



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*

Mea culpa. Your president has (very likely) made your Shag Rag late by delivering her message late to the editor. Blame it on SOS fatigue...although it's really that I have returned from SOS weighed down by a Great Moral Dilemma: what shall we do about DGs?...**Drunk Golfers**... Quite to my astonishment, I have learned that I personally am responsible for their infestation of the dance halls.

I must emphasize that I am not slandering the shagging golfer, or the golfing shagger. I am reliably informed (by Charlie) that even Charlie Womble swings a golf club. (Badly). In the NVSC, we have a batch of shagger-golfers: Laura Lightbourne, Roy Camp, Joe Cornish, Bob Lutz, Rob Creedon, the First Spouse, and many more. Superior human beings, all.

I speak here of those OTHER golfers...At the beach, they move in packs. There's never a woman with them, just the one left back home... They don't shag. Somehow you know this instinctively... The running shoes, maybe. You just know with absolute certainty that these shoes do NOT have dance-able leather glued to the soles.

We have made peace with DGs at Fat Harolds. Fat Harolds is huge. It can swallow them up. Besides, DGs at Fat Harolds seem to understand that they're required to stand together in only one small corner of the joint... But, at this Fall SOS, the DGs busted out of Fat Harolds and swarmed elsewhere. Thursday night they were (gasp) at Ducks. On the dance floor... A half-dozen of them, all "dancing" at one time, all at six different angles, all crashing into shaggers --- who, of course, said "Excuse me."

It was then that I became burdened with the great SOS Moral Dilemma. My friend Terry (from Winston Salem) growled that **"This is your fault. If you women wouldn't dance with them, it would put an end to this (expletive)."** Terry instructed that when any DG approaches, I am to fix him with a cold glare and ask "Do you shag?" When he lies and says "yes," I am supposed to demand, "Tell me the count."

My friend Woody (hometown, I forgot) was appalled. Such behavior would violate all shagger etiquette, said Woody... which is what I always thought. Shaggers, male and female, dance with anyone who asks, at least once... We **ESPECIALLY** dance with newcomers and even non-shaggers, because **(1) we were one once, and (2) they might fall in love with our dance.**

So, I will do an informal poll: "Yes" or "No" --- Does the shagger code of conduct extend to DGs?...Before answering, single ladies, you may want to consider that golfers have some value off the dance floor...Sobered up, they can be nice accessories in a hot tub, or across the table at an expensive restaurant.

Joan

Susie Beaver Shag Workshops

WHEN: Saturday October 14, 2000
WHERE: Nick's in Alexandria, VA
TIMES: Beginner 11AM
Intermediate 1 PM
Advanced 2:30 PM
COST: \$10 per lesson for members
\$15 per lesson for non members

Nick's will be offering a special lunch menu *AND* if you take **TWO** lessons the Northern Virginia Shag Club will *BUY your lunch*.

Dance

WHEN: Saturday October 14
WHERE: Springfield VFW
TIME: 8 PM
COST: \$10 for members
\$12 for non members

Light snacks included in price.

Sunday Social

WHEN: October 15
WHERE: Nick's
TIME: 2 to 5

General Membership meeting to be held during Sunday Social *AND \$1 hotdogs and a limited "free pour" that means free drinks until the money runs out.*

Highlights from the Association of Carolina Shag Club Meeting

by Vesta Jones

Murl Augustine, the new ACSC chairman, lived up to his word: the meeting was adjourned by 10:45 (new record)....**14,586 shaggers** were represented by attendees from **77 clubs**.

The ACSC Chairman's Award was presented to **Becky Stowe Powell**.

Midwinter stickers will be in our hands by **November 15, 2000**. Remember you cannot attend Mid-Winter unless you are a member in good standing of a shag club. So if you have recently received your renewal notice and haven't paid, you might want to get your money to Valerie Swiger.

Shagger Icon award deadline: Any nomination must be postmarked by **December 1, 2000**. The nomination must be accompanied by three written "seconds" to support the nomination.

Shag Cruise is filling up fast. Flyers will be on the club table on Wednesdays.

Jackie and Charlie are coming to RICHMOND

The Richmond Shag Club will be hosting a dance weekend, November 17 and 18. Private lessons with Jackie McGee and Charlie Womble will be available. Call Joan or Kevin at 804-270-1454 to schedule a private.

On the evening of the 17th there will be a dance at Boot Scooters, on Route 1 South of Richmond. BIG wood dance floor.

On November 18th, group lessons will be given by Jackie and Charlie at the Bon Air Community Center in Richmond, VA. Address is: 8725 Quaker Lane. Beginner lesson is at 11, Intermediate at 1 and Advanced at 2:15. Each lesson is \$10 per person.

During the evening of the 18th, a dance will be held at the Bon Air Community Center from 7 to 11.

Questions concerning this event can be directed to: Joan or Kevin Byrnes at 804-270-1454 or Vicki Tedesco at rvtedso@cs.com. Or you can email Valerie Swiger at vms@olg.com and I will forward the questions to Joan, Kevin or Vicki.

