

President's Corner

BY BONNIE ARMS

NVSC was represented by the following people at the **DC Hand Dance Club (DCHDC)** at the Meet me at the Beach fun weekend March 7-10 at Ocean City, MD: **Jason and Jeanne Potter, Dave and Ruth Rapson, Gary and Sharon Salpini, Joe Miante and Linda Trader, and Sherri Wildoner.** A fun time was had by all.

The **Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame** induction ceremony was held March 22-24 at the Crown Plaza Hampton in Hampton, Virginia. The "pre-party" on Thursday, March 21 at the Bull Island Brewery across the court from the hotel was fun. Lots of folks had pizza, a few adult beverages, and danced to the music of **DJ Jerry Canada.** On Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 NVSC was represented by **Pamela Alfano, Don and Audrey Borja, Kevin and Joan Byrnes, Craig and Heather Jennings, Joan McKinney, Cathy Metcalf, Vaughn Royal, Sherri Wildoner, and myself.** ABSCDJs **Larry Black and Jerry Canada** kept the dance floor full both nights.

Friday night, March 22, **Kari Jones Legge** was inducted into the **Virginia Juniors Shaggers Hall of Fame 2019.** Kari is the daughter of NVSC member **Ray Jones.** She began her shag dancing the winter of 1998 at NVSC. Some of her mentors were **Earl and Bev Robinson** and **Janis Grimes** and **Steve Booth.** She is a former partner of **Brenner Goree.** She now resides in Fort Worth, Texas with her husband and two young children ages 4 and 1.

The **Class of 2019 Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame** are: from Colonial Shag Club — **Patti Walker;** Danville Shag Club — **Bruce Riley;** from Richmond Shag Club — **Sherry Beck-Peebles, Charles Harward, Doug Strother, Kenn Ward,**

and **Barbara White;** and from Virginia Beach Shag Club — **Sandra Alford, Brenda Kennedy,** and **Larry Maynard.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FOR THIS HONOR.

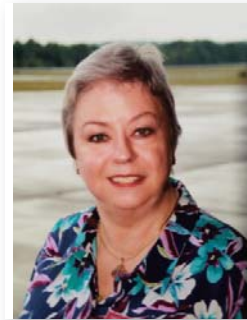
The **Virginia Gentlemen's Spring Dance and Beach Party** on April 6 at the Fredericksburg Elk's Lodge will feature the **Entertainers.** This event supports the Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Please see the flyer on www.nvshag.org or on the front desk Wednesday night for more details.

Once again, many thanks go out to the **Audit Committee** of **Fern Siegler** (Chair), **Barbara Dent,** and **Paul Young.** THANK YOU for handling this task. Also a big thank you to **Mark Hendrickson** for doing such a good job as NVSC Treasurer.

Spring Safari is coming up **April 25-May 4.** Get your SOS cards early from Mark Hendrickson (only \$30). If you wait and purchase them down in North Myrtle Beach they will cost \$35. The NVSC Backroom Party will be April 30, 3-5 pm. The Left Behind Party will be at the Elk's Lodge Wednesday, May 1.

SAVE THE DATE: August 16-17. NVSC will have its **Capital Shag Classic** at the Dulles Westin Hotel. The theme this year is "**Feelin' Groovy.**" The DJs will be **Buck Crumpton and Craig Jennings.** The guest instructors will be **Bill and Brenda Barber.** Craig and Heather Jennings will teach on Friday, August 16. Please see the flyer in this Shag Rag for information or go to our website www.nvshag.org for more information.

There will be a 2nd Quarter General Membership meeting on April 17, 2019.



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**Happy Easter,
April 21 2019**



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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. Cover charge: Members \$10, Guests \$11.

COME JOIN US!

