



Shag Rag

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Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Bushey

And, we're off to a New Year! And it's going to be a Big One!

Did you know that the Northern Virginia Shag Club is 20 years old this year? That's quite a milestone, and we're going to celebrate. Look for some big announcements in the coming weeks!

If we're 20 years old, that means we have 20 years of history. For those of us who haven't been Club members all that long, are you curious about the beginnings? Who were the best dancers in the '90's? What were the parties like? Did people travel to other club's events? What was SOS like back then? Did you know that NVSC won the Fall SOS Best Float contest? (Yes, there's a parade each fall!) So, if you're curious, ask some of the, uh, veteran Club members! There are some wild stories out there.

So, 2013. We're looking for a Super Bowl party location (it's tough!!). Do you know of a place? MidWinters, Charlie and Jackie are coming back for the 16th year in a row. Picnics, SOS weeks, Shag-A-Thons, Dance Workshops, 5th Wednesday specials, The Capital Classic (!), Holiday Party. And many more. What do you want from YOUR club? Let us know!

Have you ever gone to the National Shag Dance Championships in NMB? How about the Grand Nationals in Atlanta? There are some amazing road trips each year. Ask around. You'd be surprised at how many people go! And Beckley has become a favorite, too!

We're a volunteer organization, and it takes a lot of work to put together everything that we do. We'll introduce the entire 2013 team at the General Membership meeting on Wednesday, January 16th! If you've got the time and the inclination, let us know. Are you good at any of these things? Communications, Membership, Audit, Socializing (that's everyone!), Public Relations, Photography, Event Planning. Give us a shout!

And there's one more. We're a dance club. Get out there and dance! And, if you see someone sitting on Wednesday, ask them to dance. That's what it's all about! Make our guests feel welcome. Remember your first several nights. Only a few of us were born in the Shag World. The rest of us had to learn to shag. It's confusing and embarrassing at first. But then, when we catch on, JOY! Don't you just love to dance?

So, let's all make 2013 a special year. I certainly look forward to it!

General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, January 16th, after the lessons.

JANUARY DANCE LESSONS AT THE ELKS ON WEDNESDAYS**Beginner Level Shag Steps**

January 2 – Basic and Female Turn
 January 9 – Basic and Start
 January 16 – Basic and Male Turn
 January 23 – Basic, Half Turn and Triple Basic
 January 30 – Special 5th Wednesday Line Dance Class

DJ Schedule for January

Jan 2 Craig Jennings
 Jan 9 Kathy K.—guest DJ
 Jan 16 Dennis Gehley
 Jan 23 Eddie O'Reilly—guest DJ
 Jan 30 Butch Adeimy—guest DJ

Intermediate Level Shag Steps

January 2 – Crossover Basic (from Male and Female Turns)
 January 9 – Behind Sailor and Side Pass
 January 16 – Applejack
 January 23 – Stutter Basic and Kick Basic
 January 30 – Special 5th Wednesday Line Dance Class

REMINDER: Beginner lessons are **FREE** to non-members, but membership is required for the Novice and Intermediate classes.

Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m.

Open dancing from 6:30 until 10:30 p.m. — Please remember to ask Red Dot beginner dancers to dance. It takes lots of practice to become a better dancer!

Come Dance with Me

Private and Group
 Lessons in Carolina Shag
 With
 David Rodgers



Call or e-mail David
 703-239-8978
 rogersd3@cox.net

Northern Virginia Shag Club
 now meets at
Elk's Lodge

8421 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, VA.

Wednesday nights
 Main floor ballroom,
 6:30 to 10:30,
 Lessons start at 7:30 pm.
 A buffet dinner is
 available for purchase.

Ted Bell's Top 20 Songs at 94.9 The Surf

1. NEVER, NEVER.....GARY LOWDER
2. Better Love Next Time...Carolina Breakers
3. Private Number..Marsha Morgan Band Featuring Gary Lowder
4. We're Onto Something...Karen Clayton & Pat Christie
5. Love My Girl...Lil' Redd & The Tams
6. Still Strokin'....Ms Jody
7. Woo.....Craig Woolard Band
8. Shut Your Mouth...Rhonda McDaniel
9. You Never Can Tell...Lakeview Drive Band
10. Tore Up From The Floor Up.....Ron Moody
11. Kick Back, Relax & Smile..Gene Pharr & Continental Divide
12. My Love Is Your Love (Forever)...Jackie Gore
13. Harbor Lights.....Rick Strickland Band
14. Jelly Belly....Fantastic Shakers
15. I've Been Loving You Too Long..Keith Pollard
16. Santa Can You Teach Me To Shag...Lesa Hudson
17. Think It Over.....Sea-Cruz
18. You Can Have My Husband..Marsha Morgan Band
19. Smooth Stepping Papa...Night Move Band
20. Good Lovin'.....Roy Hamilton

Save the Date! Northern Virginia Shag Club

celebrates **20** years July 26 - 28, 2013

Mark your calendar to join us
"Remember when ..."

