



# 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*

March is here and hopefully spring is around the corner. I am certainly ready for it after this last snow storm. I am still waiting for my car to thaw out. Even if the weather does not cooperate, we have some special things to look forward to in March. On Sunday, March 16, we will be having a *St. Patrick's Day Sunday Social* at Nostalgia's from 2-5:30 PM. Our friends *Rob Baen and Sheila Purkey* from the Delaware Valley Shag Club and the Northern Virginia Shag Club will join us to teach a **Nightclub Two Step** lesson. Rob will also be our DJ for the Sunday Social. You may recall the NC2 lesson they taught at a Sunday Social last summer at the Coast Guard Station. Everyone had a great time. If you missed the NC2 lesson last year, this will be an opportunity for you to learn this easy romantic dance, done to slower music, or to brush-up on what you learned last year. So, come out and join us, and wear your green.

The finals of the *National Shag Dance Championships* in Myrtle Beach are coming up in March, and we are excited and proud to have a number of NVSC members and Juniors competing: *Craig & Heather Jennings, Kari Jones, Justin Poston, Tori Robinette and Amanda Tedesco*. We wish them all well. We are particularly excited about Craig and Heather, who will be the only adult couple from our Club to be dancing in the National Shag Dance finals. I am looking forward to being there to cheer everyone on. Good luck to all of our NVSC competitors!

I am writing this at the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs Winter Workshop in Greenville, NC, and have just received the exciting news that NVSC's former two-term President *Vesta Jones* is the first member of the NVSC to receive the prestigious *SHAG ICON AWARD* from the ACSC. This special award is presented to a few, select individuals who have made significant contributions to their home shag clubs. Over the years, Vesta Jones has done just this. Since serving as president, Vesta carries fewer titles, but continues to make significant contributions to our Club behind the scenes. For instance, Vesta hosts our website on her server free of charge and continues to be one of the most active members of our dance instruction program.

**CONGRATULATIONS VESTA!**

Beginning in March, we will have a *NEW MEMBER NIGHT* at Nostalgia's on the *first Wednesday of each month*. Here is how it works: Bring a non-member friend on the first Wednesday of the month. If they join and pay their dues that night, we will not only **refund their cover charge fee for the evening, but yours as well**. So, bring your friends and introduce them to the shag. Show them what a friendly and fun bunch of people Shaggers are.

Hope to see you all soon and **KEEP ON SHAGGIN'**.



Let us begin by saying that living at the beach and not having to endure a major snow storm is one of our major joys in life. We thought we might miss the snow - **NOT**. While most of you were shoveling and scraping ice from your car windows, we were enjoying **Fat Harold's Camp Kemo Day**. Camp Kemo is a charity that Harold has contributed to for many years raising over **\$670,000** for children with cancer. The day began with an auction. The auctioneer was Harold's own deejay, Gary Bass (I didn't know anyone in the south could talk that fast). Fat Harold's provided a barbeque while Calabash Flash, Gary Bass, Sea Cruz, Coastline Band, and Mardi Gra Band provided entertainment. The whole day began at 1:00 p.m. and lasted until the wee hours of the morning.

On Saturday, February 22 we enjoyed the ceremony honoring **Fat Harold** for having the **Beach Club of the Year for 2002** and for his induction into the **Boppers Hall of Fame**. Jerry Holt was the master of ceremonies and the mayor of North Myrtle Beach presented Harold with a certificate for his long standing contributions to the community. Friends and owners from many of the shag clubs were present to honor Harold for all his accomplishments over the past 40 years. Harold provided a free pour and free food for all that attended and there were many - standing room only. There was a wonderful demonstration by some of the junior shaggers including Northern Virginia's own **Kari Jones** and her partner **Adam Sheppard**. It was a terrific evening honoring a terrific man.

If you're going to be in our area **March 15th**, the annual St. Patrick's Day parade will flow down Main Street. It's a wonderful parade and of course the OD Shag Club is represented each year. The South Strand Shag Club is having a party that evening to include a buffet dinner - so we run from one end of the beach to the other to enjoy it all! (Remember we told you how challenging our life has become.)

As a reminder, please call us if you come to the beach - we'd love to get together with you. Our number is 843-357-9918. And now, we must go. We need to get down to the beach for a walk and bond with our local dolphins. We think of everyone often, especially when we're walking on the beach and you're not. Have a dance and a drink for us and we'll be in touch next month.

