



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 Pamela Alfano*

The NVSC 2002 Shag A Thon, organized to benefit the Hospice of Northern Virginia, was a huge success. Thanks to the great teamwork and planning of Rob Creedon and Cathy Metcalf, the event went off without a single hitch. Our DJ's donated their time and kept the mall rocking for five hours where our shaggers danced and danced and danced. There were numerous members floating in and out throughout the afternoon including a number of our out-of-town members. Tory Robinette and Justin Posten put on a show-stopping demo and Craig and Heather Jennings did one of their winning competition dances for us. Hospice representative and NVSC member, Bill Meyer, also made a surprise presentation, a plaque, to the Club to recognize and acknowledge the contributions NVSC has made to Hospice over the years. Thank you everyone who contributed your time and effort to ensure the success of our charity fundraiser. We could not do it without you.

Good news! We have filled the new "Juniors Dance" Sub-Committee Chair position. Linda Romero has agreed to chair the Junior Program, which will focus on increasing NVSC exposure to the junior community with the hope of igniting increased interest. As you know, we already have some remarkable juniors but our goal is to expand our group of juniors. Since the "Juniors Dance" sub-committee is a new committee this year, Linda will be looking to all of us for assistance. Please contact her with any ideas you may have and perhaps some suggestions on how to implement them.

We are now very fortunate to have regular weekly dancing at three locations.— Nick's, The Coast Guard and KC's. Although Nick's is still our home, these other two locations are great opportunities to practice steps and have fun with friends. We love this dance because it is about fun and friendship, as is the Northern Virginia Shag Club. As I travel to various shag events sponsored by other shag clubs, I am always amazed at the reaction I receive when I identify myself as a member of NVSC. Their first response invariably refers to how much they like our club because it is so "friendly." I am proud of our club and hope that all our members feel the same way. Please remember this when you attend any of our regular dance venues. We are still one club working toward the same goals of fun and friendship. I encourage you to welcome newcomers, introduce them around, and have them feel the warmth and friendship of NVSC.

Have fun and KEEP ON SHAGGING!

The Northern Virginia Shag Club

Presents a
Shag Workshop and Party
Featuring

Bill and Brenda Barber



Bill and Brenda Barber are residents of Surfside Beach, South Carolina. They are among the most well known of all professional level shaggers! They have placed 2nd in the National Shag Dance Championships, are two time members of the National Shag Dance Team, and are two time points winners of the Shag Preservation Society

Private lessons from Bill and Brenda are available!!
Please contact Heather Jennings at 570-775-5342.

Workshop

Nick's Nightclub and Restaurant
642 South Pickett Street
Alexandria, Virginia
Phone 703-751-8900

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

Free lessons for Junior Shaggers!

Special Lunch menu with GREAT FOOD
from Nick's

Free Lunch for NVSC members who take
two or more workshops

Special Dance Presentation
from
Bill and Brenda
Saturday Night at JAXX!!

DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

To live Beach and Shag Music
From

The Coastline Band

At the

JAXX Nightclub & Concert Hall

6355 Rolling Road
West Springfield, Virginia 22152
703-569-5940

Doors Open at 7:00 PM

Cost: \$6 for NVSC Members
\$12 for Non-members

- JAXX offers a full restaurant menu including steaks, burgers, and bar food.
- Shaggers under 21 are invited but must be accompanied by a parent.

Directions to JAXX: Take Virginia's I-95 to exit 169 in Springfield, which is Rt. 644 west, Old Keene Mill Rd. Take Old Keene Mill Road for 7 stoplights, to the intersection of Rolling Road. Take a left on Rolling Road and then your first left into the Carpetland Shopping Center (at the Mobil gas station). JAXX is located directly behind the Mobil station

Shag A Thon

YOU, the members of the Northern Virginia Shag Club, have thus far raised over \$10,500 for the Hospice of Northern Virginia in the 4th Annual Shag-a-thon!

As this year's Chairperson, I'd like to thank everyone for the unprecedented level of support y'all provided again this year for a most worthwhile event. To tell you the truth, we had a wonderful group of volunteers again this year -- silent heroes who individually do not think they did anything special! Without the assistance of each and every person, however, we could not have done it! They made my job an easy one. Each of these special people took the time and made the effort to do one seemingly insignificant thing that together makes the event what it has become. From the guys who carried the ice buckets to and from Burger King for ice and water; to the people who spent an hour at the check-in and info tables; to the DJ's who played the greatest music; to the folks who brought food; to the previous Chairpersons who offered their assistance and guidance; to those who provided media and flyer support; to those hearty souls who assisted with the set-up and clean-up; and the ladies who danced with me -- they were terrific and so unselfish. Thanks to all of you who silently carried the load while I lost my mind in all this!! And finally, thank you to those who collected and those who donated money to the Hospice of Northern Virginia.

This has been an extremely difficult time for our nation. Many feel stretched to the limit yet everyone contributed in their own way and I salute you! We plan to present **Bill Meyer** of the Hospice of Northern Virginia with a check on Wednesday, **March 20th 2002** at Nick's. Mark the date on your calendar and come to Nick's to thank one another for a terrific job!

Thank you so very much, Rob Creedon

Good Luck

to all of our NVSC members
competing at the NATIONAL SHAG DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
March 7-9 in Myrtle Beach, SC!!!

Heather & Craig Jennings
Kari Jones & Adam Sheppard
Tori Robinette & Justin Poston
Brennar Goree
Amanda Tedesco
Rodger Woodson

NVSC EVENTS

Please mark your calendar.

