



# Shag Rag

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Keep on Shagging'

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## **President's Message** *by Pamela Alfano*

"WONDERFUL! FANTASTIC! GREAT! SUPERB!" Just a few of the superlatives I heard used to describe the **Seventh Annual NVSC Capital Shag Classic**. Personally, I agree - it was one incredible party! I am also proud to say that we had the largest attendance ever this year. While we had many Classic "veterans" in attendance, there were also many first-timers, all of which said they would be returning. Several shag clubs were represented at the Classic, but the largest group of attendees was our northern friends from the Delaware Valley Shag Club. The new Colonial Shag Club and the Pittsburgh area clubs were also well represented.

Everyone took a part in the success of this party but the true driving force behind it was Classic Chairperson, **Linda Silbaugh**. Without Linda and her willing right-hand assistant **Lisa Silbaugh**, this party would not have happened. Thanks to both for an excellent event.

Our Hospitality Chairperson, **Betty Abshire**, also did a superb job. The food in the hospitality suite was excellent. During the welcoming free pour, everyone was treated to **Bubba Dave Rapson's** fabulous barbecue, which received rave reviews. I hope this BBQ can become a "Classic tradition" from now on, Dave. (Hint, hint.) Our seasoned bartenders **Jerry Crews, Larry & Mary Camp and Marty Littman** also did a great job keeping the drinks flowing throughout the two free pours. Generous donors again sponsored both free pours - the Friday one by Ducks and Fat Harold's, and the Saturday one by our own **Rodger Woodson**. Thanks to ALL for your hard work.

Of course, everything about the party was wonderful, but I particularly enjoyed the "impromptu" pool party we hosted on Saturday afternoon. We had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed schmoozing while being served Jewell's favorite Roanoke beverage - Green Tree Frogs. We will definitely put the pool party on next year's official agenda.

Our extraordinary guest instructors **Joey Sogluizzo** and **Jennifer Beaver** attracted a huge crowd for the workshops and then, later on, wowed everyone with their incredible dance demonstration. Thanks to Classic Entertainment Chairperson **Heather Jennings** for putting together a wonderful program of various dance types performed by our talented members, as well as a wonderful shag performance by the juniors. Thanks to everyone who participated.

And what would a shag weekend be without beach music? It wouldn't! Our fabulous guest DJ's **Joanne Johnson** and **Harold Beaver** and regular NVSC DJ's kept the music going throughout the weekend and kept the floor packed. Whew! I am still exhausted.

Despite the rain, the golfers also enjoyed the Third Annual NVSC Golf Tournament. **Joe Cornish** and **Laura Lightbourne** did a great job of organizing it. Since everyone was having such a wonderful time, **Dallas Campbell** decided he would make it an extra special event. All golfers can thank Dallas for being instrumental in extending the game by at least an hour. Great idea, Dallas!

Last, but not least, I want to extend a special thank you to ALL of the volunteers and everyone who assisted in making our event the best ever.

## **President's Message (continued) by Pamela Alfano**

Don't look for us at Nick's in August! During the month of August, we will be dancing at Cecilia's in Arlington (see flyer inside for directions, etc.) Earlier this year, a search committee was formed to canvas the area for a new regular Wednesday dance location. Cecilia's appears to be a good fit for us. Please visit this new location and let us know your thoughts. The cover will be \$6.00. We will have a similar arrangement to that at Nick's with the doorman being paid out of the cover and the remainder split between the DJ (1/3) and Cecilia's (2/3). We believe this increase in cover is necessary because historically shaggers have not spent enough money at Nick's to justify our use of his club. Cecilia's is not charging us for the use of their facility, but we are offering Cecilia's more up front in an attempt to avoid having the same problem as at Nick's. Please keep in mind that we must support the club we dance at. They are in business to make money. Buy drinks, food or both. If our members do not come out and support whatever club we are dancing at, we may not have a place to dance. See you at Cecilia's.

We still have more events coming up. On August 18, we will be having a Sunday social at the Coast Guard Anchorage Club. (See flyer inside for details). Rob Baen and Sheila Purkey of the Delaware Valley Shag Club will be teaching Nightclub Two Step at this event. If you were at the Classic, you saw Rob and Sheila demonstrate the dance. Please join us and ...KEEP ON SHAGGING!

