



Shag Rag

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music

May 2002

Keep on Shagging'

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President's Message *by Pamela Alfano*

NVSC is on a roll now with another great month behind us. The Bill and Brenda Barber workshop was a great success. All three workshops were very well attended. In addition to some new patterns and variations, we benefited from their expertise on technique. There was also a great turnout at JAXX that evening. The party started out with a beginning shag lesson by Brenda Franklin of Lynchburg and her very able NVSC assistant, Vaughn Royal, who graciously volunteered his services. Gerry Scott spun tunes and had the place rocking. I cannot remember the last time I danced that much in one evening. My feet absolutely refused to let me leave the dance floor and they were aching for four days afterward. There was an exciting exhibition by Bill and Brenda who brought the house down with their brilliant footwork. To top it all off -- we were entertained by the fabulous Coastline Band playing many of our favorite beach tunes, as well as some new ones. All in all, it was a wonderful evening for everyone. Thank you, Heather Jennings, for a wonderfully planned workshop and to everyone else who participated in making this another successful NVSC event.

Speaking of JAXX -- Jay Nedry, the owner, put out the red carpet for us. He circulated among us and made us all feel welcome. He has a vast knowledge and appreciation of our music. By the end of the evening, he had quite a few music requests and it was apparent that he enjoyed hosting us. Now that we have had an chance to sample the dance floor, sound system, the food, beverage prices, etc., it appears that JAXX could meet our needs. We are still in the process of evaluating possible new meeting places for our regular weekly dancing. I think it would be beneficial to follow-up on this and give JAXX a try. I have spoken to Jay and he is very enthusiastic about the possibility of having us there. Therefore, *we will be dancing at JAXX on Tuesday, May 21, and we will NOT be dancing at Nick's on Wednesday, May 22.* Mark your calendars and join us on the 21st. This will give everyone an opportunity to try out JAXX and see how it works. The more people who show up, the better it will be. The following Wednesday, we will again meet at Nick's and you can give the Board your opinion of JAXX. We want your input. If the feedback we receive from you is favorable, we will have further discussions with Jay about a move to JAXX. As we have done in the past, the final decision will be made by the membership. So, please try to attend on May 21 and then let us know your thoughts.

Many of our members are still reeling from the effects of Spring SOS in Myrtle Beach. Eleven days of great weather, great dancing and great friends. Life is good. NVSC members gathered at Ducks II and the Boulevard Grill for two free pours. Vesta Jones and Joan McKinney hosted the NVSC party where members displayed their culinary talents and visited with good friends. For those of you who have never attended an SOS, Valerie Swiger has always hosted this party and it has become a tradition. Valerie recently sold her condo, leaving us in need of a new host. Fortunately for us, our former Presidents, Vesta and Joan, immediately stepped in and offered to become our new hosts. Thank you Valerie for all the wonderful SOS parties you hosted and thank you Vesta and Joan, for carrying on the tradition.

With a third of the year behind us, I would have to say that so far "2002 has been a good year for NVSC." We have had a lot of FUN!. Thank you for your continued support and assistance and KEEP ON SHAGGIN!

The Northern Virginia Shag Club
and
The Ski Club of Washington DC
Join Together for

**June 1st
7:30PM
till
12:30AM**

Shaggin' In Margaritaville!



**Featuring an almost endless
supply of
Frosty Margaritas
and
Pina Colodas!
Beer, wine, and munchies also!**

**Free
Beginner
Shag lesson
7:30 - 8:30
No partner
required!**

**DJs from the Association of
Beach and Shag Club DJs
Association
Eddy Farmer & Denny Martin
And
Craig Jennings**

**Location: The Springfield VFW
Admission: Members \$15
Others \$17
Junior Shaggers Free!
As always -
No partner required!**



Location & Directions: Springfield VFW. Take 495 to I-95 South. Exit at I66A, Fairfax County Parkway. Get into the left lane, turn left at stop light onto Newington Road. Stay straight on Newington Road and go under I-lane bridge. Go approximately 1/8 mile; take HARD left onto Cinderbed Road. Go approximately 1.2 miles, turn right onto Hillpark Drive. At the end of Hillpark, and turn left onto Kincannon. VFW is on the right.