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When and Where to Shag

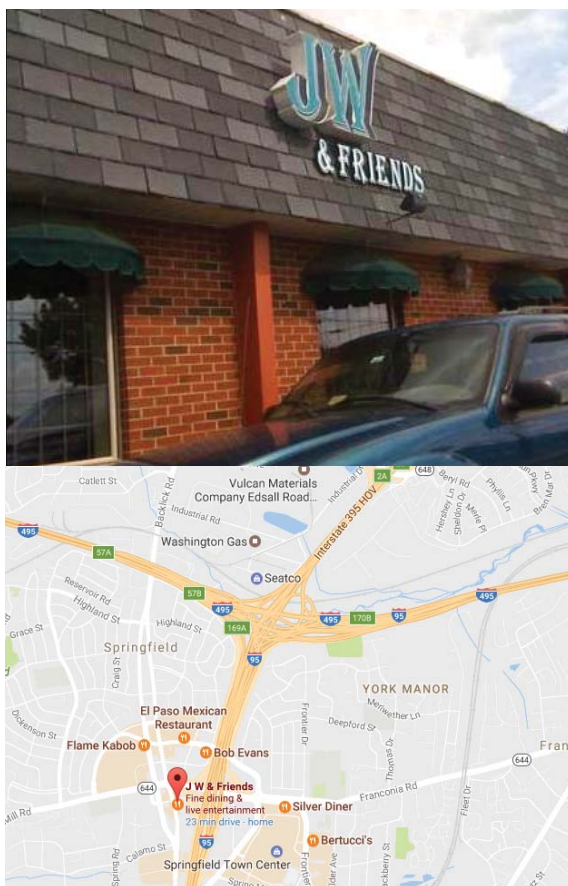
Every Wednesday, 6:30-10:00 pm at the Elks Lodge

8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA (on Route 50 near Prosperity Avenue). Cover charge: Non-members \$11.00, members \$10.00; free lessons at 7:30 pm, no partners needed. Buffet dinner available, 6:45 - 8:00pm or order from the menu. For example, Appetizers (Buffalo Wings, Quesadilla, etc.), Salads (Caesar, Chef), Burgers & Sandwiches (Bacon & Blue, Pulled Pork BBQ).



April 7 at Mixing Bowl (formerly JW & Friends)

6531 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA. 5:00-8:00 pm, no cover charge. .



DJ Schedule

Please check the website for updates to the DJ schedule

Dance Lesson Schedule at the Elks on Wednesdays

Beginner Level Shag Steps

April 3	Basic & Female Turn
April 10	Basic & Start
April 17	Basic & Male Turn
April 24	Basic, Half Turn, Triple Basic

Intermediate Level Shag Steps

April 3	Hug Pivot & Pivot
April 10	Pivot with Tuck Turn
April 17	Pivot and Belly Roll
April 24	Sugarfoot with Back Prep & Front Prep

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 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!

See more places to dance with other ACSC Virginia Shag Clubs, listed on page 10.

Just when you thought it was safe... He's baaaaaack!

After parking my car at Revolutions (aka Fast Eddy's), I went inside to join the Saturday night shag crowd. And that it was, more shaggers were there than at the Wednesday night Elks dance. And the usual ones were there, the Schwartzels who never miss a shag dance, Cleveland Focus and Pompidore Flairbottom, and surprisingly, someone I had never seen before. She was slim and tall, like a Festivus pole with a couple of matzo balls and more curves than the Sebring racetrack. Her blonde hair was gathered in ponytail fashion and she had a pout-type shape to her mouth that I thought I could change with some humor as a way to start a conversation.

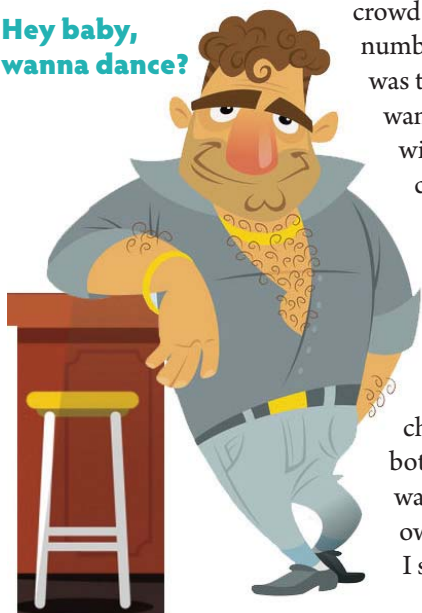
I ordered a beer and some spicy wings, which I regretted the next morning. After giving the crowd enough time to get a respectable number of shaggers dancing, I decided it was time to make my move. But I didn't want to seem too eager, so I danced with a couple of our seasoned shag club members (those who just want to dance and aren't interested in doing anything else). Then, unlike most of our gals, she asked me to dance! Wow, I was taken aback, wondering what it was that she saw in me. Was it the gold chain around my neck, or the flair-bottom plaid trousers I was wearing? I was so shocked that I fumbled my own name when I introduced myself. I said: "Thank you, I was feeling a bit

