



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

Whew.... as I sit here, my feet are tired, my legs still hurt and I think I gained three pounds from all the food, but I wouldn't trade this past weekend for anything! I know I say this every year, but what an unbelievable party!!!! I sincerely hope that you were able to attend our recent **6th Annual Capital Shag Classic!!!** I think, without a doubt, it was our best party EVER!!! A GREAT BIG SPECIAL thanks to **Linda Silbaugh** for coordinating this year's event.

Of course, Thursday evening it started off with the annual "floor get together" party.... the floor crew, chaired by **Bonnie Mahoney** and including many club members, arrived at the Holiday Inn to put the dance floor in place. **Pamela Alfano, Nancy Gehley, Valerie Swiger** and several helpers also proceeded to decorate both the ballroom and the hospitality suite with a variety of decorations. It looked fabulous!!!

Friday morning the real festivities began with an outstanding day for the golf tournament. Thank you **Joe Cornish** and **Laura Lightbourne** for again planning a morning of fun and memories! Everyone I spoke with said the tournament was great. Later on Friday, after registering for the event (thank you **Dan & Reta Ferguson** for chairing Hospitality!) and receiving a wonderful program (thank you **Jewell Pradier!**), we began our marathon of dancing. **Gerry Scott** and **Charlie Price** provided the tunes initially followed by our own "Shooter Dudes" **Larry Jones & Craig Jennings**, then **Dennis & Nancy Gehley** and finally guest DJ **Terry Ellis**. The atmosphere was downright electric! Of course, we did have to duck out of dancing briefly Friday to head upstairs to the hospitality suite where we were served a yummy sandwich and pasta salad meal by **Betty Abshire** before heading on over and getting our drinks from free pour volunteers **Jerry & Andrea Crews** and **Larry & Mary Camp**. Later that night we got to partake of our first "MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST" provided by the Holiday Inn... all I can say is, I wish I could make bacon like that!

Saturday the fun continued with another full breakfast in the morning followed by a fantastic line dance lesson by **Dennis & Nancy Gehley**. (They played double duty by both teaching and DJ'ing for the weekend!) Afterward, our guest shag instructors **Leslie Melton & Grayson Smith** taught three amazing lessons reminding us all why they ARE masters of this dance. Does anyone have that advanced step yet??? If so, let me know cause I need a refresher course! Following the lessons came what may have been one of the most hilarious points of the weekend – our handicapped shag contest! What a hoot to see **Ben Robinette & Marcia Conway** get "down on the floor like a bug" and Hall of Fame dancer **Betty Kane** leapfrog over **Greg Owens** all while wearing some combination of big sunglasses, flip flops and other dancing "impediments."

Later it was another trip back to the hospitality suite followed by a lovely and delicious buffet dinner! After dinner almost 300 people danced and partied to the music of **Larry Jones & Craig Jennings** followed by Hall of Fame DJ, **Butch Metcalf**. The floor was packed!!! (Thank you **Craig Jennings** for scheduling our DJ's!) Saturday night we were also treated to some more wonderful entertainment (lined up by our own **Janis Grimes**). The NVSC juniors, including 2001 Junior Division I National Champion, **Amanda Tedesco**, put on quite a show and the demo by **Leslie & Grayson** was simply exquisite. Sunday morning we were back up bright and early to hear **Charlie Price & Gerry Scott** play us some Gospel Shag. Unfortunately, the weekend had to end, the floor had to be removed and I had to get some sleep, but if you didn't make it to this year's Classic – you missed an awesome party! **THANKS to EVERYONE** (all those *unsung heroes* who worked the registration or sales table, the hospitality room, the floor crew, decorations, etc.) who helped make this party a "Classic!"

A special thanks to **Lisa Silbaugh** for her 'all around' work (and for keeping Linda & I sane), **Rodger Woodson** for his sponsorship of the Saturday free pour, and to **Anget** for providing us with all that wonderful and much needed water!

Sunday Social

And General Membership
Meeting

August 19th
2:00 — 5:00 P.M.



What could be better than
a fun filled Sunday after-
noon 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
- Free advanced shag
lesson at 4:00 P.M.
- \$100 Free Pour of
your favorite
beverages
- \$1.00 hot dogs
provided 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: **2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**



2nd Annual Premier Shag Contest

Many of you may recall, last year Jerry Holt put together the **PREMIER SHAG CONTEST** inviting two **AMATEUR** couples from each shag club to dance and compete for prizes. This year Jerry is holding his 2nd Annual Premier Shag Contest and again inviting two couples from each shag club to participate. The contest is actually comprised of two rounds - a preliminary contest and a finals. The preliminary contest will be held **Nov. 2nd and 3rd** at the O.D. Beach & Golf Resort in NMB. Finals for the event will be Nov. 31st and Dec 1st also in NMB. This contest is open **ONLY to AMATEUR** dancers. CSA/SPA dancers may not participate.

