



Shag Rag

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Keep on Shagging'

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President's Message *by Pamela Alfano*

I wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year. Hopefully, with a little help from my NVSC friends, our Club will continue to thrive in the coming year. We have many exciting parties, workshops, and special events planned for this year.

Our annual **Charlie and Jackie** workshop and dance on **January 5**, will kick off the year. You will not want to miss this one. It is always a wonderful event. For those of you who are new to the shag, Charlie and Jackie are world champions and the best-known dancers and teachers in the shag world.

As we go into the New Year, I want to remind you that this is your Club. The Board is here to respond to the needs of the Club and its members. We work very hard to try and make the right decisions with the future of the Club in mind. Obviously, not everyone will agree with all of our decisions but these decisions are made with the good of the Club in mind. To do this most successfully, we need your suggestions and input. If you have an observation or an idea, please let us know. We are here to listen and respond. There are many opportunities to communicate with us. Please take advantage of them. On Wednesdays, the majority of the Board is at Nick's. Talk to us. Our quarterly membership meetings are open forums for discussion. There is a monthly Board meeting, usually on the first or second Monday of the month, which is open to any member who has a particular item to address. We only ask that you notify us in advance so that you can be placed on the agenda and because the meetings are held at Board member's homes. The most important item we will address for 2002 is our weekly dance location. As you are all well aware, there is a possibility that we may change locations depending upon what happens at Nick's. Although many of us would prefer to remain at Nick's, it is not totally within our control. So far we have tested two possibilities -- Rene's and The Galaxy. Thank you to those of you who attended and have given us your impressions. We welcome your comments/thoughts on these facilities, as well as any other suggestions on possible locations for our consideration.

Remember - we are here for you. Communicate with us.

Pamela

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!



Please join us for the



4th Annual Northern Virginia Shag Club

Shag-A-Thon!!



Keep on Shaggin'!

On Saturday

February 9, 2002

12 Noon until 5:00 pm

at

Center Court, Landmark Mall

Alexandria, VA

- Prizes, refreshments and snacks for all participants!
- Great music by NVSC DJ's!

All proceeds from this event benefit:



HOSPICE
OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

www.NVShag.org

Participants are asked to raise money through flat pledge or per dance pledges.

To register and receive a pledge sheet see either Rob Creedon or Cathy Metcalf at "Nick's" at 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria, VA on Wednesday nights between 7:00-9:00pm

OR

e-mail:

R.Creedon@worldnet.att.net

2002 SHAG-A-THON INFORMATION SHEET

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the Northern Virginia Shag Club's fourth annual Shag-a-thon! We hope you will thoroughly enjoy this event! While the primary purpose of the Shag-a-thon is to raise money for the club's charity, Hospice of Northern Virginia, we also hope to attract new members to the shag club. With your support, we hope to make this a very successful annual fundraising event for the club. Last year was a big success: we raised \$20,000 through the Shag-a-thon. Our goal for this year is \$22,000!

1. Date and Time: Saturday, February 9, 2002, 12 Noon to 5:00 pm
2. Location: Landmark Mall, Alexandria, VA – Center Court
3. Pledge Sheet: Ask as many friends, family and coworkers as possible to sponsor you for this event. Have them fill out the pledge sheet with their name, address, phone number and pledge amount.
4. Pledge Amounts: Pledge amounts are up to each sponsor by choosing a flat donation or a "per-dance" donation (i.e. \$0.50 or \$1.00 per dance). For the "per-dance" option, you may want to give the sponsor an idea of how many dances you plan to dance – i.e., 4 dances an hour at 50 cents a dance would be \$10, if you dance for the entire event. Please note there are two pledge sheets in each packet. Enter the amount per-dance from those sponsors on the "**Per Dance Pledge Contribution Sheet.**" Enter flat pledge contribution amounts on the "**Flat Pledge Contribution Sheet.**" In order to reach the Shag-a-thon goal, each participant is asked to strive for \$100 - \$200 in total pledges. Participants who obtain less than \$25 in pledges are asked to pay a \$10 participation fee.
5. Amount Paid/Balance: If your sponsor elects a flat pledge contribution, ask if they would like to pay in advance. If so, note the amount paid and a zero balance in the appropriate columns of your pledge sheet. **Have all checks made out to: "Hospice of Northern Virginia."** The donation may be tax deductible.
6. Collecting pledges: **Bring only your "Flat Pledge Contribution Sheet" and those contributions to the Shag-a-thon for turn in.** The first Wednesday after the event, your pledge sheet will be returned to you with the "Balance" calculated for each sponsor. Please return to each sponsor and collect any uncollected pledges.
7. Collecting pledges: Bring your "**Per Dance Pledge Contribution Sheet**" to the Shag Club any Wednesday after the Shag-a-thon for collection. Turn these sheets/monies in to either Rob Creedon or Cathy Metcalf. **All outstanding pledge money must be turned in by Wednesday, March 6, 2002.**
8. Corporate sponsors: Consider asking employers or others to be a Corporate Sponsor. Sponsors who donate \$50 or more will be considered Corporate Sponsors. All Corporate Sponsors will be recognized during the event.

