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# Shag Rag

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

## *Northern Virginia Shag Club*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Tim Farris*

Dear Members of the Northern Virginia Shag Club…finally…winter seems to have left us for this year. Yay! Warmer days and rain instead of snow for precipitation are a welcome change.

Welcome back to the greater DC area for all our shaggers that made it to North Myrtle Beach for the 2011 Spring SOS…those of us who were left, wish that you had a wonderful time and will teach us few new steps.

Another reminder now that football season has come to an end, we have restarted our monthly Sunday social events at Fast Eddy's in Centerville. The next event there will be held on May 1st and again on the first Sunday in June. Check the web site for more details.

Special thanks to our Dance Committee Chairman, Vaughn Royal, for arranging for a special review from our winter Charlie and Jackie dance lessons during the March 5th Wednesday. We had a great turn out that night with many of our seldom seen (at least on Wednesday nights!) members being in attendance…most…and you know who you are!...were a sight for sore eyes.

The Board is still considering options for a summer picnic and we'll let everyone know what's afoot in plenty of time to think about eating summertime food and drink…stay tuned.

But, in the meantime, down in Atlanta the US Grand National Championship is set for May 26th through 29th, now hosted by Michael and LeAnn Norris. If you are planning on attending, do notice the ad for our club in the program…and have a great time!

Keep Shagging!

*Volunteering is a great way to help our Club prosper. Contact a Board Member for details.*

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

Board meetings are held each month and are open to any and all members in good standing who wish to attend. Unless a certain matter is placed on the meeting agenda, attendance is for observation, not participation. Since board meetings may not take place at the same time and place every month, please alert the Secretary, at least one week in advance (so that we may be able to accommodate your attendance). Copies of Board Meeting Minutes are available on the www.nvshag.org website, or you may request copy(s) from the Club Secretary.

### *APRIL SOS PARTIES—by Marcia Conway*

*What a great time the Northern Virginia Shag Club shaggers had that attended Spring SOS and the annual party at Fat Harold's. Special guests were Charlie and Jackie, Ken Akin, ACSC Chairman, Ron Whisenant, SOS President and several other members of the ACSC and SOS Board. Special thanks to Ruth Rapson, Sharon Salpini, Jo-Ann Hitzemann, Joanne Sinclair, Mary Burleigh, Larry and Mary Camp for their help at the party. Check out the photos taken at the party on Monday, April 11 by the SOS photographer on www.shagdance.com. On Wednesday, the NVSC shaggers were invited to the annual bash by the Riff Raff Group. The food as usual was delicious and those cherries.....WOW!!!!! NVSC was also a part of the Virginia Clubs party that was held at the OD Cafe. Thanks to Craig Jennings for organizing this party. It is always fun to dance and socialize with the shaggers from the other Virginia Clubs. Mark your calendar and come join us for the fun time at SOS Fall Migration from September 16 -25 at North Myrtle Beach. It is a wonderful experience meeting new friends and renewing friendships.*

## LOCAL EVENT FROM *ASHLAND STREET PARTIES—BAND OF OZ* FEATURED

Ashland Street Parties, which sponsors three outdoor beach-music themed parties each year, is kicking off the 2011 season with a Shag Festival featuring the **Band of Oz!**

Shag Festival, **May 22, 3 - 8 p.m.,** with the Band of Oz
Ashland, VA (15 miles north of Richmond, exit 92 on I-95)
The festival will be in downtown Ashland, next to the Richard Gillis library. There will be plenty of signs and the town is small.
***The Richmond Shag Club*** will be giving free shag lessons from 3-4 p.m.
Tickets are $15 each before May 15; $25 each after May 15.

We will be happy to coordinate ticket sales with you if you want to send one group check. Or individuals can contact us at 804-752-7944 to request tickets which will be held for them at a will-call table.

You can find us online at www.ashlandstreetparties.com (still under construction but should be fully loaded soon) or "like" Ashland Street Parties on Facebook.

