



# Shag Rag

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

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Keep on Shagging'

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Vesta Jones

WooHOO!!! I continue to marvel at the energy in this club. Some clubs are beating the bushes and begging folks to run for the board. This year we have a wonderfully full slate; there are slots for 4 officers and 5 members-at-large and we have choices...many choices!

As I see it, this is a sign that folks are seeing the results of our club's labors and they want to be involved and make a contribution, too. That is always the way to feel more a part of your organization: invest some of your own time and energy... be part of a wonderful, positive, high-energy organization and just enjoy the experience. As long as I have been involved, I have spoken repeatedly about the positive energy that drives this club. It's contagious. People feel it. So much has been accomplished and we have had so much fun.

Whether or not you run for the board, and whether or not you get elected if you do run, remember, we have MUCH to do. There are committees that need leadership and worker-bees. There are special events that need planning, decorations to be made, dance lessons to be taught, flyers to be copied and distributed, music to be played, costumes to be planned and made, folks to be greeted and danced with, cards to be sent, newsletters and websites to be published and maintained, money to be raised for charity and fun to be had...and...there is MUCH work to be done.

As I have said before, if we all do our own little part, no one will be overwhelmed (or maybe not any anyway.)

Welcome aboard! Let's work together, let's have some fun and let's SHAG!!!

# VOTE

## Your ballot is in this Shag Rag.

**Ballots must be received by November 17, just remove from Shag Rag, vote, fold, staple and stamp.**

**Or be at Nick's Wednesday November 17, and vote in person.**

**ALL mail in ballots must be signed.**



## DECEMBER 11

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

SPRINGFIELD VFW

TIME: 7 TO MIDNIGHT

COST: FREE FOR MEMBERS

\$5.00 FOR NON MEMBERS

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## **President Joan McKinney**

I would appreciate your vote for President of the NVSC. Beach music and shag have been part of my life since I was a little girl growing up in South Carolina. Dallas and I thought we'd lost the music and the dance, and we were so excited, and grateful, to find the NVSC several years ago. Since then, I have served on the Board and as Vice-president and have worked on the Social, Dance, Bylaws, Promotions and Capital Shag Classic committees. I hope this has helped me understand the many facets of the club and the many expectations of our varied membership.

## **Vice President Heather Jennings**

I have been a member of the shag club for four years and served as a Board member for the past year. During that time I chaired the Charity/Fundraising committee and in that position initiated the first NVSC Shag-a-thon to raise money for our charity, the Hospice of Northern Virginia. This year I also chaired the 4th annual Capital Shag Classic and continued as an active member of the Dance committee. If elected, I hope to continue to contribute to the club and will work diligently to promote the NVSC and the shag.

## **Vice President Dave Rapson**

As the first treasurer of the shag club, I became uniquely aware of the daily duties and operations needed to run the clubs business when the president and vice president withdrew in term. I have served on several committees and projects improving the clubs statue in the early years, helped rescue, and stored the dance floor. I know shag music and enjoy the dance, the people, and the traditions which; make up the experience known as the SHAG. I want to continue the growth and leadership in the club started by our previous officers.

## **Secretary Craig Jennings**

I have been a member of the shag club for four years and served as a Board member for the past three years. During that time I chaired the Music committee. The primary responsibility of this committee is to schedule DJ's for all NVSC events (parties and our weekly Wednesday night dances.). In addition, I have helped each year with the Capital Shag Classic, been a member of the Dance committee since 1997, and provided music as a club DJ since 1996. I enjoy serving on the Board and would like to continue to contribute to the club and to promote beach and shag music.

## **Treasurer Dennis Gehley**

I have worked hard during my tenure as NVSC Treasurer from January 1998 to the present to make sure that club receipts are deposited promptly and that detailed records are kept for all expenditures. I devoted substantial volunteer time in 1998 to prepare the club's application for non-profit status, which the IRS approved in 1999. I have developed a thorough understanding of the club's financial history and workings from its beginning in 1994. I enjoy working with current and former officers, Board members, and fellow club members to find ways to make NVSC even better. I would be pleased to serve another year as Treasurer and contribute my talents to the continued financial well being of NVSC.

## **Director- At- Large Betty Abshire**

I have served on the Board of Directors for the Northern Virginia Shag Club for the last three years. In addition to participating in having the Club run smoothly and acting as a liaison between club members and Board officers, Board members are required to chair a committee; I have chaired the social committee for the last two years. The job is comprised of seeking facilities to hold social functions and orchestrating food for the occasion. This has been a very rewarding job in finding how many members are willing to participate.

In addition to social functions (all but the Classic) the Social Chairman is responsible for seeing that new members feel welcomed. Neither of these functions are a "one person" job - there are many who are to willingly help. I would feel honored to be elected to serve for the year 2000 as a Board member of the Northern Virginia Shag Club.

