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Sue Young

President's Corner

by Sue Young

I don't know about you all but I am so over winter. Come on Spring Safari. But until then, I know a great way to cure cabin fever. Well, come on out and dance of course. Besides our Wednesday nights, there are lots of places to dance this month so check out the When and Where to Dance on pages 2 & 3.

On February 13th, the Friday Nighters ballroom dance club invited two members from our dance committee to come teach a shag lesson to their group. Thanks to Pamela Alfano and Vaughn Royal for taking time do that and to Kathy and Loren for helping to make that happen. Teaching a lesson to other clubs is a great way to introduce our dance to other groups.

I wish to thank all the people who helped me switch gears for our 18th annual Jackie and Charlie party after having to cancel due to the snowstorm. The weather was not in our favor on Saturday but the stars were all aligned on Sunday evening and what a fabulous time we had. Jackie and Charlie taught us two great workshops and of course it's always a treat to watch them shag.

I'd like to give thanks to Pamela Alfano and Bonnie Arms for organizing the workshop registrations, to Jeanne and Jason Potter for doing such a great job arranging the food, to John Romito for taking pictures, and to Chris Werner for decorating the tables. Guess I should give thanks to my husband Paul too for assisting Chris with the wood bases. And to Fran Mong for getting us DJ Wayne Bennett who did a fantastic job keeping the dance floor full. Thanks to all of you who volunteered to bring food and help with the various other tasks involved with making sure the entire evening was a success.

And a BIG thanks to David and Jerry Rodgers for again being such wonderful hosts to Charlie and Jackie and for organizing all the private lessons.

I am very lucky to have such great officers to work with this year. Thank you for all you do for this club.

Also, thank you to Loren Kropat and Kathy Norris for making sure the Club's website and Hello Shaggers is updated and to Jim Scanlon and Maryann Lesnick for making sure you get the updated information

through our newsletter. If you know of someone not receiving the Hello Shaggers please let us know.

On March 12-14, Vaughn Royal and Cathy Metcalf are competing in the 32nd Annual National Shag Dance Championships Finals Non-Pro Division. Also competing is Dale Hern with her partner Jim Hern in the Senior Division. We wish you all Good Luck!

And don't forget, Pamela Alfano is to be inducted into the Virginia Shagger's Hall of Fame on March 28th in Williamsburg. Many of us are going down to cheer her on.

Mark your calendar for our SOS Party at Fat Harold's back room on April 21st from 3-5pm.

Have you made your hotel reservation for our 2015 Capital Classic? We are expecting a huge turnout so call and make your reservations now before the rooms are all booked. Get your tickets now too as they could sell out. See the flyer for more information.

Time to boogie walk on out of here. See you on the dance floor.

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When and Where to Shag



Every Wednesday, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. at the **Elks Lodge**, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA (on Route 50 near Prosperity Avenue). Cover charge: Non-members \$8.00, members \$7.00; free lessons at 7:30 p.m., no partners needed. Buffet dinner 6:45 – 8:00p.m., \$9.00, or order from the menu. For example, Appetizers (Buffalo Wings, Quesadilla, etc.), Salads (Caesar, Chef), Burgers & Sandwiches (Bacon & Blue, Pulled Pork BBQ).

See more places to dance with other ACSC Virginia Shag Clubs, listed on page 3.



March 8th and 22nd at **JW & Friends**, 6531 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.; no cover charge.

See more upcoming Shag Events on pages 7, 9, and 10

Thursdays at **Shannon's Bar & Grille**, Fredericksburg; **Battlefield Boogie Club** (battlefieldboogieclub.com)

Dance Lessons at the Elks on Wednesdays

Beginner Level Shag Steps

- 3/4—Basic and Female Turn
- 3/11—Basic and Start
- 3/18—Basic and Male Turn
- 3/25—Basic, Half Turn, Triple Basic

Intermediate Level Shag Steps

- 3/4—Crossover Basic (from Male and Female Turns)
- 3/11—Crossover Basic (from Male and Female Turns)
- 3/18—Applejack
- 3/25—Stutter Basic & Kick Basic

- DJ Schedule**
- 3/4: Julio Finkbinder
 - 3/11: April Showers
 - 3/18: Eggs Benedict
 - 3/25: Justin Time

Beginner lessons are FREE to non-members, but membership is required for the Intermediate class. Membership is \$25/year.
Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. Social dancing from before and after lessons to 10:30 p.m.
Please remember to ask Red Dot beginner dancers to dance.
It takes lots of practice to become a better dancer!

