Hill, Birmingham, Columbia, Albemarle, Raleigh ... oh my god... all different all the same all wonderful... and the dee jays... our guys, Craig and Larry (the "Shooter Dudes") with their great tunes at the Grill and their wonderfully expressive, tasteful shirts... and Hollis Britt teaching us new steps and Sherry Winters' friend John teaching us the "scissors"... (I call it the Johnny-scissors-foot)...

Enjoying fellowship and fun with Val at her traditional Friday-4:00-6:00 party at her condo... and the Dave and Ruth Rapson post-parade celebration... comparing belly-roll notes with girlfriends... practicing new steps in the condo in hot rollers and oversized tee shirts... pivoting with one of your very favorite partners... I gotta stop... gotta go rub my feet and drink some iced tea... and put on a shag CD... and think about all my NVSC friends and all the others... and count my blessings... how 'bout you?

4th Annual Capital Shag Classic

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July 23, 24 and 25.

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AND FUN.

If you are planning on staying at
the hotel, make your reservation,
NOW.

Our Pavers are Down

Next time your in North Myrtle Beach, check out the pavers in front of Fat Harold's. The Northern Virginia Shag Club's paver is there, surrounded by the individual pavers purchased by our club members. They look great!

Intermediate Dance Steps for May

May 5	Front Prep, Lean, Double-Kick Basic
May 12	Duck Walk, Stutter Basic
May 19	Back Prep, Sugarfoot
May 26	Pivot, Crossover Basic

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 703-318-7246 or email PatParrott@aol.com.

New web site address for the

Northern Virginia Shag Club

www.NVShag.org

RESERVE Saturday night JUNE 12 for SHAGGING

by Joan McKinney

We've got two great options.

The RICHMOND SHAG CLUB has it's annual party that weekend. Our friends in Richmond sponsored the NVSC for membership in the ACSC and have sent many of their talented shaggers to help us polish our style.

If you're not in Richmond, plan to help the Dance Committee **SHOWCASE THE SHAG** at the FAIRFAX COUNTY FAIR. We'll have a stage at the food court at prime time -- 7:30 PM -- and we need a good turnout of dancers to help show off our dance and our club.

WANTED: Lots of volunteers! by Heather Jennings

Well, it's almost that time of year again!! The 4th Annual Capital Shag Classic, July 23-25, is just around the corner and planning has already begun!

Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of Hospitality, both the check-in table and the Hospitality room on Friday and Saturday nights.

Also, for those who may not know, the Northern Virginia Shag Club owns its own dance floor which is used during the Classic. This floor must be put down on Thursday night (July 22) in preparation for the weekend event and then taken apart and loaded back up for storage on Sunday. (July 25) We are in need of volunteers (big, strong ones are good, but all help is accepted!!) to help with the floor assembly/disassembly.

If you're interested in helping with Hospitality please contact David Rodgers at 703-239-8978. If you'd like to help with the dance floor, please contact Gary Salpini at 703-425-2848. Thanks again and see you shaggin'!

Shagger Profile---

Name: Judith Lynch

Nickname: Judy

Occupation: Convenient store owner

Birthday: April 12

Hometown: Trenton, NU

Marital Status: Divorced

Self Portrait: Sensitive, loving, critical of self, forgiving, good sense of humor, compassion for animals and vegetarian

Motto: Do Unto Others

Dream: To be with Jesus one day

Inspiration: Anyone that can love unconditionally, hard to do!

Favorite Dance Tune: Club Savoy

Bad Habit: Candy

Hobby: Dancing, weight training

Luxury Defined: Massage and to sleep all day once a year

TV Program: CNN

Books at Bedside: Bible

Last Words: I hope my old body can still dance for the next 10 or 20 years.

