



# 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

November is here and that means that it is time to elect new officers and directors. There are candidates who have never served on the Board, which will hopefully result in some new ideas. Please look over the bios of the candidates in the *Shag Rag* and mark your ballot. You may send your ballot to our Nominations Chairperson, Valerie Swiger, or bring it with you on election night, November 20. The ballots will then be tallied and the results announced that evening.

The Search Committee has completed its survey of possible new dance locations. Consequently, *on November 20, we will also be handing out ballots to vote on our new regular Wednesday dance location.* The ballots will contain the narrowed down list of places which have been identified by the Committee as meeting our needs. If you want to be part of the decision, be at Cecilia's to cast your vote. The results will also be announced before the end of the evening.

We have a good group of people meeting at Cecilia's on Wednesday's, but it would be great to see even more people attend. While we are there to see our friends and have a good time, we are also there to dance. I have been noticing that there are some people who are not dancing. This is particularly true of the newcomers, especially the ladies. Although we constantly remind the women that it is okay to ask a man to dance, some remain somewhat reluctant to do so. Ladies, times have changed and it is okay to ask the men to dance! Men are usually flattered if a lady asks them. Gentlemen, if the ladies are not asking you, please ask them. If you notice someone sitting by themselves or just standing around not dancing – ASK. If you want to dance – ask someone. Don't wait for them to ask you. It is only three minutes of your life and it will probably turn out to be a pleasant experience. Try it! Each week, try to dance with at least one person with whom you've never danced before.

The National Shag Champion Michael Norris workshops and dance were a wonderful success. Michael shared his vast knowledge of the dance with us during the daytime and then entertained us with his incredible talent in the evening. Many of us also had the opportunity to take a private lesson and get acquainted with Michael. Heather Jennings did a terrific job of organizing the workshops and arranging Michael's schedule. She also gave him a schedule for meals, snacks, showers, sleep, phone calls, etc., and Valerie Swiger took responsibility for keeping Michael on track. Talk about the military... Betty Abshire and her eager volunteers put out a wonderful array of munchies, and Billy Waldrup's music kept the floor packed all evening. Thank you to everyone who assisted in making it another successful NVSC event. If you enjoyed Michael Norris (or even if you missed him), put our January 4, 2003, Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee workshop/dance on your calendar now.

**HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND – KEEP ON SHAGGIN'!**

**Pamela Alfano**  
**President**

As a member of the NVSC for approximately six years, I have been involved in many of the activities and endeavors of the Club. I have been on the Board for over four years, as Secretary, Director-at-Large, Vice President and President. I headed the Decorations Committee for the 2000, 2001 and 2002 Shag Classics and served as Chairman of the Fundraising Committee in 2000 and 2001. The experience of serving as President in 2002, has prepared me to face the challenges which lie ahead in 2003. If re-elected as President, I plan on continuing our efforts to make our Shag Club as good as it can be while maintaining our primary purpose of promoting and preserving beach music and the Carolina Shag.

**Larry Boyer**  
**Vice President**

The attendance at our regular Wednesday night dances has been going down gradually for about a year. This is the main concern facing our club. Fortunately, it is a problem that can be fixed. One reason for the decline stems from difficulties we have had in maintaining a suitable location. Beginning with the work of David Rodger's search committee and continuing with the October 18 meeting at the Coast Guard Station, where all members were invited to discuss this topic, the process for selecting a suitable location is under-way. I support having a general membership vote on the final location, maybe with more than one ballot if the first round is close. No one should feel left out of the decision making process. Then, once the votes are counted, hopefully, everyone will support the decisions by attending the Wednesday night dances as often as possible.

**Vaughn Royal**  
**Secretary**

Years in Club: 4-1/2.