News and Announcements

Where do I Get a Copy of the Shag Rag? Go to www.nvshag.org, click on Newsletters tab, click on the desired month. It's in PDF format. Also, copies will be available at the Fairfax Elks on Wednesdays.

Hello Shagger Emails Are you getting the Hello Shagger e-mails? If not, visit our website at www.nvshag.org. On the left side, click on the blue box that says "Hello Shagger e-mail list" and give us your e-mail address!

Hello Shagger Input Anyone with information to be included in the Hello Shagger email (including DJ schedules and menus), please send to helloshagger@nvshag.org.

Keep Your Membership Information Current Have you moved, changed phone numbers or email Bonnie Arms at bjrwa@verizon.net.

Shag Rag The deadline for *Shag Rag* input is the 25th of every month. Please send content (including opinions, humor and recipes!) to Jim Scanlon at [jamescanlon@me.com](mailto:jamesscanlon@me.com).

NEW MEMBERS

When you have the opportunity, please welcome our new members ...

Marilyn Lampe

Tom Lotfapadi

... who joined NVSC this past month.

SOS Spring Safari

April 17 to 26

It is that time of year again to plan for going to North Myrtle Beach. SOS cards are available for sale; see Mark Hendrickson to purchase them.

Make your reservation for a place to stay now, they are quickly filling up.



When and Where to Dance in the Future (Take a few minutes to enter these on your calendar)

July 10-12: Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) Summer Workshop July 10-12, 2015 at the Hyatt Dulles Hotel. This is a huge 3-day shag event. The presidents of all the Association's shag clubs will be attending as well as other members from their clubs. It is one humongous party that will include dancing, many dance workshops, vendors galore, huge 50/50's, dancing, Friday and Saturday Free Pours (& maybe Thursday!!), dancing exhibitions.

More Places to Shag



Other ACSC Virginia Shag Clubs

Visit the club websites for venues and schedules.

Battlefield Boogie Club, www.battlefieldboogieclub.com

Boogie On The Bay Shag Club, www.boogieonthebay.com

Colonial Shag Club (Newport News), www.colonialshagclub.com

Danville Shag Club, www.danvilleshagclub.com

Franklin Shag Club, gramelia@yahoo.com

Lynchburg Shag Club, www.lynchburgshags.com

Richmond Shag Club, www.richmondshagclub.org

Roanoke Valley Shag Club, www.rvsc.memberlodge.com

Virginia Beach Shag Club, www.vbshagclub.com



March

Sally Birge	03/01
William Hanson	03/01
Eileen Green	03/06
Barbara Dent	03/07
Stella Hanson	03/08
Melissa Barlow	03/11
Ralph Dantine	03/11
Stacey Porter	03/12
Marilyn Lampe	03/14
William Meyer	03/14
Thomas Woll	03/17
John Dent	03/22
Craig Singleton	03/23
Judy Metcalf	03/25
Anne Benson	03/26
Loren Kropat	03/27
Jim Metcalf	03/27
John Tate	03/31

An Interview with Linda and Warren Maslar

By Jim Scanlon

Q: When and how did you first learn about NVSC?

A: We had been avid ballroom dancers for about 29 years, and really never tried any other kind of dancing here in Northern Virginia. Then, as our children grew and our house emptied of them, we started looking for a place to retire. We had owned a condo in Myrtle Beach for a few years, and on one of our golf weekends down there, we went up to Fat Harold's in North Myrtle & discovered shagging! The SOS event was taking place and it piqued our interest. The "shaggers" were having a great time and we wanted to be a part of it. When we came home we googled, found, and then joined the NVCS.

Q: I have observed that you are at the Wednesday dance almost every week, are you now fully into shag dancing.

A: Absolutely, we love it! We practice at home and try to attend all the NVSC events as well as those of other shag clubs, such as the Hangar Classic in West Virginia and the Cyclone in North Carolina.