If you are interested in representing NVSC at this contest, please contact Janis Grimes at janigrimes@starpower.net or 703-536-7362. If we have more than two couples who are interested in going, we will have a mini-contest to determine the two couples from NVSC. The mini-contest will be held at Nick's on August 22 or August 29.

THANKS FROM PAMELA ALFANO

Well I am sure that everyone who was there would agree that the Sixth Capital Shag Classic was a huge success. As you know, putting on such a party requires the cooperation of many of our Club members. I want to sincerely thank everyone who generously volunteered their time to assist us in putting up the decorations on Thursday evening, as well as those who stayed on Sunday to take them down. I would like to extend special thanks to **Nancy Gehley** who took charge of decorating the hospitality suite and to **Valerie Swiger** who designed the new table decorations and assisted me all along the way. I am also extremely grateful to **Jewell Pradier, Nancy Roop and Marcia Conway** for their willingness to sell the 50/50 tickets which freed me to get in a few dances. Again, thank you everyone for helping to make our party a success.

Nick's - more than just a place to dance!!!

Listen up folks... I suppose I shouldn't be surprised to find myself writing this article... I know that **MANY** other shag clubs have had similar trouble. What is the problem you may ask? Well, to put it simply - we all need to remember to **SUPPORT NICK'S** on Wednesday nights. And when I say "support", I mean we need to remember to buy a hamburger, drink a beer or order an appetizer while we are there. Nick's is in business to make money and it seems that lately we may have been taking Nick's for granted and simply using it as our "dance venue." (i.e. - show up, dance, drink water, and leave.) We are **EXTREMELY** fortunate to have a place like Nick's to dance **EVERY** week. (Many shag clubs in the Carolinas only meet once a month!) Nick's has a large floor, a great menu, and a reasonably priced cover charge - particularly for the DC area! So please - let's do everything we can to **KEEP** our regular dance night. Show up a little early and order a burger or have an appetizer. If you prefer, you can "shag" on over to the bar and order a nice cold beverage!

Just remember - Nick's is more than just a place to dance!



NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

GET READY FOR SOS!!!

Two SHAG classes 7:00 - 8:00 PM

FREE! With admission

- Beginner Class
- Advanced Class

Directions to Fort Meyer Community Center

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 1st 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 2nd street to Ft Myer. Go thru gate and turn left at 1st stop sign onto McNair. Community Center is several buildings down on your LEFT. Parking lot on the right.

September 8th

Lesson: 7:00 - 8:00PM

Dance: 8:00 - Midnight

Pre-SOS PARTY!!!!

Music Provided by ABSCDJS
Nancy and Dennis Gehley

Admission:

Members \$10

Non-Members \$12

FREE admission to
Junior Shaggers!!!

Light snacks and
mixers provided,
but...BYOB.

Junior SOS 2001 *by Jackie Robinette*

What a great party! Chris and I can't take the time off for both Junior SOS and the one for the grown ups. I am perfectly happy to be involved with the juniors. This year we were able to spend the whole week in Myrtle Beach, instead of coming in for just the last 4 days. Let me tell you what a difference 3 days makes.

We were all included in the yummy spaghetti dinner in the **Tedesco's** condo on the ocean. That event was put together by Vicki and a group of juniors including her daughter, Amanda. Amanda and Staci Masa made the brownies (best I've ever had!!! just the right gooey-ness!) Grant Garmon was in the kitchen with the sauce... yum yum! There were quite a few who attended the dinner, and then we all met at Fat Harold's for dancing!

Other pre-sos activities included a trip to a nursing home where a small group of juniors performed for the residents, and then taught a short lesson. I wish I could remember the name of the nursing home, but I do know that the kids were well received! Dancers included our own **Ben and Tory Robinette, Kari Jones, Adam Sheppard, Staci Masa, Cory Alexander, Amanda Tedesco, Ashley Shearin, Ginger and Katy**. Once again I apologize for not having all of the details... but in the haste to write this article in the shadow of the Classic... some things DO GET LOST!!! I prefer to call it "**post classic memory loss!**"

The juniors also came together at the **Alexander** condo for a pool party and cook out! Most of the time was spent in the water, with pruny bodies only emerging for the food!! (which was awesome!)

Thursday, July 19, kicked off the **Junior SOS** weekend of fun and activities. Workshops were held in the **OD Arcade** and the **Boulevard Grill**. That night the kids had a party at **Ducks** and got together to dance.

