



Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music

A Proud



Shag Rag



Sue Young

President's Corner

Can you believe another year has gone by? What a great year it has been for Northern Virginia Shag Club. We've had so many new members join this year. Personally, I've really enjoyed getting to know all of you.

I hope to see everyone at our holiday party Saturday, December 3rd, at Kingstowne Snyder Community Center from 7:30 - 11:30pm. It is always so much fun. This event is free for members and \$10 for guests. We are going to dance the night away with one of our favorite DJs, Jim Rose. We need volunteers so please sign up to work the sign-in table, handle the 50/50, or set up and clean up. This is a pot luck dinner so sign up at the Elks to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert enough to feed 10-20 people. Or if you can't sign up at the club please just bring a dish. Also, please bring a new,

unwrapped toy for our Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" drive. See attached flier in this Shag Rag or our website for more information.

Hope you enjoyed our early bird lesson last month. Thanks to Joan McKinney for teaching us a new "do dah" basic variation. What a fun step that is. No early bird lesson this month.

Our Shag-a-thon was a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event. Special thanks to our Chairman Sherri Wildoner. We are still accepting donations so please contact Sherri at smwildoner@yahoo.com if you would like to make a donation to Capital Caring. All money should be turned in by Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

I want to congratulate our newly elected officers for next year. Thank you for heeding our call and accepting the challenge. I would also like to thank our

current board members for all their support and effort to make our club the best it can be.

This newsletter is the last for our current Editor and Publisher, Jim Scanlon and Maryann Lesnick. Many thanks to Jim and Maryann for being our Editor and Publisher for the past four years. Best wishes to our new Editor and Publisher, Adele Robey. I know she will do an outstanding job. If you have articles you would like to see published, please send them to her at arobey@fusemail.com.

I wish you all a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year!



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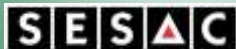
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Through the National FastDance Association, our club dance activities are licensed by:



Remember No Dancing on December 28.

When and Where to Shag



Every Wednesday, 6:30–10:00 pm 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 pm, no partners needed. Buffet dinner available, 6:45 - 8:00pm, \$9.00, or order from the menu. For example, Appetizers (Buffalo Wings, Quesadilla, etc.), Salads (Caesar, Chef), Burgers & Sandwiches (Bacon & Blue, Pulled Pork BBQ).



December 11th at **JW & Friends**, 6531 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA, 5:00–8:00 pm; no cover charge.

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

Dance Lessons at the Elks on Wednesdays

DJ Schedule

- 12/7: TBD
- 12/14: TBD
- 12/21: TBD
- 12/28: N/A

Beginner Level Shag Steps

- 12/7—Basic and Female Turn
- 12/14—Basic and Start
- 12/21—Basic and Male Turn

Intermediate Level Shag Steps

- 12/7—Hug Pivot and Pivot
- 12/14—Pivot with Tuck Turn
- 12/21—Pivot and Belly Roll

12/28—NO DANCING—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Beginner lessons are FREE to non-members, but membership is required for the Intermediate class. Membership is \$25/year.

Lessons begin at 7:30 pm. Social dancing from before and after lessons to 10:00 pm. 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 helloslagger@nvshag.org.

Keep Your Membership Information Current Have you moved, changed phone numbers or email address? Let Bonnie Arms know 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).



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



December

Linda Maslar	12/01
Mark Shifflette	12/01
Nancy Snead	12/01
John Rippingale	12/03
Barry Kumar	12/06
Ray Jones	12/07
Faye Morford	12/07
Jeanne Potter	12/07
Victor Clemann	12/08
Dolores Senus	12/08
Jane James	12/09
Cathy Metcalf	12/12
Steve Cooper	12/14
Judy Anderson	12/15
Lynda Gumnick	12/18
Cookie Bell	12/19
Dave Rapson	12/19
Gaye Proctor	12/23
Michael Deese	12/24
Mark Ludwinski	12/29
Sandy Farwell	12/30
Sandra Traylor	12/31

Holiday Party

December 3

Kingstowne's Snyder Community Center

See flier, page 4

Celebrate the *Holiday Season* with NVSC!

Saturday, December 3, 2016
7:30 – 11:30 pm

Kingstowne's Snyder Community Center
6450 South Van Dorn St., Alexandria, VA 22315

Special Guest DJ: Jim Rose

Members - FREE Non-members - \$10

Pot Luck Dinner
NVSC will provide turkey, ham, & rolls.
BYOB - set-ups provided.

Please sign up for appetizers,
side dishes, and desserts at the
Elk's on Wednesdays.



**Please bring a new unwrapped
toy for our Toys-For-Tots drive.**

Questions?

