



Shag Rag

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music

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Keep on Shagging'

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President's Letter... By Joan McKinney

Many are the wondrous things you see at SOS...

Joe Cornish, in the Rookie's Revenge contest at OD Arcade, scared smile-less. Joe's perky little partner -- a luck-of-the-draw, complete stranger -- whispers encouragement. Soon the crowd goes wild as Joe executes a dazzling drop-to-the-floor move... But what do they know? Sweet Little Thing has informed Joe that if he doesn't smile, she'll grab him someplace sensitive. ...That wasn't a dance move. It was Joe's fall-down, cover-up act of self preservation.

Less trauma in the **Smoothies Contest**, where **Craig and Heather Jennings and Earl Robinson and Beverly Jones** made the finals. It's been said that the Jennings took their Second Place prize money to the "shooters" bar at Ducks, Too.

Second Place, and a **\$100 prize**, for our Parade Entry. (We sorely missed our Parade Co-ordinator, **Valerie Swiger**, who stayed home to await the arrival of a grandchild. WHERE are that woman's priorities?)... If we can't take first, we take comfort in losing to good friends -- **Virginia Beach**, which marched with very clever dancing dummies.

The NVSC performed a "**Salute to Shag Royalty**." The Royals were in costume and were identified by fantastic signs, crafted By **Kathryn Quattrone** and carried by a dozen-plus struttin' club members --- **Cris and Jeff Gaines, Vaughn Royal, David Rodgers, Liz Kestler, Linda Silbaugh, Larry Winstead, Bob Ward, Donna Tourville, Mary Camp, Ron Maierhofer, Don Borja, Mike and Sara Rogers...** **Ellen Taylor** appeared genuinely moved to see herself played by the very regal **Sandra Ferony**. Strong crowd reactions to Fat Harold (a pillow-plumped **Larry Camp**), Norfleet (**Jimmy Harley** in a tuxedo, walking a duck), and Princess Sarah West (**Pamela Alfano**), cracking a bullwhip on the wayward Prince Sam (**Eric Beaver**, a member from North Carolina.). We got more out-of-town help from Roanoke member **Rodger Woodson** (very much a Charlie look-alike)... **Jackie** (**Heather**), did not seem her usual bright self (possibly related to the shooters' episode), but made a gallant recovery just as she reached the judges' stand. ... I figured that **First Spouse Dallas** did a credible job of bringing Jackie's little stuffed dog to life (he put it on wheels), when the real dog came over and sniffed the fake dog... From the sidewalk, Judy Collins waved as the "House of Oldies" (**Vesta Jones**) strolled by, and Judy Duke laughed at the over-sized coffee mug and cigarette "she" (**Jerry Rogers**) was carrying down the street... You won't get to see the amazing parrot-and-feather earrings that Don Borja made for **Audrey** (our JoAnne Johnson character). JoAnne claimed them as her own and wore them in the DJ booth at the Boulevard Grill.

President's Letter (continued)

We got a hand-shaking visit from former congressman John Jenrette, who then climbed aboard the OD club's float. Sara Rogers noted that Jenrette was sitting on a lifeguard stand, with a sign "Get your sea-shell pick-up license here." Emphasis on the "pick up" --- and, no, he isn't still married to Rita... Mike Rogers kindly did not pull out his FBI badge. You may recall that the FBI had something to do with why Jenrette is a FORMER congressman... Many of us knew Jenrette in the bad ol' days, and can report that, on Parade day anyway, he looked healthier and happier. So John, we hope that's the case; and if indeed you've become a shagger, much will be forgiven and we wish you well. (But Mike Rogers will have to speak for himself on that.)...Joan.

MORE NICE MOMENTS at SOS

Larry and Mary Camp's Friday drop-in, keeping alive the Valerie Swiger tradition. (Val, we missed you.)... **Kathryn's** birthday party. Getting much better acquainted with our Virginia Beach members, **Marjorie King** and **Jan Weakley**... Finding **Larry Winstead**. (Forgot to tell him there's a Myrtle Beach and a North Myrtle Beach, and they both have an Ocean Blvd.)... Family Values, shagger-style: **Grant Garmon** with mom **Karen**, starring on the dance floor at Ducks, and our Richmond members, ALL those **Tedescos**, shining in the Rookies Revenge contest.... The hospitality at the **Hand Dancer's brunch**. ..Boulevard Grill as an NVSC hangout... NVSC's consistent early-morning support for **Charlie and Jackie** and **Ellen's** workshops. **Vaughn** running a sign-in desk at Fat Harolds for C&J.... **Rick Hendrix** introducing us to his old friend, shag great **Susie Beaver** who's trained many NVSC dancers -- **Rick, Liz Kestler, Janis Grimes, Bill Hopkins, Beverly and Earl, Rodger Woodson**... The gratifying turnout of club members during NVSC sales hours at the Company Store. (Special thanks to **Vesta and Pamela, Lou Toler and Kitty Senge**, who handled sales)... **H.K. Lee and Courtney Andrews**, dominating each other's dance card... **Shirley Jones** racing off because the grandbaby was on the way, and **Larry** announcing the birth from the DJ booth.... **Craig and Larry**, DJing several times at the Grill and at Ducks where they closed the show on Sunday.

