



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 Heather Jennings

Wow! Another FUN and successful NVSC shag workshop and party happened this past weekend! Unfortunately, I was unable to make it, but I've been told by our wonderful Vice President, **Pamela Alfano**, and other folks who attended that the workshop by **Jimmy & Cameron** was excellent and that the party and dance that night were fabulous! Thanks so much to **Janis Grimes** for coordinating with Jimmy & Cameron so that we could again offer exceptional shag instruction to our members! Thanks so much to **Betty Abshire** and her crew of dedicated volunteers for assisting with all the chopping, dicing and setup for the party that night. I'm told the food was excellent (as usual) and the dance floor crowded all evening! I hope that everyone had a wonderful time. If you were unable to attend, make plans now to join us for our next event on May 19th! (more on that in a minute!)

Before I go on, I'd like to take a minute to say that I think we have a fantastic shag club in Northern Virginia. Craig & I travel quite a bit to different shag events and contests all over the south and while we meet wonderful and friendly people everywhere, you know the saying - "there's no place like home." The members of this club constantly astound me with their willingness to help and their dedication to the club. We could not have the parties, dances, workshops, Shag-a-thons, Sunday Socials, etc. that we host at this club if we didn't have members who were willing to make it happen. This club is only as good as its members, so what's that tell you? Well, I think it means we are PRETTY DARN GOOD myself!

Of course, some of you may be thinking... well, I WANT to help, but I've never been asked... well - here's your invitation! I'm asking EVERY member of this club to try and help with the remaining 2001 NVSC parties and events. Yes, it may be work, but trust me folks - it is FUN!!! You will really get to know your fellow club members and that's what this dance is all about, the fun and camaraderie of shag. Shag is more than just dancing for many - it's a "lifestyle" and a fabulous one at that!!! To start (restart?) yourself down the path to the "shag lifestyle" - please call a committee chair (look inside the newsletter for a listing) and ask what you can do to help. You'll be GLAD you did!!!

Okay... now on to the schedule stuff... we are having our second quarterly **SUNDAY SOCIAL** and **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** on April 22 at Nick's. We'll again be having a FREE pour, \$1 hot dogs and an advanced shag lesson. Our DJ for the afternoon will be Gerry Scott. This is a FREE benefit to our members so come on by and shag away your Sunday afternoon! The social will be from 2-5pm and I'll try to start the membership meeting around 3pm.

Next month we have a **FABULOUS DANCE** planned for **May 19th!** We are going to have a joint party with the Washington DC ski club. Our theme for the party is "Shaggin in Margaritaville" as the ski club has offered to mix up some of their famous MARGARITAS for the party! The party/dance will be at Virginia Ballroom and there will be a beginner shag lesson from 7:30 to 8:30pm. The dancing and partying will begin immediately after that and go til around 12:30! This is going to be a FUN dance!!! Hope to see you there in your "Margaritaville" finest!!! (see the flyer for more details!!)

Sunday Social

And General Membership
Meeting

April 22nd
2:00 — 5:00 P.M.



What could be better than a fun filled Sunday afternoon with great music, free beverages, cheap food, and a chance to dance and relax with friends!

Don't Miss it!!

- Music provided by NVSC DJ Gerry Scott
- Membership Meeting at 3:00 P.M.
- Free advanced shag lesson at 4:00 P.M.
- \$100 Free Pour of your favorite beverages
- \$1.00 hot dog or similar item by Nick's

Free Admission to All Northern Virginia Shag Club Members!!!

To be held at: Nick's Restaurant and Nightclub
642 S. Pickett Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Time: 2:00P.M. to 5:00 P.M.



Mark Your 2001 Calendars - - - Now!!!!!!!

April 22 Sunday Social and General Membership Meeting--Nick's 2 to 5
May 19th Joint dance with the Ski Club. Dance will be held at the Virginia Ballroom
July 27-29 Capital Shag Classic weekend
September 8 at Ft. Myer, pre-SOS dance
October 13 at Nicks and Kenmore Country Club, daytime workshop and evening dance.
(Instructors TBA)...
December 8 Christmas Party, at Springfield VFW

A Great way to Keep Informed

E-MAIL

Join our "Hello Shagger" Email list?
E-mail, Valerie Swiger, at vms@olg.com.

