



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 Message by Joan Mckinney

September is a stellar month for shaggers. One of the magic months, when thousands of us go "home" to the beach for SOS. It's tradition. It's ritual. It's compelling. IT IS FUN! Not even hurricanes and washed-out highways that doubled our travel time have ever kept us away. But first, at home base in Northern Virginia, we'll start the magic on **Sept. 9th** with a **pre-SOS party**.

Special this year:

It's a joint party with our hand dance friends, allowing us to return the hospitality of the DC MD VA Hand Dance Association, which hosted a terrific joint party in March. Early in the evening (7:30 PM) hand dance lesson by **Eddie O'Reilly**. He's a special friend -- an officer of the hand dance club, but also an NVSC regular on Wednesday night at Nicks and a major workhorse on the floor crew for our Classic. DJ's **Jerry Canada** and **Eddy Farmer & Denny Martin**. All of them were active and provided many services in the earliest days of the NVSC and have retained their ties to our club. So, while they're sort of "guest" DJs, they're also coming home.

Then on to the beach! Here's the newest thing on the NVSC calendar for SOS:

Limited free-pour parties, co-hosted by the NVSC, Ducks and Blvd. Grill. "**Limited**" means that our club and these two bars have contributed a certain amount to the bar tab, and any NVSC member can drink free soft drinks and other beverages ("shooters" at Ducks, bar drinks at Blvd.. Grill) until the tab runs out.

The party at **Ducks** is **First Saturday of SOS**, starting at **4 PM**.

The party at **Blvd.. Grill** is **Second Saturday of SOS**, starting at **4 PM**.

"Until the tab runs out" suggests that "starting time" might be the best time to show up!

While you're at SOS, if you can, Please drop by **Fat Harolds**, and the new **Harolds on the Beach**, and thank them for sponsoring a hospitality suite at the Classic. And look for "play times" by Fat Harolds' DJ, Wilkie Whaley, who DJ'd our Classic. Please thank **Norfleet** and **Cooter at Ducks** for sponsoring a hospitality suite at our Classic. Please thank Ducks and Blvd Grill for hiring NVSC-- DJ's. SOS play times for **Craig Jennings** and **Larry Jones** are inside the newsletter. Please shop at the Company Store between 3 to 5 PM on the last Friday of SOS, when the NVSC has its sales hours. Please check your for ads that give the workshop times for **Ellen Taylor** and for **Charlie & Jackie**. They're so much more than shag icons. They're friends, who've advised the NVSC dance program and always given much more than they've been paid for. The SOS "thank you" list is lengthy, isn't it? It means, I think, that our club has become a fixture at the beach, contributing to the shag community and being welcomed into it. Good work, all. You deserve the recognition, as a club and as dancers. Joan.

"Mark Your Calendar for a Shag Weekend in October. **Saturday Oct. 14** --daytime workshops by Susie Beaver at Nicks. Dance that night at Springfield VFW. **Sunday Oct. 15th** -- Sunday afternoon, Social at Nicks --- limited "free pour" until the tab runs out."

Board Highlights

Most business of the August Board meeting is covered in the President's letter and in articles and flyers elsewhere in the newsletter on SOS, our videotape lending program, and upcoming events. These are additional highlights from that meeting.

CAPITAL SHAG CLASSIC 2000: The "subsidy beast" has been tamed. With the move to the new hotel and a policy of keeping a low ticket price, The Classic subsidy was some \$2000 in 1999. This year, the subsidy was eliminated IF you take into account the aggressive outside fundraising that was pledged to the weekend party (raffling free lessons with Charlie & Jackie, diverting some Wednesday night 50/50 raffle profits to the Classic, etc.) Even if the outside fund-raisers are not counted, The Classic's subsidy still was cut about in half - through a combination of budget cuts, weekend raffles, donations by members, and sponsorship and advertiser money. The new golf tournament made roughly \$900 in profits - again, primarily in sponsorship money. Per our agreement with sponsors, half the tournament profits will go to Hospice of Northern Virginia. Half the tournament profits were applied to costs of The Classic.

