



# Shag Rag

*Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music*

October 2003

Keep on Shagging'

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## President's Message by Pamela Alfano

September was a premium shag month. It started off with a successful NVSC Ten-Year Reunion/Pre-SOS Party. Unfortunately, I was in Hawaii at the time and am merely reporting on what I have heard from those who were there. The Burke Volunteer Fire Department facility was a great party place, which we may use in the future. A big thank you to our party chairmen, **Gary Salpini** and **Dave Rapson**, for finding this location for our party and planning a great event. Of course, a party like this does not happen without the efforts of many, many people. (If I miss anyone, please forgive me.) **Andi Crews** exhibited her skills with some very creative decorations. Andi was also responsible for the various linens, paper products and a delicious cake. **Jerry Crews** was the behind-the-scenes man. (Andi, you might want to take charge of the NVSC Classic decorations – hint, hint.) **Sharon Salpini**, and **Dave and Ruth Rapson** were in charge of food, with the very able assistance of **Mary Camp**, **Reta Ferguson**, **Nancy Gehley**, **Judy Hales**, **Jane James**, **Jean Teele** and the one and only **Doodah**. Our resident video man, **Mike Fortunato**, was also in attendance to preserve the historic event. As this was an historic event, each of the founding members of NVSC was presented with the gift of a written and pictorial history of the Club, prepared by longtime NVSC member, **PAT PARROTT**. My sincere thanks to each of you, as well as the various volunteers who set up, sat at the door and helped clean up. It was also great to have longtime NVSC member **Eddy Farmer** and his partner, **Denny Martin**, playing fabulous beach and shag tunes for our dancing pleasure. Events such as this remind us just how truly wonderful our NVSC members are. **THANK YOU!**

This SOS was one of the best yet. Many NVSC members were spotted in the various clubs and at the numerous parties around town. My particular favorites were the daily impromptu hot tub gatherings at our condo. I believe NVSC members **Rob Baen** and **Sheila Purkey** received the award for perfect attendance in the hot tub. Those fortunate enough to be there were able to attend the great NVSC free pours with friends at **Duck's** and **Harold's**. While everyone at home was in the throes of the hurricane, we spent the day on the dance floor in the Myrtle Beach clubs. Many thanks to **Dennis and Nancy Gehley**, who graciously volunteered their time to play music for our first free pour at **Harold's**, where the management welcomed us with a wonderful spread of food. If you missed Fall SOS, put Spring SOS on your calendar for next year.

On October 4th, the elegant **Queen of Smooth, Ellen Taylor**, will conduct three workshops for us at Fort Myer, which she has structured to benefit all levels of dancers. The workshops will begin at 11:00 with **Basic Variations and Turns with Technique**; 1:00 **Pivots & Connection and Control**; and 2:15 **Take Your Shag To The Next Level: Learn How To "Play" With Confidence**. Then, put on your dancing shoes for an evening dance at Ft. Myer with our guest of honor. **DJ Mac Mast** from Boone, N.C. will be our special guest to play a great selection of beach and shag music. Join us for a special day with **Ellen Taylor**. Rest up and be ready to party! For further details, see flyer.

It is time to get involved! The Nominations Committee is looking for a few good men and women to run for the NVSC Board. If you are interested in running for the Board, please contact a member of the Committee: **Betty Abshire**, **Doodah**, **Beverly Farris**, **Dennis Gehley**, **Andy Miller**, **Jewell Pradier** or **David Rodgers**. We need new people with new ideas. Please consider being a candidate. If you have any questions about what it means to be on the Board, just ask any current Board member. The names of the current Board members are always listed in the *Shag Rag*. The deadline for nominations is October 22 and the nominees will be posted in the November *Shag Rag*. The election will be held on December 3 at Nostalgia's or you may mail your signed ballot from the *Shag Rag* to our post office box beforehand.

