



# 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*

The NVSC **Eighth Annual Capital Shag Classic** is now a wonderful memory for everyone who attended. The party was a fabulous success and a good time was had by all. I was thrilled to see many of our newer members there, as well as some familiar faces we have not seen in some time. Pro shaggers **Nikki Kontoulas** and **Jeff Hargett** taught three great shag workshops. Some of us -- who weren't completely saturated by the workshops -- got on their schedule for private lessons. Delaware Valley Shag Club junior **Michael Sulik** was thrilled to win the raffle for a private lesson with Nikki and Jeff. I would like to specially thank our friends from **Delaware Valley** who again brought the largest group of guests to the Classic. **Shag Icon Jan Weakley** taught a terrific line dance class which was well attended by the Saturday morning early birds. Thank you, Jan! On Saturday night, we were wowed by demonstrations of the dance styling of some of our talented members, juniors and friends. Thank you **Heather Jennings** for arranging all of the wonderful instructors, talent and private lessons. The ballroom rocked day and night to the wonderful beach and shag tunes played by NVSC DJ's **Craig Jennings, Dennis and Nancy Gehley, Larry Jones and Gerry Scott**, and special guest DJ's **Clyde Waller and David Sessoms**. Thank you **Craig Jennings** for making the music arrangements.

Thank you to the **Friday night Coast Guard Anchorage Club group**, which sponsored the free pours, and the wonderful bartenders: **Larry and Mary Camp, Jerry and Andi Crews**, and Guest Bartenders **Gary and Sharon Salpini**. **Bubba Dave Rapson** made some mean barbeque and cole slaw. Thank you **Betty Abshire** for working your magic again in the hospitality suite and for assisting with the pool party. The pool party was even better than last year and definitely the most fun that Betty and I had all weekend. That is, unless you count the bucket of cheer which I put much more stuff in than last year. **Dave Rapson** donated a "few" extra goodies during the creative process which made it quite a nice gift for the lucky **Betty Abshire** to take home. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the decorations and to the floor crew which showed up on Thursday evening to set up the floor, and stayed on Sunday to disassemble it. Thank you to the one and only **Doodah** who, along with her assistants, raised a nice pot for the 50/50. Most of all, I want to thank **Floor Chief and Hospitality Chairman Valerie Swiger and Classic Coordinator Jane James** who made it all happen. Their jobs were too numerous to mention. There were many many more volunteers and assistants who have not been mentioned by name, but please know that NVSC is sincerely grateful to all of you. It is because of our generous and dedicated members that we can put on such an outstanding party. Thank you all!

Now that the Classic is over, we can focus on our next big event: the **NVSC Ten-Year Reunion/Pre-SOS Party**, which is just around the corner. Please put it on your calendar and **RSVP to Gary Salpini**. See the flyer for details. **Valerie Swiger** is still looking for any additional information you may have on *current addresses for former members*. If you know any, please contact her.

I hope to see you all at Nostalgia's on Wednesday nights and ... keep on SHAGGIN'!



**September 6th**

**Dance: 6:00 - 11:00**

**Celebrate  
Our Club's  
10 Year Anniversary  
with the Founding  
Members  
and  
Get Ready for  
SOS Fall Migration!**

**10 Year Reunion  
& Pre-SOS  
PARTY!!!!**

**Music Provided by DJs**

**Denny Martin & Eddy Farmer**

**Directions**

Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department  
9501 Old Burke Lake Rd.  
Burke, VA 22009-1189

**From the Beltway**

Exit Braddock Road West Go 2 miles to Burke Lake Road, turn left Go 1.5 miles to Burke Road (just after overpass), turn left, turn right at the first intersection, Fire station is on the left.

