



# Shag Rag

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

December, 2000

Keep on Shagging'

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## President's LETTER

Merry Christmas... and let's be done with the "grinch" news:

It will cost you \$10 more to belong to our club and to attend the Capital Shag Classic next year....That's \$5 more for 2001 club dues (effective for those renewing in January) and \$5 more for the weekend-long Classic ticket.

In return for the dues increase ...we'll be moving our Saturday night dances away from the Springfield VFW and to nicer facilities with wood dance floors... We're going more often to Ft. Myer, and we're adding Virginia Ballroom and Roy Camp's lovely Kenwood Country Club... Then at year's end, we'll return to Springfield VFW for the 2001 Christmas Party. The VFW is big, and Betty Abshire-and-crew can use the space for our holiday food spread...

Inside the newsletter, you'll find next year's schedule (**Mark it on that new 2001 calendar you just bought!**), and you'll find the Board Highlights column with more details about club finances... We discussed probable increases in dues and the Classic ticket at three general membership meetings this year.. At our October meeting, **Earl Robinson** asked fellow members to believe that a dues increase "**will come back to you.**"...I very much hope that you feel that way, too, and that you will support the club next year in the same generous way you have in 2000.

And now, it is time to say goodbye as your President. The First Spouse says it's a challenge to hold office in a club like ours. This is the nation's capital...probably has more ex-student body presidents than any place in the country.... Leading leaders is chaotic and chastening. Toss out an idea in this club and you'd better get out of the way --- 'cause 10 people are gonna grab it, run with it, and invariably improve it... I am grateful that so many people improved on my ideas and the Board's, and that so many contributed ideas of their own... I particularly enjoyed our several general membership meetings, for the kind way that you offered both criticisms and suggestions...Another gratifying part of 2000: I believe we had a surge in volunteers for old and new projects. It was a particular thrill to see a mob of folks running for the 2001 Board. And also painful. The first time I saw our candidate crowd ---- twice as many candidates as open slots --- my heart hurt for whoever would lose... The group who LOST in the NVSC election could, by themselves, run any club in the ACSC.

As President, I saw a lot of letters and fielded a lot of comments. Repeatedly, I have wished that the full membership could hear what other clubs, our guests, our visiting DJs, our visiting instructors, the Hospice organization, and our vendors say about you --- **That you are fun and friendly. That you are good hosts. That your events are professional and polished. That you've created a shag-support and shag-instruction program that's not duplicated anywhere in the association. That they can tell that you --- we --- are friends and family to each other...***Thank you very much for allowing me to preside over such a special club. Please continue to safeguard it and to build it.... Joan.*

## November Board Highlights

FINANCES... DUES INCREASE... THE CLASSIC

The November Board meeting was centered on **club finances**, based on three areas of research: (1) Treasurer Dennis Gehley's analysis of income received and monies spent in 2000; (2) a review of club finances for the past three years, based on research by Dennis and President Joan McKinney; and (3) some advance-booking of facilities for 2001, based on the financial data from Dennis and Joan, the Board's two-month search for dance facilities, and planning discussions held among Joan, Dennis, Betty Abshire, Heather Jennings and Pamela Alfano.

The NVSC collected \$4,665 this year in membership dues, yet spent \$14,600 on club operations and events. (This does NOT include the Classic weekend, which is financed by tickets and by special fund-raisers.) Spending \$10,000 more than we received in dues was possible because:

The Wednesday night 50/50 raffles are a source of additional income. The Guest Instructor workshops earn a profit. Our Saturday dances almost always make a profit or at least break even, primarily because we have rented very basic facilities and provided our own food. Volunteers raise a small amount of money by winning contests that pay cash prizes -- such as, the SOS parade or the SOS company store. "Belt tightening" in some areas for two or three years helped us rebuild the Treasury.

**Major expenditures** include the annual free Christmas Party (about \$1100); printing and mailing the newsletter (\$1200); about \$800 for the Wednesday night, regular dance instruction program (name tags, instructors' manual, the videotape lending library); supplies for other club activities, such as the SOS parade; the birthday cakes; advertising and some printing bills; about \$500 for the institution of several "complimentary beverage" events at SOS and at a Sunday Social; and DJ expenses for Sunday Socials.