down and you brightened my evening, I'm ZZZZZgggggyyyy Aloebum, Aloubob, Aboubby, oh sh*t, I'm a shagger just like you." What a start! She just asked a guy to dance that can't even remember his name. To put me at ease, she said: I'm Alice Cleavage, a member of the Fredricksburg Shag Club, in town for a business meeting Monday, and when I read in the *Shag Rag* that your club was having a dance, I drove up early. After the song ended I went back with her to her table to continue this fantastic opportunity for further opportunities. My ego and libido were rising to the occasion. A few tunes later I asked her to dance again. She was an experienced shagger, knowing all the dance steps that our Committee teaches. When I told her I needed to learn more steps she said I should come down to Fredricksburg some time. She said Thursday night at Simpson's Bar & Grill is their venue and that if I needed to stay overnight I could stay at her place and she gave me her business card with home phone number on it. Oh my goodness, I died and went to heaven. Wow!!!

She left Revolutions while I was on the dance floor, so I missed the opportunity to further set up something. Not wanting to seem too eager, I waited several days before calling her.

When I did, she sounded eager for me to visit, so I said I would be there next Thursday. When I got to Simpson's she was on the dance floor with some guy, and then went to a table with him. Then she saw me and motioned for me to come over; then she introduced me to her husband, Joe Cleavage. My bubble gets busted again, will I never learn!

Hey baby,
wanna dance?



SOS Spring Safari April 25 - May 4, 2019

As of press time, SOS schedules were not yet published. But if you are planning on going, get your SOS card in advance from Mark Hendrickson on Wednesday nights at Elks. We do know the parade will be Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 pm.

The sixties history lesson, continued

Courtesy of the New York Daily News, 13 top pop culture moments or events of 1968 selected for their combination of quality and impact.

In no particular order:

1. The first Big Mac. It was served in September of that year, in Pittsburgh, by a McDonald's franchise owner named Jim Delligatti. It cost 49 cents. It was arguably the blackest day in the history of cows.

2. Elvis comeback special. This televised special, aired Dec. 3, is widely considered one of the great rock'n'roll moments. After seven years of grinding out forgettable movies, here he was back on stage in killer leather, playing great songs again with his old sidemen like guitarist Scotty Moore.

3. Rolling Stones record *Jumping Jack Flash*. Here was the year's real rock'n'roll comeback. The Stones weren't exactly dead as 1968 rolled in, but they were in some trouble. *Flash* kicked off the Stones machine that's still selling out stadiums today.

4. *60 Minutes* debuts on CBS. News magazines weren't new, but this one had a crispness and a directness that made it especially compelling. It also started with the famous high standards for which CBS News was always famous. Not by accident does *60 Minutes* remain a brand name 40 years later, when we sometimes seem to be drowning in news.

5. Medal winners Tommie Smith and John Carlos raise their fists in protest on the victory stand at the Mexico City Olympics.

6. Beatles release *Hey Jude*. Perhaps the most recognizable of all Beatles songs, *Hey Jude* is basically a Paul McCartney record. The biggest contribution of John Lennon was to have left his first wife Cynthia and their son Julian, leading a sympathetic McCartney to write a song for Julian saying things would be okay.

7. *Boys in the Band* debuts on New York stage. This was not the first production with a gay theme, but nothing before this had flung open the closet door with such emphatic flair.