LET'S SHAG!!

4th Annual NVSC Shag-a-thon!

On February 9th, 2002 at Landmark Mall, Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia, the Northern Virginia Shag Club will sponsor the fourth annual Shag-a-thon! The primary purpose of this event is to raise money for the club's charity, **Hospice of Northern Virginia**. In addition, we will be able to promote the dance we love and hopefully attract new dancers to our group. Anyone who has participated will tell you what a fun event this is to be involved in. You will want to make your plans to participate. Unfortunately all of us will be touched at some point in our lives by the work that Hospice does in assisting families of terminally ill patients. What a worthwhile organization to come out and dance your feet off for!

To participate in the event you first need to **sign-up**. Sign up packets are available at the club on Wednesday nights and at other Shag events. Next you need to take your pledge sheet to as many friends, family and co-workers as possible and ask them to "sponsor" you for this event. By sponsoring you, they agree to pay a certain amount for each dance you have during the event or they may choose to make a flat donation. This is not an endurance event - you may dance as many or as few dances as you like. Each sponsor needs to fill out a pledge sheet with their name, address and pledge amount. It is as simple as that! Please try and get as many pledges as possible!

On the day of the event, February 9th, bring only your "Flat Pledge Contribution Sheets" and checks to the Shag-a-thon for turn-in and dance, dance, dance!! Do not bring your "Per Dance Pledge Contribution Sheet" to the Shag-a-thon. Please bring your "Per Dance Pledge Contribution Sheet" to the Shag Club any Wednesday after the Shag-a-thon for collection. Turn these sheets/monies in to either Rob Creedon or Cathy Metcalf. All pledge money must be turned in by Wednesday, March 6, 2002.

This event raised \$20,000 for Hospice of Northern Virginia last year and we hope to raise even more this year. If you can't dance that day, consider sponsoring one of the other dancers, volunteering at a registration or information table, volunteering to make a snack, or just come by and cheer us on.

Volunteers are needed for helping out on the day of the event at the check in table for participants, the information table, and for bringing snacks for the dancers. Please send Rob an e-mail if you would like to volunteer to assist. Thanks to all who support this event by dancing, obtaining pledges, making pledges, set up, playing music, lending sound equipment, volunteering at the tables, organizing, and clean up.

This year's event is headed by Rob Creedon.
He can be reached at R.Creedon@worldnet.att.net.

Treasurer's 2001 End-of-Year Report to the Membership

Thank you for being a member of the Northern Virginia Shag Club and for allowing me to continue as your Treasurer for the year 2002. (Five years in a row - I'm thinking DYNASTY!) Actually, I'm thinking I should give you a few facts about our financial picture as the calendar year ends. In brief, we are a financially sound organization. We have no unpaid or outstanding bills as of December 19, the date I am submitting this report. Our four bank accounts are in decent shape. Our Regular Account has a balance of over \$4,000. Our Special Events Account has a balance of over \$3,700, which is a nice head start on next year's Capital Shag Classic. (The last couple of Classics have cost over \$25,000 each to put on.) Our Charity Account is down to less than \$10 after we made a \$1,500 donation to Hospice of Northern Virginia at our Holiday party on December 15, primarily from the proceeds of the Second Annual Capital Shag Classic Golf Tournament. Finally, we now have a Junior Shaggers Fund with a nearly \$800 balance, thanks largely to a most generous \$500 start-up donation last January from an anonymous donor.

I ask all of our members to please continue to be generous with your time and your talents and continue your support for NVSC in whatever areas you care to contribute. The possibilities are many. Donations to Hospice through the Shag-A-Thon and special 50-50's during 2001 raised over \$22,000 for that worthy cause. Our Dance Committee and its volunteer instructors make NVSC second to none in the Shag world. Your support for our Juniors is something that we are proud to share inside and outside the club. Volunteers on all our committees help spread the workload and keep the few from having to do all the work. Even if you don't feel like committee work, you can help the club by coming to our events, spending a little money, and being an APA (Amateur Party Animal) or PPA (Professional Party Animal). Equally important will be to reach out, introduce yourself to others at our functions, and get to know your fellow members and guests. Maybe you could even bring new folks to NVSC and interest them in becoming members! In 2001, we received \$6,000 in dues. One third of that came from NEW members and two thirds came from current members who decided to renew. That seems like a pretty healthy mix to me. So, happy holidays to all our friends in the shag community, near and far! I hope to see you early and often in 2002.

Dennis M. Gehley, Treasurer (PPA)

Tickets

NVSC is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a **FREE** private lesson with *Charlie & Jackie* while they are here the weekend of Jan. 4-6. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. See **Linda Romero** on a Wednesday night to purchase your chance to WIN!!!

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!!!**



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