The Board concluded that it's prudent to sustain a modest "rainy day" fund, and that the club should aim for a year-end surplus of some \$2000 or \$3000. (Note: this is NOT the "rainy day" fund for the Classic, which is a separate and additional fund.)

**Just three of those items** --- the Christmas Party, the newsletter, and a modest \$2000 "rainy day" fund for cash-flow purposes or for emergencies -- take up **ALMOST ALL** of the of the income from dues.

At the same time, many members have asked the Board to move away from the Springfield VFW and hold Saturday dances at nicer facilities. After surveying the costs of facilities in Virginia, Maryland and DC, the Board found that such a move will mean that relocated dances can not be financed solely by low-cost admission tickets (as the Board prefers) and must be subsidized...probably in the range of \$1200 to \$1300, total, to upgrade just three dances.

Several club members also have asked the Board to consider new activities or add events that would build membership; or would "give back" free or reduced-price events to the membership; and/or would do more to "spread the word" in our area about shag and beach music. These include (but are not limited to ) requests to build a strong juniors' program, for an advertising and promotions' budget for club events and projects, and/or to host a few events aimed at reaching new members or showcasing shag and beach music to new audiences.

The incoming 2001 Board may or may not be able to grant all these requests. However, the current Board concluded that, **without a dues increase**, the next Board will have little room to book better facilities and/or to try a few new initiatives, while also sustaining a modest surplus. **The Board voted unanimously to increase dues from \$15 to \$20, effective in January 2001.**

The Board voted to increase the **Capital Classic** weekend ticket from \$55 to \$60, for those who purchase early. A month before the event, the price will increase to \$65. The week of the event, the price will increase to \$70. The Board will set a deadline for cancellations and refunds, and it will be strictly enforced. The hotel, which buys and schedules its staff ahead of time, requires an advance head-count for food. The club must pay for this food even if people cancel. Based on attendance counts, the club itself also makes advance purchases of supplies and of food and drinks for the hospitality suite.

# NVSC Potluck Holiday Party!

**When:** December 9, 2000

**Time:** 7:00 pm – Midnight

**Where:** Springfield, VFW; Springfield, VA

**Cost:** FREE for NVSC Members!  
\$5 for non-members.

**Info:** NVSC provides the ham, turkey, and rolls, plus the wine, beer, and mixers. Please bring a side dish, dessert or appetizer to share!!

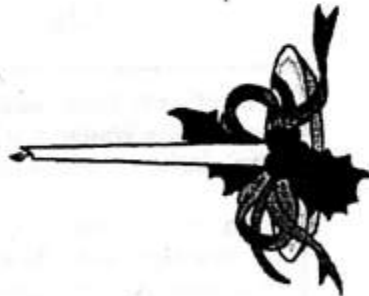


**GUEST DJ!!!**

**HALL OF FAMER,  
STEVE BAKER!**

**FREE SHAG  
WORKSHOP  
at 7PM with**

**DONNA HARRINGTON  
&  
KEITH ABERNATHY!!!**



**Directions:** Take 495 to I-95 South. Exit at 166A (Newington/Ft. Belvoir) Get into the left lane, turn left at stop light onto Newington Road. Stay straight on Newington Road and go under 1-lane bridge. Go approximately 1/8 mile, take HARD left onto Cinderbed Road. Go approximately 1.2 miles, turn right onto Hillpark Drive. At the end of Hillpark, turn left onto Kincannon. VFW is on the right.

# Coming Soon...



9 Time National Shag Champions, Shag Hall of Fame Members,  
and Living Legends....

## Charlie Womble & Jackie McGee!

*They will teach three Shag Workshops on...*

Saturday, January 6, 2001 at Ft. Myer Community Center

Beginner	11:00 a.m. – Noon
Intermediate	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Advanced	2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per workshop for NVSC members,  
\$15 per workshop for non-members

\* To schedule private lesson w/ Charlie & Jackie, call David – 703-239-8978.

## Dance Saturday Night!

*at Ft. Myer Community Center, 8:00 p.m. - Midnight*

**Guest DJ:** Hall of Fame Member, Joanne Johnson!!!

**Cost:** \$10 for NVSC members, \$12 for non-members

Light snacks and Mixers provided, but **BYOB!!!**

**Directions:** From Northern Virginia: Take I-395 to exit 8A Washington Blvd, Route 27 North. Take Washington Blvd North to Fort Myer exit on right. Go thru gate and turn left at 1<sup>st</sup> stop sign onto McNair. Community Center is several buildings down on your LEFT. Parking lot on the right.