Friday was full of more workshops and dancing. The car wash was held behind the Boulevard Grill. Everyone had a great time. I think they may have actually cleaned a few cars!!! Friday night saw us all back Ducks dancing and socializing way into the wee hours of the morning!

Saturday morning the smart guys rolled out of bed early and headed for the Boulevard Grill for a lesson with **Sam West**. You know most boys wouldn't get out of bed early for anything less than Sam!!! The mixed doubles contest was in the afternoon in the OD Arcade. I think I enjoyed watching the amateurs the most. 32 couples danced in the contest. While I do not have all of the results at my finger tips...I do know this... in the Novice Division, Justin Poston (Tory Robinette's new partner) won 3rd place dancing with Kristin Floyd. Tory Robinette won 2nd place dancing with Brennar Goree, and Kari Jones won 1st place dancing with Zach. (once again the last name eludes me... must have been that last free-pour on Saturday afternoon at the classic!)

The volleyball tournament followed the mixed doubles contest. All in all we kept pretty busy! Saturday night was the juniors only party at the boulevard grill. Kids were signed in and out to keep them all safe. A group of the parents headed down main street to the Crab Shack (at least I think that is the name... darn classic!!) where we all proceeded to have a "grown up" dinner! very nice! After the kids were rescued from "the prison" as I heard it called by one teenage girl, all headed to Ducks to dance another night away!

Sunday morning was the gospel hour at **Fat Harolds**. A very nice young man named **Robbie**, gave a devotional and we all joined in a prayer. Personally I was thankful to be a part of such a wonderful group of people, watching our kids come together to dance and share in some good ole summer fun. We all enjoyed the complimentary brunch and then lingered over our farewell hugs.

I know in my heart that Junior SOS is more fun for me because it is something that I can share with my family. As Ben and Tory get older and closer to high school, I know that my time with them is limited. I can't think of a better way to do just that. Anyone thinking about heading to Myrtle Beach should consider scheduling their time to coincide with this event. **It is on my schedule to stay!**

President's Special Commendation Award
for
"Graphic Design Excellence"
to
Don Borja
for our new
Capital Classic Logo

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AUGUST 9	CASPER
AUGUST 16	GROOVE SPOT
AUGUST 23	BILL DEAL & THE RHONDELS
AUGUST 30	FAT AMMONS BAND

DJ's for August

August 1	Dennis and Nancy Gehley
August 8	Charlie Price
August 15	Craig Jennings
August 22	Larry Jones
August 29	Gerry Scott
Sept 5	Dennis and Nancy Gehley

Sunday Social

August 19, Gerry Scott

Happy Happy Birthday August Babies

1	Richard Krock
3	Steve Rose
5	Rusty Burress
5	Larry Camp
6	Lynne Briggs
7	Donna Montoya
8	David Baucom
9	Jewell Pradier
10	Linda McAndrew
12	Helen Coker
15	Louie Mitchell
16	Janet Rowan
17	Terry Gower
18	Gary Tidmore
19	Aggie Gower
20	Revae Moran
21	Lin Romero
22	Barbara Weigand
23	Amanda Digiandomenico
23	David Rodgers
23	Jennifer Solomon
24	Larry Delaney
24	Donald McNulty
27	Joe Cornish
27	Rob Creedon
27	Ann Thompson
28	Bill Bailey
28	Ron Maierhofer
28	Carol Montague
28	Linda Sheppard
29	Susie Beaver
29	Mona Sites
31	Jean Vogel



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Reception will follow at the Fort Jackson Officers' Club
 Inclement Weather Site is Coleman Gymnasium



MOVING AWAY

Hugh and Chris Tant will be retiring and moving to Mt. Pleasant, SC this month. If any of our members happen to be in the Fort Jackson, SC area on August 29, you are invited to Hugh's retirement ceremony. Good luck!

Jamie Callahan will be moving to College Station, TX, August 20, to take a teaching position at Texas A & M, good luck and teach those Texans how to Shag.

ENGAGEMENTS

Four members of the Northern Virginia Shag Club recently got engaged, wedding dates have not been set.

Beverly Larson and Tim Farris
Sara Brodsky and Norm Sieman



GRANDPARENTS AGAIN

Congratulations to **Mary and Larry Camp** on the birth of their second grandson, **Brock Andrew Donnelly** born July, 8.

JUST MARRIED

Kathryn Quattrone and Larry Winstead tied the knot on July 7. We wish them many years of happiness.



Condolences

To **Sharon Shipp** who's father passed away July 27th.

To the family of **Tony Falcone**. Tony passed away July 24.