## I-66 Blues by Gary Salpini and Valerie Swiger

Trying to get to Nostalgia's? Trouble with traffic on 66? There are some alternatives.

From the **southern areas** of the county you can try the Fairfax County Parkway which intersects Rt. 50 about 1 1/2 miles west of the mall. From the Beltway you can try Braddock Road west. Take Braddock west for about 7 1/2 miles and turn right onto Shirley Gate Road. Proceed for about 1 3/4 miles and make a left onto Rt. 50. You will be about 1 mile east of the mall. Traffic on Braddock is generally a little congested for the first 2 miles but it moves OK. The only exception is when they are having an early event at the Patriot Center at GMU. Rt. 236 & Rt. 50 off of the Beltway are usually not as good of an option.

From the **northern areas**, you can get off 495 at Route 123 and go south until you hit route 50. (A lot of stop lights in Vienna and Oakton, but sometimes they beat no movement at all.) When you get to route 50, turn right, Holiday Inn about a mile. Or you can take 495 to 66 and if the traffic on 66 is horrible get off at Nutley (first exit) go to the fourth stop light (Route 123) turn left and continue to route 50, then turn right on route 50. If you make it past the Nutley exit and then the traffic stops, get off on 123 and go south to route 50.



**50-50 Why do we do it? By Doodah**

Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
**It's 50-50 time**  
And we're counting on you



Why do we do it?  
I hear you say  
So for **The Classic**  
Our expenses we can pay.

We'll have first class Instructors  
Who will teach you to dance,  
But how can we pay them  
**If you don't take a chance?**

We'll have red hot DJs  
Spinning tunes that are nifty,  
But we can't afford them  
Without the 50-50.

We'll have goodies and drinks  
It's quite a big bash  
But we cannot do it  
Without any cash.



The room we will use  
Does not come free  
So it's up to all of us  
You and Me.

Our Officers and Directors  
And Volunteers too  
Donate their free time  
To make this happen for you.

**It's The Party Of The Year**  
Everyone will be there  
So buy a ticket  
And show us you care.

If everyone contributes  
And does their part  
The Classic will be an event  
That steals your heart.

So give to you club  
Just go find **Doodah**  
And everyone will be  
In a good mood-ah.



**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER:**

If the weather is lousy and you think an Northern Virginia Shag Club event might be canceled, check the hot-line (703-960-4254) and find out the latest. If a decision is made to cancel or postpone an event, for any reason, the hot-line will be the first place that information is made generally available.

The hot -line is actually a Verizon voice, mail box, which means it can handle up to five calls at one. Feel free to call it often. As a rule-of-thumb for the Wednesday night dances, if the DJ thinks he make it, there will be no cancellation. Under normal conditions, the hot-line will contain, a hopefully, up-to-date information about future events - like who will be the DJ for the next Wednesday dance and what will be taught in the lessons.

**New Email for Hello Shaggers**

**Valerievms@aol.com**

**New Members in February**  
**Tim Ellis**

**DJ's for March 2003**

**March DJ Rotation:**

March 5 - Dennis and Nancy Gehley  
 March 12 - Guest to be announced  
 March 19 - Craig Jennings  
 March 26 - Gerry Scott

**March 16, 2003**



**Sunday Social** Wear your green and come learn Night Club Two Step. **Rob Baen** and **Sheila Purkey** will be the instructors and Rob will be the DJ.

**House Warming Party Invitation**

**Who:** Jeff Niemuth (guy with glasses, beard, & headband)

**Why:** Finally bought a house after 11+ years renting in McLean (*Excuse: Seemed like it was always something...*)

**Where:** 1908 Ramstead Lane / Reston: 3000+ sq ft with fabulous dance/party space:

**When:** Saturday 15 March 2003 3:00 PM till it's over! Drop by for a short visit or stay eat, dance and party till you drop!

**What:** Food, dancing, beginning swing dance lesson at 7:00, open dancing 9:00, *soft-soled shoes recommended*. Two pianos (Yamaha G1 baby grand / Yamaha P-80 digital) available: Bring your own sheet music to try them out. **Musical performances 8-9. Performers still sought** (e-mail or call).

