



Shag Rag

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music

September 2002

Keep on Shagging'

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President's Message by *Pamela Alfano*

The unofficial count at the **Sunday Social** was 74 people. We saw many familiar faces which we had not seen for some time, as well as some new ones. I would call that a huge success. Everyone enjoyed learning the Night Club 2 Step, taught by Delaware Valley Shag Club (and NVSC) members **Rob Baen and Sheila Purkey**. If you were not able to attend the Sunday Social, I am sure that anyone who was there would be more than happy to give you some instruction. Rob then played wonderful beach and shag music for the remainder of the afternoon. Thank you, Rob and Sheila.

Our next event will be the **pre-SOS party on September 7** at the Coast Guard Anchorage Club. **It is a FREE party**. So come out and join us before heading off to Myrtle Beach for the annual SOS Fall Migration. For further details, see the flyer inside this issue.

During the month of August, we have been dancing at Cecilia's in Arlington. The turnout has been good so far and the Board has heard predominantly favorable comments. We will probably continue at Cecilia's until a decision is made on a permanent location, whether it is Cecilia's or elsewhere.

It will soon be time for the election of the **NVSC 2003 Board**, and the Nominating Committee will be seeking candidates. If you are considering running, you should be aware of what it means to be on the Board. If someone were to ask me what it entails, my response would be that "it is very time-consuming and a vast amount of work". There is a monthly board meeting which is hosted by one of the Board members and normally runs three hours. If you have never been on the Board, you may not know this. Each board member heads or acts as liaison to a committee. Most people attend our events, have a great time and go home. This is great. But before those events took place, much planning and effort went into them. Oftentimes, there is additional work following the events. Much of the work is done by Board members. There are hours and hours of behind-the-scenes effort for everything the Club hosts or is involved in. On the other hand, there are also rewards. There is the reward in seeing our fellow shaggers enjoying themselves at an event. There is the sense of satisfaction which comes when we receive compliments following a successful event. There is also the team spirit which comes with being involved with a great group of people working toward a common goal. That being said, if you are interested, willing or able to put in the time and effort that is required, then I would encourage you to consider running for the Board.

This is your Club -- Get involved and keep on shagging.



NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

GET READY FOR THE
SOCIETY OF STRANDERS
FALL MIGRATION!!

Club Provides

- Barbeque, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and all the fixing's.

You Provide

- Your favorite hors d'oeuvres, salads, vegetables and desserts.
- Your beverage at the Anchorage Club's low prices!

September 7th

4:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Pre-SOS PARTY!!!

**FREE Admission to
NVSC Members!!**

Where:

Coast Guard Station
Anchorage Club
7323 Telegraph Road
Alexandria, Virginia

Music Provided by ABSCDJs
Nancy and Dennis Gehley
And
Gerry Scott

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

*The Coast Guard
Station has GREAT
Prices on your
favorite beverages!!*

SOS -----SEPTEMBER 13 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22

SOS? What's That???

Well... the Wednesday crowds may be a bit light the third week of September. That date is **September 18**. Those who've been around the club for a year or more will know where everyone has gone... yes, folks it's time again for SOS! Some of our new members may be wondering... what in the world is SOS and why is everyone going??

Well... to put it simply... **SOS is BEACH WEEK for adults**. But really... **SOS is so much more... it is going HOME**. Home to "the beach", the home of the shag... and of course, when I say "the beach" **I mean North Myrtle**. Is there another?

SOS is about friends and dancing, and partying and dancing, and hanging out on the beach and dancing, and eating (when you get a chance) and dancing. Are you getting the picture?? **SOS is a FABULOUSLY FUN SHAG event!!!** It's a **TEN-day affair** that happens twice a year... once in the spring known as "**Spring Safari**" and once in the fall known as "**Fall Migration**". Thousands (**yes thousands!!**) of shaggers make the semi-annual pilgrimage to the beach to party, relax and of course shag! There is continuous dancing, multiple shag workshops, free food, a tram service and much more! It really is an awesome event. You will get to hear lots of new music, meet new friends and visit with old ones! There are approximately **10 bars in Ocean Drive/Main Street** area that cater to shaggers during this event and it is **GREAT!**

If you have never been, **GO!!!!** You won't regret it!

SOS FREE Pours for NVSC Members

September 14 Duck's Too
September 21 Boulevard Grill

Wear your NVSC tee-shirts!



Subject: SOS BEACH RUN This is to inform you of the **4th annual SOS Beach Run** by Anqet. The race will be held on **Saturday September 14, 2002** at 9am in North Myrtle Beach in conjunction with Fall Migration. Please pass this information on to your club members. Interested parties can contact Dr. Jim A. Troxell at (843) 272-1717 or at jtroxell@sccoast.net.

Join the
Northern Virginia Shag Club

For

**TWO FREE POUR parties during
SOS**

Fall Migration 2002!!!