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

Intermediate Dance Steps for October

October 4 **BackPrep; Sugarfoot**
October 11 **Crossover Basic; Applejack**
October 18 **Kick Basic; Belly Roll; Half Turn**
October 25 **Shag Pivot**
 Advanced lesson: October 11



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

Well 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 website 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 know 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.

NOVEMBER 2000 ELECTION

Each November, NVSC members elect **4 officers** and **5 directors-at-large** to serve as the **9 person NVSC Board of Directors** for the following calendar year. All NVSC members in good standing (those who have paid dues for the current year) may vote. Members may vote either in person on election night or by mail-in ballot.

A seven (7) member nominating committee has been formed and their job is to:

Prepare a list of candidtes for the **2001 Board** and present the candidates to the General Membership. **October 25**, is the date set to present the **CANDIDATES**.

The Nominating Committee is composed of:

**Valerie Swiger
Liz Kestler
Rob Creedon
Norma Wark
Dan Ferguson
Speedy Dunn
Melody Wayland**

If you wish to **nominate someone** or to **self nominate** (maybe your new to the club and not a lot of people know you but you want to get involved---self nominate) please contact one of the people listed above. **PLEASE** remember that there are close to **400 members** in our club and only **7 people** on the nominating committee. We are going to try and contact as many of our members as possible: in person, by phone or email, **BUT** if you would contact us first it would be a great help.

Here are the rules:

1. To be **President** or **Vice President** you must have served on the board for at least **ONE year**.
2. To be **Secretary, Treasurer or Director-at-Large** you must have been a member of NVSC for at least one year. Did you join before November of 1999?
3. If elected you must agree to carry out both the general duties and the specific duties of the position you have be elected to.


This is **YOUR** club. We are an **ALL Volunteer** organization. We need people willing to give of themselves to help this great organization become even better.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- October 25** Nominating committee will present the candidates and take nominations from the floor.
November 1 Shag Rag will be mailed and will contain a ballot.
November 8 Candidates will be introduced a second time during our dancing at Nick's.
November 15 Candidates will be introduced a third time during our dancing at Nick's.
November 28 ALL MAIL IN BALLOTS must be received
November 29 **ELECTION** at Nick's. Winners to be announced as soon as ballots can be counted.
December 6 Winner's introduced during our dancing at Nick's.

HY ALL THE INTRODUCTIONS???? Do you know the **first and last name** of all the people you see at Nick's and the all the people you dance with???? Don't worry the introductions only take about **15 minutes** out of your dance evening.


Shagger Profile---

Name: Ruth Browne
Nickname: Rudy
Occupation: Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Birthday: January 14
Hometown: Mount Airy, NC
Marital Status: Married
Self Portrait: 
Motto: Forget About It!
Dream: Living It.
Inspiration: Scarlett O'Hara
Favorite Dance Tune: Fine Brown Frame, It Must Be Love
Bad Habit: Sleeping late
Hobby: Doing the "basic"
Luxury defined: 5 ★ hotel with room service and a spa
Books at bedside: Dean Koontz
Last words: It was all good!

New Members in September

Lynne Briggs, Ted Eisenman, Diane Hottendorf,
Donald McNulty, Elaine McNulty, Vincent
Mewcheiz Cathy Milchenski

D	Oct 4	Dennis and Nancy Gehley
	Oct 11	Craig Jennings
J	Oct 18	Charlie Price
S	Oct 25	Ralph Hart
	Nov 1	Dennis and 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 October Babies

3	William Martin
3	Trelle Stephens
3	Keith Teele
3	Cynthia Trueheart
3	Weldon Waites
8	Pamela Alfano
10	Betty Glover
10	Ginger Tucker
11	Karen Schreib
12	Joan Hartzell
12	Patricia Heller
12	Billy White
13	Sharon Shipp
16	Dean Hipps
17	Joyce Blotzer
17	Judy Hurvitz
19	Linda Silbaugh
19	Jake Willingham
21	Buddy Hicks
21	James Magness
22	Martha Raynor
23	C Tran
24	Dave Shipp
24	Gil Taylor
25	Barry Holt
26	Paul Able
28	Gregory Chambers
29	Julie Farmer



Sincere condolences to Olivia Estep
on the death of her mother.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank
all the members of the NVSC who welcomed us
and made us feel very comfortable.

*New Members
Buzz and Carolyn Payne*

Junior Shaggers by Heather Jennings

How do I support junior shaggers you may ask?

Simple! **Join the Junior Shag Association (JSA).**

This organization is not only for junior dancers (those under the age of 21) but also for anyone who wants to support junior shaggers. **Junior dancers** may join for **\$5/yr.** **Adult membership is \$10/yr** and **Corporate membership is \$25/yr.** All members receive a JSA newsletter (which is quite good, I might add) and the highly beneficial feeling of supporting the shag for the next generation.

Join JSA today!

(JSA also happily accepts donations which it uses to sponsor dances and contests for junior shaggers!!)

See Heather for a membership application.

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, for **one week**, for a refundable **\$25.00** deposit:

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

See Nancy Gehley to check out video, or call her at 703-451-6764 OR EMAIL her at ngehley@aol.com.



MESSAGE FROM THE VIDEO LADY by Nancy Gehley

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.

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