***This is a non-smoking facility!***

**Visit our website for club information and events!**  
**[www.nvshag.org](http://www.nvshag.org)**

**FREE admission to  
Junior Shaggers!!!**

**Admission: \$10**

**RSVP: Gary Salpini**

**703-425-2848**

**or**

**[gsalpini@wj-inc.com](mailto:gsalpini@wj-inc.com)**

**Light snacks and  
mixers provided,  
but...BYOB.**

# DIAMONDS !

by Dave Rapson & Gary Salpini

Oh yeah, now you're looking. The Classic is over and now it's time to focus on the next event. Mark your calendars, **September 6th** is the date to remember. The NVSC is celebrating our **ten year anniversary** with a re-union / pre-SOS party at the Burke (VA) Volunteer Fire Department. All members and friends are invited to join us for the celebration and festivities.

Party will be from 6 – 11 PM. Admission will be \$10.00 to offset expenses. Denny Martin and Eddy Farmer will be providing the music. Snacks and set ups will be provided. **BYOB. Please RSVP to Gary Salpini, 703-425-2848 or gsalpini@wj-inc.com**, so we can get an idea of the count. Or see one of us at Nostalgia's or the Coast Guard.

So don't hesitate, get signed up and have some fun with us. See old friends, meet some new friends, get warmed up for SOS. Whatever the reason, we hope to see you there.

The Burke Volunteer Fire Department is located at 9501 Old Burke Lake Road (in "downtown" Burke), Burke, VA 22015. The fire department is located one block off of Burke Lake Road across from the Burke Post Office. The facility is a new 3700 SF hall with ample parking and is non-smoking.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Beltway: take the Braddock Road exit west; go approx. 2 miles and turn left onto Burke Lake Road; go approx. 1.5 miles and turn left onto Burke Road; go one block and turn right. Or use Map quest.

## **WANTED:**



Northern Virginia Shag Club seeks volunteer(s) to run for position of Treasurer for calendar year 2004.

Treasurer is one of four club officers and one of nine Board Members elected to represent over 350 social dance club members. Position involves financial responsibility for club funds in four bank accounts, receipt of over \$25,000 annually, and check disbursements as warranted. Fun involves monthly attendance at Board meetings, oral and written reports to the Board, quarterly oral reports to the general membership, and annual written reporting to the Internal Revenue Service. Minimum requirements include the ability to balance a checkbook; maintain accurate records of income and expenditures; document income and expenses for annual financial audit by fellow club members; and regularly attend weekly club dances and other club functions to receive and disburse funds. You don't have to know how to dance, but you do have to know how to organize and report. Unlimited technical assistance readily available from former Treasurer 1998-2003.

For more info, call Dennis at 703-451-6764 or see me at NVSC functions.



## Shipp's Log by Sharon and Dave Shipp



Hello again from "Paradise". Here we go again - first, the weather. We've had plenty of sunshine with lots of very warm temperatures (thank goodness for the beach and all that water - temperature 80 degrees).

Now the action and with it a huge Salpini, "oh my!".

The town of Conway hosted a summer party featuring Billy Joe Royal, Clarence Carter (thought of the Gehleys), Bill Haley's Comets, The Del Vikings and the Fantastic Shakers. There were crafts, food, train rides, and fireworks and most of the day was free. On Sunday we attended a tribute to O.C. Smith. It started at Fat Harolds then finished up at 2001 during the 94.9 (The Surf) live radio show. During the radio show we were entertained by The Embers, Cuba Gooding Sr. (main ingredient) Ronnie Lamar, Dick Perry (from the Breeze Band), Linda Little (from the Mardi Gras Band), Linda Johnson, along with the regulars, Susan and Donnie Trexler and Calabash Flash. After the live radio show, they had a free dinner and concert by The Embers with special guest Billy Scott. It was an incredible evening. We couldn't get to everything that particular day so we missed The Tams who were playing at H's. On July 3- the Catalinas at H's, July 4 - the Men of Distinction (they rarely get to this area so it was quite a treat) at H's, July 5 - Barbara Lewis playing at H's. On July 6, Men of Distinction and The Embers played at the Spanish Galleon. Also on July 6, The Born in the Carolinas Live Radio Show hosted the Neptune Blues Band, Grif and the Grifettes, the Trexlers, Terry Gore and Calabash Flash. On July 13, our personal favorite restaurant in Murrells Inlet presented the Band on Oz on their outdoor deck. On July 20, the South Strand Shag Club had their summer party and the band for the evening was The Coastline Band. If you've never had an opportunity to see the Coastline Band, you're missing something - their energy is incredible.

