



# Shag Rag

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

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Keep on Shagging'

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## August President's Letter *by Vesta Jones*

What can I say? For once I am almost speechless (write this date down -doesn't happen often). This year's Classic has really put us on the map... Heather Jennings did a phenomenal job coordinating the entire event... what an accomplishment. The hotel was SUCH an improvement... The dance floor (primarily fathered and sheltered by Gary Salpini and Dave Rapson over the years with a crew of floor-helper- persons (ask Don Borja about the F'n shirts for the crew) got rave reviews from dancers from many states and many steps... it is truly a terrific dance floor... the decorations were spectacular, thank you Joan McKinney for your vision and all your helpers... and the spectacular centerpiece designed - created - produced - by Don Borja was a real sight spotlighted in front of the beveled mirrors.

Jerry and David Rogers managed the entire hospitality responsibility so smoothly and - well- hospitably. The Camps and Crew's provided a splendid free pour in the hospitality suite. And Val... just look behind any scene and you will find Val... supporting, making lists, handling reservations, making decorations, whatever... renaissance-Val we should call her.

And the guests... many guests told me how friendly our club is and how much they appreciated our members coming by and chatting and most of all DANCING with them. I even got a remark that even our doorprizes were classy.

We were lucky to have 2 shag hall of famers with us (is Betty Kane amazing or what?) and 2 DJ hall of famers with us, the president of SOS (Dr. Phil Sawyer) and his wife Chick, and 2 other SOS board members and their wives (Chuck and Shirley Ward and Hector and Carolyn Pfifer.) It was so good to have fabulous Jill and Ed from Florida with us, too. The dance demos were popular as usual, and once again we expanded our members' experience by having a wide variety of DJ's... and on top of it all... the food was excellent.

Hmmmm... it's good just to sit back and enjoy the warm feelings from a Classic weekend well done... thank you all for your help and your participation in putting on a fabulous last Classic of this century!

What a way to go out!

**NEXT EVENT----AUGUST 14, 1999---NO FRILLS DANCE**

**Location:** Springfield, VFW-----They have promised air conditioning.

**Time:** 7:30 to 11:30 **DJ's:** Dennis and Nancy and Craig

**Cost:** \$5 for members, \$10 for non members

## A "Classic" Success! *by Heather Jennings*

Whew, what a weekend! My feet are tired and my mind is cloudy (sleep wasn't a priority), but I've never been happier! This past weekend the NVSC hosted our 4th annual "weekend" party at the Holiday Inn in Old Town Alexandria. I have to say that it was an unqualified success!

**Thursday** evening we started off with a little "floor get together" party.... the floor crew - Gary Salpini, Dave Rapson, Jake Willingham, Don Borja, Bonnie Mahoney, and many other club members arrived at the Holiday Inn to put the dance floor in place. Joan McKinney and several helpers also proceeded to decorate both the ballroom and the hospitality suite with a variety of decorations. It looked fabulous!

**Friday** the real festivities began...dancing, then the hospitality suite (free sandwiches and free liquor) weren't those bartenders great... Jerry and Andrea Crews and Larry and Mary Camp, then MORE dancing - over 260 people danced their feet off to the wonderful music of Joanne Johnson, Brad Kinard and Larry Edwards.

**Saturday** the fun continued with breakfast in the morning, a fantastic line dance lesson by our very own Nancy & Dennis Gehley and then 3 outstanding shag lessons from our guest instructors, Jennifer Beaver & Brad Kinard. The lessons were followed by more dancing (music by Larry Jones!), another trip to the hospitality suite, and then a lovely buffet dinner. After dinner almost 300 people danced and partied to the music of our own Craig Jennings followed by Hall of Fame DJ, Larry Edwards. Saturday night we were also treated to some fantastic dance demos (lined up by our own Janis Grimes).

**Sunday** morning we were back up bright and early to hear the "Shooter Dudes" play us some Gospel Shag and then to have Mr. Charlie Price bring us on home. Unfortunately, the weekend had to end, the floor had to be removed and I had to get some sleep, but if you didn't make it to this year's Classic you missed an awesome party! **Thanks to everyone who helped make this party a "Classic!"**

## Trivia from THE FLOORMEISTER *by Gary Salpini*

What weighs 6000 lbs., comes in a pile, and is the center of attraction?

### **Your club dance floor!**

Another excellent classic! Best yet!

Once again, your hardworking, all volunteer, floor crew came through with another superb floor. New and Improved. Bigger. Smoother. Danceable to the Very Edge. A sincere thank you to all who helped. Our great floor is a trademark of our classic, and your dedication and effort make it possible.

Thanks to Don Borja for his colorful shirts (and creative genius). Thanks again to Dave Rapson for another year of safe and secure storage. Thanks to David Rodgers for his refinishing of the logo panels. Did Jerry Rodgers ever get out from working behind all of those tables?

To all of you who enjoyed the floor, the free pours, the munches, or the flawless organization - a personal thanks is always appreciated.

I just love those free pours. Who gives a damn about fire alarms anyway?