Moments that were too short - those spent with **Sam Martin, Dennis and Nancy Gehley, Bob Lutz, Gerry Scott, Jim Taylor, Olivia Estep, Kitty Senge, Ralph Hart, Ruth and David Rapson, Rob Creedon, Cathy Metcalf**. all the folks who could stay only part of the week.

A very, very special moment: Late Sunday at Ducks, **Gregory Owens and Cynthia Trueheart** were asked to interrupt their shagging and do a hand dance demo. Much applause. Shaggers, young and old, came running to introduce themselves and to line up to dance with our Gregory and Cynthia. A lovely ending to a lovely week.

New Members in April

Lenee Barnacz, Libby Burg, Marv Burg, George Elmer, Mina Kennedy, Kathleen Korach

Board Highlights

Some of the Board's April discussions are covered on Page One and in separate articles and advertisements about the May Membership Drive and the Classic weekend. Following are other highlights from the April meeting.

***** DANCE and SOCIAL COMMITTEES:** The club earned a profit from both the **March 25th** workshops with *Rick and Maureen Little* and the joint dance that night in Clinton, Md. with the Hand Dancers. Record turnout of NVSC members for the dance, at least double the number who've previously traveled to Maryland for a shag/hand dance party.... The **Springfield VFW** has been reserved for a **September 9th** joint party with the Hand Dancers, for a post-workshop **October 14th** dance (workshop instructors not yet chosen), and for the **December 9th** Christmas Party. Facilities are under consideration for a **January 2001** post-workshop dance honoring *Charlie and Jackie*, who will teach for us on either **Jan. 6th or Jan. 13th**.

***** MUSIC and DJs:** The Board adopted a policy guideline for selecting WEDNESDAY NIGHT, REGULAR ROTATION DJs and for DJ standards. The Wednesday night DJs should be willing to play requests; to play a variety of shag music from different eras; to keep current with what's being played at the beach; to play at least one line dance during the evening; and to vary the speed of music throughout the evening. The ROTATION DJs should support the club and attend a reasonable number of NVSC events. To be considered for the WEDNESDAY ROTATION, a DJ should have belonged to the club for a year, and also should be a member of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs, or be willing to join the DJ association. On a case-by-case basis, the Board may waive the requirement for membership in the association.... The Board expressed its appreciation to Gerry Scott, the DJ for our Sunday Socials, who's contributed free time for those who want to dance late.

***** GOLF TOURNAMENT and THE CLASSIC --** *Joe Cornish* gave a status report on the Classic Golf Tournament. We must sign up at least **60 golfers by June 20th**. Volunteers needed to handle the sign-in, monitor contests, run the drink carts, keep the scoreboard and help with the luncheon. *Joe and Laura Lightbourne* are soliciting businesses for financial contributions, prizes and gifts. Tournament profits will be shared by the NVSC and **Hospice of Northern Virginia**, and businesses can write-off their contributions as either a charitable donation or an advertising expense... Negotiations are underway for financial sponsors of the "free pour" receptions at the Classic. *Larry and Mary Camp and Andi and Jerry Crews* again will host and manage those receptions in the hospitality suite.... **RAFFLES** for the Classic weekend: a free lesson with *Sam and Sarah West*, and a print by SOS artist *Becky Stowe*.

***** COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS** can spend up to \$150 of club funds; expenditures above that require Board approval... **MEMBERSHIP** was **398** at the end of March.... We've sold about two-dozen, black club logo T-shirts, with sales handled by *Robbi and Gary Mann*. ...*Sharon Salpini and Dave Shipp* handled the sales of about two dozen special t-shirts for the March 25th party with the hand dancers..

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 1, home of *Dennis and Nancy Gehley* in Springfield.

**E-MAIL:: How do you get on
our "Hello Shagger" Email list?
Email Valerie Swiger
at vms@olg.com**

COMMITTEES, PROJECTS, SPONTANEOUS EFFORTS

ACSC/SOS liaison-Vesta Jones (301)765-0995

SOS Parade Co-ordinator- Valerie Swiger

Props - Dallas Campbell

Signs - Kathryn Quattrone

SOS Company Store - Pamela Alfano, Vesta Jones,
Lou Toler, Kitty Senge.

AUDIT COMMITTEE - Vaughn Royal, chairperson
Mike Fortunato, Cathy Metcalf

BUDGET TASK FORCE and IRS - Dennis Gehley (703)451-6764

CAPITAL SHAG CLASSIC - Vesta Jones, Co-ordinator (301)765-0995

Classic T-shirt - Don Borja, Dennis Gehley

Dance Entertainment/Shag workshops - Janis Grimes

Decorations -- Pamela Alfano, chairperson

Floor - Bonnie Mahoney, crew chief

Golf Tournament - Joe Cornish, Linda Lightbourne

Hospitality Desk - Linda Silbaugh, chairperson

Hospitality Suite - Hosts - Larry and Mary Camp, Andi and Jerry Crews

Food - Betty Abshire

Line Dance - Nancy and Dennis Gehley

Music - Craig Jennings, chairperson.