Last night the OD Shag Club and the South Strand Shag Club came together to dance and party. The OD Shag Club had the advantage because they partied on their own personal bus "all the way" to Murrells Inlet to join the South Strand Shag Club. Gary Bass was the dj for the evening and he was in rare form. Fat Harold came along for the evening and indeed he had as much fun as everyone else until he realized he actually had to pay for his beer.

Well we're out of time and breath for this report, it really is amazing when I think of all the shag "things" we can do here in Myrtle Beach and then there all the beach "things" as well. We do miss each and every one of you but we wouldn't trade this lifestyle for anything. We always believed we were meant to be beach people and by gosh, I think we we're right. For example, we had always been told that a true beach person/local can shag in flip flops and since true beach people/locals actually wear flip flops more than any other type of shoe, we now understand and we have mastered the art ( and it is indeed an art).

Look forward to seeing you at the beach and if not before then, surely for S.O.S.

# The Dance Floor

By Valerie Swiger

## Thank You Floor Crew:

With out these wonderful people you would not have had a dance floor to dance on. **David, Gary, Gary( not a mistake there were two of them), Tom, Tim, Keith, Don, Audry, Lin, Jane, Russ, Larry, Larry (two of them), Ann, Ruth, Carolyn, Barbara** and if I have forgotten anyone PLEASE forgive me. (it's hard to see all the faces when you are bent over with a drill in your hands putting the screws in)

Did you notice those **NEW Floor Panels**—we have **Gary Salpini** to thank for them. I tested them out and they were great.

## You are all wonderful!!!!

Special thanks to **Gary and Robbi Mann** for supplying the truck that hauled the panels back and forth to the basement and to **David Rodgers** for making our Logo Floor panels look so nice. A little history for those new to our club, the Logo Floor panels and that beautiful Classic sign that hung over the DJ booth were both created by **Don Borja**.

## Intermediate Dance Steps



**Aug 6:** Kick Basic, Half Turn, Belly Roll

**Aug 13:** Pivot, Hug Pivot

**Aug 20:** Handshake Wrap Pivot, Pivot into Belly Roll

**Aug 27:** Side to Side Basic, Front Prep, Walk-up

**Sept 3:** Double Kick Basic, Front Prep, Lean

Upcoming Advanced Shag Lessons

**Aug 6 and Sept 3**

Upcoming Line Dance Lessons **Aug 27 and Sept 24**

## New Members in July

Tonya Bean, Mike Blanchetti,  
Joyce Braun, Hilda Clemann,  
Victor Clemann, Kari Jones,  
Ray Jones, Nancy Polisky, Ann  
Reza, Patrick Sipe, Wynde  
Sipe, Dave Williams

## DJ's for August 2003



August 6 - Dennis and Nancy Gehley

August 13 - Guest DJ

August 20 - Craig Jennings

August 27 - Gerry Scott

Condolences go out *Jean Teele*,  
her brother recently passed away.

## New Email for Hello Shaggers

[Valerievms@aol.com](mailto:Valerievms@aol.com)

## *Happy Happy Birthday*

### *August Babies*

<i>Diane Miles</i>	2
<i>Steve Rose</i>	3
<i>Larry Camp</i>	5
<i>Lynne Briggs</i>	6
<i>Janie Hetherington</i>	6
<i>Donna Montoya</i>	7
<i>David Baucom</i>	8
<i>Thomas Cromer</i>	9
<i>Jewell Pradier</i>	9
<i>Linda McAndrew</i>	10
<i>Helen Coker</i>	12
<i>Andrew Kurta</i>	15
<i>Louie Mitchell</i>	15
<i>Ron Komara</i>	17
<i>Mary Peterson</i>	18
<i>Gary Tidmore</i>	18
<i>Mike Blanchetti</i>	19
<i>Russ Hoffman</i>	21
<i>Lin Romero</i>	21
<i>Dutch Delodovico</i>	21
<i>Barbara Weigand</i>	22
<i>Amanda Digiandomenico</i>	23
<i>Terry Horning</i>	23
<i>David Rodgers</i>	23
<i>Jennifer Solomon</i>	23
<i>Terry Bendel</i>	24
<i>Larry Delaney</i>	24
<i>Patti Agin</i>	25
<i>Joe Cornish</i>	27
<i>Rob Creedon</i>	27
<i>Ann Thompson</i>	27
<i>Bill Bailey</i>	28
<i>Ron Maierhofer</i>	28
<i>Carol Montague</i>	28
<i>Susie Beaver</i>	29
<i>Jean Vogel</i>	31