**Directions:** Dulles Toll Road to Hunter Mill exit. South 0.3 mi to Sunrise Valley. Right then 0.6 mi to Cross School (Sunrise Valley elementary school on the corner). Left then 0.3 mi to left onto Ramstead.

Immediately on left on the corner (tan with brown trim - small glass solarium in back).

**Contact:**

703-620-0230 (h) / 703-808-6491 (w)

JeffNiemth@aol.com - no "u" is correct (send e-mail to get party updates)



**Happy Happy Birthday**  
**March Babies**

<i>Rick Hendrix</i>	3
<i>Howard Christie</i>	4
<i>Jean Fanaian</i>	7
<i>Janna Allgood</i>	8
<i>Steven Booth</i>	8
<i>Kathy Ciro</i>	8
<i>Lisa Silbaugh</i>	10
<i>Ron Purvis</i>	11
<i>Ben Homeyer</i>	13
<i>Bill Meyer</i>	14
<i>Vula Hawthorne</i>	14
<i>Ed Godish</i>	16
<i>Shirley Jones</i>	16
<i>Ralph Hart</i>	17
<i>Bonnie Rose</i>	20
<i>Stanley Alston</i>	25
<i>Rose Playso</i>	25
<i>Rodger Woodson</i>	25



**SOM BUDDIES**  
**(Shaggers of the Month)**  
*by Doodah*

Due to the fact that there are so many extraordinary members of the NVSC, we have decided to highlight one male and one female club member each month. This month just happens to honor two very unique and dedicated individuals who also happen to be a "couple"

**Craig and Heather Jennings**

**Style, Grace, Flair** describes these two marvelous Shaggers of the Month when you see them on the dance floor every Wednesday night. But what else do you know about them? Individually their contributions to the club are staggering. As a Dance Team they have qualified for the Non-Pro level, which is a feat quite out of the ordinary.

**Craig Jennings**

**NVSC Affiliation:**

Past Secretary  
Capital Classic DJ  
Shag Classic Chairman

Music Committee Chairman  
Dance Committee Member  
Creator of 50/50

Now as if he weren't busy and dedicated enough Craig has also been intensely involved with CSA as a Director at Large as well as the current President. He is a DJ extraordinaire honoring not only our club but multiple other Clubs from here to Myrtle Beach and has served as Treasurer and President of ABSCDJ.

**Heather Jennings**

**NVSC Affiliations**

Past President  
Chairman Dance Committee  
Chairman of Fundraising Committee  
Capital Shag Classic Chairman  
Chairman Promotions Committee

Past Vice President  
Chairman Dance Program  
Creator and Chairman of First Shag A Thon for Hospice  
Revised Dance Instructional manual

In addition Heather has been highly active in CSA and has served as a Past Secretary.

With all of this incredible dedication to the Shag Dance form; Craig and Heather are also amazing individuals in their "other" lives. Craig received his B.S. in Science and Heather received her B.S. in Computer Science. They both work within the Computer field. They travel well over an hour each Wednesday night to our Club, for they live in King George, VA. Craig's other interests include water-skiing and Heather likes to read and cook. I wonder where they find the time.

The most amazing fact, however, is that neither one of them had ever danced before they were introduced to the Shag in 1995. Wow! They have come a long way and a great deal of this is due to their total enthusiasm, dedication, and love for the dance.

We salute you both and are honored that you have blessed our club with your total commitment to our Club and to the Shag.

## OTHER LOCAL REGULARLY SCHEDULED DANCING

- Sundays:** MWDCHDPS will host a dance, 94th Aero Squadron, lesson 3 to 4, dancing 4 to 8, website [www.erols.com/dance](http://www.erols.com/dance) club  
**Sundays:** Vienna Tap & Grill, 146 E. Maple, Ave., Vienna, VA \$10 WCS Lessons, 6:00 - 8:00 then dance till 11:00, or \$8.00 includes dance & drinks 8:00 - 11
- Tuesdays:** Best in Beach Music w/Denny and Eddy, Coconuts, Crofton, MD; information 301-261-3366  
**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday:** The Colonial Shag Club in the New Port News area has a monthly social (the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month) at the Omni Hotel off 64, exit 258A, the J Clyde Morris exit. Social is from 6:00- 9:30.