Vacationing in North Myrtle Beach

Check out the **Boulevard Grill**, every Friday night, Happy Hour parties from 5 to 9, with John Hook live from 94.9 radio station and from 9 to close our very own **Larry Jones**, DJ'ing.

New Members in March

Mary DeMichele, Tim Farris, Jason Ortiz, Phil Schaub, Tybaldt Ulrich, Phyllis Yarborough

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.

**HELP WANTED: SEEKING MATURE PERSON-
EARLY RETIREE/MILITARY RETIREE-
TO WORK PERMANENT PART-TIME
(32 HRS/WK)**

**AT PRESTIGIOUS DOWNTOWN DC (PENN AVE NW)
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DEMEANOR A MUST, AS WELL AS COMPUTER
SKILLS. JOB TO START EARLY JUNE.
BENEFITS AVAILABLE.
CALL STEVE BOOTH AT 800-792-4411(9-5)
TO DISCUSS. GREAT WORK ATMOSPHERE!**



DJ's

Apr 4 Dennis & Nancy Gehley
April 11 Larry Jones
April 18 Craig Jennings
April 25 Charlie Price
May 2 Dennis & Nancy Gehley

Shag A Thon a Success

I want to extend my thanks to all of you who participated in the Shag-A-Thon for Hospice as dancers or volunteers, or supported someone else who did. **We have reached our goal of \$20,000**, and donations are coming in. This is a great example of the power of everyone aligning on a goal, even if not entirely convinced it is attainable (I confess I told Hospice I thought we had raised about \$12,000). Perhaps more important than the total amount raised is the enormous number of contributors and the multitude of people who learned more about hospice and our club and had a chance to see the dance we love. Over **80** dancers participated and 55 turned in pledge sheets, a substantial increase from 50 participants and 33 pledge sheets last year.

Some of you reported that your supporters from previous Shag-A-Thons were placed on the Hospice mailing list and had already contributed this year. You should be proud of that also, since expanding the Hospice donor base is a worthy goal.

Special thanks are due to those of you who took on major responsibilities: **Rob Creedon** who handled overall logistics and our computer work; **Valerie Swiger** who organized the food and collected up the pledges, checks, and cash; **Linda Silbaugh** who organized the registration table; **Pamela Alfano** who organized the information table; **Joan McKinney** who handled publicity; **Janis Grimes** who organized the dance demos; **David and Jerry Rodgers** for being volunteers par excellence and all around inspirations to everyone; **Dennis and Nancy Gehley, Craig and Heather Jennings, Charlie Price and Gerry Scott** who handled the DJ responsibilities; our club treasurer **Dennis Gehley** who handled the donations; and **Bill Meyer** who is our hospice representative. Thanks to the **juniors** who wowed the crowds with their astonishing virtuosity and their parents who have encouraged and supported them. Thanks to all those who traveled from far and wide to participate. And thanks to **Heather Jennings and Vesta Jones** for pioneering the concept by chairing the first two Shag-A-Thons and coming up with the "recipe" for success. My apologies to anyone I may have left out.

Jeff Kincheloe
Shag-A-Thon Chair

Total amount raised:

1st Place -- **Joan McKinney** (who raised over \$3,100)
2nd Place -- **Vesta Jones** (who raised over \$2000)
3rd Place -- **Jeff Kincheloe**

Total number of donations:

1st Place -- **Marcia Conway** (over 100 donations)
2nd Place -- **David and Jerry Rodgers**
3rd Place -- **Ann West**

Honorable Mention -- Pamela Alfano
(who placed fourth in both categories)

NVSC LOGO ITEMS----- FOR SALE

T-SHIRTS IN BLACK OR WHITE

S, M, L, XL	\$12
XXL - \$13 XXXL	\$14

SHOE BAGS \$20

VA IS 4 SHAGGERS --- LICENSE PLATE FRAMES \$12

TO ORDER, SEE PAMELA ALFANO AT NICK'S ON WEDNESDAYS.