## **Director-At-Large Pamela Alfano**

I am interested in running for director at large. I have been a member of the NVSC for over three years. During that time, I have made many good friends and enjoyed the camaraderie among the many members. I have seen the Club grow in size and respect within the shag community. I have been involved in many of the activities and endeavors of the Club. I have assisted the Decorating Committee on numerous occasions and was involved in the Shag-A-Thon. I am presently an active member of the Dance Committee.

The success of our Club depends on the the involvement of its members. I therefore welcome any opportunity to assist in the promotion of our dance and ensure the continued growth and success of the NVSC.

## **Director-At-Large H. K. Lee**

As one of the "Juke Box" charter members, I have been committed to our Carolina Shag dance as I have transitioned from a social-to-"dance"-focused motivation. With dependable predictability, I have served this past year as one of the Directors-At-Large, a member of the Dance Committee and the coveted position as the "Bearer of the Green Bag of Handouts." As a self-appointed candidate for the "Foremost Oriental Shagger In the World (!)," I will appreciate this opportunity to "return" a little to the source of my unequaled levels of my personal enjoyment and friendships!

## **Director-At-Large Sharon Shipp**

I respectfully offer my name as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Shag Club. I have been a club member for over five years and I have watched our club grow under the guidance of past members of the Board and the participation of club members. I have volunteered in many capacities over the past five years and I would now like to offer my assistance as a member of our Board. I have always maintained that our club is only as good as its members and I would hope to include our members in more of the decision making process. It is my goal to represent the ideas and hopes of the membership so that our club continues to move in a forward direction. We are all here to enjoy the Shag, the music, and great people. I hope to be a part of this wonderful community for a very long time.

## **Director-At-Large David Rodgers**

I served as a NVSC Shag Club Board Member in 1997 and 1998. In 1997 I was a Director-at-Large, and in 1998 was the Vice-President. I have served as one of the Club's dance instructors for the last three years and have been the coordinator for the dance instructors for the last two years. In 1999 I served as the co-chairman of the Hospitality Committee for the Capital Shag Classic. I would like to work on the Board again and continue to support our Club's activities.

## **Director-At-Large Vesta Jones**

For the past 2 years, I have served as President of this Shag Club, (and was secretary the year prior to becoming president) and have been honored to represent the club at Association meetings and through out the shag world. We have accomplished much but it is time to let go of the reins and allow new energy and new ideas to move our club forward. However, my love of the club, the dance, the shag-culture and the energy I feel here keeps me wanting to remain involved. In addition to managing the 2000 Shag-a-thon and the 2000 Capital Classic, I have been asked to run for one of the Board Members at Large positions. I have decided to do so and would appreciate your support.

## **Director-At-Large Gary Salpini**

I am one of the original 15 founding members of the club and served on the first board for a period of 18 months. I have been active in the club since it started. I have participated in the planning and implementation of all four of our Capital Classics. Now that business obligations allow me more free time, I am interested in rejoining the management of the club to continue the great success of our recent boards. Please support me in this endeavor.

## **Director-At-Large Dave Shipp**

I am asking to be considered for a position on the Board of Directors for the Northern Virginia Shag Club. I have been a member for five years and a past member of the Board. I am familiar with the procedures of the Board of Directors and the enormous responsibility that it carries. I am an avid lover of the Shag dance and beach music and I am impressed with the people I've met through the Club. I believe that I can be a positive contributor to the continued growth of the club and would appreciate an opportunity to do so.

**Now that you have read all of the candidates statements, please complete the ballot on the next page. This ballot can be mailed (before Nov 17) or you can bring it the night of November 17, to Nick's and place it in the ballot box. Remember mail in ballots must be signed. If you vote in person November 17, your name will be checked off our membership rooster. ONLY CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE.**

**Choose--a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and FIVE directors-at-large.**

# Ballot

## **Running For:            Circle your choices**

President:            Joan Mckinney

Vice President:    Heather Jennings    **OR**    Dave Rapson

Treasurer:            Dennis Gehley

Secretary:            Craig Jennings

## **Running For Director-At-Large: CHOOSE five (5) (circle your choices)**

Betty Abshire

Pamela Alfano

Vesta Jones

H. K. Lee

David Rodgers

Gary Salpini

Dave Shipp

Sharon Shipp

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*Signature*

## 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  
Male Lead Vol 1  
Workshop Notebook Vol 1 & 2

**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

## OUTER BANKS SHAG CLUB NEW

**YEAR'S CELEBRATION** by Sharon Salpini

There are a lot of **NOVA Shag Club** members going to this party and we would like to do something as a group on Saturday night, which has been designated by the Outer Banks Shag Club as "Red, White & Blue" night.