We're also hoping to get some discounted motel rooms in Ashland for those who want to stay overnight. (contact Ashland Street Parties for more information if you plan to overnight)

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**Hey NVSC shaggers...**want to win two (2) free tickets to what will be one of the hottest shag/swing events in the DC area this year? Check out the link below to Dave Moldover's Dance Swing weekend! All you need to do is to be clever enough to come up with a new name for the event this year. The event will headline our Club and the Carolina Shag along with other forms of swing. The event is scheduled for November 17-20 at the Hyatt regency in the Reston Town Center. More information to come but in the mean time, but on those thinking caps for a chance to win 2 free tickets!

Here's the site to go to: http://www.vsoswing.com/

## TRAVEL NOTES: Going to Myrtle Beach for golfing or relaxation?

From the Travelzoo Newsdesk:

WASHINGTON, D.C.--APRIL 26, 2011-- Airfare to Myrtle Beach from D.C. was just slashed to $14 each way ($49 roundtrip, including taxes) -- cutting 50% off already-discounted fares on this route.

This nonstop fare on Spirit Airlines is available for select departures in May. This is the lowest price we've ever seen on this route, even when factoring in Spirit's additional fees of up to $45 per carry-on bag.

Travel on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in June and July is $89 roundtrip on Spirit, a savings of $150 compared with other airlines.

Note: The fares are unadvertised and could disappear at any time.

## JOIN US AT TOMMY'S PLACE ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

**Friday Night Dancing** at **TOMMY'S PLACE** 8910 Mathis Ave, **Manassas**, VA (703) 368-6500

**How many of our members remember Friday nights down at *Legends* in Manassas? Here's a treat for all shag dancers: On Friday nights, Gene Griffin (a former DJ at Legends) will DJ from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. Gene will play Shag/Beach Music (CD's provided by Gary Salpini and others). Enjoy the food, the management, the prices, the seating arrangements, the dance floor, and NO COVER! THIS VENUE is encouraged for all shag friends to join together for a few drinks, dinner, and dancing on Friday nights. SEE YOU THERE!**

## *May Birthdays*

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| **Gregory Owens** | **1st** |
| **Jeffrey Ray** | **1st** |
| **John Romito** | **1st** |
| **Marcie Peterson** | **2nd** |
| **Robert Hassett** | **3rd** |
| **Greg Birmingham** | **4th** |
| **Jane Totman** | **6th** |
| **Hilda Clemann** | **7th** |
| **Jeff Kincheloe** | **9th** |
| **Joanne Sinclair** | **10th** |
| **Heidi Mackey** | **10th** |
| **Christine Werner** | **15th** |
| **Bob Lutz** | **19th** |
| **Tim Farris** | **20th** |
| **Joan McKinney** | **20th** |
| **Donna Davis** | **23rd** |
| **Ann Shimel** | **24th** |
| **Betty Elliott** | **26th** |
| **Joan Ledebur** | **26th** |
| **Jean Teele-Jennings** | **27th** |
| **Joe Miante** | **28th** |
| **Robert Matthews** | **29th** |
| **Connie Randolph** | **31st** |

☺Happy Birthday!

*Share the joy-invite someone to Dance!*

### *DEEJAY SCHEDULE FOR MAY*

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| **Craig Jennings** | **4TH** |
| **Eddie O.** | **11TH** |
| **Eddie O.** | **18TH** |
| **Dennis** | **25TH** |

### *NEW MEMBER IN APRIL*

*Linda James*

**WELCOME TO OUR CLUB**

## BORROWING SHAG VIDEOS..... is easy at NVSC!!!

Whether you have taken all of the shag classes offered at NVSC or are just looking for new steps or tips on technique... our club has a constantly growing library of shag instructional DVD or videos. These DVD's contain more steps and tips than you can shake a stick at and they're **FREE to club members**! All you have to do is put down a **FULLY refundable $25 deposit**.

