

SHAG RAG

NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

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of the Carolina Shag and
Beach Music - Co-Editors:
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Northern Virginia Shag Club's Monthly Newsletter

President's Message by Janis Grimes



March was a busy time for us, as we went about gathering donations for our club's charity, Capital Hospice, and geared up for our annual **SHAG-A-THON**, held at Springfield Mall. Special thanks to Marcia Conway and Liz Kestler, for organizing another very successful **SHAG-A-THON** and collecting (so far, still counting...) \$12,000+ in an afternoon frenzy of dancing delight! Thanks also to our deejays, **Dennis and Nancy Gehley, Eddy Farmer, Eddie O'Reilly, and Jim Rose** for giving so generously of their time and providing the music for us and the public -- 5 hours of beach music mania! Many thanks to all of our dancers, (too many to name) who shagged all afternoon, earning pledges for **Capital Hospice**. We have such a wonderful group of caring people here! Those attending also had a special treat, debut performances by the new **Virginia Shag Team**, appearing for the first time in public. They are looking good, and working hard. This group is comprised of shaggers from the Northern Virginia, Richmond, and Virginia Beach areas (and Vesta, from somewhere in the Florida Keys...). We look forward to their next exhibition, and wish them well. We also had the large treat of watching dance exhibitions by junior competitors **Adam Sheppard** (in from Troy, NC) and our own **Kari Jones**. These teenagers performed beautiful dance exhibitions, one fast, and one smoothie, (with very little time to practice before), showing the impeccable style and grace of **SHAG** Carolina style. March 26th dance at the **PSDC Dance Room** .. as I write this, it has not happened yet. From what I'm hearing, support for this weekend event is strong. That free pizza works every time!! And our junior champion, **Kari Jones**, teaches a **FREE** shag workshop for all, juniors and adults, at these events.. FYI, all proceeds from these dances will go to the Junior Fund. Please note: **JUNIORS** (under 21) must be closely supervised at **ALL TIMES** by an adult, when they are at shag club functions. This policy is necessary whether we are at Rene's or at another facility for a dance (PSDC, VFW, Ft. Myer, etc.). Remember, we are dancing in a bar, and it is open to the public... The future of shag is in the hands and feet of the juniors..., AND it is a wonderful family activity. If you choose to bring your children into our family, please supervise them closely; they are precious.

Dancing is joyful.... Share the joy!!

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Coming up this month:

Saturday Shag Dance, April 16th - Free workshop for all by junior shaggers Kari Jones and Tyler Ervin, at the PSDC dance room. All are welcome, see flier and website for info.

SOS Spring Safari in North Myrtle Beach - April 22nd - May 1st. Be There, or Be Square!!



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS...

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SHAG A THON. WE ALL HATE TO ASK OTHERS FOR DONATIONS TO CHARITIES. BUT YOU DID IT! OF ALL THE CHARITIES OUT THERE, IT IS OUR OPINION THAT CAPITAL HOSPICE IS ONE OF THE ONES MOST NEEDED.

DEATH IS A FACT OF LIFE. NOT A PLEASANT FACT, BUT A FACT. THAT'S WHY WE SUPPORT CAPITAL HOSPICE.



IN TODAY'S WORLD FAMILIES ARE SCATTERED. MANY TIMES WHEN SOMEONE IS DYING THE NEXT OF KIN IS THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY OR THE FAMILY IS SMALL, VERY SELDOM DO WE SEE LARGE FAMILIES, LIVING CLOSE TOGETHER, WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL CAN BE SPREAD AROUND. THAT'S WHERE HOSPICE COMES IN. FRIENDS AND FAMILY CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH, THEY DON'T HAVE THE MEDICAL TRAINING, THEY ARE TOO CLOSE TO THE SITUATION AND THE MENTAL ANGUISH CAN TAKE ITS TOLL. OUR SOCIETY NEEDS THE HOSPICE'S AROUND THE COUNTRY.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID MARCH 19TH, EVERY DONATION YOU MADE OR COLLECTED WILL HELP SOMEONE. WHETHER IT IS THE ONE THAT IS TERMINALLY ILL OR THE FAMILY OF THE TERMINALLY ILL.

BY: A FAMILY THAT HAS HAD TO USE HOSPICE TWICE.



FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO A WONDERFUL MEMBER

ALMOST FROM THE DAY SHE JOINED OUR CLUB IN MAY OF 1995, BETTY ABSHIRE BECAME A "WORKER BEE".

IN 1997 SHE BECAME ONE OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAYED ON THE BOARD FOR THE NEXT SIX YEARS. WITH HER CATERING ABILITIES AND HER FLAIR FOR DECORATING SHE MADE OUR MANY PARTIES A WONDERFUL EVENT FOR BOTH SIGHT AND TASTE. ALTHOUGH SHE HAD MANY HELPERS OVER THE YEARS, IT WAS HER PLANNING, HARD WORK AND LEADERSHIP THAT MADE EVERYTHING COME TOGETHER.