ATTENTION GOLFERS



The Northern Virginia Shag Club will host it's 3rd Annual Golf Tournament for Hospice on July 26, 2002.

The past two golf tournaments have been wonderful not only for the golfers but for Hospice as well. **Everyone is welcome.** So mark your calendars and ask your friends, relatives, co-workers if they would like to participate.

We are not only looking for golfers but **sponsors.** If you or an organization that you are associated with would like to sponsor this golf tournament please contact either Joe Cornish at 703-750-6449 or Laura Lightbourne at 703-266-1028 or email Valerie Swiger at _____ and she will pass the information on.



Intermediate Dance Steps

May 1: Hesitation Basic, Pause Walk-Up

May 8: Forward Sailor Basic, Pivot, Arch

May 15: Leg Up Basic, Side Walk-Up

May 21: (TUESDAY NIGHT AT JAXX): Crossover Basic, Applejack

May 29: Kick Basic, Half Turn, Belly Roll

June 5: Pivot, Hug Pivot

Advanced Shag Classes: May 1 and May 29

Line Dance Classes: May 22

Congratulations to Steve Booth and Janis Grimes who placed FIRST (out of 11 couples) in the Amateur Division in their first CSA competition at Memories Shag Club, Atlantic Beach, NC on April 5, 2002! Way to go, y'all!!

Invites You to Join Us For Our Seventh Annual

CAPITAL SHAG CLASSIC

Continuous Dancing

and Music by

Great Association DeeJays

JOANNE JOHNSON - HAROLD BEAVER

CRAIG JENNINGS • LARRY JONES

DENNIS & NANCY GEHLEY • CHARLIE PRICE • GERRY SCOTT

JULY 26, 27 & 28, 2002

Party starts 4 p.m. on Friday and continues on till 12 noon on Sunday

FREE SHAG WORKSHOPS on Saturday
Jennifer Beaver & Joey Sogluizzo

Third Annual Golf Tournament

Friday July 26th - Cart, Green Fees & Lunch, \$75.00

Partial proceeds Go To Hospice of Northern Virginia

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

625 First Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

****Request Special No. Va. Shag Club Rate**

****Rooms \$89** (1-4 persons)**

Reservations: 703-548-6300

FREE SHUTTLE to and from Reagan National Airport / Metro

FREE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT MENU * FREE POURS

Smoke-Free Ballroom

****Hotel Discount Rate Reservation Cut-Off June 26th!! No Exceptions!!**

Weekend Tickets \$60 thru June 26th: \$70 After That

Buy Your Tickets Early!

NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 30 TH

RAFFLE: For only an extra \$2, Take a Chance on a FREE ROOM and 1 Weekend Pass!!

For Classic information, call Linda Silbaugh 703-256-4917 or Pamela Alfano at 703-379-7992

For Golf information call Joe Cornish 703-750-6449 or Laura Lightbourne 703-266-6156

or you can check out our website at: www.nvshag.org



from Larry Boyer, Communications Chairman:

1) I have created a **mail box** on my phone answering service for use as the NVShag Club "Hotline". By dialing **703-960-4254** and selecting the **Hotline mail box** you can hear information about coming attractions - like the next Beginning and Intermediate lessons, the next major shag club sponsored event, or possibly, last minute picnic cancellations due to weather. Any messages left in the hotline mail box will not be heard. If you want to leave a message for the club, there is a mail box for that purpose at the same number. Messages left in the shag club mail box will receive attention, but do not expect a rapid response. For example, if you leave a message like: "I want to go to KC's this evening, can you give me directions"; don't count on getting a reply by the time you need it.