See **SUE YOUNG** on Wednesday nights to borrow a DVD or video!!! Or to purchase our club's dance lessons on DVDs for $10!

***Learn from the pros by watching their instructional DVD's. See Sue Young for details and availability of rentals***

# Congratulations to Cathy Metcalf and Vaughn Royal, winners of the Smoothies Dance Contest at Spring SOS!

*The road is not lonely with Friends*

## NVSC Logo Merchandise and SOS Cards

Members Kathy Miller and Nancy Cox are the contacts for **NVSC logo merchandise**. They have the following:

Shirts-in several colors and styles, $18 and up

CD Cases $15

Coffee Mugs $5

Baseball Caps $15

Twinkling Glasses $10

Cook Books $15

**2011 SOS CARDS**

Kathy Norris, our club Treasurer, is selling 2011 SOS cards for $30. That's a savings of $5. Cards sell for $35 at North Myrtle Beach. You may use them for Mid-Winters, Spring Safari and Fall Migration. Kathy is at Rene's on Wednesday nights but if you can't make it to Rene's, mail your $30 check payable to NVSC and mail to P.O. Box 5522, McLean, VA 22103. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**REMINDER-KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFO CURRENT**

Have you moved, changed phone numbers or email?

Contact Valerie Swiger at valerievms@aol.com.

This is especially important if you want to receive "Hello Shaggers" emails— a terrific way to keep in touch with NVSC news, current events, and activities.

**WHERE DO I GET A COPY OF THE SHAG RAG?**

Go to the NVSC website, www.nvshag.org, click on Newsletters tab, click on the month you want. It's in PDF format. Or, for a yearly fee of $5, you may have it mailed to your home. Also, copies will be available at Rene's on Wednesday's.

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE SHAG RAG**—CONTACT LIZ KESTLER AT sarejan5@yahoo.com for details.

# *MAY DANCE LESSONS AT RENE'S-WEDNESDAYS*

**Lessons Begin at 7:30 p.m.**
**Reminder--BEGINNER lessons are free to non-members. NVSC MEMBERSHIP is required for the NOVICE and INTERMEDIATE classes.**

## INTERMEDIATE LEVEL SHAG STEPS

MAY 4—Side to Side Basic; Handshake Wrap Pivot

MAY 11—Leg Up Basic; Lean

MAY 18—Stutter Basic; Sugarfoot ending with a Lean

MAY 25—Flyback; Arm Over Pivot with Reverse Tuck

## NOVICE LEVEL SHAG STEPS

MAY 4—Double Kick Basic, Applejack

MAY 11—Behind Sailor Shuffle, Front Walk-Up

MAY 18—Hesitation Basic, Hug Pivot

MAY 25—Pivot, Tuck from a Pivot

## BEGINNER LEVEL SHAG STEPS

MAY 4—Basic, Start, Female Turn

MAY 11—Half Turn, Male Turn

MAY 18—Kick Basic, Side Pass

MAY 25—Crossover Basic, Triple Basic

# *OPEN DANCING FROM 8:15 UNTIL 10:30 P.M.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 2011 SUNDAY SOCIAL-DANCE PARTY SCHEDULED:

MAY 1ST, **SUNDAY**

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**IN ADDITION TO MAY 1ST, FUTURE SUNDAY DATES**

**ARE:**

**JUNE 5TH AND AUGUST 7TH**

## SOS FUN MONDAY RAFFLE

***Drawing will be held September 19, 2011. The raffle tickets are $10 each. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to <u>CARING FOR KIDS</u>, a local North Myrtle Beach charity and a portion will go to the <u>SOS Charitable Foundation, Inc.</u>***

***A total of $11,250 will be given away***

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| ***First Prize:*** | ***$7,500*** |
| ***Second Prize:*** | ***$2,000*** |
| ***Third Prize:*** | ***$1,000*** |
| ***Fourth Prize:*** | ***$ 500*** |
| ***Fifth Prize:*** | ***$ 250*** |

***TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AT OUR CLUB, RENE'S ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. Contact a Board Member for ticket purchases.***

# *An Evening in Paris*

Join us on Saturday, July 23, 2011, for a very special dinner and dance at the Washington Dulles Hilton. It will be a night to remember-***An Evening in Paris***. You are going to want to be there for a spectacular evening of great food, music, cocktails, dancing and entertainment.