SHE LEAVES US FOR RETIREMENT IN FLORIDA. IN MID APRIL SHE WILL MOVE TO THE TAMPA BAY AREA TO BE NEAR HER DAUGHTER AND FAMILY AND NEVER SHOVEL SNOW AGAIN.

WE WISH TO THANK HER FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR CLUB; WITHOUT MEMBERS LIKE BETTY WE WOULD NOT HAVE A CLUB THAT RUNS SO SMOOTHLY AND SUCCESSFULLY.

THE VERY BEST TO YOU IN YOUR RETIREMENT, THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOU DID FOR THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB.

WRITTEN BY,
ANOTHER LONG TIME MEMBER



Thanks to all the shaggers for your support and prayers during my Mom's surgery. She is better everyday. She's home, so if you'd like to send a card, here's her address: Irma Fields, 7415 Grumman Place, Alexandria, VA 22306
Love to all, Jane James



Saturday, April 16, 2005
Northern Virginia Shag Club
Saturday Shag Dance!!

Pre-SOS Shag Workshop
FREE for All
6 - 7 p.m.

with
Kari Jones and Tyler Ervin

FREE Pizza after workshop - while it lasts!
DANCE to Great Beach Music, 7 - 11 p.m.
ALL Are Welcome!! Invite Someone New!!

Date: Sat., April 16, 2005
Time: 7 - 11 p.m. (Free Shag Workshop at 6 p.m.)
Cover Charge: \$8 members, \$10 non-members
Location: PSDC Dance Room
 146 Maple Ave., Vienna, VA
 (across from WHOLEFOODS on Rt. 123)

Juniors (under 21) admitted FREE with Adult

DIRECTIONS: FROM THE BELTWAY in Northern VA -- Take 66 West to first exit # 62, Nantley St. (exit to the Right). Drive North to Route 123, Maple Ave. At the traffic light, Turn Right, drive 8/10 mile to 146 Maple Ave. East on Left, across from WHOLEFOODS Store. Enter via steps at the Side Door on the LEFT SIDE of the building. Go DOWNSTAIRS to the Dance Room. Plenty of parking.

JOIN



AT



Friday, April 29th
 at



From: 4:00 - 6pm

NVSC members receive FREE drinks during FREE pour time OR until the money runs out!
Don't forget to wear your NVSC shirt!

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from the DJ Booth
By Jim Rose

BEACH MUSIC'S TOP 10 SONGS FOR March 2005

Shag and
Beach
Music-are
they the
same??

1. Love To The Music - Temptations
2. Get Away Car - Hall & Oats
3. There's No me Without You - Chairmen
4. Is The Magic Still There - Gary Brown
5. 24-7-365 - Percy Sledge

6. Don't Wait Around - Elgin's
7. City of Angels - Jean Jacques Milteau
8. Hard Times - Queen Latifah
9. Chasin' Dreams - North Tower
10. True Love - Drifters

HEY, MR. DJ...

Please, keep the questions and comments coming! I had a question and suggestion that I write about it in this article. So, here ya go. Question: **What's the difference between Beach Music and Shag Music?**

Answer
the trivia
question.

I was playing in Fredericksburg at our Battlefield Boogie Club one evening and was playing a Santana song; "The Game Of Love" and someone came up and said... "that's not Beach Music." My answer was...you're absolutely right, it's Shag Music and we're here shaggin'. As a matter of fact, a lot of today's Shag Music is not Beach Music at all!

Almost all Beach Music is Shag Music, but very little Shag Music is Beach Music.

Beach Music is considered to have a "classic" sound like the music you grew up with, a timeless sound. It stems from the music and groups of the Motown, Doo Wop, and Rhythm and Blues Genre. It's music like, Under The Boardwalk, I Love Beach Music, Miss Grace, 60 Minute Man, and others like these. They are all "Classic" songs. It's artists like the Tams, Drifters, Platters, Embers, Temptations, Four Tops, and so on.

These groups, just like the music they play, are also "Classic" and Timeless. The groups and their music have been around for many years and continue to be a major part of the Beach and Shag world. Shag Music, on the other hand, can be a song and artist from many different genres, having a danceable beat. Today we're dancing to a wide variety of music genres. Pop, Country, Oldies, Jazz, Blues, Adult Contemporary, and Top 40, just to name a few. Any music that has a shagable beat falls into the Shag Music category.

So, when you hear music or artists that you are not familiar with, don't discount their effectiveness as a dance tune. This is why the better DJ's try and put together a mix of different genres of music and artists. It broadens our musical appreciation and gives us a varied musical beat, instead of a steady one all the time.

Remember, music is in the ear of the individual listener. So open them ears up and take in the best music around...Beach & Shag Music!

And now for the pop quiz! - The country group, Alabama, did the song "Shagging On The Boulevard." What type of music is it; Country, Shag, or Beach?

DID YOU KNOW

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1958, The Coasters recorded "Zing Went The String Of My Heart" at Atlantic Studios in New York City. Atlantic / Atco Records; lead vocals by Will "Dub" Jones & Cornell Gunter; features "Chino" Pozo (bongos), King Curtis (tenor sax); produced by Jerry Leiber & Mike Stoller; written by Leiber-Stoller.



