



# 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*

Is it June already? I can't believe I'm half way through my term as NVSC President. What a wonderful year we've had so far! The dance this past weekend was just icing on the cake! If you missed the joint dance with the ski club, you missed one of the best parties we've had since..... well, since our last party! Honestly though folks, this was a good one! We had over 60 shag club members and over 40 ski club members turn out and it was GREAT! **David Rodgers** and **Vesta Jones** did a FABULOUS job teaching the beginner shag class to a rather rowdy group! **Betty Abshire** and **Dan & Reta Feguson** did their magic and produced an AWESOME spread of food. I don't think there was a single morsel left at the end of the night! And the ski club... all I can say is WOW- what a nice bunch of folks and boy do they know how to make a margarita!!! (Pamela, your margarita queen title may be in jeopardy!!!) All in all a FUN evening!!! Thanks to everyone who helped at the door (**Jane, Kitty, and I know there were others!!!**) and to everyone who helped with the tables & chairs (**Dan, Vaughn, H.K.**) and to our fabulous DJ's - **Dennis & Nancy Gehley** and **Craig Jennings** who spun wonderful tunes all night to keep the floor packed!!!! All in all a great party that I hope we can do again next year. Thanks to **Pete Campbell**, President of the ski club, for all his work too!

So - now that we are half way through the year, are we done??? MOST CERTAINLY NOT! In fact, the best is yet to come! This month we have two FUN events planned. The first is a **shag exhibition** at the **Alexandria Waterfront Festival** on **SUNDAY, June 10th from 1:00-1:40pm**. All are welcome to participate! We will be dancing on the "Family Fun Stage" at the festival doing our best to promote this dance we all love! If you are interested in dancing with the group (we have about 40 people signed up so far!) PLEASE call or e-mail me and let me know you're interested so I can add your name to the list. I have to give an EXACT list of names to the festival coordinator so they'll know who to let in.

Our next fun event this month is an **NVSC POTLUCK PICNIC!** It will be held on **June 23 from 1:00-5:00pm** at the home of NVSC members Gary & Robbi Mann. This should be a fun afternoon of socializing and partying! Come on out and get to know your fellow club members. We will have a dance floor and music set up too for those who wish to dance off some of that picnic fare. See the flyer inside the newsletter for all of the details!

Last, but not least, we are in FULL PLANNING MODE for our **6th Annual Capital Shag Classic!** For new members who may not be familiar with this FANTASTIC yearly event, let me explain. The Classic is what shaggers call a "park-n-party" weekend. You buy your ticket, you drive to the hotel (the Holiday Inn in Old Town Alexandria), and you DANCE from 4pm on Friday July 27th until Noon on Sunday July 29th with intermittent stops for food and sleep. Sound like fun? Well - there's more. You can also participate in the Classic Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday morning and THEN head on over to Alexandria to dance away your weekend. Once you're at the party, you'll get your dinner Friday night, your breakfast Saturday, your dinner Saturday night and your breakfast Sunday ALL INCLUDED in your ticket price. Sound like fun? Well - here's STILL more! You also get TWO free pours and THREE FREE shag lessons with GNDC Champs Grayson Smith & Leslie Melton!!! Sound like fun??? THERE'S MORE! But you'll just have to come and experience it to believe it!!! So - get your tickets NOW (The price goes up June 28th.) and make plans to attend because in this club - we don't save the best for last - we have the BEST party in the middle of the year!



# NVSC's Benefit Golf Tournament

## July 27, 2001

### Northern Virginia Shag Club

will host a mixed golf tournament at Fort Belvoir in Alexandria, Virginia

Registration at **6:30 AM, 8:00 shotgun start.**

Both men and women are encouraged to play.

**Location:** Fort Belvoir Golf Course

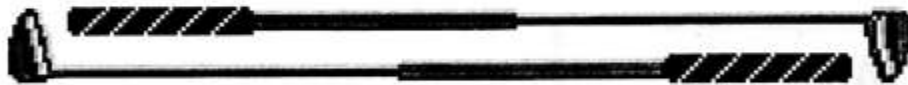
**Cost:** \$75 per person includes:  
Greens fees, range, cart, lunch, prizes

**Format:** Shotgun Start, Captain's Choice  
Scramble, Mixed format

**Prizes:** Longest Drives Men/Women  
Closest to the Pin Men/Women  
Lowest Team Score (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
**WIN A CAR FOR A HOLE IN ONE!!!**



Partial proceeds to benefit **Hospice of Northern Virginia**. The Hospice way of caring allows the terminally ill to live their final days to the fullest, as comfortable as possible, and usually in their own home. Hospice is concerned with the whole person, with emotional as well as physical problems and also with the needs of the family.