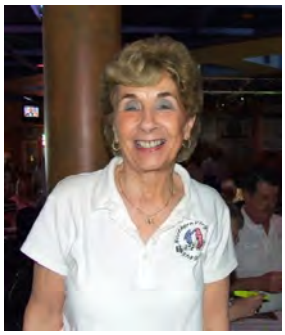
The party begins with a one hour shag lesson by our own pro-competitors *Heather and Craig Jennings*. DJ Craig Jennings will play a variety of rhythms and requests to keep everyone happy.

Discount pre-sale tickets are $55 for members until June 30th, so **get your tickets now**. For hotel reservations call (703) 478-2900 and ask for the NVSC group discount of $79. There are a limited number of rooms at this price so don't delay, book now! To register, complete the registration on the flyer attached to this newsletter and mail with your check to NVSC, P.O. Box 5522, McLean, VA 22103. See you there!

A FEW PICS FROM THE SOS PARTY:

Jake and Larry

Ms. Marcia



Our buddy, Jim

Hey, hey the gang's all here!! Who's at Rene's?

Why do they all look so happy? ☺

Larry and Mary, always the Lovely couple!

Jake and his new buds.

Dave, you are making the guys jealous…where is Ruth??

## The Northern Virginia Shag Club Presents

# *An Evening in Paris Dinner Dance*

## Saturday, July 23rd, 2011

### Don't Miss This Event!

- ★ **FREE shag workshop by our own pro competitors *Heather and Craig Jennings***
- ★ Hospitality suite/hors d'oeuvres
- ★ A sumptuous French buffet dinner
- ★ Silent auction
- ★ Live entertainment
- ★ 50/50 drawing
- ★ Cash bar
- ★ 10% discount for breakfast at hotel
- ★ Dancing to the sounds of our own DJ *Craig Jennings*

### Located at the Dulles Hilton Hotel

13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, VA 20171

Reserve your room at
www.washingtondulles.hilton.com
Use **group code NVS** or call (703) 478-2900

Ask for the Northern Virginia Shag Club special rate of $79/night plus tax until June 30th, 2011

### Schedule of Events:

2:30pm Registration

3:00–4:00pm Free Shag Workshop

4:30–5:30pm Hospitality suite/Hors d'oeuvres

6:00–7:30pm Dinner

7:30pm–12:00am Music and Dancing

## Register Early!

**Discount Pre-sale Tickets:** $55 members $60 non-members (until June 30th, 2011)
$60 members $65 non-members (after June 30th, 2011)
No refunds after June 23rd. Tickets must be purchased in advance!

Name(s): _____
(Last, First)

Address: _____ Primary Shag Club: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Number of Tickets: _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check payable and return to Northern Virginia Shag Club, P.O. Box 5522, McLean, VA 22103
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**Northern Virginia Shag Club ("NVSC") was organized to preserve the Carolina Shag Dance and its accompanying music—Beach Music!**

**NVSC dances the Carolina Shag every Wednesday night at Rene's Supper Club, located near Fairfax Circle in Fairfax, Virginia at 3251 Old Lee Highway. Rene's telephone number is 703-385-0077.**

**Come join us—learn the Carolina Shag! Free beginner lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. to 8:15. There is open dancing from 8:15 to 10:30 p.m.**

**COME JOIN US!**

We're on the Web!

*See us at:*

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