I am presently a member of the Board of Directors, holding the office of Secretary and chairing the Music Committee. Last year, I was a Director-at-Large and served as liaison to the Dance Committee. I chaired the Audit Committee twice, and have been a member of the Music Committee, the Dance Committee, the Charity and Fund Raising Committee, the Nominating and Elections Committee, and other committees. This is my second year as carrier of the "green bag". I enjoy teaching the dance and particularly value the friendships made since I became involved in shag. I make a point of attending other local and out-of-town dance events and meetings of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs not only for fun, but also because of the importance of keeping our Club visible in the larger shag community and learning from the experiences of other clubs.

Reason you want this office:

I have enjoyed serving as Secretary this year. If re-elected, I hope to help establish the Club in a new home for our weekly dances, contribute to the growth and development of the Club, and build upon the strong foundation created by the Club's founders and previous Boards of Directors.

**Dennis Gehley**  
**Treasurer**

I would like to continue to be your Treasurer for another year because it is a pretty cool job and one of the few things I really like to do with my volunteer time. I'm good at number crunching and I like working with people to get things done, and this job lets me do both - work with numbers and crunch people. With 5 years' experience at this position, I can help new Board members understand how far NVSC has come, money-wise, and what we can do together to keep the club financially strong. We are like a small business that somehow manages to throw a \$25,000 birthday party every year, raise \$15,000 to \$20,000 for Hospice of Northern Virginia, and still have enough money at the end of the year to throw a free holiday party. So when you vote for me, remember my platform: "How many other fools would do this job?" Thank you

## DIRECTORS AT LARGE

### **Fred Whitman**

I have been a member for 8 years. I have served as director on a previous board and on the Music Committee. The reason I want this office to give experience and to ensure that club members have a good time. That's why they joined. Good music, good people FUN.

### **Cathy Metcalf**

I have been a member for 5 years. During that time I have served on the dance committee, audit committee, nominating committee and was co-chair for the 2002 Shag A Thon.

The reasons I want this office.

I feel that my schedule for the upcoming year will allow me the opportunity to serve and give back to the club some of what I have received. To elevate my guilt over enjoying the club as much as anyone ever could without making this type of contribution to its existence.

### **Jane James**

I have been a member for 6 years. I have assisted the board members and their committees by volunteering for club functions and projects.

The reason I want this office:

I enjoy the club and the members so much. I want to help keep NVSC a place we all want to come and have a great time and dance.

### **Gary Salpini**

I have been a member for 10 years, served on the very first board and am one of the 13 original founders of our club. During my membership I have assisted in the design and building of our dance floor and volunteered at club functions.

The reason I want this office:

To help the club grow.

### **Dave Rapson**

I have been a member for 10 years, served on a previous board as treasurer and am one of the 13 original founders of our club. During my membership I assisted in the design and building of our dance floor, arranged for the storage of the dance floor for a number of years, and volunteered at club functions. More recently I prepared the barbecue for this years Classic.

The reason I want this office:

To help the club grow.

### **Betty Abshire**

I have been a member for 7 years. I have served on the Board of Directors for the last five years. During this time I have served as the Chairperson for the Social Committee. The job is comprised of seeking facilities to hold social functions and to orchestrate food for the occasions.

## **FROM "THE RHYTHM 'N BEACH NEWS"**

### **TOP 10 SONGS HEARD FROM SOS FROM DJ'S/DANCERS -**

This is the Top 10 as submitted to us from lists sent to us:

- |                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. 8-3-1                       | Lisa Stansfield          |
| 2. Last Night                  | Chris Anderson/DJ Robbie |
| 3. Who's Been Rockin'          | Lee Morris               |
| 4. Movin' & Groovin'           | Eugene Bridges           |
| 5. Too Many Girlfriends        | Matt Leddy & Meatcutters |
| 6. Love Don't Come No Stronger | Craig Woolard            |
| 7. I'm Alive                   | Celine Dion              |
| 8. Hold You To Your Promise    | Sugar Bees               |
| 9. As One                      | D.K. Davis               |
| 10. A Place In My Heart        | Liz Abella               |

Nothing scientific, just the songs that were listed the most!

