



Shag Rag

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Keep on Shagging'

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The President's Message

by Joan Mckinney

The dance floor at Nick's may be less crowded the second Wednesday in April. Old timers will know where the other old timers have gone... It's SOS. We've gone to dance under Lee Huggins' grave.

Not on. Under.

Lee Huggins is "buried" above the dance floor at Ducks in Ocean Drive. He-- more accurately his ashes -- is in a little glass bottle on a toy train that hangs from the ceiling and travels above the dancers.... It was Huggins' wish never to leave Ducks, and so Ducks' co-owner, Norfleet Jones, has accommodated him. Norfleet says any shagger who wants to be with other shaggers for eternity can come aboard his train. Thus Norfleet's business card: "Ducks. Beer Joint and Perpetual Care Center."

The late *Dewey Kennedy* now has joined Lee Huggins on the train. Often I've looked up at the two and thought that this may be the ultimate in "Welcome Home."... which is what the sign says just inside the door at Ducks. For our new members, that's the best I can do to explain next week's SOS: for a little while, a lot of shaggers --- thousands of shaggers -- have gone home.

New to SOS? Tips: SOS badges are sold on Main St. Very first thing, get a copy of Carefree Times newspaper. Look closely for schedules, often in separate ads for the clubs. Shag workshops, shag contests, DJ lineups, free food, Gospel Hour, a free tram service... Midnight. 2 AM. 4 AM -- look around. Somebody will be going to a pancake house. You're welcome to a ride.

NVSC CALENDAR for SOS WEEK.

In Alexandria:

MONDAY, APRIL 10 at 8 PM, backroom at Nicks. "Showcase", a performance by Sandra Ferony, NVSC's very own. And very accomplished. Singing, dancing, food..

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, regular schedule of classes and general dancing

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 at 2 PM, backroom at Nicks. Sunday Social.

At the beach:

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 10:30 AM at Blvd. Grill. Hand dancers brunch with *Eddy and Denny*. All welcome.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1 to 3 PM. SOS Company Store on Main St., NVSC runs the store during these hours. Buy then!!! Competing for Top Sales prize.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, SOS PARADE DAY:

Noon Saturday -- pre-parade, drop by Ducks. DJ is

Larry Jones... **1 PM SATURDAY** -- NVSC

marchers **meet** at parade staging site, Kroegers Shopping Center, upper Main St. All welcome to march or cheer. Competing for prizes!...

2 PM. Parade starts down Main St... NVSC

POST-PARADE PARTY at Blvd Grill,

immediately after Parade. DJ is *Craig Jennings*.

YEAR 2000 Shag-a-thon by Vesta Jones

Well, we DID it!!! And in a big way. **Fifty-six folks** put their hearts and feet into this year's Shag-a-thon by collecting pledges, most dancing the afternoon away on **Feb. 12**. (My feet looked like cantaloupes that night after 50 dances in 5 hours!!!) We have most of the contributions in, and our total collected so far is...(hold on to your seats)...**\$15,401**. In one event, we surpassed our entire year of fund-raising in 1999. I think we're on a roll.

The first, second and third place winners for dollar amount raised are as follows:

Jeff Kincheloe (this man is a fund raising machine... raised \$2785 by himself!), **Vesta Jones and Pamela Alfano**. The couple that combined efforts and raised the most that way was **Dallas Campbell and Joan McKinney** (you know how the NASCARs have sponsors' names plastered all over them...well did you see Dallas at the Shag-a-thon?)

The first, second and third place winners for numbers of pledges collected are as follows:

Jeff Kincheloe, Pamela Alfano, and Betty Abshire. The couple with the largest number of pledges was **Dallas Campbell and Joan McKinney**. **David and Jerry Rodgers** were not far behind in their numbers.

Thank you ALL for collecting pledges, for dancing. A special thanks to our table workers, photographer, cooks, list-keepers and money-takers, deejays and a huge extra special thanks to the juniors who came up from Virginia Beach (and Richmond) to dance and help with the success of the Shag-a-thon (all the juniors' participation was arranged and orchestrated by Fran Harris.) I thank you. NVSC thanks you. Hospice thanks you - on their behalf and that of their care-receivers. Thank you. **\$15,000 YYYESSSSS!!!!**

SOS-ers!!!

Most of us want to get the SOS tee-shirt for each SOS we attend. There are also great polo shirts, long sleeve denim shirts, sunglass cases, cozies, eye-glass straps, baseball caps, sleeveless shirts...all with the SOS logo.... **PLEASE** plan to shop at the **SOS Company** store on **Friday the 14th between 1:00 and 3:00**.

NVSC club members will be working the store at that time and our club gets paid real money if our club has the highest amount of dollar sales for that day (and even more if we're tops for the entire SOS). That is one of the ways that we have increased our bank account balance in the past couple of years.

