



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*



WE HAVE MOVED! And the winner is . . . **NOSTALGIA's!** If you are looking for your friends on a Wednesday evening, you can find us at Nostalgia's in the Fair Oaks Holiday Inn. There is a wonderful wood dance floor, a great sound system and good food. What more could we ask for? You! Please join us for great music, great dancing, great friends and great fun.

NVSC LOGO NIGHT! Meet us at Nostalgia's on Wednesday, **December 4.** Since it will be our first night official night there, let's show off our pride in our club. Wear your NVSC shirt! Bring your NVSC shoe bag! You don't own any items with the NVSC logo on them? Well, you can purchase them at Nostalgia's that evening. Make it a party. Hope to see you there.

The election for new officers and directors is over and Valerie, and her committee did a great and efficient job of counting the votes. We will have some new members on the 2003 Board. Feel free to approach any of us with your ideas and concerns, because we are there for you. I am looking forward to serving as president of NVSC for a second year. It is a privilege to be a part of such a wonderful Club.

Speaking of the election, our last night at Cecilia's was terrific. There was a huge turnout and there were many familiar faces that we have not seen for some time. Everyone commented on how much fun they were having, just like the old days before 9/11. Unfortunately, attendance dropped off after that and we never got back to our previous numbers. Most of us remember those days and long to have them back. We can have that again, but we need your support. So give it a try and join us at Nostalgia's.

Don't forget: **NVSC HOLIDAY PARTY – Sunday, December 8, 2002.** Bring a door prize to donate, a dish to share and join us for some fun. I hope to see everyone there.

On **Saturday, January 4, National Shag Champions Charlie Womble (nine time) and Jackie McGee (ten time)** will be here for their annual NVSC workshop weekend. They will be offering private lessons. If you are interested in a private lesson, please contact David Rodgers, who will again be hosting them and arranging their schedule. There will be the usual three workshops on Saturday, but with some changes in format. In response to the many requests/suggestions received from previous attendees, we will not have the normal format of beginner, intermediate and advanced lessons. Instead, we will restructure them to concentrate on such things technique, lead follow, leads, footwork variations and other aspects of the dance. There will also be a dance on Saturday evening at Fort Myer. So mark your calendars and join us.

HAVE A SAFE AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON and KEEP ON SHAGGIN'.

NEW MEMBERS IN NOVEMBER

Barb Raven

DJ's for December

Dec 4 Dennis and Nancy Gehley
Dec 11 Charlie Price
Dec 18 Craig Jennings
December 25 NO DANCING

2003 Board and Officers

We wish to thank the outgoing board for a wonderful job, this has been a difficult year due to our Wednesday night dance location problems.

We wish to welcome in our new board.

President	Pamela Alfano
Vice President	Larry Boyer
Treasurer	Dennis Gehley
Secretary	Vaughn Royal

Directors:

Betty Abshire
Cathy Metcalf
Jane James
Dave Rapson
Gary Salpini

Happy Happy Birthday

December Babies

<i>Russ White</i>	2
<i>Barbara Schipper</i>	7
<i>Denise Lanier</i>	8
<i>Jane James</i>	9
<i>Melody Wayland</i>	9
<i>John Balakos</i>	10
<i>Kathy Lewis</i>	10
<i>Jeffrey Gaines</i>	11
<i>Joseph Laws</i>	12
<i>Cathy Metcalf</i>	12
<i>Jack Williams</i>	12
<i>Genie Baskir</i>	13
<i>Larry Jones</i>	14
<i>Frederick Smolen</i>	16
<i>Dave Rapson</i>	19
<i>Sandy Walters</i>	20
<i>Michael Browne</i>	21
<i>Ashley Godwin</i>	22
<i>Gaye Proctor</i>	23
<i>Wendy Nipper</i>	25
<i>Sue Farrell</i>	29
<i>Sandra Traylor</i>	31

These nine people cannot do all the work necessary to make this club run. **They will need YOUR help.** Each board member will head up a committee and those committees will need volunteers. **Please volunteer.**



**The Northern Virginia
Shag Club
Presents
A**

**Sunday
December 8th**

Holiday Party

**Featuring
Guest DJ
Doo Wop Jack**

**Location: Springfield VFW
Time: 5:00—9:30 PM**

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

Junior Shaggers Always Admitted FREE!

• What you Bring

*Side Dish,
Appetizer, or
Dessert
BYOB*

• NVSC will Provide:

*Ham & Turkey
Rolls
Mixers*

Directions to the Springfield VFW:

Take 495 to I-95 South. Exit at 166A (Newington/Ft. Belvoir) 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.



NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB



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

<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Tape Name</u>	<u>Tape No.</u>
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

NVSC

information:::::www.nvshag.org

Shag Club Information:::::www.shagdance.com



RUNWAY BOOGIE IN BECKLEY AND

THE A BUCKET OF CHEER: THE REST OF THE STORY - by Vaughn Royal

Shaggers are generous and friendly people. By now, we should all know that.