Registration - Vesta Jones, Valerie Swiger

CHARITY/SHAGATHON - Vesta Jones, chairperson

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Telephone Tree -- Volunteers needed. See Joan McKinney. (703)971-7527.

"Hello Shagger" e-mails - Valerie Swiger

DANCE COMMITTEE - Janis Grimes, chairperson. (703)536-7362

David Rodgers, Board Liaison

Instructors: Janis, David, Pamela Alfano, Steve Booth, Don and Audrey Borja, Larry Boyer, Michael and Ruth Browne, Dennis and Nancy Gehley, Donna Harrington, Bill Hopkins, Craig and Heather Jennings, Jeff Kincheloe, Vesta Jones, Liz Kestler, H.K. Lee, Bob Lutz, Joan McKinney, Cathy Metcalf, Gregory Owens, Pat Parrott, Vaughn Royal, Beverly Sgroi, Melody Wayland.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - Pamela Alfano, chairperson (703)379-7992

Logo products - Jimmy Harley, Robbi and Gary Mann.

HISTORY PROJECT - Pat Parrott, chairperson. (703)318-7246

Janis Grimes, deputy

LINE DANCE LEADERS -- Andi Crews, Nancy Gehley

COMMITTEES, PROJECTS, SPONTANEOUS EFFORTS (CONTINUED)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE/MAIL BOX - Valerie Swiger, chairperson

MUSIC COMMITTEE - Craig Jennings, chairperson (540)775-5342
Dennis Gehley, Larry Jones, Dave Rapson, Vaughn Royal

WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY SOCIAL DJ's - - Dennis and Nancy Gehley, Craig Jennings,
Larry Jones, Charlie Price, Gerry Scott

NEWSLETTER - Valerie Swiger, editor (703)281-9193

PR/PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE -- Heather Jennings, chairperson (540)775-5342.
Advertising/Broadcast - Heather
Carolina Community - Sara Rogers, Beverly Sgroi, Sharon Waites.
Flyers: HK Lee
News Releases: Joan McKinney
Web Page: Vesta Jones, Heather Jennings, Valerie Swiger

ROAD TRIP T-SHIRT Volunteers - Sharon Salpini, Dave Shipp (703)425-2848

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Betty Abshire, chairman (703)680-5115
Birthday Cakes - Heather Jennings
Decorations - Linda Silbaugh
Hospitality/Greeters - Jean Jennings Teele- Volunteers needed.

YEARBOOK 2000 - Volunteers needed. See Joan McKinney. (703)971-7527.
Photography chairperson - Mike Francella

THINGS TO DO in MAY and JUNE

Special **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**, with a "perk" for you if you bring in a new member and also a "perk" for anyone who joins the NVSC and also is a member of the North or South Carolina State Societies or an area chapter of a Carolina college/university alumni association...**DEADLINE** to submit your **CLUB HISTORY RECOLLECTIONS** to **PAT PARROTT**... **DEADLINE** to **SIGN UP** for the **CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT**... For the **CLASSIC**, special raffles and new club-logo product sales....**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** at **SUNDAY SOCIAL JUNE 18**, back room at Nicks..... Details at Nicks and inside the newsletter.

Capital Shag Classic

In need of volunteers to decorate the **Holiday Inn**, in Alexandria, VA on the night of **July 20**. Please see **Pamela Alfano**, the head of our decorating committee.

She can be reached by email :::paalfano@rssm.com or by phone at **703-379-7992**

Membership Drive in May!

OK folks - this is simple!!! Tell your friends, parents, children, coworkers!!! Tell EVERYONE about the Northern Virginia Shag Club!!! Have them come and party with us any Wednesday or take free lessons with us one week. **Then, ask them if they'd like to join!!!** If they're interested, have them fill out a membership application and then turn it in with their \$15 to Valerie. (Applications are available every Wednesday night on the flyer table or ask Valerie Swiger, our membership chairperson.)

For every new member you sponsor during our "Membership Madness Month" (in May) you'll receive a chance to win a ticket to the Capital Shag Classic in July!

So, if you sponsor five new members, you get 5 chances to win!!! Make sure any members you sponsor include your name of their membership application. (Where the application says, "What member sponsored you?" have them write your name.) It's that simple! We'll draw the winner some time in June. So, come on folks! Let's try and get as many new members shaggin' as we can!



During the month of

MAY

We're having

MEMBERSHIP MADNESS!



NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

Find New Members!!

During the month of May!!!

For each *new* member you sponsor, you will earn a chance to win a ticket to this year's Capital Shag Classic!!!! So, if you sponsor 10 new members, you get TEN chances to WIN!!

Have members join at any club function!
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