CLASSIC 2001: will be the last weekend in July, the 27th to 29th. This avoids conflict with Junior SOS, which is the third weekend in July. Per many requests, talks are underway to determine if the hotel can sell an optional late-night meal, or heavy snacks, to Classic guests who wish to purchase that. For 2001, the hotel will not increase our costs for ballroom setup and use, or for the use of a lobby-area dance instruction room. It again will provide a certain number of reduced-rate and free rooms (available for the hospitality suite, the guest instructors, etc.), if we reach our room-booking quota. However, dinner-breakfast costs will increase by about 4 percent. (Full breakfast, not continental, provided both days.) The hotel also will increase the room rate for Classic attendees by \$5. The rate will be \$84 per room, with four people per room allowed.

T-SHIRT NIGHT at Nicks on Wednesday, Oct 11th. Members encouraged to wear any club-logo or Capital Shag Classic shirt.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS at member's homes - Sept. 11th, the Gehley's in Springfield. Oct 2nd, Betty Abshire's in Woodbridge. Nov. 6th, Pamela Alfano's in Arlington. Dec 4th, Joan McKinney's in Springfield. All club members are welcome to attend. Please call Joan to be placed on the agenda. (703)971-7527.

NVSC--- DJ's Playing During SOS

Larry Jones

Sept 14	Ducks	9 to Close
Sept 16	Ducks TOO	4 to 7
Sept 16	Grill	9 to Close
Sept 18	Ducks	12 to 5
Sept 21	Grill	6 to 9
Sept 23	Ducks	12 to 5
Sept 24	Ducks	9 to Close

Denny and Eddy

Sept 21	Grill	11 to 1
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Craig Jennings

Sept 18	Grill	12 to 3
Sept 20	Grill	3 to 6
Sept 23	Grill	3 to 6



Shop Shop Shop (at the Right Time!)

er since NVSC has worked in the **SOS company store** during the SOS's (since fall of 1997), we have had top sales leading to **\$\$\$\$\$\$\$** to put into our treasury. It contributed to our ability to give the club members the Christmas Party for free last year.

Kitty Senge has pulled together a team of 3 or 4 to work the store this Fall. Now what we need the rest of you to do is to plan to do your SOS-store shopping between **3:00 and 5:00 on Friday, Sept. 22**. If you're leaving early or are there for the first weekend and not the second, just window shop there, pick out what you want, write it down, and give me (Vesta), Kitty Senge or Joan your shopping list and money and we'll get it all for you at the right time (AND deliver it to you in person when we return...what service!!)

Most of us buy an SOS shirt each time. Let's just do it all during our time slot in the store and help the club at the same time!

See you at SOS!!! Keep on shaggin'.



AT LONG LAST JUDY'S House of Oldies is on the WEB!

folks it's finally happened and it looks GREAT. Judy Collins, Hall of Fame DJ and the Name Behind Judy's House of Oldies has finally become **FULLY WEB FUNCTIONAL!** Yep Judy has her own site from which you can *select, order and contact* the finest Beach, Boogie, Oldies, R n'B Music Shop in Myrtle Beach South Carolina. Her webiste can be reached by typing in:::::www.judyshouseofoldies.com.

BOOKMARK THE SITE FOR FREQUENT RETURNS!



WHILE YOU ARE BROWSING THE WEB

Recently someone asked me how they could contact Charlie and Jackie to order their dance tapes. *I didn't know!* Well now I have found the answer and wish to pass the information to you.

CHARLIE AND JACKIE HAVE a WEB site. Just type in:::::charlieandjackie.com.