Happy, Happy Birthday

May Birthday Babies

- 1 Gregory Owens
- 1 Raili Tate
- 2 Robert Beard
- 3 Bill Fullerton
- 3 Lynne Sullivan
- 5 Rick Mesmer
- 5 Ray Wagaman
- 6 Barry Fine
- 6 Bill Williford
- 8 Louise Brown
- 9 Jeff Kincheloe
- 11 Judy Burke
- 15 Dave Bailey
- 15 Joe McLaughlin
- 15 Byron Snyder
- 16 Adrian Vandang
- 18 Mary Davis
- 18 Donna Harrington
- 19 Dennis Heath
- 19 Bob Lutz
- 20 Jeane Batchellor
- 20 Joan McKinney
- 23 Celie Griffith
- 24 Caryn Southworth
- 25 Lori Cousins
- 26 Betty Elliott
- 26 Rebecca Watson
- 27 Jean Jennings
- 27 Nancy Polisky
- 28 David Blanco

NEW MEMBERS IN April

Patricia Canestra, Sara Dottellis, Marianne Graves, Buddy Hicks, Virginia Irby, Carol Jennings, Judy Lynch, Bill Williford, Rosanne Woodroof

Vesta Jones has several pair of the traditional shag shoes (flats with strap) 7 1/2 med. black, gold, silver... I will give them to anyone who would like to have them. They have many happy shaggin' miles on them. 301-765-0995 or email me (vjones@olg.com)

Congratulations to **Valerie Henson** and **Mike Coleman** on their engagement.

Congratulations to **Sandra Ferony** on the birth of her grandson **Nicholas Ferony**.

DJ's for the coming weeks:

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| May 5 | Dennis & Nancy Gehley |
| May 12 | Craig Jennings |
| May 19 | Charlie Price |
| May 26 | Craig Jennings |
| June 2 | Dennis & Nancy Gehley |

Do you have a favorite song? Ask your DJ to play it. If you hear a song you really like and may want to request it, sometime in the future, go up to the DJ booth and ask the song title. Our DJ's are always interested in hearing from you and will do their best to play the songs you request.

I've been gathering a lot of nice, but undue, credit for our **First Place** finish in the SOS parade... True, I had an idea that dressing up as the names of the Ocean Drive clubs might be a winner,... but then had zero time to contribute. So, *Valerie Swiger* and *Andrea Crews* took over and made the concept come to life: *Valerie* with her customary organizing skills. And *Andrea Crews* with an inventive, creative design for the **Ducks** (*Roy Camp* and *Bonnie Mahoney*, accompanied by little ducks -- that is, the **Duck's Too** -- (*Amy Hardison*, *Vesta Jones* and *myself*). Plus, Val figured out how to build the walking Pinball Machine (*Gerry Scott* inside, saluting the **The Pavilion**) and also contributed the spectacular idea for a giant Walking Hamburger (*Larry Camp*, accompanied by Chef *Mary Camp*) to salute the **Boulevard Grill**. *Pamela Alfano* did the Pinball Machine art work. The old walking Jukebox (a *Pauline Easby-Smith* creation) was recycled, and *Craig Jennings* got stuck inside to it to salute **The OD Arcade**. *Pauline* stuck herself inside a big foam walking **Barrel** .. and appeared to be wearing nothing else BUT the barrel. That was a crowd pleasure.. *Bob Lutz* was "Shaking a Tail Feather" the entire parade... Actually, it was the parrot with the red tail, perched on Bob's shoulder. Bob and the darkly dashing *Jim Harley* (he gave himself a Swarthy Bearded Look) were our pirates, saluting **The Spanish Galleon** and **Pirate's Cove**. It's quite amazing what happens to some people when they put on a costume. An entirely new persona emerges. *Dennis Heath* (our rather quite member from Florida) became a booming voiced, jovial **Fat Harold**, inviting every woman on the parade route to "my place" for "drinks on the house." Not to mention the quacking, wing-flapping Duck *Bonnie*, who duck-bill kissed several police officers... most of whom seemed to like it. (We are planning to inform the North Myrtle Beach Police Department of the amorous duck's true identity. *Bonnie's* an officer with the Fairfax County Police.) *Audrey Borja* choreographed the front-line sign carriers (*Roseanne Woodroff*, *Shirley Jones* and *Don Borja*), so that they actually marched in step some of the time. *Gregory Owens*, *Cynthia Trueheart* and *Gaye Proctor* were another sign cluster, reminding people that this was the Northern Virginia Shag Club. We had other sign carriers ... (*David and Jerry Rodgers*, *Heather Jennings*, *Liz Kestler*, *Simon Shupak*, *Lou Toler*, *Sandra Feroni*, *Ron Maierhofer*, *Rita Perrotti*... to identify the clubs and characters in the parade. **Two sweet moments**: a little girl ran out into the street to hug the ducks, and another little girl wanted one of our rubber duckbill noses. She went off flapping her arms and saying "quack-quack".