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

# The Northern Virginia Shag Club

Presents A

## Shag Workshop and Party

With Pro-Shagger

### Ellen Taylor

October  
4, 2003



#### About Ellen Taylor

- Member of Shaggers Hall of Fame
- Member of Living Legends
- Member of National Living Legends of Dance
- First Recipient of the GNDC Shell Award for Favorite Female S.O.S. Partner
- Selected as Dance Instructor by the British Broadcasting Company for a Shag Dance Tribute
- Received letters of recognition for *Contributing to the Preservation of the Shag* from Governor Carroll Campbell, Jr. and Lt. Governor Nick Theodore
- Shagger Magazine Certified Instructor

### Workshop

#### Fort Myer

Community Activities & Visitors Center  
228 McNair Road, Bldg. 405  
Fort Myer, Virginia 22211-1199  
Phone: 703-696-3470

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|---|---------------------|
| Basic Variations & Turns with Technique                                   | 11:00 a.m.— Noon    |
| Pivots & Connection and Control   | 1:00 p.m.— 2:00p.m. |
| Take your Shag to the Next level, learn to "Play" with <u>confidence!</u> | 2:15 p.m.— 3:15p.m. |
- Cost: \$10 per workshop for NVSC Members  
\$15 per workshop for non-members

**Beat the clock and bring your lunch!**

Private lessons with Ellen Taylor are available.

Please contact Heather Jennings at:  
[hjennings@sentel.com](mailto:hjennings@sentel.com) to make arrangements.

**Juniors Receive Free Admission to Both Events!**

### DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

**DJ Mac Mast**

7:30 P.M.— 11:30 P.M.

At

#### Fort Myer

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228 McNair Road, Bldg. 405  
Fort Myer, Virginia 22211-1199  
Phone: 703-696-3470

Cost: \$10 for NVSC Members  
\$12 for Non-members  
**BYOB**

*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 1<sup>st</sup> stop sign onto McNair. The Community Center is several buildings down on your LEFT. Parking lot on the right.*

## **NVSC DJ's playing for the DC Hand Dance Club**

Nancy and Dennis Gehley will be the guest DJ's for the DC Hand Dance Club, at the Laurel American Legion, **Saturday October 18**. Big night for dances. If you are interested in attending just ask Dennis or Nancy for more details.

## **Elks Lodge Hosting Another Dance**

The Elks lodge in Fredricksburg will be hosting another dance on **October 18** and the **Breeze Band** will be playing. The price is \$40.00 a couple, beer and set ups are furnished. The dance is from 8 to 12. If you are interested in attending, contact Bootsie Howard at 540-847-3654 or email him at [kwiqslvr@aol.com](mailto:kwiqslvr@aol.com).

## **Intermediate Dance Steps**

**Oct 1, Hesitation Basic, Classic (<<< new!!!)**

**Oct 8, Forward Sailor Basic, Pivot**

**Oct 15, Leg up Basic, Arch**

**Oct 22, Crossover Basic, Applejack, Male Half Turn**

**Oct 29, Kick Basic, Half Turn, Belly Roll**

**Nov 5, Pivot**

**Advanced Shag                      Oct 1, Oct 29**

**Line Dance                              Oct 22**



## **New Email for Hello Shaggers**

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

**If you are not receiving your Hello Shaggers email, then please email me so that I can capture your email address.**

## DUTIES OF THE DIRECTORS OF NVSC - By Vaughn Royal

The Northern Virginia Shag Club is a corporation, and is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board consists of nine Directors: the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five Directors-at-large. The Board of Directors is elected annually and each Director serves a term of one year, from January 1 through December 31.

Directors must have been members of the Club in good standing for at least one year before taking office, and during their terms of office must remain members in good standing. The President and Vice President must have served at least one year on the Board before running for President and Vice-President. The prior year of service could have occurred at any time. Directors may serve multiple terms, which may be successive.

The *general* duties of each Director include the following:

- *To attend all regular and special meetings of the Board.* Regular Board meetings are held monthly. A Director who misses four or more regular meetings without a good reason can be removed.
- *To serve as the Chairperson of a Standing Committee or as the Board's liaison to a Standing Committee.* The Standing Committees are the Nominations and Elections Committee, Audit Committee, Dance Committee, Music Committee, Social and Hospitality Committee, Charity and Fund Raising Committee, Membership Committee and Public Relations Committee. Liaisons are appointed where the Chairperson of a Standing Committee is not a member of the Board. Liaisons communicate Board policies and decisions to the Standing Committees and report to the Board on the work of the Standing Committees.
- *To support Club projects and attend a reasonable number of Club functions, to personally help conduct Club projects and functions, and to recruit volunteers to help conduct projects and functions.*
- *To provide viewpoints during the policy discussions of the Board.*
- *To preserve and give to their successors all records and documents received in the course of the Club's business.*

