



# Shag Rag

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

December, 2001

Keep on Shagging'

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## **President's Message** by Heather Jennings

Wow! My last President's Message... I can't believe my year as NVSC president is over. It's gone by so quickly! Before I leave though, I'd like to thank the 2001 NVSC Board for a wonderful year. Through their efforts, we planned and completed several fun dance and social activities this year and I am grateful for all of their work and support. I'd also like to thank the NVSC membership for the privilege to serve as your president. It has been a wonderful year!

Now on to the future... **Congratulations to our new Officers and Board Members!** I wish them the best in the upcoming year. I know, having worked with many of them, that our club is in good hands. I'm sure they will do a fantastic job running NVSC. Please support them! Join a committee, send them your ideas, and participate in as many club activities as you can. NVSC can only be successful through the support of the membership. This is your club!!! Have fun with it!

Speaking of fun... look no further than our next club event, our annual "**Potluck Holiday Party**" which is scheduled for **December 15**. The party will be held, as in year's past, at the Springfield VFW.

We are also planning for our annual "**Charlie & Jackie**" workshop and dance in January. Who are Charlie & Jackie??? For those who don't know, they are multi-time National Shag Dance champions, U.S. Open Champions, Living Legends, and Shag Hall of Fame Members. They are also wonderful people and fabulous instructors. I strongly encourage everyone to attend!!! It's always a treat and a privilege to have these folks and I guarantee you'll enjoy it. Both the workshop and dance will be held **January 5, 2002** at the **Ft. Myer Community Center**. If you are planning to attend, **PLEASE pre-register** by giving your name to Valerie Swiger. Due to new security procedures at Ft. Myer, your name **MUST** appear on a list in order to get on the base. Please make sure you also have a **picture ID** with you the day of the event.

Finally, as many of you know, the Board (with the help of several members) is still in the process of considering different facilities as possible Wednesday night dance locations. Approximately 70 folks showed up to dance at the Galaxy the night before Thanksgiving. Mostly (from what I've heard so far) the feedback was positive about the location and the dance floor although many members expressed concern regarding the financial risk to the club with regular use of the Galaxy. (There is a weekly fee of \$325 for use of the floor.)

**PLEASE NOTE** that on **December 5** we will be considering another possible dance location - **Rene's Supper Club**. In other words, we will **NOT** meet at Nick's that Wednesday night, but at Rene's. **PLEASE COME BY RENE'S** to dance there and help us evaluate this club. We need your feedback! Also - if you know of another bar, club, or location that you would like us to explore - **PLEASE** let any Board member know so that we can try to schedule a dance there in the near future. Keep in mind that we would like (ideally) for the club to be centrally located, possess an adequate amount of parking - and most important - have a dance floor with enough size to accommodate our usual crowd (for lessons and dancing.)

Okay... one last comment... I've said it before, but I want to say again... this is a **GREAT** shag club and I am proud to be a part of it!!! Let's head into this new year with a lot of positive energy and **HAVE SOME FUN!!!!** Remember - shaggers do it with their feet!!!! See you on the floor!

# Election Results

The election is over and the results are as follows:

**Pamela Alfano**

**President**

**Michael Browne**

**Vice President**

**Treasurer**

**Dennis Gehley**

**Secretary**

**Vaughn Royal**

## Directors

**Betty Abshire**

**Linda Silbaugh**

**Libby Ash**

**Larry Boyer**

**Jewell Pradier**

**We wish to thank the outgoing board for all their hard work .  
We have had a great year. A few of the highlights.**

**January--** Workshops with Charlie Womble and Jackie Mcgee

**February--** Shag A Thon raised \$20,000 for the Hospice of Northern Virginia

**March--** Workshops and dance with Cameron and Jimmy Caruso

**May--** Shaggin in Margaritaville Dance

**June--** First Potluck Picnic

**July--**The Capital Shag Classic weekend and golf tournament

**October--** Workshops and dance with Mike and Kay Anderson

**December--** Christmas Party

Your new board will need your help.  
Remember this is an all volunteer club.