ACSC Meeting April 24, 1999

Spring SOS year 2000 date change. New dates **April 7 through the 16th**. Mark your calendars.

Bring in the Millennium---Only **3000** tickets will be sold to the Millennium party in North Myrtle Beach. Tickets are **\$75.00** per person, **BUT** if purchased through the Northern Virginia Shag Club, price is **\$70.00**.

Reverse Raffle for Fall SOS--- Grand Prize **\$10,000** ---- Tickets will go on sale in May for **\$20.00** each. Buy one by yourself or join with friends.

Capital Shag Classic by David Rodgers

ADS in the Capital Shag Classic Program

If you would like to place an ad in the program that will be given to all attendees of the Classic, contact *David Rodgers* at 703-239-8978. Prices for the ad space are: **\$30.00** for a full page, **\$20.00** for a half page and **\$10.00** for a quarter page.

Door Prizes for the Capital Shag Classic

We need door prize donations to give out at the Capital Shag Classic. To donate a door prize contact *David Rodgers* at 703-239-8978 or bring your donation to Nick's any Wednesday night. Past donations have included bottles of wine, shag videos, beach music CD's, shag dance T-shirts, etc. Please support your club by making a door prize donation.

Thanks for your support of the Northern Virginia Shag Club.



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THE CLASSIC IS COMING

July 23, 24 and 25 are the dates for this years **Capital Shag Classic**, the weekend party sponsored by the Northern Virginia Shag Club. Buy your tickets before June 22 and save \$5.00. Weekend ticket price is **\$55.00 NOW**. \$60.00 after June 22. Great new location. Food, dancing, workshops, vendors. A fun filled weekend event. Mark your calendars. An event you don't want to miss.

OTHER LOCAL REGULARLY SCHEDULED DANCING

Third Sunday of every month: **May 16, 1999**—Sunday Social at Nick's, Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 2-5

General Membership meeting at Nick's May 16

Advanced Shag lessons 5-7, immediately following the Sunday Social

- Sundays:** MD DC VA Hand Dance will host a dance, 94th Aero Squadron, 4 to 8, website www.erols.com/danceclub
Sundays: Vienna Tap & Grill, 146 E. Maple, Ave., Vienna, VA \$10 WCS Lessons, 6:00 - 8:00 then dance till 11:00, or \$8.00 includes dance & drinks 8:00 - 11
Tuesdays: Best in Beach Music w/Denny and Eddy, Coconuts, Crofton, MD; information 301-261-3366
Wednesdays: FREE SHAG LESSONS 7:30, Northern Virginia Shag Club, Nick's, Alexandria, VA 703-751-8900
Thursdays: Galaxy, Hillwood Ave., Falls Church, VA, 8:00 - 11:00, Kenny Roesel; \$5.00 cover.
Thursdays: Beach Music Night at Nick's, S. Pickett, Alex., VA 7:30- 11:00, DJ Charlie Price, \$3.00 door (info 703-751-8900)
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 9:00 to Midnight

Out of Town Shag Events

- First Sunday:** Shag at Stepping Out in 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 Stepping Out in Virginia Beach, VA, lessons 7-8 PM, dance 8-12PM

May 8, 1999—HUBCAPS AT KENWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, \$35.00 PER PERSON, CALL 301-320-3000

May 8, 1999—MD DC VA Hand Dance Club, dance at Riverdale Elks, 8:30

May 14-15, 1999- Beach Music Festival in Panama City, FL call 850-763-0786 or email pappasj@interoz.com

May 15, 1999—Bopper's Shag Club, 2nd annual memorial golf tournament, Pineville, NC call Jannette 704-895-0264

May 21-23, 1999--Beach Music Weekend, Virginia Beach, VA call 757-491-SUNN

May 22, 1999-----Marion County Shag club, golf, workshop and dance, e-mail white@flosc.net or call 843-423-5672

May 27-30, 1999 Grand Nationals in Atlanta, GA, presented by Jackie McGee and Charlie Womble, call 770-512-7848

July 23-25, 1999---4th Annual Capital Shag Classic, presented by the Northern Virginia Shag Club

For more events call 1-800-SHAGGER or the Southern Shagger web site or Shagdance.com or check out the Northern Virginia Shag Club

web site www.nvshag.org