



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! 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 200
(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



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 8th.



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 1st 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 8:00 — 8:30
 Intermediate 8:30 — 9:00
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

Ft. Myer Community Center

BYOB

NVSC

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 1A, 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 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!!!**