**FORGOT TO MENTION PASSING OF DOUG CLARK** - I have it on the web site, but thought I put it in here. Doug Clark of Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts died on Sept 16th after an extended illness. If you ever went to a frat party on the eastern seaboard, you probably saw them. Remember them picking on the girl wearing the pink dress!! <http://www.waxmuseum.net/DougClark.html>

Also... **PAUL WILLIAMS - R&B BAND LEADER PASSES** - One of the greatest band leaders of the early days of Rock & Roll, and RNB passed at age 87 on September 25th. He died of cardiac arrest. Mr. Williams is best known for "The Hucklebuck" and "35-30" for old time shaggers and had a great tune called "Shuck Foot"

**ROBBIE VOGT WILL GO UNDER THE KNIFE !!** Robbie Vogt had a heart attack recently and upon inspection, the doctors told him that he had had others that have damaged his heart. He will be undergoing surgery to repair the damage hopefully in the near future. Take a moment and say a prayer for this great guy.

**BARRY WHITE IS HAVING TO UNDERGO DIALYSIS.** The man with the big voice, Barry White is having kidney problems and having to undergo dialysis. When he gets stablized, he will probably have to have a kidney transplant.

**THE LAST GRAND PARTY - MIT STARBUCK MEMORIAL** - Mit Starbuck - DJ and dancer passed on June of this year and his friends will assemble to remember him. The party will be at Ducks in NMB from 1PM until - tunes will be provided by Butch Metcalf.

**FAT HAROLD INDUCTED IN BOPPERS HALL OF FAME** - In Savannah, Ga., Fat Harold will be inducted into the National Boppers Hall of Fame at the National FastDance Association's Fall Convention the weekend of Oct 25th. more info... contact Bill Maddox---  
[billmaddox@fastdancers.com](mailto:billmaddox@fastdancers.com)

**CAMMY (CAROLINA'S MAGIC MUSIC YEARS) AWARDS - MYRTLE & NORTH MYRTLE NOV 8-10** - You better hurry and get your tickets!! A fun filled weekend with great parties and another great Cammy awards show. I can't tell you enough.... check it out.... <http://www.cammy.org>

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**The Northern Virginia  
Shag Club  
Presents  
A**

December 8th  
**SUNDAY**  
5 to 9:30

# *Holiday Party*

**Location:**  
**SPRINGFIELD VFW**

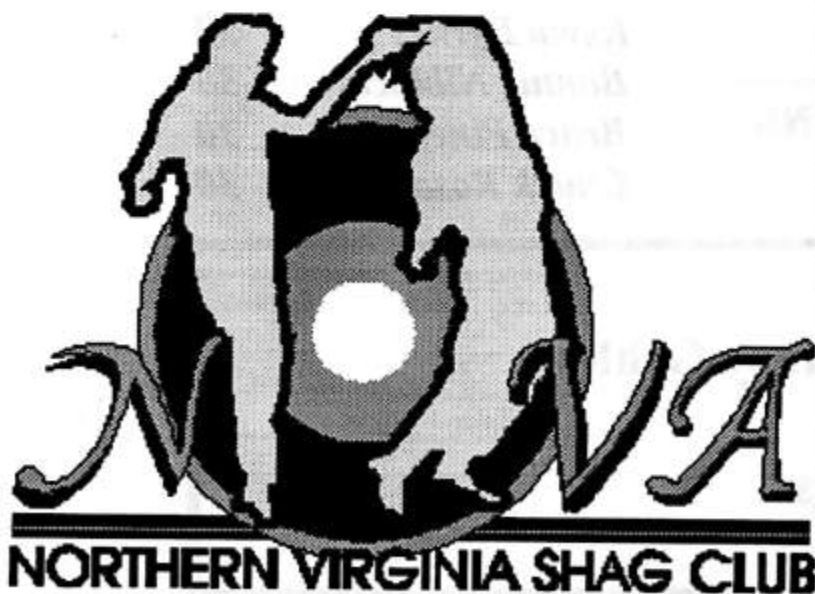
**Cost: FREE to NVSC Members!!**  
**\$10 for Non-members**