Speaking of WEB sites:

**Have you checked out our WEB page lately????
NVSHAG.ORG**

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



Shag videos by prominent instructors are available for club members to rent for a week. Many people have found our selection often quite limited because some members have kept videos much longer than a week. We are requesting that members TRY to adhere to the guidelines of a week to permit all members an equal opportunity at a good selection of videos. The Board has voted to increase the deposit from \$10 to \$25 (no checks please). Although this might seem like a hefty increase, we ask that you remember that this is only a deposit and you will get your money back when the tape is returned. If, however, the tape is not returned in a timely manner (kept for months on end), we will use the deposit to replace the tape for the benefit of others. We hope this will not discourage use of the lending library and it is not meant as any type of hardship or punishment. We currently have two lost tapes and, as you know, \$10 does not pay for replacement. We hope the membership will understand this increase and will continue to enjoy use of these great instructional videos.

Who Will Carry the Shag-a-thon Torch in 2001? *by Vesta Jones*

The NVSC Shag-a-thons for 1999 and 2000 raised over \$23,000 for **Hospice of Northern Virginia**. This year's tremendous success was so because it was built on the strong foundation that Heather Jennings developed with the first one in 1999. All I did was to "connect the dots." And I have supplemented her recipe for a successful shag-a-thon with some of my thoughts and experience.

The person who agrees to take the lead in coordinating the Shag-a-thon for 2001 has a bullet proof protocol to follow. All steps are outlined and, although I cannot speak for Heather, based on my experience with her this year, she is always ready to provide advice and share her experience -- as will I, of course.

This project will NOT consume all of your free time and energy. The club is enormously supportive in this (as it is with all we do.) All it needs is someone to keep the pieces and the schedule (clearly described in our notes) in place and moving. Coordinating this project will provide you with a huge amount of personal satisfaction -- just knowing that you are coordinating an effort that will provide comfort to many.

Will you do it in 2001? Please call me (301-765-0995) or email me (vjones1@bellatlantic.net).

ACSC Amateur Contest November 3 & 4

Two couples will be representing the **Northern Virginia Shag Club**, in the ACSC Amateur Shag Contest to be held November 3 & 4, in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Steve Booth will be dancing with **Kathryn Quattrone**
and

Rob Creedon will be dancing with **Cathy Metcalf**

GOOD LUCK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SHAGGERS & HAND DANCERS

..PARTY, DANCE, PARTY, DANCE..

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 9, 2000

sponsored by

Northern Virginia Shag Club

Md. Va. DC Hand Dance Association

GREAT DJs

Eddy Farmer, Denny Martin,
Jerry Canada

\$10 club members. \$12 non-members
Includes!!! Light food. Wine. Beer. Soft Drinks.

7:30 PM: Hand Dance Lesson. 8 PM to Midnite: Dancing
Springfield VFW (703)541-3140

Take 495 to I-95 South, exit 166A (Newington/Ft. Belvoir). Get into left lane, turn left at stoplight on to Newington Rd. Follow Newington Rd. under one-lane bridge. Go about 1/8 mile, take a hard left (almost a U-turn) on to Cinderblock Rd. Go about 1/2 mile (past Fairfax Water Authority), turn right on Hillpark. (You're now in an industrial complex). Go to the end of Hillpark, turn left on Kincannon. VFW is on right. Park anywhere.



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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous support of Hospice of Northern Virginia. Your cumulative support now totals \$27,467.50, helping us so much to care for people facing a life-limiting illness in our community. We want to publicly thank you for your generosity with a permanent brass plaque on the Honor Wall at the Halquist Memorial Hospice Center (4715 North 15th Street, Arlington, Virginia 22205). The people who have Hospice care at the end of their lives and their families would want us to thank you for ensuring Hospice is here for them.

We want to be certain your name appears as you would like it to. This is how your name appears in our records:

Northern Virginia Shag Club

If this is how your name should appear on the plaque, you do not need to contact us. But if your name should appear differently or if for some reason you would rather not have a plaque installed, please call Elena Toft or me at (703) 538-2061 by September 8, 2000. Your plaque will be in place by October 31.

Again, thank you for your stewardship of Hospice. If I can schedule a time to show you the new plaque at the Hospice Center or if I can be of service in any matter, please call at (703) 538-2061.

Sincerely,

David R. Bobbitt
Director of the Annual Fund

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