Saturday, September 14th

Ducks Too

4-6 pm

DJ: Larry Jones

Saturday, September 21st

Boulevard Grill

4-6pm

DJ: Craig Jennings



**Club members receive their
favorite beverages FREE!!**

**Don't forget to wear your
NVSC
Or Classic T-Shirt!!!!**



NVSC All-Stars at Junior SOS ... by Janis Grimes

North Myrtle Beach, SC..... Junior shaggers enjoyed another fun reunion at the beach July 18th, 19th and 20th -- three days of meeting new friends, brushing up on their shag, learning new steps, and generally having a great time together at the beach. Top shag instructors and competitors teach free workshops, for juniors only. One of our own junior couples, **Kari Jones** and **Adam Sheppard**, taught a workshop, and on Saturday afternoon there was a **Mixed Doubles** shag contest held at the Arcade. A Mixed Doubles contest is like a Jack & Jill.... they draw names out of a hat to get a partner, and they cannot draw their regular dance partner. All of the kids attending had the opportunity to sign up for the contest, draw a name, and dance, from brand new beginners to veteran competitors. It is always so much fun watching these youngsters learn and grow, from one year to the next. Check out the photographs that are posted on the SOS website at <http://www.shagdance.com/headlines.htm>.

There were twenty-five couples dancing in three divisions; twelve in Amateur (first-timers), four in Novice (been-there-before's) and nine Pro couples (more experienced junior competitors). Mike Rink kept things moving in the DJ booth, and Sam West was the Score Keeper, assisted by young Sydney West. He and his group of judges, Nikki Johnson, Jeff Hargett, Mandy Holt, Wade Adler, and Jennifer Beaver did a great job. Everyone that danced was given enthusiastic, whole-hearted support by the large gathering of proud parents and friends. All are winners, having been brave enough to put their names in the hat and step out onto the floor.

This year, we witnessed some of our own junior members delight the crowd with 1st and 2nd place wins in two divisions:

Junior Novice Division

Tory Robinette & Dustin King - 1st Place
Justin Poston & Lauren Brooks - 2nd Place

Junior Pro Division

Adam Sheppard & Staci Masa - 1st Place
Kari Jones & Ricky Ward - 2nd Place
Congratulations and cheers for the junior all-stars!!

NVSC members and competitive dancers **Janis Grimes & Steve Booth** placed 2nd in the Amateur division in their second outing in the CSA arena on Saturday August 25 at the Annual Labor Day CSA/SPA Shag contest at Fat Harold's Beach Club at Ocean Drive, SC. This follows a first place Amateur division finish at Memories Beach Club in Atlantic Beach in April!!

Way to go, y'all!!!!

At that same contest **Amanda Tedesco and Kirk Bass** placed first in the Junior II Division.

The Northern Virginia Shag Club

Presents A

Shag Workshop and Party

With Pro-Shaggers

Michael Norris & LeAnn Best

October
5th



Michael and LeAnn finished "Best Overall" and won 1st place at the Professional Level at the 2002 National Shag Dance Championships! They are also 6 Time National Junior Shag Championship winners!

Hotel Information: Contact the Quality Inn Iwo Jima, near Ft. Myer, at 1501 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209, for Oct. 5 hotel rooms at \$80 per night, plus tax. Call (703) 524-5000 before Oct. 1. Ask for Bart or Patricia and mention the Northern Virginia Shag Club. For hotel information, visit www.qualityinniwojima.com

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 or visit grill next door!

Private lessons with Michael and LeAnn are available. Please contact Heather Jennings at 540-775-5342 to make arrangements.

All individuals entering Fort Meyer must be prepared to present identification!

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

DJ: Billy Waldrep from Roebuck, SC
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 BYOB Event!

NEW MEMBERS IN AUGUST

Ben Homeyer
Wendy Nipper
Bob Vanine

DJ's for September

Sept 4 Dennis & Nancy Gehley
Sept 11 Charlie Price
Sept 18 Gerry Scott
Sept 25 Larry Jones



Congratulations to *Jennifer Solomon*
and *Matthew Cooper*
on their recent engagement.



Wedding bells were ringing for *Beverly Larson* and *Tim Farris* on August 3.
Congratulations and many years of happiness.

Condolences to *Russ White*, his mother
passed away early August.

Happy Happy Birthday September Babies

<i>Kathy Ludke</i>	5
<i>Carol Baker</i>	8
<i>Beverly Farris</i>	9
<i>Betty Abshire</i>	13
<i>Frances Meckel</i>	13
<i>Pete Campbell</i>	14
<i>Sanra Bocchieri</i>	15
<i>Bonnie Mahoney</i>	16
<i>Gerry Scott</i>	16
<i>Cindy Coree</i>	18
<i>Harry Brooks</i>	19
<i>Edna Davis</i>	19
<i>Barbara Jones</i>	19
<i>Michael Edmonston</i>	20
<i>Cecile Rocek</i>	20
<i>Audry Borja</i>	21
<i>Ralph Tedesco</i>	21
<i>Jeff Levy</i>	22
<i>Mike Francella</i>	24
<i>Yvonne Newman</i>	24
<i>Diane deOnis</i>	25
<i>Jamie Callahan</i>	27
<i>Pat Parrott</i>	27
<i>Carolyn Payne</i>	29
<i>Mary Ann Davis</i>	30

Leaving Us!

September will bring a move to *Sharon and Weldon Waites*. Sharon retires and they will move to their new home in Columbia, SC. We will miss them but know they will be happy because they will be closer to their children and grandchildren.