*Junior Shaggers Always Admitted FREE!*

- **What you Bring**  
*Side Dish,  
Appetizer, or  
Dessert*
- **NVSC will Provide:**  
*Ham & Turkey  
Rolls  
Beer, Wine, &  
Mixers*

**Directions to Springfield VFW:**

Take 495 to I-95 South, Exit at 166A, get into the left lane, turn left at stop light onto Newington Road. Stay straight on Newington Road and go under 1-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, turn left onto Kincannon. VFW is on the right.



## NEW MEMBERS IN OCTOBER

Terry Horning, Sonya Joel,  
Gary Pennifill, Bill Shecter,  
Frank Sulik, Carolyn Thomas



Larry Camp's first grandchild, Oliver Rhinehardt Camp, born October 15, 8 ½ lbs and 21 inches long.

Laura Lightbourne announces the birth of her first grandchild, Daniel Whittier Lightbourne, August 11, 7lbs, 9 oz, 22 inches long.

Jane James is a grandmother again. Joshua James was born September 17, 9lbs 10oz and 20 ½ inches long.



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

### DJ's for November

Nov 6 Dennis and Nancy Gehley  
Nov 13 Charlie Price  
Nov 20 Craig Jennings  
Nov 27 Larry Jones

### Happy Happy Birthday

#### November Babies

<i>Agnes Westerfield</i>	5
<i>Valerie Swiger</i>	8
<i>Roy Camp</i>	10
<i>Charles Boyer</i>	11
<i>Hutch Hutchinson</i>	11
<i>Gary Mann</i>	11
<i>Janet Egan</i>	12
<i>Carl Montoya</i>	12
<i>Jerry Rodgers</i>	13
<i>Dennis Gehley</i>	16
<i>Rhonda Dumont</i>	18
<i>Terry Chorvat</i>	20
<i>Sheila Purkey</i>	20
<i>Eddy Farmer</i>	21
<i>Jay Greenblatt</i>	21
<i>Ellen Testa</i>	21
<i>Harvey Niblack</i>	24
<i>Annie Foster</i>	25
<i>James Harley</i>	25
<i>Patricia Pasierb</i>	25
<i>Tom Jones</i>	26
<i>Sharon Waites</i>	27
<i>Kelly Mann</i>	29
<i>Bob Vanne</i>	29
<i>Kevin Byrnes</i>	30
<i>Bonnie Niblack</i>	30
<i>Bruce Piner</i>	30
<i>Chuck Roser</i>	30

## From Larry Boyer, Communications Chairman:



- 1) The NVShag Club has a **"Hotline"**, 703-960-4254. By dialing this number 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 cancellations. 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 likely not a rapid response.
- 2) The Club also uses an **auto-dialer phone tree system** to keep you informed about special events. It automatically dials a list of numbers and delivers a recorded message to whoever answers, person or machine. Included in the calling list are all member phone numbers with **703, 202, 301, 240 or 571** area codes that can be dialed from the Alexandria area 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.
- 3) During the message, you can make it **repeat** by pressing your **"star" key**. We use this system about 2 or three times per month for important announcements and reminders. Messages are delivered mostly during the day and never before 10 AM or after 9 PM.
- 4) If you would like to be removed from this list just leave a message in the shag club mail box asking your number to be removed from the phone tree list.

### Intermediate Dance Steps

**Nov 6 Crossover Basic, Applejack**  
**Nov 13 Kick Basic, Half Turn, Belly Roll**  
**Nov 20 Pivot, Hug Pivot**  
**Nov 27 Handshake Wrap Pivot, Pivot into Belly Roll**  
**Dec 4 Side-to-side Basic, Front Prep, Walk-up**

**Advanced Class**  
**Line Dance**

**Nov 13**  
**Nov 6 and Dec 4**

# November 20<sup>th</sup> Election Night