**Nine people cannot do it all. Volunteer!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



**The Northern Virginia Shag Club  
Presents  
A  
Pot Luck**

**December  
15th**

*Holiday Party*

**Featuring**  
*Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ*

**David Sessoms**

*from  
Fayetteville, NC*

**Location: Springfield VFW**

**Cost: FREE to NVSC Members!!  
\$5 for Non-members**

**Junior Shaggers Always Admitted FREE!**

- **What you Bring**  
*Side Dish,  
Appetizer, or  
Dessert*
- **NVSC will Provide:**  
*Ham & Turkey  
Rolls  
Beer, Wine, &  
Mixers*

*Directions to the Springfield VFW*

Take 495 to I-95 South. Exit 210  
(Newington/Ft. Belvoir). Go onto the  
lane, turn left at stop light onto Newington  
Road. Stay straight on Newington Road  
and go under 1-lane bridge. Go approx-  
imately 1/8 mile  
take HARD left  
onto Cinderbed  
Road. Go approx-  
imately 1.2 miles  
turn right onto  
Hillpark Drive. At  
the end of Hill-  
park, turn left onto  
Kincannon, VA  
on the right



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB**



## New Members in November

**Lester Dumont, Rhonda Dumont,  
Bev Rudolph**

## DJ's for December

**Dec 5 Dennis and Nancy Gehley**

**Dec 12 Charlie Price**

**Dec 19 Craig Jennings**

**Dec 26 Larry Jones**

Condolences go out to **Betty Abshire**,  
her father passed away November 3.

Congratulations to **Ann West**, on the birth  
of her First grandchild, **Katherine Renee  
Richardson**, born November 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Intermediate Dance Steps for December

**Dec 5 Side-to-Side Basic; Pivot into Belly Roll; Handshake Wrap Pivot**

**Dec 12 Double Kick Basic; Front Prep; Walk-Up**

**Dec 19 Stutter Basic; Boogie Walk; Side Pass w/Boogie Walk**

**Dec 26 Back Prep; Sugarfoot**

## *Happy Happy Birthday December Babies*

- 2 Jeffery Niemuth
- 2 Russ White
- 6 Barry Kumar
- 7 Barbara Schipper
- 8 Denise Lanier
- 9 Marianne Booth
- 9 Jane James
- 9 Melody Wayland
- 10 Donna Harris
- 10 Kathy Lewis
- 11 Jeffrey Gaines
- 11 Brennar Goree
- 12 Joseph Laws
- 12 Cathy Metcalf
- 12 Debbie Nichols
- 12 Jack Williams
- 14 Larry Jones
- 16 Marv Burge
- 16 Frederick Smolen
- 18 Kathleen Korach
- 18 Adam Sheppard
- 19 Joyce Goins
- 19 Dave Rapson
- 20 Susan Bane
- 21 Michael Browne
- 23 Gaye Proctor
- 26 Liana Levesque
- 27 Nancy Ruh
- 29 Sue Farrell
- 31 Sandra Traylor



**The Northern Virginia Shag Club**  
Presents A  
**Shag Workshop and Party**  
With Pro-Shaggers  
**Charlie Womble & Jackie McGee**

**January  
5, 2002**



*Charlie and Jackie are 9 time National Shag Champions (Jackie 10 times), US Open Swing Champions, members of the Shaggers Hall of Fame, Shad Alberty Award recipients, 3 time Feather Award winners for: Best Male and Female Swing Dancers, Best Classic Swing couple, New Wave Award. They also produce the Grand National Dance Championship.*

**Security Note for this Event**

*Due to current events and increased security, all attendees must be prepared to present picture ID at the Fort Myer entry gate.*

*Pre-registration may be required—please check immediately prior to the event.*

**Workshop**  
**Fort Myer**

Community Activities & Visitors Center  
228 McNair Road, Bldg. 405  
Fort Myer, Virginia 22211-1199  
Phone: 703-696-3470

**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

*Beat the clock and bring your lunch!*

Private lessons with Charlie and Jackie are available. Please contact Dave Rogers at 703-239-8978 to make arrangements.