Come one, come all..if you have to leave early, leave your shopping list with a friend who is staying! **Just remember...shop at the SOS Company Store on Friday, April 14, 1:00 - 3:00. See you there!!!**

Golf Tournament and Fund Raiser

This year, we will have a Golf tournament as part of our Classic weekend. **Joe Cornish and Laura Lightbourne** have the details. In addition to being a really nice addition to an already wonderful weekend, it also offers the opportunity to raise some money. We plan to share the profits: some for NVSC, some for Hospice.

One of the primary ways to raise the money is to have your company become a sponsor...It's only **\$125** to sponsor a hole, with more significant sponsorships available with increasing levels of visibility.

Help out! Get your organization or company involved. Get your golfers signed up to play that day (they do NOT have to be attending the Classic to play in the tournament.) There will be sponsorship forms on the club table on Wednesdays, as well tournament sign-up sheets, or call **Joe (703-449-8449)** or **Laura (703-214-4994)** to have them send you one.

WON'T YOU LET ME TAKE YOU ON A "SHAG CRUISE" by Robbi Mann

IF you like to dance and party until the wee hours...
IF you like to eat five or six meals a day...
IF you like to bake in the sun, cooled by sea breezes...
IF you like to visit beautiful, tropical islands...



Then you would definitely love to go on the next cruise sponsored by the National Association of Shag Clubs.

Gary and I flew to Tampa last week to join with approximately 210 fellow shag club members for a five day cruise which departed on Saturday around four o'clock. We spent Sunday at sea, arrived in the Cayman Islands on Monday and spent most of the day there. There were numerous shore excursions to take while there including a trip to Hell and a chance to swim with the stingrays – a not to be missed experience. We had done both of those excursions on a previous trip so we opted for a snorkeling trip and enjoyed seeing the beautiful fish and reefs that the Cayman Islands are known for. We set sail again late that afternoon and arrived in Playa del Carmen, Mexico on Tuesday, where anyone who wanted to tour the ancient Mayan ruins of Tulum got off and met up with us in Cozumel, Mexico where the ship was in port from 11:00 in the morning until 9:30 that night. While in Cozumel, we again had a choice of several shore excursions which included snorkeling, scuba diving, a tour of the island, laying on the beach, or shopping. We have been to Cozumel several times so we chose to be lazy and get a late start on the day and went ashore to do a little shopping. Wednesday was spent at sea, and we arrived back in Tampa around 8:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

When the ship was at sea, the Shag Club sponsored two dances every day, one in the morning and one at night. They also sponsored two cocktail parties and two workshops. Our DJ for the trip was Judy Collins of Judy's House of Oldies in North Myrtle Beach. The instructors were John and JoAnn Chruch (I'm not sure where they were from). Be prepared to party hearty, because the dances at night didn't start until 10:00 p.m. and lasted until 2:00 a.m. If you've never danced on an elevated platform that is rocking and rolling at the same time, you don't know what you've missed! Luckily no one danced themselves off the platform.

There was also a pre-party, hosted by the Tampa Bay Beach Boppers and the Sun Coast Shag Club along with the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs, which was held at a hotel in Tampa where most people coming in from out of town stayed the night before we left. I never heard what the total count was for that party, but there must have been at least 250 people. The dance floor was very crowded, but a good time was had by all. The DJ was Jerry Munson.

There were a few kinks at the hotel for the pre-party, and the dance floors on the ship were rather small, but, other than that, we had a great time and would do it again. We got to meet a lot of nice people from shag clubs all over and see a lot of variations of the shag. It would be more fun, however, to go with a group of people from our own club, so next time this trip is offered, give it some thought. You will definitely have a good time.

Gary & Robbi

Classic Raffle Tickets

For only \$2 or 3 for \$5, you can take a chance on winning a ticket to the Northern Virginia Shag Club's, Classic weekend July 21, 22 and 23. The winner will receive a ticket to the classic and a room for the nights of July 21 and July 22 at the Holiday Inn North in Alexandria, VA. If the winner of the raffle, has already made hotel reservations and purchased a ticket they will receive a check for \$210.00. Buy tickets from board members.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN ---by Sharon Salpini

Northern Virginia Shag Club members on the go.

Road Trips Planned:

May 19-21---- Virginia Beach Music Festival

June 2-3----- Roanoke

June 17----- Clarksville - Shag at the Lake



If you are attending the **June 2**, Roanoke party, our band of travelers will be ordering shirts for this event.

Cost of shirt **\$17** (in advance).