D J's and Dance Steps for APRIL 2005

Intermediate Level Shag Steps:

- April 6th Kick Basic, Half Turn & Belly Roll
 April 13th Pivot
 April 20th Handshake Wrap Pivot & Pivot into a Belly Roll
 April 27th Side to Side Basic, Front Prep & Front Walk-Up
 Beginner Level Shag Steps: April 6, 13, 20 & 27
 Intro. Level shag steps: April 13 & 20

DJ'S FOR APRIL: April 6th Jim Rose April 13th Craig Jennings
 April 20th Dennis & Nancy Gehley April 27th Eddy Farmer



Happy Birthday! April Babes and Dudes!!

If your birthday is incorrect or does not appear here, please contact Hilda Clemann, the membership chair, at hkc1945@aol.com to add your birthday to our database. Be sure to attend the **one a month BIRTHDAY DANCE** in honor of your **BIRTHDAY** and enjoy a delicious **CAKE** made especially for this occasion by Birthday chair, **CRIS GAINES**—she makes wonderfully scrumptious cakes!

SAM MARTIN	4/1	DICK WAGNER	4/1
DALLAS CAMPBELL	4/2	EILEEN CRISSON	4/4
JOHN PARKS	4/4	KITTY SENGE	4/7
JIM BRODOCK	4/7	BETH ENDRES	4/10
TED POLEN	4/11	KATHRYN WINSTEAD	4/12
CORY CIGLER	4/13	A.J. NOWASKEY	4/13
SANDRA WINFREY	4/15	JANET CAVE	4/18
PETER POMEROY	4/19	JOYCE JONES	4/20
SUSAN CLEGHORN	4/24	JOAN BYRNES	4/25
GREG PAYNTER	4/29		



WELCOME New Members in February—Thomas Brett, Ed Fei, Caroline Green, Eric Jacobson, Robin Kessler, Peter Pomeroy, Jay Rockwood & Helen Tocco and WELCOME New Members in March! Bill & Bonnie Amshey, Eileen Crisson, Jessica Pipkin, Larry Reaves & Stephanie Robertson

Please introduce yourselves to these new members—ask them to dance!

P.S. WE RECEIVED TWO NEW MEMBERS AT THE SHAG-ATHON! LARRY & EILEEN! GREAT!



NVSC UPCOMING EVENTS - Mark Your Calendars NOW

April 16th— *PSDC ROOM—SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE—FREE JUNIOR LESSON AT 6PM WITH KARI JONES AND TYLER ERVIN, DANCE FOR ALL 7 TO 11-* Cover charge \$8 members, \$10 non members. All are welcome, Juniors under 21 Always admitted FREE, with adult supervision. For more information email janigrimes@cox.net

BE THERE! IT'S FUN! PROCEEDS GO TO THE JUNIOR FUND

April 29th—Fat Harold's Beach Club—Meet NVSC members on Friday at 4:00 for FREE POUR! See our flyer in this newsletter

April 18th David Rodgers is hosting the NVSC Dance Committee meeting – he hopes all instructors will attend. If you would like to help teach lessons, contact David at Rene's or e-mail him at roddersd3@cox.net

6:30-10 Friday Nights at Fort Belvoir's COMMUNITY CENTER on Richmond Hwy. (Route 1 South) in Alexandria. Contact Gary Salpini at vze249fh@verizon.net for additional information

BE THERE! FRIDAY NIGHTS! CALL GARY @703-425-2848

COLONIAL SHAG CLUB IS HAVING A WORKSHOP SAT. APRIL 2ND

7:00 PM THURSDAY NIGHTS...UNCLE SAM'S... Fredericksburg!

For more info, OR directions: contact DJ, Jim Rose at beachdj51@yahoo.com

FUTURE EVENTS.....HERE AND THERE.....NEAR AND FAR!

SOS Spring Safari is April 22nd to May 1st Go to our website www.nvshag.org to find a list of places to stay. Also there is a new resort opening in time for SOS, the Avista Resort, 300 N. Ocean Drive, North Myrtle Beach. Check them out at <http://avistaresort.com> Also see Spirit Airlines for non-stop flights to Myrtle Beach! <http://www.spiritair.com/>

May 29 **BEACH MUSIC AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW** in King George, VA, sponsored by the Optimist Club of King George. It will be located in an outstanding location overlooking the Potomac River. The link is www.cleaningexpo.com/beachmusic

June 11th—*NVSC's Club Picnic! Where you ask? Don and Audrey Borja's house. Planning for a beautiful day and mouth-watering food. Details later.*

For some smooth dancing news, check out www.smoothnez.com events

CONGRATULATIONS TO RETA FERGUSON ON HER RETIREMENT!!!

KUDOS TO OUR MEMBERS RODGER WOODSON, WHO COMPETED - NON-PRO DIVISION; CRAIG & HEATHER JENNINGS - PRO DIVISION; BRENNAR GOREE; AMANDA TEDESCO; ADA SHEPPARD; TORY ROBINETTE; JUSTIN POSTON - JUNIOR DIVISIONS AT THE NATIONALS IN MYRTLE BEACH LAST MONTH!