We're thinking of buying T-shirts with **American flags** on the back and the front of the shirts will have **NOVA Shag Club** and "2000". The shirts will probably cost \$15 - \$20. We need to know no later than **November 15**. If you are going and would like to participate, please contact **Sharon Salpini (703) 425-2848 (salpini@erols.com)** or **Andi Crews (703) 922-4178 (twocrews@gateway.net)**. We're also open to other ideas! Let us know!

***Congratulations to Sharon and Dave Shipp on the birth of their 1st grandchild—  
Kaylee Marie born October 8.***

## Club Faces Open Shag Classic

by Heather Jennings

Three couples recently traveled to Dunn, NC to represent the Northern Virginia Shag Club at the annual **Club Faces Open Shag Classic**. The Club Faces Open Shag Classic, held during the weekend of Oct. 8-9, is an amateur shag contest/club spirit event sponsored by Club Faces to encourage shag competition and club camaraderie. Two couples from the club, **Vesta Jones & David Rodgers** and **Don & Audrey Borja** danced in the competition. Heather & Craig Jennings also attended to cheer them on! The event started on Friday evening with Club Faces providing hors d'oeuvres and open dancing. Then the first round of the competition began. **Don & Audrey** were one of five couples to dance in the first round. Saturday afternoon Club Faces again rolled out the carpet and invited everyone to a **FREE** cookout and more open dancing. We ate, we danced, and after a brief nap, we returned to Club Faces for the second round of competition. **David & Vesta** represented NVSC in the second round. That night the awards were given out. While NVSC was not lucky enough to win a trophy this go around, we definitely plan to go back next year! In addition, the club with the most attendees also wins a **FREE** party sponsored by Club Faces so hopefully next year everyone will want to attend! Plan now on having some fun in Dunn next year!!

## Baby Contest!!!!!!

by Valerie Swiger

Do you have a picture of yourself, as a wee little person?

At our annual Christmas party, **December 11**, we would like to have a "**Baby Picture Contest**." Pictures of "**US**" as little ones will be displayed on poster boards, a number will be assigned to each picture and when you arrive at the party you will be given a "**guessing**" form and a pencil.

Your job is to guess "**the identity**" of each picture. A prize will be awarded to the person that identifies the most pictures correctly.

Please find a baby picture of yourself, print your name clearly on the back and give the picture to **Valerie Swiger**. (Wait until you see mine, no one will figure it out.) ALL pictures will be returned to their owners after the party. Start searching those old photo albums.

## Shagger Profile---

**Name:** Linda McAndrew  
**Occupation:** Retired  
**Birthday:** August 10  
**Hometown:** Washington, DC  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Self Portrait:** Determined, great problem solver, who enjoys helping others  
**Motto:** Learn something new each day  
**Dream:** To live in the Carolinas  
**Inspiration:** A teacher who helped build my confidence.  
**Favorite Dance Tune:** Only the Strong Survive  
**Bad Habit:** Doing too many things at the same time.  
**Hobby:** Investments, computers and cooking  
**Luxury defined:** Having the time and money for all your wants and needs:  
**Drink or wine:** Margaritas  
**TV Program:** Ally McBeal  
**Books at bedside:** Dow 36,000, The Millionaire Next and a couple of new mysteries  
**Last Words:** I did my best.

## NEW MEMBERS IN October Emily Curry and Roger Woodson

### Intermediate Dance Steps for November

Nov 3 Back Prep; Sugarfoot  
 Nov 10 Crossover Basic; Funky Applejack  
 Nov 17 Kick Basic; Half Turn; Bellyroll  
 Nov 24 Pivot



### DJ's for the coming weeks:

Nov 3 Dennis & Nancy Gehley  
 Nov 10 Craig Jennings  
 Nov 17 Charlie Price  
 Nov 24 Larry Jones  
 Dec 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 NOVEMBER babies

Carol Garfinkel	1
David Walker	1
Bill Hopkins	5
Dorothy Purvis	5
Eddie O'Reilly	5
Chuck McAndrew	5
Valerie Swiger	8
Roy Camp	10
Janet Lahr	10
Hutch Hutchinson	11
Robbi Mann	11
Carl Montoya	12
Jerry Rodgers	13
George Rementer	15
Peter Jones	15
Dennis Gehley	16
Lou Yarbrough	17
Tricia Stuart	19
Sheila Purkey	20
Eddy Farmer	21
Ellen Testa	21
Martha Walker	22
Jim Peterson	23
Harvey Niblack	24
Carol Dovel	24
Annie Foster	25
Jimmy Harley	25
Tom Jones	26
Sharon Marsh	27
Betty Harrington	28
Diane Stickler	29
Cliff Phillips	29
Linda Nicholson	29
Kevin Byrnes	30
Bonnie Niblack	30



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**Northern Virginia Shag Club**  
**P O Box 5522**  
**Mclean, VA 22103**