Deadline for June 2, event is---**May 8**

Contact::::**Dave Shipp** (703-625-6712) or **Sharon Salpini** (703-425-2848) or email Sharon at salpini@erols.com. Sharon and Dave can be found most Wednesday nights at Nick's and most Friday nights at Legend's.

Swingin at Sea Cruise by Valerie Swiger



This cruise, which took place the week of March 5th through 12th, should not to be confused with the Shag Cruise which took place March 9th through 12th.

*The Swingin at Sea Cruise was the brain storm of three exceptional swing dancers: Beata Howe, Robert Cordoba and Deborah Szekely. They were joined by other great dancers, including the top **Shag dancers..... Jackie McGee and Charlie Womble.***

The cruise offered all the normal luxuries, such as fresh towels twice a day, beds made in the AM and turned down at night, candy on the pillows, gourmet meals, full size basketball court, putting cages, full gym, spa, casino, ect. Plus we stopped at Nassau, San Juan, St Thomas and the cruise line's private island. But the best part was the 26 dance lessons included in the package. We were introduced to West Coast Swing, Night Club Two Step, DC Hand Dancing, Salsa, Hustle and Shag. And dances every night of the cruise. The best dances were under the moonlight, with perfect weather on a wooden deck that afforded us lots of space.

Our package also included a video of the lessons we were taught. Over 400 dancers from all over the country took part in this fun event. What a wonderful way to meet other dancers, learn their dance and show them ours.

The Northern Virginia Shag Club was represented by: Linda Silbaugh, Norma Wark, Ellen Testa, Amy Hardison, Valerie Swiger, Bob Lutz, Rosanne Woodroof, Jean Jennings and Keith Teele. And if you haven't heard the news:::::Jean and Keith were married aboard the ship. It was a lovely wedding, Jean was absolutely beautiful in full length cream colored dress, with matching hat and Keith was extremely handsome(and very nervous) in his tuxedo.

Can you tell, I had a great time!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Northern Virginia Shag Club

Invites You to Join Us For Our Fifth Annual

CAPITAL SHAG CLASSIC

Continuous Dancing

and Music by

Great Association DeeJays

WILKIE WHALEY

CRAIG JENNINGS • LARRY JONES

DENNIS & NANCY GEHELY • CHARLIE PRICE

JULY 21, 22 & 23, 2000

Party starts 4 p. m. on Friday and continues on till 12 noon on Sunday

FREE SHAG WORKSHOP on Saturday

with National Shag Champions

Sam & Sarah West

First Annual Golf Tournament

Friday July 21st, For More Information Call Joe Cornish (703) 449-8449

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

625 First Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

****Request Special No. Va. Shag Club Rate**

****Rooms \$79** (1-4 persons)**

Reservations: 703-548-6300

FREE SHUTTLE to and from National Airport / Metro

FREE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT MENU * FREE POURS

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Weekend Tickets \$55 Until June 22nd; \$60 After That

Buy Your Tickets Early!

NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 30TH

RAFFLE: For only an extra \$2, Take a Chance on a FREE ROOM and 1 Weekend Pass!!

For additional information, call Vesta at 301-765-0995 or e-mail vjones@olg.com

Tickets will be held at check-in desk: include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive confirmation

Tickets \$55 - Please make checks payable to No. Va. Shag Club

NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 30TH

Name(s) (Last, First) _____

Address _____

Primary Shag Club _____

City, State _____

No. of Tickets _____

Phone _____

Amount \$ _____

Return to:

Northern Virginia Shag Club

P. O. Box 5522

McLean, Virginia 22103

NVSC's Benefit Golf Tournament

July 21, 2000

Northern Virginia Shag Club

will host a mixed golf tournament at **Fort Belvoir** in Alexandria, Virginia.

Registration at **6:30 AM, 7:30 shotgun start.**

Both men and women are encouraged to play.

- Location:** Fort Belvoir Golf Course
- Cost:** \$65 per person
Includes greens fees, cart, lunch, prizes
- Format:** Shotgun Start, Captains Choice Scramble,
Mixed format
- Prizes:** Longest Drive Men/Women,
Closest to the Pin Men/Women
Lowest Team Score

Partial proceeds to benefit **Hospice of Northern Virginia.** The Hospice way of caring allows the terminally ill to live their final days to the fullest, as comfortable as possible, and usually in their own home. Hospice is concerned with the whole person, with emotional as well as physical problems and also with the needs of the family.



To sign up complete the bottom portion and return to: **NVSC, Joe Cornish, P O Box 5522, Mclean, VA 22103.** If there are any questions contact: **Joe Cornish 703-449-8449** or email **nishjc@netscape.net**

Name (last, first) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

NVSC Golf Tournament July 21, 2000, deadline to sign up 6/16/2000.

Are you part of a Foursome?

If **YES**---please list names in your foursome.