### **Thank You** by Linda Silbaugh

I just want to thank everyone that helped with the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Capital Shag Classic. It is because of everyone chipping in and doing at least a little that makes the weekend a success. Thanks to all the Committee Chairs (especially those that filled in at the last minute) and their helpers. I received so-o-o-o-o many compliments and it was because of all of you.

**THANK YOU!**

Also, a special thanks to Lisa, for all her hard work and for putting up with a hassled me.

### **Showcasing NVSC Talent!!!**

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If you attended the 2002 NVSC Capital Shag Classic, you know we had some great exhibitions this year by our fellow club members! We had a wonderful Lindy demo (**Michael Miloszewski & Melody Sturdivant**), two hand dance demo's, (**Ron Warner & Dahlia Hirsch/Greg Owens & Cynthia Trueheart**), a night club two step demo (**Rob Baen & Sheila Purkey**), a west coast swing demo (**Joey & Bernie Fanini**) and of course a shag demo by several of our wonderful junior shaggers (**Kari Jones/Ben Robinette, Amanda Tedesco/Brennar Goree, Tory Robinette/Justin Poston, Emma Baskir/Justin Testa and Michael Sulik /Jamie Callahan**) as well as our guest instructors for the weekend. (**Joey & Jennifer** sure make it look easy, don't they?)

Thanks so much to all of the dancers that participated!

## Comments from some of the Classic Attendees

Just wanted to let you know that my friends and I had a marvelous time at the Capital Classic. Thank the Committee for all their hard work and dedication to dancing, good clean fun and making new friends. Hope to see some of you at the Virginia Beach Shag Club in October.

Shag Jan

*Dear Pamela, Valerie, Betty, Vesta, Dennis & Nancy, Heather & Craig, Vaughn and all of the NVSC members. I am sure I can speak for all the Pittsburgh people who came to the Classic. Because of you all doing such a great job of preparing, planning and working so hard to make everyone feel so welcome. We just wanted to say Thank you very much for such a great weekend. We all here came home tired with sore feet, but above all, great memories, of good music, great food, and a chance to see old friends and start new friendships. And although we will not see yunz (Pittsburgh slang) for a while, you will be now in our hearts always. God Bless and See you on the dance floor. Andy & Rose Ann, Tom & Terri, Russ & Donna, Andy & Denise, Jack & Joyce, Darlene & Ron, Paulette, Helen, Harry & Jean, Neil & Penny, Auggie & Jan.*

Hello Valerie.. and all the Members.. Just a quick note to let you know we (Patti and ALL of us) had a SUPER WONDERFUL time this weekend!!! We were so happy to be there and help support the NVSC (I am a member although the Del Val Shag Club is my home base) We'll have even more there next year I'm sure!!! You guys did a great job!! Thanks for a Terrific time!

Michael and Patti Agin Delaware Valley Shag Club

You guys did one fine job...what a "classy" classic. You didn't forget a thing, down to a basket of and aids...the most well thought out and organized event I have been to in....well, maybe forever. And what a good value...I had forgotten from last year how much and what good food was provided for \$60...and dance lessons until my legs couldn't move and my mind couldn't absorb another step. I can't stay home for 3 days for that kind of money...thank you all so much for providing so many with such a wonderful time. Don't change a thing...you are great.  
JoMama in Texas

What a great party! I have forwarded your e-mail on to every Shagger I know because if they didn't go this year, they need to go next year. Thank you and all who made us feel so welcomed!

Marjorie King

I don't know where you landed for dancing this past weekend but around 30 of us headed down to the Northern Virginia Shag Club's Capital Classic weekend in Alexandria, VA. WOW!! Other than the home club (NVSC) DVSC had more dancers attending than any other club! GO TEAM DEL VAL!!!! Did we have fun or what? We danced, we met new and old friends, we ate, we danced, we shopped, we danced, we toured Alexandria's Old City, and we danced some more. Several of our club members were invited to perform demos as part of the entertainment Saturday night: Sheila & Rob for a Night Club 2 Step; Joey & Bernie Fanini for a WCS; and our Junior Shagger, Mike Sulik, was invited to perform with the juniors. GO TEAM DEL VAL. There were also demos by hand dancers, lindy dancers and of course the weekend stars Joey Sogliuzzo and Jennifer Beaver! Put it on the calendar for next year...you'll be glad you did!

# Sunday Social

**August 18th**  
**1:00 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**Note revised start**  
**and lesson times**



What could be better  
than a fun filled Sunday  
afternoon with great  
music and friends!