## Wednesdays: FREE SHAG LESSONS 7:30, Northern Virginia Shag Club, Nostalgia's

**Fridays:** Coast Guard Station 7323 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA take Exit 2 off beltway, located between Lee District Park and Hayfield High School, dancing starts at 6:30. MUST HAVE PICTURE ID. **DON'T SPEED!!!!**

## Out of Town Shag Events

- First Sunday:** Shag at Steppin Out in Virginia Beach, VA. Lessons 4-5 PM, food, dance 5-9 PM  
**Sundays:** Shag at Lightfoot's Lounge Sheraton, 7 to 10  
**Tuesdays:** Richmond Shag Club dances at RAZZLES Lounge, Best Western, 9848 Midlothian, TnPk, 804-330-0007.  
**Wednesdays:** Shag at Stepping Out in Virginia Beach, VA, lessons 7-8 PM, dance 8-12PM

For more events call 1-800-SHAGGER or the Southern Shagger web site or [Shagdance.com](http://Shagdance.com) or check out our web site [NVSHAG.org](http://NVSHAG.org).

**Mar 1:** Monthly Party in Rutherfordton, NC. Hosted by: Rutherford County Shag Club. Contact: Beth McDaniel, 704-482-4052 or email: [busibeth@carolina.rr.com](mailto:busibeth@carolina.rr.com).

**Mar 6-8:** Non-Sanctioned Shag Contest in Myrtle Beach, SC. **National Shag Dance Championship - Finals.**

**Mar 8:** Spring Fling in Lugoff, SC. Hosted by: Camden Lugoff Area Shag Society. Contact: Robert Caulder 803-424-1098 or email [caulplum@msn.com](mailto:caulplum@msn.com).

**Mar 15:** Annual Make-A-Wish Golf Tournament in Sanford, NC (Dance on Mar 22). Hosted by: Sanford Area Society of Shaggers. Contact: Gary White 919-499-5505 or email [gary.white@gregpoole.com](mailto:gary.white@gregpoole.com).

**Mar 15:** Shamrocks and Shaggin in Charleston, WV. Hosted by: Charleston Area Shag Society of WV.. Contact: Kevin Twohig, 304-722-5719 or email [CharlestonWVShag@aol.com](mailto:CharlestonWVShag@aol.com).

**Mar 20-23:** Boogie in the Burgh in Pittsburgh, PA. Hosted by: Steel City Boogie Club. Contact: HOTLINE: 412-561-7777.

**Mar 22:** Annual Make-A-Wish Dance in Sanford, NC (Golf Tournament on Mar. 15). Hosted by: Sanford Area Society of Shaggers. Contact: Sandy Forsythe, 919-776-9059 or email [sandy.forsythe@marelliusa.com](mailto:sandy.forsythe@marelliusa.com).

**Mar 21-22:** The Alligator Crawl in Atlantic Beach, NC. Hosted by Atlantic Beach Shag. Contact: Linda Jones, 252-240-3863 or email [linjones@starfishnet.com](mailto:linjones@starfishnet.com).

**March 27-30:** Smoky Mountain Boogie V in Gatlinburg, TN. Hosted by Smoky Mountain Shaggers.. Contact: Bill Hughes, 865-947-0494 or email [metaltiger@mindspring.com](mailto:metaltiger@mindspring.com)

**Mar 29:** Lost in the Fifties in Shelby, NC. Hosted by: Shelby Shag Club. Location: Shelby VFW, Shelby, NC. Contact: Diane Shytle 704-867-2627 or email [shytle4@bellsouth.net](mailto:shytle4@bellsouth.net).

FOR ALL THE DETAILS ABOUT THE ABOVE EVENTS CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE

[nvshag.org](http://nvshag.org)

Special thanks to Vesta Jones whose company **Small Business On Line**, created and stores our web page at no cost to the Northern Virginia Shag Club.

### Officers and Directors 2003

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Director	Gary Salpini	703-425-2848

*"The Internal Revenue Service notified NVSC on April 19, 1999, that we have been accepted as a non-profit social club exempted from paying Federal income taxes. Anyone interested in reviewing NVSC's application and supporting documents provided to IRS, the IRS exemption letter, or the club's annual Form 990 to the IRS, please contact the club Treasurer."*

Board meetings are held each month and are open to any and all members who wish to attend. Unless put on the agenda, attendance is for observation, not participation. Since board meetings, at this time, are at board members' homes, please alert the secretary, if you are interested in attending.

Thank You