To sign up, complete the bottom portion and return to: NVSC, Joe Cornish, P.O. Box 5522, McLean, VA 22103. Questions? Contact: Joe Cornish 703-750-6449 or e-mail [nishjcl@prodigy.net](mailto:nishjcl@prodigy.net). Make check payable to NVSC.

Name (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you part of a  
Foursome?**  
If YES- please list other  
names in your foursome.

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**NVSC Golf Tournament July 27, 2001. Deadline to sign up: 6/23/2001.**

## Help Showcase SHAG!

Dance at the **Alexandria Waterfront Festival** on Sunday, **June 10th** with your fellow NVSC members. We will be doing a 40 minute demo of the Carolina Shag at this Festival. All are welcome to participate, but you must sign up in advance so that we can provide a list of participants to the festival. **(participants will be allowed into the Festival free of charge.)**

Call **Heather Jennings** at 540-775-5342 or e-mail at [hjennings@sentel.com](mailto:hjennings@sentel.com) to **sign up**.

## Beach Music at Jaxx by Gary Salpini

The March 31st show at Jaxx with Bill Deal And The Rhondells was great. They opened with a 90 minute set, followed by a short intermission and closed with another hour or so of great songs. The music was excellent and their vocals were outstanding. Brenda Franklin of Lynchburg was here again and provided another great lesson. Lots of dancing and good times by all. NVSC had a little over 20 members present.

The next beach band scheduled into Jaxx is **The Coastline Band on June 15th**. Brenda will be doing a lesson again and the band will start around 9. Tickets will be \$12. Look for flyers at Nick's or the Coast Guard.

### 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.



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

June 23 NVSC Picnic, SEE FLYER

July 27-29 Capital Shag Classic

September 8 at Ft. Myer, pre-SOS dance  
October 13 at Nicks and Kenmore Country Club,  
daytime workshop and evening dance.

(Instructors TBA)...

December 15 Christmas Party

### A Great way to Keep Informed

## E-MAIL

Join our "Hello Shagger" Email list?  
E-mail, Valerie Swiger, at [vms@olg.com](mailto:vms@olg.com).



**Northern Virginia  
Shag Club  
Annual Picnic  
June 23rd  
1:00—5:00  
Rain Date June 24th**



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB**



Don't miss this year's annual picnic that will be hosted by our gracious fellow club members *Robbi and Gary Mann* at their home in Fairfax.

Enjoy an afternoon of good food, shagging, and camaraderie with your NVSC friends at the Mann's.

**NVSC will Provide**

- Hot Dogs, Burgers, and Condiments
- Mixers
- Dance Floor

**What to Bring**

- Your Swimsuit
- BYOB
- A Chair
- Bring A Side Dish

Please RSVP Betty Abshire at phone # 703-680-3998, email [babshire@aol.com](mailto:babshire@aol.com)  
(We want to make sure you have plenty to eat!)

Directions: From the Washington Beltway take Arlington Blvd/US-50W, go approximately 1 mile and make a left onto Prosperity Avenue, proceed approximately 1.1 miles to the top of a steep hill, make a right onto Southwick St. and proceed to 9109 Southwick...Please note, at the top of the steep hill, Southwick is on the right and Morningside is on the left.

Time: 1:00 PM Till 5:00 PM...Lunch at 2:00 PM

Robbi and Gary Mann: 703-280-2055

Date: Saturday June 23rd, Rain Date June 24th

**FREE TO NVSC Club Members!**

## FLASH FROM THE VIRGINIA BEACH MUSIC FESTIVAL -- by Janis Grimes

The annual **Virginia Beach Music Festival**, the 3rd weekend in May, opened the season with live music by top beach music bands on a bandstand set up at oceanfront, at 29th Street on the sand. Festivities went on all weekend, and a highlight was the **SHAG CONTEST** on an outdoor stage at 24th Street on Saturday night, with deejay Charlie Byrd. Many shaggers and friends were present to cheer for their fellow NVSC members who took part in the contest.