Details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

March 9	Baby Boomer's Party
April 6	Workshops with Bill & Brenda Barber and Dance
June 1	Joint NVSC/Washington Ski Club Margarita Party
June 22 or 23	Picnic at the Mann's
July 26-28	Capital Shag Classic
September 6	Pre-SOS Party
October 5	Fall Workshops and Dance
December 14	NVSC Holiday Party

FROM "THE RHYTHM 'N BEACH NEWS"

THE FIRST QUEEN OF THE SHAG PASSES!

Clarice Reavis, 86 passed away on December 27th from complications of living a long, long time. A memorial service was held Saturday the 29th and there will be a celebration of her life on at Fat Harold's just prior to the SOS weekend events. In connection with the Shaggers Hall of Fame, a foundation helps those in need of financial support. A really worth while organization that you need to know more about. You can talk to these fine folks... Norfleet Jones (NMyrtle Beach), Al Cain (Fayetteville) and Bob Myrick in Durham.

TRIBUTE FOR CLARICE REAVIS

Now I have the correct info on that event.... March 21st just before the Shagattack weekend.

O.C. SMITH BEACH MUSIC DAY - JUNE 21, 2002

That's right, Governor Jim Hodges of South Carolina has proclaimed June 21st as "O.C. Smith Beach Music Day" for the state of South Carolina. A major festival is being planned for that weekend in Myrtle Beach. Artists from all over the country will be participating. "Save the Last Dance for Me" by O.C. is now #1 - It's a shame that he was not here to see it, but we know he's smiling down on us!!

STEVE CALDWELL OF SWINGING MEDALLIONS PASSES

Steve Caldwell 55, of the original Swingin' Medallions died of pancreatic cancer. One of Steve's greatest memories was singing "Papa's Got A Brand New Bag" while James Brown danced and offered encouragement. Bruce Springsteen called "Double Shot" the greatest Frat Rock tune of all time and Steve was a major part of that piece of Rock & Roll History.

SHAGGER & BEACH FAN, SMILEY FOSTER PASSES

If you ever saw Smiley at S.O.S. or at his club in Charlotte, "Smiley's" you would know where he got his nickname. Even during the rare times when he wasn't smiling, he still looked like it was "ear to ear". It didn't matter the band or the DJ.... he could always find something to dance to.

YOU MISSED IT..... A DAY LATE AND A DOLLAR SHORT!!

Not next time..... well, I hope so! On Sunday night, 94.9 the Surf did a webcast of The Embers live. Word is that it sounded great and folks really enjoyed it..... duh.... when is the next one?

Ok, here is the scoop..... Sunday - March 3rd - Band of Oz click on this link <http://www.949thesurf.com>

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**Let's Go
Shaggin'
Saturday Night
In
Fredericksburg
at Baby Boomers**

Saturday

March 9th

Thanks to the hard work of Don and Audrey Borja there will be a special night of Shagging in Fredericksburg at the Baby Boomers Restaurant and Nightclub!

Baby Boomers

1380 Central Park Blvd.

Suite 103

Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Phone: 540-548-4448

Baby Boomers features a 1950s décor with a jukebox, old cars, and a black and white checkerboard dance floor.

The restaurant specializes in homemade soups and sandwiches and offers a healthy choice menu with an offering of sugar-free deserts.

**Free Beginner Shag lesson:
7:30 - 8:15**

**Dancing
8:00 - Midnight**

Cover Charge: \$3.00

*DJs: Dennis and Nancy Gehley,
Members of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs*

Special Happy hour drink prices

*Baby Boomers will offer it's famous
"Boomer Burger" at a reduced price!*

Don't miss it!

Directions to Baby Boomers: From Northern Virginia, take I-95 South toward Richmond. After the Falmouth/Warrenton exit take the next exit, which is Rt. 3, toward Culpepper. When you come off I-95, bear to the right. Turn right at the light onto the Carl B. Silver Parkway. Make a left at the light to go to the Target Store. Go through the next traffic light and pass the Chucky Cheese at the intersection. Come in at the back parking lot, you can't miss it - Look for the "Baby Boomers" neon sign and the entrance to suite 103.

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COME TO THE SHAG WORKSHOPS APRIL 6th!!!

NVSC is planning one of its quarterly shag workshops for Saturday, April 6th, 2002. We are pleased to have PRO dancers and National Competitors, **Bill & Brenda Barber** as our guest instructors for the weekend. Bill & Brenda have been dancing and teaching for several years at the Pro level and have placed as high as 3rd at the National Shag Dance Championships in the Pro division. They are also past members of the National Shag Dance Team.

The group workshops will be held at Nick's in Alexandria.

The schedule will be as follows:

Beginner: 11:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Intermediate: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Advanced: 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

Please join Bill & Brenda for an afternoon of fun and learn some new shag steps too!!!

PRIVATE LESSONS

Bill & Brenda will also be available for private lessons during their stay. If you are interested in booking a private, please contact Heather Jennings at hjennings@sentel.com or 540-775-5342.

ANOTHER COMMUNICATION TOOL *by Larry Boyer*

Our club has acquired an automated "phone tree" system that we will use to deliver messages and reminders about important events in the club. This will be especially important for those who do not have email. We do not plan to use it to make long distance calls, that is calls that require a 1 before the area code when dialed from the Alexandria area. If you live outside the calling area you may want to arrange to have a friend who lives in the calling area pass along the messages to you.

While the message is playing, if you want it to repeat, press the * key. If you want to be taken off the list, leave a message stating your number and your desire to have it removed in the shag club mail box at 703-960-4254.

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