Contact Sue Young at susan.young19@yahoo.com
Volunteers needed for set up and clean up. Please sign up.

Directions from the Fairfax County Parkway:

Go east until you reach Beulah Rd., cross Beulah and the road changes names to Manchester Blvd. Continue down Manchester (it becomes Kingstown Blvd) for 7 traffic signals. At the 7th traffic signal, turn left on to South Van Dorn St. At the 2nd traffic signal, turn left onto Lake Village Dr. Take an immediate left and the Community Center will be a few buildings down on your right.

Directions from the Beltway:

Exit the Beltway at South Van Dorn St. and proceed south on South Van Dorn St. Cross over Franconia Rd., where you will enter Kingstown, after crossing Franconia Rd., continue on South Van Dorn and turn right at the first traffic signal, on to Lake Village Dr. Then take an immediate left and you will see the Community Center a few buildings down on your right. Parking lots are on both sides of the street.

NVSC Board of Directors Election Results

- President: Sue Young
- Vice President: Bonnie Arms
- Treasurer: Mark Hendrickson
- Secretary: Sherri Wildoner
- At Large: Pamela Alfano, David Barna, Ken Gibbs, Bill Myer, and Fran Mong (not available for photo)



Meet your New Board of Directors

Farewell and Thank You!

WOW! It has been 5 years! Thank you for letting me serve as your Shag Rag news-letter publisher 2012-2016.

I did the Shag Rag in 2009 also! (maybe other years, too?)

Working with **Jim Scanlon** has been a true pleasure! Not only did he expertly gather and compile the content, but he was the inspiration behind the Shag Rag's evolution to it's current format.

Thank you Jim and thank you NVSC!

It was a great dance!

Maryann Lesnick

2009



2012



2016



The Adventures of Ziggy Aloebaum

The flyer in the Shag Rag said the Buies Creek Shag Club's Fantsmagoria was 3 - 5 May, and my calendar showed nothing for that period. So I duly signed up for the event, having heard that the Buies Club really treated out-of-town shaggers well. Also, in the back of my mind was the usual dream of finding a fantastic dance partner. The shag lessons I had taken from April Goodbody always faded from my memory because I did not have a partner with whom to practice (no dangling participle there), and her recommendation that I use the doorknob was not a satisfactory substitute for a warm body. When I got to the hotel, there was a BCSC's member to welcome me with an event goodie-bag and a wristband to show that I paid for all of the event's activities. ("Wristband, my man, you got to have a wristband, if you don't have a wristband, my man, you don't get through the door" 'Paul Simon'). Had dinner that night in the hotel restaurant and could not help but notice a fine-looking gal alone at another table and wondered if she was also a shagger. When she got up to leave, I noticed that she was wearing fishnet stockings, something that was rare for my observing because I usually don't look down that far. I got a good


night's sleep, walked around town, took in some of the Creek's historical sights, and then boarded the bus the club had hired to take us out-of-towners to the event. Surprise! Fishnet Stockings was also on the bus! I should have said something immediately, but as usual, I was at a loss of words. Good-looking gals seem to have that effect on me. The event's workshop that afternoon featured lessons by Harvey Millipede and Velveeta Umlaut, two Hall of Famers. After the lessons most of us retired to the free-pour room to discuss politics and get caught up on the latest rumors about shag club members. To my delight, I managed to engage Fishnets in a bit of erudite discussion about beach music and how funk might become part of it, because Bruno Mars' version of Uptown Funk seemed to have a tempo suited for it. She disagreed and we debated the subject for some time, during which I began to appreciate her intelligence more than her body. In almost every aspect of our conversation the points she made were so convincing that I ended up agreeing with her. Wow, we seemed to have that magic! When the dancing began, I found out that Fishnets and I were well suited to shag dancing and we

seemed to share a musicality sense about the nuances of each tune and adjust our steps to them. When the dance was over we sat together on the bus back to the hotel. As we entered it she said: "Why don't we continue practicing a few of those steps we had some difficulty with in my room." I could not believe my ears. All these many years of pursuing shag dancing gals and being turned down whenever I suggested such a thing, now I find that "The shoe is on the other foot!" The dancing got slower as she played foxtrot type music on her cell phone/amplifier. One thing led to another, and after a bit of maneuvering, Ziggy SCORRRRRRES!!!!

So that's it for Ziggy. He enjoyed titillating the imagination of our NVSC members for one year, but everything gets old and so do Ziggy stories. I hope some of you enjoyed them.

Ziggy

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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!!!**

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 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."



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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 pm. A Buffet dinner is available for purchase. Social dancing is from 6:30 to 10:00 pm.

COME JOIN US!



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