



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

Hooray for summer! Summer is always a time of sun, parties and outdoor fun. We have it all for you. We kicked off the month of June with the second annual Margaritaville joint party with the ski club. There was a great turnout from both NVSC and the ski club. Upon arrival, everyone was greeted by Betty Abshire's beautiful presentation of munchies. Thank you, Betty! While the rest of us were filling our faces, Joan McKinney and Vaughn Royal taught the newcomers our basic steps. The pina colodas and margaritas were flowing all night and the DJ's played all of our favorite shag tunes, and then some. The dance floor was hopping all night and most people stayed until the very end. Thank you to everyone who helped make this party a success. If you did not make it to the party, put it on your calendar for next year. You will not be disappointed.

For the second time, we were invited to do a demonstration at the Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival. Everyone showed up at the appointed time ready to dance and have some fun. Dan Ferguson was one of the first people there and was all set to spin the tunes for us. Great -- but much to our chagrin the music equipment and the stage were not exactly what we were anticipating. Instead of a wood stage/dance floor, there was a carpeted dance floor and, where the CD player should have been, sat a WALKMAN. Nevertheless, under these adverse conditions, and without hesitation, Dan started playing our music. Our emcee, Rob Creedon, then introduced our Club and Dan kept us moving. Thanks to everyone who participated, we did a good demonstration and had a wonderful time.

What would summer be without a picnic? Once again, the Mann's graciously opened up their home to us for the Second Annual NVSC Picnic. The weather cooperated by giving us a warm and sunny day. You may recall that last year we were not as fortunate and held the picnic on the rain date. There was an abundance of taste-tempting food furnished by our members. Gerry Scott and Dennis and Nancy Gehley provided the music while we danced and danced on the new outdoor dance floor which the Mann's constructed for this occasion. All in all, it was a wonderful day. Thank you, Gary, Robbi and Kelly.

Most of you are probably aware that for the past year we have been trying to locate a new Wednesday night dance location. So far, we have been unsuccessful in finding a place which meets our needs and appears to be acceptable to most of our members. In other words -- we are still looking. The Board has formed a Search Committee which is chaired by David Rodgers. David is looking for volunteers to get involved in the search. If you are interested in assisting with this committee, please give David a call at 703-239-8978. We will discuss our search at the next GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT NICK'S ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 10. Please be there to give us your input.

REMINDER -- The 2002 Capital Classic is coming up -- July 26-28. If you have not purchased your ticket and reserved your hotel room, do it now. Tickets are going fast and it would be a shame if the tickets sold out and we had to disappoint any of our members. So, buy your ticket now and KEEP ON SHAGGING!

The Capital Shag Classic is Coming!!!!

The following committees need volunteers to help make this year's Classic the best it can be:

Golf Tournament: Please contact Joe Cornish at 703-750-6449 or Larua Lightbourne at 703-266-1028.

Hospitality: We need volunteers to help work the **check-in desk and the sales table**. We also need folks to **DONATE DOOR PRIZES!!!** Past donations have included: beach music CD's, t-shirts, wine, shag memorabilia, etc. To help with Hospitality or to donate a door price, please contact Tom and Linda Romero at 703-321-0919.

Program: Jewell Pradier is designing our program that will be distributed to each guest that attends the classic. If you are interested in placing an AD in the program, please call Jewell at 703-360-2994.

Decorations: As always, we need folks to show up **THURSDAY** night July 25, at the Holiday Inn to help decorate the ballroom and the hospitality suite. Please contact Pamela Alfano at 703-379-7992 if you are interested.

Hospitality Suite: Betty Abshire needs volunteers to help prepare the hospitality suite for the free food and beverages on Friday and Saturday. To help please call Betty at 703-680-5115.

Floor Crew: Last, but certainly not least, we **NEED** helpers to put down the floor on Thursday evening, July 25th, and help take the floor apart on Sunday July 28th. To help, please call our Floor Crew Chair, Bonnie Mahoney at 540-891-4071.

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 vms@olg.com.

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

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625 First Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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

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

BORROWING SHAG VIDEOS.....

is EASY at NVSC!!! Whether you have taken all of the shag classes offered at NVSC or are just looking for new steps or tips on technique... our club has a constantly growing library of shag instructional videos. These videos contain more steps and tips that you can shake a stick at and they're **FREE to club members!** All you have to do is put down a **FULLY refundable \$25 deposit.** See our "video lady" **Nancy Gehley** on Wednesday nights to borrow a video!!! If you don't know who Nancy is, just ask a fellow club member!!!

(As a free hint, Nancy is our only "lady" club DJ!)

FROM "THE RHYTHM 'N BEACH NEWS"

YOU ASKED FOR IT..... HOTTEST TUNES FROM S.O.S. From over two hundred entries it was hands down the top five as listed below. Oddly enough there were only 15 entries that had more than four votes each.

#1 Return to Sender - D.K. Davis

#2 & #3 tie Movin' & Groovin' - Eugene "Hideaway" Bridges and One Foot Draggin' - Band of Oz

#4 A Place In My Heart - Liz Abella

#5 Love Don't Come No Stronger - Craig Woolard

Another odd thing is that the drinkers, dancers and party people many times picked 4 of same five, while DJ's had over 35 tunes with only one vote each. Hummmmmmmmm ???

DID YOU EVER MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION AT SOS!! The following is a note received by myself from D.K. Davis..."I want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all the beautiful people I met at SOS. Being a first timer, I did not know what to expect. I was just Knocked Out! It was without a doubt the most fun I have ever had in my life. I have never met so many friendly people in one place. If more people were like the shaggers, the world would be a better place. To me, SOS means Society of Super people. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and God Bless You All. All My Love..... D. K. Davis " Well now..... another person finding our what we have known all along. If you have never been to SOS.. make your reservations now!

SPEAKING OF HALL OF FAMERS.... Just in the last few months, we have lost four Shag Hall of Famers, Clarice Reavis, Lorraine Blake, Buddy Kennedy, and Frances Hyman. When we lose those cornerstones, we have to tighten up and make sure that what we have built does not falter. Teach someone to shag or introduce them to the greatest music the world has to offer!!

UPDATE.... BILLY BAZEMORE.... H O M E !! Billy is now HOME and improving every day!! Billy and Tanya thank each and everyone that had him in their prayers. They are still working on the cookbook, so get in touch with them!! Lots more info on Billy, the fund raising efforts here.... Mrsshagsinger@aol.com
Another Beach Music fan, Kay Burrage, wife of Jerry Burrage is wrestling Cancer also and we all wish her well. On Friday July 5th, from 4pm until, at H's in North Myrtle Beach, there will be a deck party live auction, silent auction, all kinds of entertainment and other fun to support Jerry and Kay during their tough time. Plan to be there!

Solomon Burke will be on the tube with David Letterman on Tuesday July 16th!!

23rd ANNUAL HANDY AWARDS... B. B. King won entertainer of the year for the fourth straight year as Buddy Guy took home guitarist of the year, Koko Taylor, best traditional female artist. Marcia Ball won blues album of the year for her "Presumed Innocent" and Ike Turner won with comeback album "Here and Now". Sam Phillips of Sun Records won a lifetime achievement award after 30,000 international blues fans voted for the winners in 25 categories.

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