2) Many of you already know that we have acquired an **auto-dialer phone tree** system to help keep you better informed about important coming events. It automatically dials a list of numbers and delivers a recorded message to whoever answers, person or machine. It has been used already on several occasions and was very helpful in getting the word out about the 11th hour cancellation of the Baby Boomers event. Included in the calling list are all member phone numbers with 703, 202, 301, 240 or 571 area codes that can be dialed from my house in Alexandria without needing a 1 prefix. If you are outside this calling area and still want to be informed about the phone tree messages, then you may want to make an arrangement with a friend in the calling area willing to pass along to you important messages. During the message, you can make it repeat by pressing your "star" key. We anticipate using the system only for important announcements and reminders, like 2 or 3 times per month, and the messages will be delivered mostly during the day and never before 10 AM or after 9 PM. If you find these messages annoying, don't be annoyed, just let me know you would like to be removed from the list. A message in the shag club mail box would be the surest way to get it done.

Shag Contest at the Beach Music Festival -May 16th -19th

The **Beach Music Festival** is an annual festival held at the Virginia Beach oceanfront. The **shag contest** will be held on two evenings (Friday, May 17th and Saturday, May 18th), and will include FIVE DIVISIONS (Junior I, Junior II, Amateur, Non-Pro, and Pro). The ever-popular syndicated beach music dee-jay, Charlie Byrd, will again be our Guest DJ and Emcee for the contest, and this year's prize money totals \$10,000.

If you would like to enter the contest contact me, Larry Williams (757)490-3883, ext. 147 (DAYS) (757) 312-9323 (EVENINGS) lwilliams@lnc.com.

**Inventory and status of Video Tapes as of 9/25/01
Nancy Gehley has possession of the Video Library**

Teachers

Tape Name

Tape No.

Charlie & Jackie	Mirror Patters/Male Lead, Tape 1	1,25
Charlie & Jackie	Mirror Patterns, Tape 2	10
Charlie & Jackie	Lead and Follow, Vol 1	2,21
Charlie & Jackie	Basic Variations, Vol 1	3,9,18
Charlie & Jackie	Basics Plus (2)	7,8,26
Charlie & Jackie	More Basics Plus, Vol 1	15,36
Charlie & Jackie	More Basics Plus, Vol 2	16,19
Charlie & Jackie	Female Footwork	17,20
Charlie & Jackie	Male Lead, Vol 1	22
Charlie & Jackie	Workshop Notebook, Vol 1	23
Charlie & Jackie	Workshop Notebook, Vol 2	24
Sam & Sarah West	Carolina Shag for Beginners	11,14
Sam & Sarah West	Basic Polish-Techniques in Basic Patterns	12,13
Sam & Sarah West	Pivot Variations	29
Sam West/Sarah West Kemp	Fancy Male Leads	30
Sam West/Sarah West Kemp	Together Steps, Vol 1	31
Sam West	Dance Technique for the Male Shagger, Vol 1	28
Sam West	Dance Technique for the Male Shagger, Vol 2	34
Sam West	Together Steps, Vol 2	35
Sam West	Learn to Spin, Vol 1	32
Sam West	Learn to Spin, Vol 2	33
Sy Creed & Dana Brown	Learn to Shag	5
VA Beach Shaggers	Virginia Beach Mirror Steps	6
	SOS Parade	27

Video tapes are available to all **CLUB MEMBERS**, for a refundable deposit fee of \$25.00. Borrowed videotapes should be returned **within a week**. If a videotape is not returned with 30 days, your deposit may be used to purchase a replacement without notice.

NVSC LOGO ITEMS by Libby Ash

Have you noticed the NVSC logo items that club members are proudly displaying? These items are available to everyone. We have the following:

NVSC T-Shirts	\$12
Classic Embroidered T-Shirts	\$15
Shoe Bags	\$20
CD Cases	\$10



The CD Cases and Shoe bags are in stock but the shirts are by special order. If you are interested in purchasing any of the above items, please let me know. You can find me at Nick's most Wednesday evenings.

THE WEB



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information:::www.nvshag.org

Shag Club Information:::www.shagdance.com

A Great way to Keep Informed

E-MAIL

Join our "Hello Shagger" Email list?

E-mail, Valerie Swiger, at vms@olg.com.