**Don't Miss it!!**

- Music provided by ABSCDJ  
Rob Baen
- Free "Night Club Two Step"  
Dance Lesson by Rob Baen and  
Shelia Purkey at 1:00 PM!!
- Bring your own light snacks.
- Great prices on your favorite  
beverages!
- Remember you must show your  
ID to enter the station.

**Free Admission to All Northern Virginia Shag Club Members!!!**

To be held at: **Coast Guard Station**  
**Anchorage Club**  
7323 Telegraph Road  
Alexandria, Virginia

**Directions:** Take exit 2, Telegraph Road, off the beltway.  
The station is located south of the beltway between Lee  
District Park and the Hayfield High School.

**Time:** 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.



## Classic Music by Craig Jennings

The Seventh Annual Capital Shag Classic was again a great party sponsored by the Northern Virginia Shag Club. No weekend party would be complete without the music we all love. This weekend we were treated to great music from our local NVSC DJs as well as two Hall of Fame DJs, Harold Beaver and Joanne Johnson. Harold started the party Friday night and kept the floor filled with dancers until well after 2am. Saturday night Joanne also kept the party rockin' until well after 2am. Thanks to Harold and Joanne for driving 5 and 6 hours respectively to provide us some with some great dance music at the Classic. It was great to have both DJ's play an awesome mix of old R&B, top 40 and blues during the weekend. Thanks to our local DJ's too for playing our hometown favorites.

## Hi Everyone!!!!

Looks like we'll be heading your way for the **Sunday Social, Aug. 18th**. We're very happy to be given the opportunity to teach you **Night Club 2**.

This is a wonderful dance for those slower songs and we know you'll like it. It's easy to learn and we'll be doing a workshop that will have you dancing it with us that very day. After the lesson, Rob will be in the DJ booth for the social playing all those Shag favorites.

Sure hope you can join us - we look forward to seeing you.

Geneila & Rob

## 10th Annual Bunk Leach Mixed Doubles Hall of Fame Charity Event at the New Thirsty's 2, Greensboro, NC.... by Susie Beaver

Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame members gathered July 26th & 27th along with great shag dancers from the Carolinas and Virginia at the new Thirsty's 2 in Greensboro, NC. Having been personally helped by the Hall of Fame Foundation, I am proud to attest to the importance of these charitable events raising money for the Hall of Fame Foundation, in order that they may continue to help shaggers in need.

The judging panel included such notable Hall of Fame Members as Louise Hunsucker, Janet Morris, Chicken Hicks, and Louie Madden. The joint was jumpin' in the incredible brand new facility, opened by Linda and Thurston Reeder. As there were so many Hall of Fame Members in the competition, along with notable and entertaining shag dancers, it is impossible to name them all.... **HOWEVER**, a few names that you may recognize as members of our club, the Northern Virginia Shag Club..., dancing in the competition were **Earl and Beverly Robinson, Janis Grimes and Steve Booth**.

I am proud, as you should be proud, in the way Steve Booth represented our club with the usual style, grace, poise, and charisma that is ever present in his smooth shag dancing performance. We are delighted that he **WON 3rd Place** in the presence of all of these incredible dancers. The next time you see Steve, please join me in letting him know how proud we are of him.

So I invite you anytime you are in the Greensboro area not only to come by and see me, but also let's party together at the new Thirsty's 2, located on Chimney Rock Road, email address [thirstys2@triad.rr.com](mailto:thirstys2@triad.rr.com), for fun-fun-fun. I'll shag with you later!

# ATTENTION SHAGGERS

For the Month of August our weekly Wednesday night party will be held at Cecilia's in Arlington!

The Northern Virginia Shag Club's weekly Wednesday Party will be held at

Cecilia's Restaurant and Nightclub

During the month of August

*No NVSC party at Nick's*



Come out and Join the  
**FUN!**

Cecilia's Restaurant and Nightclub  
2619 Columbia Pike  
Arlington, VA  
703-685-0790

**Directions:** From 495 Take I-395 North. Exit I-395 to proceed north on South Glebe Road, after .8 miles bear right on to South Walter Reed Drive, continue .5 miles to make right on to Columbia Pike and proceed to Cecilia's at 2619 Columbia Pike.

Time: 7:00PM — 11:00PM

Admission: \$6.00

Shag Instruction

Introductory	7:30 — 8:15
Beginner	7:30 — 8:15
Intermediate	7:30 — 8:15

Dancing 8:15 — 11:00

Food Cecilia's offers a full restaurant menu of South American Specialties!