Happy Happy Birthday April Babies



Congratulations

We are pleased to announce the engagement of **Kathryn Quattrone and Larry Winstead**, wedding planned for the fall.

We are pleased to announce the engagement of **Bernadine Shipman and Joey Fanini**, wedding to take place April 14.



Thank you

We wish to thank Cristina Gaines for the "wonderful" birthday cakes that she has been making each month. Last month's cake was decorated with a hugh four-leaf clover and was absolutely delicious.

Martin	Sam	4/1
Wagner	Dick	4/1
Campbell	Dallas	4/2
Cole	Chris	4/2
Lightbourne	Laura	4/3
Sweredoski	Robert	4/5
Terry	Linda	4/5
Cannon	Carey	4/7
Robinette	Chris	4/7
Senge	Kitty	4/7
Eckert	Keith	4/8
Endres	Beth	4/10
Arones	Michael	4/12
Lynch	Judy	4/12
Quattrone	Kathryn	4/12
Nowaskey	A.J.	4/13
Luzietti	Jennifer	4/15
Winfrey	Sandra	4/15
Howard	Dora	4/17
Fortunato	Michael	4/18
Jones	Joyce	4/20
Woodfork	Mark	4/21
Perrotti	Rita	4/22
Bymes	Joan	4/25
Krizan	Faye	4/25
Andrews	Courtney	4/27
Torguson	Bonnie	4/27

Intermediate Dance Steps for April

April 4 Kick Basic; Belly Roll; Half turn

April 11 Up & Back Basic; Shag Pivot

April 18 Hesitation Basic; Hug Pivot; Tuck

April 25 Side-to-Side Basic; Pivot w/Belly Roll; Handshake Wrap Pivot

April 4 Advanced lesson with Steve and Janis

March Board Mtg Highlights

Treasurer's Report: As of 2/28 our unreconciled balances were: Regular Account: \$6379.15, Classic Account: \$1614.25, Charity Account: \$2399.12 and Junior Shag Account: \$630.00

Dance Committee: March workshop with Jimmy & Cameron scheduled for 3/24. Lunch menu's for Nick's lined up. Raffle for free private with J&C will take place to help raise money for Classic.

Social Committee: Betty is acquiring food and volunteers for party on 3/24 following workshop. Betty is also handling acquiring one-day liquor license for event. Dance will be from 8-12. Joan is arranging for extra table/chairs for event.

Charity/Fundraising: Pamela reports that Shag-a-thon raised approx. \$15,000 so far with more pledges to come. Items for sale still include t-shirts, license plate holders, and shoe bags. Investigate selling CD cases with NVSC logo. Pamela will sell raffle tickets for lesson with J&C.

Public Relations: Mike Browne has done flyer for J&C workshop, initial Classic flyer, and sent info about party and Classic to ACSC web site and DCDanceNet. Also sent info to Carolina alumni clubs and other local shag clubs. Will be sending ad for Classic to Mike Payne for inclusion in Carefree Times. Also will be doing Classic ad for inclusion in May issue of 5-6-7-8 magazine. Heather will reply to folks at Waterfront Festival about doing NVSC exhibition in June.

Membership: Approx 390 members.

Classic: Linda will speak with Joe & Laura to find out how things are going with golf tournament. Pamela has sent new Classic logo to vendor for Classic t-shirts. We will be ordering 80 shirts this year. Rooms have been reserved for guest DJ's and instructors. We have several vendors lined up already. We still need someone to do Hospitality.

Music: DJs for Classic are lined up. DJ schedule for Classic discussed. Increase in cost discussed. Craig will put together proposed budget outline for next mtg. Gerry Scott has agreed to DJ April Sunday Social. Dennis & Nancy/Craig will DJ at joint party with ski club in May.

Old Business:

We will be having joint party with ski club in May at Va Ballroom. Ski club to do liquor and shag club to do food prep.

Proposed radio ads scrapped for now. We are doing enough print ads.

New Business:

We will again do two NVSC free pours at SOS. (\$150 each).