Several members of NVSC made the scenic drive to Beckley, West Virginia in August to attend the **Runway Boogie** weekend party put on by the Beckley Shag Club and Jim Hern. Jim Hern, the man behind Anget water, gives and gives and gives to the shag community in many ways. Jim rolled his airplane out of the hanger at the Beckley airport and the Beckley Shag Club prepared the hanger for the dance. The hanger has a beautiful wood dance floor. Let me repeat that: The hanger has a beautiful wood dance floor. There are strings of suspended multicolored lights crisscrossing overhead, and even a mirrored, rotating disco ball which Jim received as a gift. You have never seen an airplane hanger like this. A platform was set up for music by the club DJ, A Big Mo Parsons, on Friday, and for a live full-evening performance by the Holiday Band on Saturday night. Charlie and Jackie were in attendance to give a shag workshop, to do demos and to enjoy the festivities. The West Virginians -- mostly from the Beckley and Charleston areas -- were warm and friendly, and they went out of their way to make their out-of-state guests feel welcome. The food and refreshments were provided in part by the Beckley Club, in part by Jim Hern and in part potluck. There was plenty to eat and drink. If you are interested in attending one of the hanger parties, they sell out very quickly and are limited to about 200 people. Watch the Beckley Shag Club web site, www.beckleyshagclub.com.

To explain how my opening remark about friendliness and generosity fits in, I must go back to the Capital Shag Classic in July. On Saturday night at the Classic, we raffled off a A Bucket of Cheer, a large galvanized bucket filled with several bottles of *spiritus fermenti*. It may have been the most sought-after thing we marketed at the Classic. **Terrie and Thomas Cromer**, NVSC members from the Pittsburgh area, held the winning ticket. Most of us would have assumed that we had seen the last of the Bucket of Cheer when it went rolling up I-70 toward the Cromers' home in Pennsylvania. We might have envisioned the Bucket of Cheer fueling revelers at a Steelers party on some Sunday (hopefully though, *not* Steelers vs. Redskins). Wrong. The Bucket of Cheer found its way to the Runway Boogie Party in Beckley, still adorned in its original attractive wrapping. Terrie and Thomas broke open the Bucket of Cheer on Saturday evening and invited their friends, old and new, to share in their good fortune.

Thanks to the Beckley Shag Club and Jim Hern for their hospitality and to Terrie and Thomas for a wonderful example of shaggers = friendliness and generosity.

PRIVATE LESSONS WITH CHARLIE WOMBLE & JACKIE MCGEE

Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee will be teaching private lessons on Jan. 2,3 & 5, 2003 at David & Jerry Rodgers' house in Fairfax Station. **SIGN UP NOW** for private lessons by e-mail at rodgersd3@aol.com or call David at (703) 239-8978 to put your name on the list. The costs of lessons are \$60.00/hour with either Charlie OR Jackie and \$85.00/hour for lessons with BOTH Charlie & Jackie together.

Congratulations to NVSC members **Ralph and Vicki Tedesco** from Richmond who earned their first Competitive Shaggers Association contest win in the Amateur Division at the Docker's shag contest in Greenville, SC.

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National Living Legends

Charter Members **Janis Grimes** and **Steve Booth** were inducted into the **National Living Legends of Dance** and presented with star awards on November 9th in Virginia Beach, VA. This annual event is held at the CPO Club on Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, the East Coast home of the U.S. Navy Seals.

Many club members and friends were present, including Chris and Hugh Tant, all the way in from Charleston, SC. ABSC deejays Larry Jones and Craig Jennings played on Friday night, with Clyde Waller and Butch Metcalf providing the music on Saturday. Emcee Steve Booth announced the awards for the seventh year, adding class and dignity to this joyful event.

Breathtaking shag demonstrations were performed by none other than some of our own junior shaggers, Amanda Tedesco, dancing with Junior National Champion Grant Garmon, and national competitors Adam Sheppard and Kari Jones. Many eyes welled with tears, as these superb young dancers filled the room with the magic of stylish elegance and grace. Lawrence Bradford and BJ Jones provided the grand finale in the exhibition dancing with a dazzling piece of choreography which was the crown jewel of the evening. Living Legend (and NVSC member) Susie Beaver and her partner, new inductee Calvin Wade, had to be some of the proudest and happiest people in the room, having shared the joy of shag dance with so many.

The National Living Legends of Dance was founded in Virginia Beach in 1994 for the purpose of giving recognition to all styles of dance across the United States. Inductees have been proposed and voted on by an Advisory Board that has given consideration to their contribution and influence in their particular dance styles.

At the same event, NVSC Junior Grant Garmon of Virginia Beach received the 2002 National Living Legends Scholarship.

NVSC SEARCH COMMITTEE

THANKS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE AND OTHER CLUB MEMBERS WHO HELPED TO IDENTIFY AND CHECK OUT POTENTIAL DANCE LOCATIONS FOR NVSC TO USE FOR OUR WEEKLY WEDNESDAY NIGHT DANCING. ABOUT 65 POTENTIAL FACILITIES WERE CONTACTED DURING OUR SEARCH FOR A NEW DANCE LOCATION. WITH THE SELECTION OF NOSTALGIA'S AT THE FAIR OAKS HOLIDAY INN AS THE NVSC NEW DANCE LOCATION FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, THE WORK OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE IS COMPLETED.

New Email for Hello Shaggers

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