Q: Well, you are sure into it more than I am. Can you give me any other reason why you both have become so enthusiastic about shag dancing?

A: The people. They are all so down-to-earth and extremely friendly. We've gotten to know so many people in the club and enjoy seeing and dancing with them each week. And it's a "together thing," members are enthusiastic about spreading the word as to where and when to find great dance opportunities. We're totally "hooked."



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If Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were alive today, their infamous sketch, 'Who's on First?' might have turned out something like this:

COSTELLO CALLS TO BUY A COMPUTER FROM ABBOTT

ABBOTT: Super Duper Computer Store. Can I help you?

COSTELLO: Thanks. I'm setting up an office in my den and I'm thinking about buying a computer.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: No, the name's Lou.

ABBOTT: Your computer?

COSTELLO: I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: I told you, my name's Lou.

ABBOTT: What about Windows?

COSTELLO: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?

ABBOTT: Do you want a computer with Windows?

COSTELLO: I don't know. What will I see when I look at the windows?

ABBOTT: Wallpaper.

COSTELLO: Never mind the windows. I need a computer and software.

ABBOTT: Software for Windows?

COSTELLO: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What do you have?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?

ABBOTT: I just did.

COSTELLO: You just did what?

ABBOTT: Recommend something.

COSTELLO: You recommended something?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: For my office?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: OK, what did you recommend for my office?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yes, for my office!

ABBOTT: I recommend Office with Windows.

COSTELLO: I already have an office with windows! OK, let's just say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?

ABBOTT: Word.

COSTELLO: What word?

ABBOTT: Word in Office.

COSTELLO: The only word in office is office.

ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.

COSTELLO: Which word in office for windows?

ABBOTT: The Word you get when you click the blue 'W'.

COSTELLO: I'm going to click your blue 'w' if you don't start with some straight answers. What about financial bookkeeping? You have anything I can track my money with?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: That's right. What do you have?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: I need money to track my money?

ABBOTT: It comes bundled with your computer.

COSTELLO: What's bundled with my computer?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: Money comes with my computer?

ABBOTT: Yes. No extra charge.

COSTELLO: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?

ABBOTT: One copy.

COSTELLO: Isn't it illegal to copy money?

ABBOTT: Microsoft gave us a license to copy Money.

COSTELLO: They can give you a license to copy money?

ABBOTT: Why not? THEY OWN IT!

A few days later:

ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?

COSTELLO: How do I turn my computer off?

ABBOTT: Click on 'START'

Humor

*Send your opinions,
favorite recipes and
humor to the Shag
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From Dance Lesson to Muscle Memory

By Angie Bushey

How many times have so many of us taken a dance lesson, did not have the opportunity to practice it, and consequently lost all that great instruction? One of the reasons why this occurs is the absence of a partner to practice with. Practicing with the refrigerator door or cabinet knob works for some steps, but it is not the same as dancing with a human partner!

Having given it some thought, I felt that perhaps we could encourage get-togethers to solve the problem. It would mean listing yourself as available, and whether or not you have space in your home for dance practice. If you do

not have space, then teaming up with one who does would be a solution. And if you have room for more than two to dance it would be more beneficial. Some of our members have tried this, but found that getting together was difficult because of work schedule and proximity to one another. That means finding someone who is close by would help.

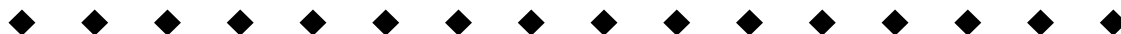
Another important factor is making practice routine. That is, setting a day of the week and time for getting together so that you can put it on your calendar and not schedule other events that would interfere. It's like: "OK, on Tuesday's I

will be at so-and-so's house to practice." That would commit you to it; if you didn't do that, there would be too many excuses not to do it. And you should have a time limit, i.e., "We'll practice from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and no longer." That would make it more of a professional business commitment, rather like taking a private dance lesson.

If you're interested, looking for a Practice Partner, maybe we could arrange for a private exchange of information between the folks? Please give this some thought and let me know what you think about the idea.