## Shagger Profile---

**Name:** Joe Cornish  
**Nickname:** Nish  
**Occupation:** Surgical Technician  
**Birthday:** August 27  
**Hometown:** Denver, Colorado  
**Martial Status:** Looking for number two  
**Self Portrait:** Never get stressed  
**Motto:** Smile and the world smiles back  
**Dream:** Unconditional happiness  
**Inspiration:** Be more like Jesus  
**Favorite Dance Tune:** Lie to Me (Jonny Lang)  
**Bad Habit:** Play too much golf  
**Luxury Defined:** Having your own pilot  
**Drink or wine:** Dark Beer  
**Books by bedside:** Bible, Daily Devotional  
**Last Words:** I hope I was a blessing to others.

### NEW MEMBERS IN July

Paul Able, Sharon Clatterbaugh, Michael Fortunato,  
 John Heimann, Lynn Herzog, Linda Stanbery, C.W.  
 Williams

### Intermediate Dance Steps for August

**Aug 4** Side Pass; Boogie Walk; Boogie Train  
**Aug 11** Hesitation Basic; Tuck from Pivot  
**Aug 18** Side to Side Basic; Pivot  
**Aug 25** Double Kick Basic; Front Prep; Lean

### DJ's for the coming weeks:

Aug 4 Dennis & Nancy Gehley  
 Aug 11 Craig Jennings  
 Aug 18 Larry Jones  
 Aug 25 Craig Jennings  
 Sept 1 Dennis & Nancy Gehley



Do you have a favorite song? Ask your DJ to play it. It's awfully difficult to hear over the music so you might want to write it down.

## Happy, Happy Birthday

### August Birthday Babies

1 Karen Geibel  
 2 Peter Soriano  
 3 Helga Flory  
 3 Steve Rose  
 4 Christine Hutchens  
 4 Robert Ward  
 5 Larry Camp  
 5 Cynthia DeRisis  
 7 Donna Montoya  
 11 Brenda White  
 12 Martha Shayda  
 14 Jack Hoover  
 14 Arden Reese  
 14 Chris White  
 17 Jean Piedmont  
 18 Mary Peterson  
 18 Bruce Skidmore  
 18 Melissa Smith  
 18 Gary Tidmore  
 23 David Rodgers  
 23 Bob Tonkin  
 25 Reny Atienza  
 26 Laura Fornash  
 27 Joe Cornish  
 27 Rob Creedon  
 28 Ron Maierhofer  
 29 Mona Sites  
 31 John Heimann



*Congratulations to Speedy Dunn on the birth of his first grandchild, a little girl.*

*And to Dave and Ruth Rapson on the birth of their grand daughter, Brooke.*

*Congratulations to Karen Garmon and Dave Harper on the recent engagement.*

*Condolences to Jake Willingham on the death of his son.*

*"The Internal Revenue Service notified NVSC on April 19, 1999, that we have been accepted as a non-profit social club exempted from paying Federal income taxes. Anyone interested in reviewing NVSC's application and supporting documents provided to IRS, the IRS exemption letter, or the club's annual Form 990 to the IRS, please contact the club Treasurer."*

## 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.

## Northern Virginia Shag Club Competes at Swing Fling

July 30th, is a day to remember. Six couples competed in the Strictly Shag-Rising Star division of Barry Durand's, Swing Fling. Congratulations go to Bob Lutz, Valerie Swiger, Steve Booth, Amy Hardison, Steven Mitchell, Gaye Proctor, David Rodgers, Vesta Jones, Ron Maiethofer, Sandra Ferony, Rob Creeden and Kathy Metcalf.

In the Shag Solo Division we had Bill Hopkins, Janis Grimes, Craig & Heather Jennings, Gregory Owens, Cynthia Trueheart, Ron Maierhofer, Sandra Ferony, David Rodgers and Vesta Jones.

### **A GREAT JOB WAS DONE BY ALL!!!!**

And in the Hand Dance - Pro/Advanced category Northern Virginia Shag Club members Greg Owens and Cynthia Trueheart performed a beautiful hand dance routine that brought the audience to their feet and won them 1st place.

## SHAG TAPES FOR LOAN

To help you practice your shag moves, we have the following tapes, that are on loan to members of Northern Virginia Shag Club:

**Charlie & Jackie:** Mirror Patterns/Male Lead, Tape 1  
Mirror Patterns, Tape 2  
Lead and Follow, Vol 1  
Basic Variations, Vol 1 (2)  
Basics Plus (2)  
More Basics Plus, Vol 1  
More Basics Plus, Vol 2  
Female Footwork

**Sam & Sarah West:** Carolina Shag for Beginners (2)  
Basic Polish - Techniques in Basic Patterns (2)

**Ellen Taylor:** Basic Technique

**Sy Creed & Dana Brown:** Learn to Shag

**Virginia Beach:** Mirror Steps

**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.

## JUDY DUKE IS COMING

Shag Hall of Fame member and National Living Legend, Judy Duke will be here **September 11th**, to teach Shag Workshops.

Mark your calendars

Private lessons can be set up by calling Janis at 703-536-7362 or email janigrimes@aol.com