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News and Announcements

2013 SOS Cards are Here!

SOS cards for the 2013 calendar are available! See Treasurer Kathy Norris to purchase your new card.

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 \$8, you may have it mailed to your home. Also, copies will be available at the Fairfax Elks on Wednesdays.

Keep Your Membership Information Current

Have you moved, changed phone numbers or email? Contact Bonnie Arms at bjrwa@verizon.net or Dave Bushey at dbushey99@gmail.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.

Shag Rag

The deadline for *Shag Rag* input is the 25th of every month. Please send content to Jim Scanlon at [jamescanlon@me.com](mailto:jamesscanlon@me.com), or Maryann Lesnick at mlesnick@mlesnick.com.

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

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 **REFUNDABLE \$25 deposit.** See **SUE YOUNG on Wednesday nights to borrow or purchase a DVD or video!!!**

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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."

Your monthly (and BEYOND) calendar of events...

Out and About Close to home

Jan 13 JW & Friends, Springfield, VA; shag lesson 5-5:30 pm, social dancing 'til 8:00
 Jan 20 JW & Friends, Springfield, VA; shag lesson 5-5:30 pm, social dancing 'til 8:00

Mar 7-10 DC Hand Dancers "Meet Me At The Beach"

Weekly dancing:

Wednesday NVSC, Fairfax Elks, Rt 50, 6:30 pm-10:30 pm

Thursday Shannon's Bar & Grill, Fredericksburg, VA, Battlefield Boogie Club

Fri/Sat/Sun DC Hand Dance Club; www.dchanddanceclub.com; club hotline 301.460.0800

Sunday Check with management for dates—JW & Friends, Springfield, VA; shag lesson 5-5:30pm, social dancing, 5:30pm-8:00pm, no cover charge

Out and About a little further away

Jan 3-6 Hilton Head Island, SC Winter Classic with Sea Cruz, Sam and Lisa West

Jan 18-20 SOS Mid-Winters, North Myrtle Beach, SC

Jan 25 Cabin Fever series, Roanoke, VA Craig Woolard Band

Jan 25-26 National Shag Dance Championships, Prelims, Myrtle Beach, SC

Feb 1-3 Boogie on the Bay Shag Club Shaggers @ Heart, Crowne Plaza Williamsburg, VA, tix \$75; Info: Elaine Dembicki edembicki@yahoo.com 757-685-2777

Feb 14-17 East Coast Shag Classic, Wrightsville Beach, NC

Feb 22-24 ACSC Winter Workshop, Fayetteville, NC, www.shagdance.com more info

Feb 28-Mar 3 DJ Throwdown, Ducks, North Myrtle Beach, SC

Mar 7-9 National Shag Dance Championships, Finals, Myrtle Beach, SC

Mar 14-17 The Augusta Party, Augusta, GA

Mar 21-23 13th Smoky Mountain Boogie, Pigeon Forge, TN 'Park n Party', tix \$65 to Feb 1, \$75 after Feb 1; www.smokymountainshaggers.com

Mar 21-24 Capital City Shag Event, Columbia, SC; www.capitalcityshagclub.com

Mar 21-24 Boogie in the Burgh, Corapolis, PA; www.steelcityboogieclub.org

Apr 27 15th Triangle Beach Music Festival, Garner, NC

Cruisin' with The Music / The Dancea captive audience?

Feb 3 – 9, 2013 from Ft Lauderdale, FL; Key West, Grand Cayman, Jamaica
 Craig Woolard Band, special guest artist Andy King, DJs Ray Scott, Gene Sistare
 Shag lessons w/Hall of Fame Instructors Don Bunn and Debbie Peterson

Feb 3 – 10, 2013 from Tampa, FL; Cozumel, Belize, Isla Roatan, Grand Cayman
 Jim Quick & Coastline, Band of Oz, Tim Clark, Carolina Breakers, Sea Cruz
 DJs – Joey Warren/Johnny B/Mike Brooks/Jim Bowers/Fred Rouse
 More info at www.thebeachmusiccruise.com

The extent of shag dancing in the U.S. amazes many of us. While it began in the Carolinas, the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) now lists member clubs in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia. It would be interesting to know what caused the popularity of shag dancing to grow. Was it the dancing style where you get to look at your partner and occasionally talk to one another, the camaraderie of the people who make up the club membership, or the seemingly endless variety of steps and moves that keeps us wanting to learn? If we knew, then maybe we could further encourage its growth.

JW & Friends' Schedule Change for January:

Shag dancing at JWs will be Sunday January 13 and Sunday January 20. Free lesson 5:00 – 5:30 and dancing till 8:00 PM.