Angela Bushey, at: angelaabushey@yahoo.com

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ACSC/CLASSIC REGISTRATION HELP NEEDED

The combined ACSC Workshops and NVSC Classic weekend of July 10-12, 2015 will draw close to 600 guests. We need a bunch of club volunteers to register these folks (welcome & greet). Registration operations will run from 3 pm Friday to Saturday night (except for the 2-hour Saturday dinner break & Friday overnight). One hour time slots (79) are programmed where people will be assigned. Kindly consider signing up to contribute your time (more than one slot is appreciated). Please contact Barry Newman barryn1940@aol.com or Kathy Miller khemp501@aol.com and specify the day and AM/PM preference. Periodic sign-ups will be available at the club's weekly dance party and events. Many thanks!

This is the Big One! A huge event, larger than we have ever hosted before.



ACSC's 2015 Summer Workshop & NVSC's Capital Shag Classic



July 10 – 12, 2015

Hyatt Dulles

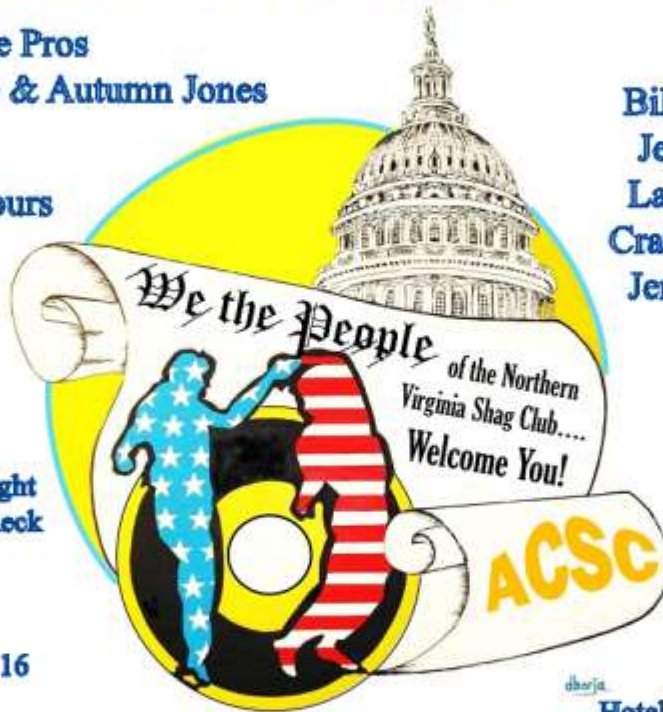
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For additional information contact David Bushey: dbushev99@gmail.com or 703.338.1563

Name(s): _____

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Phone: _____ email _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

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**Beckley Area Shag Club's
21st Annual Mountain Boogie Walk
May 15-16th, 2015 **Hern's Hangar**
Airport Road Exit 125B off I-64E, Beaver WV**

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Instructors: T.K. & Mary Robinette

Tickets are \$65 per person- 1 day tickets will not be sold

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 Saturday *11:00 am *FREE Shag workshop - Pizza served following the workshop
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Reservations: *Sleep Inn/Beaver* \$70/night 304-255-4222 Ask for "shag club rate"
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Reservations: *Microtel Inn & Suites/Eisenhower Drive*, Beckley, 3 miles from the Hangar and is 100% non-smoking. 304-255-2200. Single \$59.99, Double \$64.99, Suite \$69.99.

Shuttle Service to and from hotels Friday & Saturday nights

Tickets will not be mailed so fill out everything below and make certain your e-mail address and mailing address may be read easily. We will send you a confirmation by e-mail if possible and by mail if you do not have an e-mail address.

You will be on our master list when you check in at the Hangar!

Make Checks payable to: **Beckley Area Shag Club, P.O. Box 395, Beckley, WV 25802**

Contacts: Charlie Cline @ 304-228-9938 cwcline@suddenlink.net

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CLUB AFFILIATION _____

TICKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED—Buyers will receive **Email Confirmation** or if a **Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope** is enclosed, confirmation will be mailed.

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 Tom Cullum, 102 Oakleaf Drive, North Augusta, SC 29860




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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.

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About Our Organization...

Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC) was organized to preserve the Carolina Shag dance and its accompanying 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. Social dancing is from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

COME JOIN US!



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