From West Northern Virginia: From the Beltway, take Rt. 50 East toward Arlington to the Washington Blvd/Pentagon exit. Go south to FIRST exit on right (Courthouse Rd/Ft Myer Exit). Turn LEFT on Courthouse Rd, then Left on 2<sup>nd</sup> street to Ft Myer. Go thru gate and turn left at 1<sup>st</sup> stop sign onto McNair. Community Center is several buildings down on your LEFT. Parking lot on the right.



## Presenting your 2001 Board of Directors for the Northern Virginia Shag Club

<b>President</b>	<b>Heather Jennings</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Pamela Alfano</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Dennis Gehley</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Craig Jennings</b>

### Directors At Large:

**Betty Abshire**  
**Larry Boyer**  
**Michael Browne**  
**Vaughn Royal**  
**Linda Silbaugh**

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all that showed an interest in running. We had a wonderful group of people to choose from. And **THANKS** to the outgoing board for the wonderful job that they have done this year.

**Are you going to the Mid-Winters Shag Party in North Myrtle Beach?**

**You need a PASS to get in.**

Contact Valerie at 703-281-9193 or email her at [vms@olg.com](mailto:vms@olg.com).

## 3rd Annual NVSC Shag-A-Thon!

On **February 10th**, at Landmark Shopping Center, the Northern Virginia Shag Club will sponsor the third annual **Shag-A-Thon!** The primary purpose of this event is to raise money for the club's charity, the **Hospice of Northern Virginia**. In addition we will be able to promote the dance we love and hopefully attract new dancers to our group.

To participate in the event you first need to **sign-up**. Sign up packets will be available at the **Christmas Party**, December 9th. Next you need to take your pledge sheet to as many friends, family and co-workers as possible and ask them to "**sponsor**" you for this event. By sponsoring you, they agree to pay a certain amount for each dance you have during the event or they may choose to make a flat donation. (This is not an endurance event- you may dance as may or as few dances as you like.) Each sponsor needs to fill out the pledge sheet with their name, address and pledge amounts. Please try and get as many pledges as possible!

On the day of the event, **February 10th**, bring pledge sheet and dancing shoes and dance, dance, dance. This event raised over **\$16,000.00** for **Hospice of Northern Virginia** last year and we hope to raise even more this year. If you can't dance that day, sponsor one of the other dancers or just come by and cheer us on.

This year's event is being headed up by **Jeff Kinchloe**, he can be reached at **202-543-9436** or email him at [Kinchel@yahoo.com](mailto:Kinchel@yahoo.com).



HIGH ON THE HILL ISLAND  
CAROLINA SHAG CLUB

MEMBERS

ISLAND MUSIC BY ALAN WILSON

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

GRAND MEMORIAL DINNER  
OPERATED BY ANNE ROSS

FOUR TICKETS \$5000 AND BLENCHES

WALTON BRIDGES GOLF COURSE COLLEGE AND JUVENILES

7:30 PM SHAG WORKSHOPS WITH HILARY AND INDIANITA ROSS. ALSO A GYMNASIUM  
DANCE AND KARAOKE BY ANNETTE JOHNSON

MEMBER DINNER AND GOLF  
GOLFERS TO ENJOY AN OUTDOOR  
RESTAURANT AND GOLF COURSE

MEMBER DINNER

MEMBER DINNER

SPECIAL BOOK MEETING AT THE ACEWAY POINT GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB  
Call 1-800-441-1111 for Reservations

For more information, contact: [highonthehill@carolinashag.com](mailto:highonthehill@carolinashag.com) or 813-448-3343 or 813-448-3344  
Carolina Shag Club, 2001 ACSC Winter Workshop, Hilton Head Island, SC 29929