Thanks to Cris Gaines for the wonderful  
Birthday Cakes she bakes.



## 1<sup>st</sup> CSA/SPA shag contest held in Virginia!!! by Heather Jennings

The Carolina shag is alive and well in Virginia, with active local shag clubs in many cities of our state. However, until recently, there had never been a sanctioned shag contest held in Virginia. Well – that all changed last month as the first \*CSA/SPA shag contest ever held outside of the Carolina's took place July 11 & 12 at the Holiday Inn – Koger Select on Midlothian in Richmond, Virginia. What a terrific weekend!

The contest weekend started on Friday evening with dancing in the Visions lounge from 6-9 pm. At 8pm, the ballroom where the contest was to be held opened for dancing with guest DJ Butch Metcalf spinning the tunes. So for a little while, there were actually two places to shag in the same hotel!!! Dancing continued in the ballroom until the contest began around 10:00. The first division to take the floor was the Amateur division, which consisted of 9 couples, four of which are members of NVSC (*Rob Baen & Sheila Purkey, Larry Black & Cindy Goree, Steve Booth & Janis Grimes, and Kevin & Joan Byrnes*). Everyone danced wonderfully! Following the Amateur division, there was open dancing for awhile and then the contest resumed with the Novice (Intermediate level) division, which consisted of 7 couples, two of which are members of NVSC (*Earl & Beverly Robinson, Ralph & Vicki Tedesco*). More great dancing by everyone!!! Following the Novice division, open dancing and partying continued until 2:00 AM! Whew, my feet were tired, but we had a blast!

Saturday the fun continued with two shag workshops taught by National Shag Champions Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee. As usual Charlie & Jackie, taught some great technique tips as well as some new steps for everyone! After the workshops, it was off to Visions again for hot dogs, snacks, and more dancing.

Saturday evening began again at 8:00 with open dancing in the ballroom. The shag contest resumed around 9:00 beginning with the Junior I division (under 15 years of age). There were 3 couples and they were all incredible! Immediately following Junior I, was the Junior II division (ages 15-20) which had two couples. Both couples were AWESOME!!! Again, several of the competitors have ties to NVSC. (*Tori Robinette, Brennar Goree, Kari Jones, and Amanda Tedesco.*)

Following the juniors, there was a short break for open dancing and then the Professional division competed with 6 couples participating, one from NVSC. (*Heather & Craig Jennings*). The pros really put on a great show for the 250+ spectators at the contest!!! After the Pro's danced, the floor was open for everyone to strut their stuff while waiting for the results of all divisions. We were even treated to some delicious cake donated by "Cakes by Graham." All in all a terrific weekend of divisional competition, food, fun, friendships, workshops, awards, door prizes and a heck of a 50/50 (\$800!). If you weren't able to attend the contest this year, definitely put this event on your calendar for next year! It was FUN!



\*CSA stands for the Competitive Shaggers Association, an organization comprised of competitive dancers that participate in an annual schedule of shag contests.

\*SPA stand for the Shag Preservations Association, an organization made up of several "clubs" and their owners for the purposes of promoting and preserving the shag. As an example, both Ducks and Fat Harold's in Myrtle Beach are SPA members. Several other clubs, such as Visions in Richmond, are also members of the SPA organization. SPA clubs sponsor shag contests one or more times during the year.