**DANCE SATURDAY  
NIGHT**

**8:00 p.m.— Midnight**  
At

**Fort Myer**

Community Activities & Visitors Center  
228 McNair Road, Bldg. 405  
Fort Myer, Virginia 22211-1199  
Phone: 703-696-3470

**Cost:** \$10 for NVSC Members  
\$12 for Non-members

*Directions to Ft. Myer: 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. The Community Center is several buildings down on your LEFT. Parking lot on the right.*

**Juniors Receive Free  
Admission to Both Events!**

**This is a non-smoking event!**

# ATTENTION SHAGGERS

**EXPLORE**  
**Your Options!**  
**Wednesday December 5th**



The Northern Virginia Shag Club will check-out **Rene's Supper Club** as an alternative to Nick's on December 5th.

**No NVSC party at Nick's on December 5th.**

**Time: 7:00PM — 11:00PM**

**DJs: Nancy & Dennis Gehley**

**Admission: \$4.00**

**Shag Instruction**

Introductory	7:30 — 8:00
Beginner	7:30 — 8:00
Intermediate	7:00 — 7:30

**Dancing 8:00 — 11:00**

Rene's Supper Club  
 3251 Old Lee Hwy  
 Fairfax, VA 22030  
 703-315-9077

Directions: From I-495 take Exit 8 US-50W  
 Arlington Blvd toward Fairfax/Arlington, turn left  
 onto Fairfax Circle and then left onto Old Lee  
 Highway. Proceed to 3251 Old Lee Highway.



# SHAG & SWING DANCE!!!



Hosted by Potomac Swing Dance Club



Celebrating those  
 Myrtle Beach Days!



**PSDC**

December 8, 2001

Workshops: 7:30 — 8:30

Dance: 8:30 PM — 12:00

**NVSC**

Ft. Myer Community Center

BYOB

Dance: \$12 for PSDC & NVSC Members/ \$14 Non-Members

Workshops: \$3 for PSDC & NVSC Members/\$6 Non-Members

DJs: Craig Jennings &  
 Doug "The Gator" Levitas  
 Workshops: Beginner  
 West Coast w/ Craig  
 Hutchinson  
 Beginner Shag w/ Craig &  
 Heather Jennings

Directions: From Beltway to Springfield, VA—take 395 North, Exit  
 at 8A, which is Washington Blvd/Columbia Pike/FT. Myer. Stay in the  
 left lane and go under the overpass. Third exit, you will see the Ft. Myer  
 sign, ramp on right. At gate, stop and tell them you are going to the  
 Community Center. Once inside the gate take the 2nd left out to McNear  
 Road. Community Center is 6 buildings down on the left.  
 WEST of DC—take 495 to Route 50 exit, go east until you get to the  
 Washington Blvd/Pentagon exit. Go south to First exit on the right  
 (Court House Rd/FT. Myer Exit). Turn left on Court House Road, then  
 left on 2nd street to Ft. Myer. Proceed as above once inside gate.

## PRIVATE LESSONS WITH CHARLIE WOMBLE & JACKIE MCGEE

If you are interested in becoming a better dancer, then sign up for private lessons with Charlie and Jackie while they are here in January.

*Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee* will be teaching private lessons on Jan. 3, 4, & 6, 2002 at David & Jerry Rodgers' house in Fairfax Station. The cost of the lessons will be \$60.00/hour with either Charlie **OR** Jackie and \$85.00 /hour for **BOTH** Charlie and Jackie together. They are fantastic instructors and all of us can learn a lot from the.

**SIGN UP NOW** for private lessons by e-mail at [rodgersd3@aol.com](mailto:rodgersd3@aol.com) or call David at (703) 239-8978 to put your name on the list. Most of the time available for lessons has already been requested, so don't delay.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to NVSC member *Beverly Robinson* on her recent induction into **Living Legends!** Beverly was inducted along with several other wonderful dancers at the annual Living Legends event held this year on November 9-11 in Virginia Beach. **Way to go Beverly!!!!!!**



As most of you know, **Mid-Winter** is scheduled for **January 17-20, 2002.** This annual shag party, hosted by SOS and the ACSC is for members of shag clubs **ONLY.** In order to attend, you must have a Mid-Winter "**ticket.**" To obtain one, please see **Vaughn Royal** on a Wednesday night sometime before January 17. You must be a member in good standing (dues paid) to receive a Mid-Winter ticket.

Get your ticket now so you can party at the **BEACH!!!**