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# 2001 ACSC WINTER WORKSHOP

Feb 23rd thru 25th, 2001

Ramada Inn

Clemson, SC Hwy 123 and US76

Theme: **Go with the ACSC DTR**

Grand: **Bob & Ed of Forme Dr**

New: **Mike & Wynn B&D**

Jack: **Moore & Ed of Forme Dr**

Smolin: **Joe & Sharon**

RM: **40 Lighthouse & Vernon**

John: **Wilson**

Friday

ACSC Workshop 9:30AM

Shag Workshop 10AM-3PM

Food Party 12PM-6PM

Dancing 5:30PM-11PM

The Remover's Mike & Wynn

Dinner 5:30-7PM

Saturday

ACSC Workshop 9:30AM

Shag Workshop 10AM-3PM

Food Party 12PM-6PM

Dancing 5:30PM-11PM

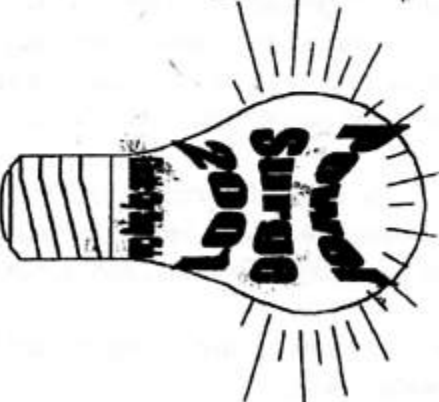
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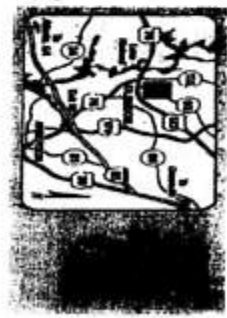
Sunday

Goat Hour 10AM-1PM

Continental Breakfast



66 Motel  
140 per room plus tax, 1-4 bookings 844-444-7101  
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Reservations & the hotel name. Contact 813 448 3343 for more  
100 year award for service at Continental Breakfast



Name(s)

Address

Shag Club

Number of tickets

Add "one dollar" to your ticket prices for a chance to get your weekend ticket free!!!

Total \$ enclosed

Number Attending ACSC meeting

TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT REGISTRATION—NO Refunds!!!

Make checks payable to: Backe City Shag Club, PO Box 1672, Anderson, SC, 29602-1672. For additional information contact: Bobby Simmons 844-473-4444, Karla Bender 844-226-7960 email [K230q@comcast.net](mailto:K230q@comcast.net) or Dove Lash 844-972-0044 email [DoveLash@comcast.net](mailto:DoveLash@comcast.net)

All hotel bookers names must be included for correct registration

Phone

## Shagger Profile---

**Name:** Heather Jennings  
**Occupation:** Software Engineer  
**Birthday:** June 6  
**Hometown:** King George, Virginia  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Self Portrait:** Dancing Fool  
**Motto:** Dance, dance, dance  
**Favorite Dance Tune:** Deacon Moves In  
by the Dominoes  
**Bad Habit:** Swearing  
**Hobby:** Other than Shaggin'? I can't afford anything else!  
**Luxury defined:** Relaxing on the beach with friends.  
**Drink:** Chardonnay  
**TV Program:** Sex in the City  
**Books at bedside:** Harry Potter Books

### A Great way to Keep Informed

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

### THE WEB



Shag Club Information:::::www.shagdance.com

**NVSC** information:::::www.nvshag.org

Music--Judy's House of Oldies:::::www.judyshouseofoldies.com

Dance Instruction Tapes from Charlie and Jackie:::::charlieandjackie.com

Ducks in North Myrtle Beach:::::www.ducksatoceandrive.com

## Happy Happy Birthday December Babies

1 Tom Marty  
2 Jeffery Niemuth  
6 Barry Kumar  
7 Barbara Schipper  
8 Denise Bass  
9 Marianne Booth  
9 Jane James  
9 Melody Wayland  
10 Kathy Lewis  
11 Jeffrey Gaines  
11 Brennar Goree  
12 Joseph Laws  
12 Cathy Metcalf  
12 Jack Williams  
13 Frank DelPiano  
13 Shelly Hanretta  
14 Larry Jones  
16 Marv Burge  
16 Frederick Smolen  
18 Kathleen Korach  
19 Joyce Goins  
19 Dave Rapson  
20 Susan Bane  
21 Michael Browne  
21 Kent Edie  
22 Ashley Godwin  
23 Gaye Proctor  
24 Reid Ellis  
26 Liana Levesque  
29 Sue Farrell



Condolences to Jeffrey Niemuth who's mother  
passed away on November 12th.