January Birthdays

Roy Truba	1/1	Nancy Roop	1/15
Thomas L Hyatt	1/3	Maryann Lesnick	1/16
Stephanie Mickler	1/5	Mary Wall	1/16
Phyllis Schulte	1/7	Ann West	1/16
David Barna	1/9	Jim Scanlon	1/16
Craig Jennings	1/9	Buzz Payne	1/17
Nancy Nicoletti	1/13	Liz Kestler	1/21
Andrea Crews	1/13	John T Price	1/29
Ruth Browne	1/14	Carolyn Magness	1/30
Joe Cook	1/15	Jerry Hart	1/31



The Northern Virginia Shag Club

Presents A

Shag Workshop and Party

With Pro Shaggers

**Charlie Womble &
Jackie McGee**

**Saturday
Feb 23,
2013**



**Warm up your winter
and your Valentine
with
Charlie and Jackie**

**16th Annual Workshop and Party
with the
Northern Virginia Shag Club!!**

Workshops

Fort Myer Community Center

Classes for all levels / Even the advanced need to refresh!

Workshop 1 (12:30 – 1:30) – TBA

Workshop 2 (1:45 – 2:45) – TBA

Workshop 3 (3:00 – 4:00) – TBA

Emphasis on good basics covered in all classes

Cost: \$10 per workshop for the NVSC members

Cost: \$15 per workshop for non-members

Please be prepared to present identification
upon entering Fort Myer

Private lessons with Charlie and Jackie are available. Please contact David Rodgers at 703-239-8978 or e-mail David

at rodgersd3@cox.net to make arrangements.

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

Dance Saturday Night

7:30 PM – 11:30 PM

at

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

Special Guest DJ's

Jerry Hardy and Larry Black

Cost: \$10 for NVSC Members

\$15 for Non-Members

Club Provides....

**Heavy hors d'oeuvres, water and soda
Cash bar offered by the Community Center**

Directions to Ft Myer: From Northern Virginia: Take I-265 to exit 15A Washington Blvd. Route 27 North. Take Washington Blvd North to Fort Myer exit on the right. Once on base, turn immediately to the right for security check. After clearing security, return to main road and turn right. Turn left at the stop sign. Look for the Bowling Alley on the left and park in lot immediately across the street. Walk across the street to the Community Center.

THIS IS A NON-SMOKING EVENT!

PRIVATE LESSONS WITH CHARLIE WOMBLE & JACKIE MCGEE

Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee (9 times & 10 times National Shag Champions) will be teaching private lessons on Feb. 21, 22, & 24, 2013 at David & Jerry Rodgers' house in Fairfax Station.

SIGN UP NOW for private lessons with Charlie & Jackie by e-mail at rodgersd3@cox.net or call David at (703) 239-8978 to put your name on the list. Lessons will be scheduled in the order in which the requests for private lessons are received. Costs of the private lessons are \$85.00/hour lesson with Charlie **and** Jackie, and \$60.00/ hour lesson with Charlie **or** Jackie.

“LADIES ONLY” FOOTWORK LESSONS WITH JACKIE MCGEE

Jackie McGee has agreed to teach two **SMALL GROUP** lessons for women only on footwork for ladies when she and Charlie are visiting with NVSC in February 2013 **IF ENOUGH LADIES SIGN UP FOR THE LESSONS**. These lessons will be taught at David & Jerry Rodgers' home in Fairfax Station, VA from 2:00-3:00 PM and from 3:00-4:00 PM on Sunday February 24, 2013.

The first ladies only lesson (2:00-3:00 PM) will be taught for intermediate/ advanced level dancers. The second ladies only lesson (3:00-4:00 PM) will be taught for beginner/novice level dancers. Due to the size of the dance floor available for these lessons, only a limited number (7) will be allowed to attend each ladies only lesson. Sign-up will be taken on a “first come, first served” basis. Cost of these “Ladies Only” lessons will be \$15.00/person. Contact David Rodgers by e-mail at rodgersd3@cox.net or call David Rodgers at (703) 239-8978 to put your name on the list.



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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 if you wish to attend (so that we may accommodate you).

Copies of Board Meeting Minutes may be available on the www.nvshag.org website, or you may request copy(s) from the Club Secretary.

The ***Battlefield Boogie Club*** meets on Thursday nights at Shannon's.

Shannon's Bar & Grill
Dancing from 7:30 to 10 p.m.
2801 Plank Road (Central Park)
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Call Wes at 540-226-6007 for more information

About Our Organization...

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:

Elk’s Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, VA

Come join us—learn the Carolina Shag! Free beginner lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. A Buffet dinner is available for purchase. There is open dancing from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

COME JOIN US!

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