The officers of the Club have *special* duties, which include the following:

- **President.** The President is the principal executive officer of the Club and presides at all meetings of the Board and meetings of the members at which he or she is present. The President must attend all five (5) required annual meetings of Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) or ensure that the Club is represented at required ACSC meetings. The President names the Chairpersons of Standing Committees and the Newsletter Editor and Capital Shag Classic Coordinator. The President also exercises general supervision over the affairs of the Club.
- **Vice President.** The Vice President assists the President and performs the duties of the President in the event of the President's unavailability.
- **Secretary.** The Secretary keeps the minutes for the meetings of the Board and members, sees to it that all required notices are duly given, and keeps a current roster of the membership of the Club.
- **Treasurer.** The Treasurer is responsible for all funds of the Club, makes a report on the financial status of the Club at every regular meeting of the Board, makes available to the Board, all books and financial records of the Club for audits and verifications, and files all documents and returns required by federal and state tax codes.

All of the information in this article comes from the NVSC Bylaws, which are available on the Club's web site, <http://www.nvshag.org/bylaws3.htm>. A copy of the Bylaws can also be requested from a Board member.

# Please complete form if running for office

Name \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a member of the Northern Virginia Shag Club? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever served on the Northern Virginia Shag Club Board? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes in what position \_\_\_\_\_

What position are you running for? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us why you want our vote. These paragraphs will appear in the November Shag Rag. Space is limited.

**PLEASE only ONE paragraph.**

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Mail or give to **Valerie Swiger** before **October 22.**  
**NVSC, P O Box 5522, Mclean, VA 22103**

# THANKS TO ALL

by Dave Rapson & Gary Salpini

We hope everyone enjoyed the anniversary party. We certainly did. It was great to see all those that turned out. New members, old members, and even some very junior shaggers.

We'd like to thank all of those that joined in to make it a success – **Sharon, Ruth, Andi, Jerry, Reta, Dan, Jake, Mary, Larry, Judy, Marion, Judy again, Sam, Nancy, Jane, Jean, Doodah, et. al.** for organization, food, decorations, set up, clean up, etc. Thanks also to **Denny & Eddy** for their excellent work.

The founders would also like to acknowledge **Pat Parrot** and **Joan McKinney** for their contribution.



Congratulations to **David and Jerry Rodgers**. Jerry's daughter Diana gave birth to a 6 lb 1oz, baby girl Emma Jean Epps on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Shag Logo** merchandise for Christmas gifts. Plan ahead. See **Cathy Metcalf** to order or look for the catalog on the flyer table at Nostalgia's.

**WANTED:** Dedicated, conscientious person to volunteer for Board Member position of Treasurer for 2004. Numerous benefits, little or no previous experience necessary.

Former Treasurer 1998-2003 will be available at no charge during 2004 for technical assistance, day or night. (As of October 1, he has only 92 days left in office.) Call Dennis at 703-451-6764 for further details.

New Members in  
September

Eric Fink, Kathy Hessmer,  
Sten Hessmer, Stephen  
Hooper

DJ's for October 2003

Oct. 1 - Dennis and Nancy Gehley  
Oct. 8 - Guest to be announced  
Oct. 15 - Craig Jennings  
Oct. 22 - Gerry Scott  
Oct. 29 - Larry Jones



General Membership  
Meeting  
October 22

Last day for Board  
Nominations  
October 22

*Happy Happy Birthday  
October Babies*

<i>William Martin</i>	3
<i>Keith Teele</i>	3
<i>Weldon Waites</i>	3
<i>Kelly Moorhead</i>	7
<i>Pamela Alfano</i>	8
<i>Isabelle Bunch</i>	9
<i>Carolyn Thomas</i>	9
<i>Marion Hales</i>	12
<i>Alan Miles</i>	14
<i>Dean Hipps</i>	16
<i>Joyce Blotzer</i>	17
<i>Pal D'Amato</i>	18
<i>Bill Shecter</i>	19
<i>Linda Silbaugh</i>	19
<i>Jake Willingham</i>	19
<i>Marge Balakos</i>	21
<i>Martha Raynor</i>	22
<i>Barry Holt</i>	25
<i>Gregory Chambers</i>	28

Thanks to **Cris Gaines** for the  
wonderful Birthday Cakes.

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