In the Junior I division, **Tory Robinette** and **Justin Posten** of Virginia Beach delighted the crowd, winning third place. **Ben Robinette** and **Kari Jones** won second place, dancing a cool shag to "Soul Man"; and Junior Champions **Amanda Tedesco** of Richmond and **Josh Key** won first place with precision and smooth style.

Our own **Kristin Jones** and **Adam Sheppard**, from North Carolina, teamed up to win third place out of eight junior couples in the Junior II division. National Champions **Grant Garmon** of Virginia Beach and **Leslie Melton** of Wilmington, NC, won first place.

In the non-pro division, Living Legend **Rodger Woodson** of Roanoke, VA and **Karen Garmon Harper** won first place; and **Steve Booth** and **Janis Grimes** won a smooth second place.

In the pro division, **Ralph and Vicki Tedesco** of Richmond took third place, dancing with precision, smoothness and grace. First place winners **Jennifer Beaver** and **Joey Sogluizzo** dazzled the crowd with cool styling and lightning fast footwork.

The party at Steppin' Out Saturday night was a star-studded event, with many friends from various places. We shagged until we dragged out of there, well after midnight.... what a great weekend it was.

### CLASSIC RAFFLES

Take a chance on winning a **Capital Classic ticket** and a **FREE hotel room for the weekend!** (a \$250 value!) Raffle tickets are on sale now for only \$2 a piece or 3 tickets for \$5. The winner will be drawn the week prior to the Classic. If you win and have already purchased your ticket your ticket money will be refunded to you. See ANY NVSC Board member to purchase a ticket.

Raffle tickets are also available to win a **FREE private LESSON** with Grayson Smith & Leslie Melton. Grayson & Leslie are the guest instructors for the Classic this year. They are Grand Nationals champions and FABULOUS dancers! The lesson will be held on **Sunday, July 29th** at the Holiday Inn. **Tickets are \$5.**



### NEEDED: NVSC Golf Tournament Sponsors!

Would you like to advertise your business or hobby? Consider sponsoring a hole at the NVSC Golf Tournament held **July 27th**. Each hole will have a sign noting the sponsor(s) and partial proceeds from the tournament go to Hospice of Northern Virginia. If interested, please contact **Joe Cornish** at 703-750-6449 or **Laura Lightborne** at 703-820-9782.

# The Capital Classic is Coming!!!

It may seem like a ways off until **July 27th, 2001**, but preparations are already underway for this year's Capital Shag Classic and we **NEED you!!!** As always, we want to make this the **BIGGEST** and **BEST** party that NVSC throws each year, but we need volunteers to do it. If a committee chair asks for your assistance, please consider helping!!! (Or – don't hesitate to volunteer!!!) We need helpers for all of the following areas:

**Golf Tournament:** We need folks to watch the course, do the scorekeeping and assist with the drink cart. Please contact Joe Cornish at 703-750-6449 or Laura Lightbourne at 703-820-9782.

**Hospitality:** We need volunteers to help work the check-in desk and the sales table. (usually 30 minute slots) We also need folks to **DONATE DOOR PRIZES!!!** Past donations have included: beach music CD's, t-shirts, wine, shag memorabilia, etc. To help with Hospitality or donate a door prize, please contact Dan & Rita Ferguson at 703-791-6524.

**Program:** Jewell Pradier is designing our program this year which will be distributed to each guest that attends the Classic. If you are interested in placing an **AD** in the program, please call Jewell at 703-360-2994 for info and pricing.

**Decorations:** As always, we need folks to show up **THURSDAY** night (July 26th) at the Holiday Inn to help decorate the ballroom and the hospitality suite. Please contact Pamela Alfano at 703-379-7992 if you are interested.

**Hospitality Suite:** Betty Abshire needs volunteers to help prepare the hospitality suite for the **FREE** food and beverage time on Friday and Saturday. To help her out, call 703-680-5115.

**Floor Crew:** Last, but certainly not least, we **NEED** helpers to put down our dance floor. Volunteers will need to be at the Holiday Inn on Thursday evening to put the floor down and also be there Sunday at noon to help dismantle the floor and place it back in to storage. To help, call our Floor Crew Chair, Bonnie Mahoney at 703-941-8887.

**THANKS in advance and let's make this the BEST CLASSIC YET!!!!**

## DJ's for June

**June 6** Dennis & Nancy Gehley

**June 13** Charlie Price

**June 20** Craig Jennings

**June 27** Larry Jones

**July 4 -NICK'S CLOSED**