8. *Hair* opens on Broadway. This may be the quintessential "period piece" of 1968, and almost no one in the "counterculture" thought it had much relevance even then.

9. *Mod Squad* debuts on TV. Sadly, there are way too many examples of the corporate world trying to cash in on the culture of the '60s, and this one is silly enough to represent them all.

10. New movie ratings system introduced. The Hollywood production code, written by a Jesuit priest in 1930, held the entire movie industry in its moralistic grip until 1966.

11. Abbie Hoffman writes *Revolution for the Hell of It*. Okay, no one is reading this book today. But they should, because it proves that *The Revolution of the '60s*, even in the grim Chicago convention year of 1968, realized the importance of a sense of humor.

12. Richard Nixon says "Sock it to me!" on the TV sketch comedy show *Laugh-In*. Given how narrowly he beat Hubert Humphrey for the presidency that fall, you could argue that this brief cameo was the difference. That this humanized the cold, grim "Tricky Dick" just enough for people to let down their guard and vote for him.

13. Otis Redding's *Dock of the Bay* wins him a posthumous Grammy for record of the year. Redding actually died Dec. 10, 1967, but the Grammy and *Dock of the Bay* reminded us that of all the lost music stars in those years—Brian Jones, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison—none left a bigger hole than Redding, whose shoes in 40 years have not been filled.

Oh, and one footnote here: *2001: A SpaceOdyssey* also came out in 1968. It is not on this list because it was tedious and boring.



Northern Virginia Shag Club's Capital Shag Classic

Feelin' Groovy

August 16 & 17, 2019

Saturday Shag Workshops with Bill and Brenda Barber

Friday Early Bird Workshop with Craig and Heather Jennings

Guest DJs: Buck Crumpton & Craig Jennings

Location: Westin Washington Dulles Airport, 2520 Wasser Terrace, Herndon, Virginia 20171
Room Reservations 866-932-7062 or 703 793-3366. Ask for the Northern Virginia Shag Club rate of \$89/night plus tax until July 16. Buffet Breakfast for 2 is included.

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 16, 2019

Registration opens 3 pm, Ballroom Entrance

Early Bird Shag Workshop 4-4:45 pm, Ballroom

Hospitality Suite/Food 5-7 pm, Skyline Suite 821

Music & Dancing 8pm-Midnight, Ballroom

DJ: Craig Jennings



**Come dressed in your hippie best!
Prizes for best 60s dress.**

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Registration opens 10 am, Ballroom Entrance

First Shag Workshop 11am-12 pm, Ballroom

Second Shag Workshop 12:30-1:30 pm, Ballroom

Open dancing 1:30-3:30 pm, Ballroom

DJ: Craig Jennings

Hospitality Suite/Snacks 4-5 pm, Skyline Suite 821

Ballroom Closed 4 pm

Seated Dinner starts at 6 pm, Ballroom

DJ: Craig Jennings

Registration Opens 7:30 pm

Music & Dancing 8 pm-Midnight, Ballroom

DJ: Buck Crumpton

Free Pours Friday and Saturday

Early bird workshop on Friday

Saturday shag workshops

Friday free pour with food

Saturday seated dinner

Buffet breakfast (hotel guests only)

Shag bingo

Prizes

50/50 Drawing

Wine basket raffle

Large dance floor

Exhibition dances

Join us for a groovy time! Tickets: \$89 each until July 31, 2019. \$99 thereafter. Non-refundable but may be transferred. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

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Make check payable and return to Northern Virginia Shag Club

PO Box 2298, Merrifield, Virginia 22116

Web address: www.nvshag.org

Registration contact: Christine Werner fleur15@verizon.net. Questions? Sue Young 703-573-6870 or

susan.young19@yahoo.com

Don't Worry - Be Hippie



Fun Fun Fun!

**The Northern Virginia Shag Club is going to Wolf Trap.
Please join us for a picnic and concert
on Sunday, August 25, 2019**

Want to have some Fun, Fun, Fun?

NVSC is planning a group outing to Wolf Trap for **The Beach Boys 50th Anniversary Tour!** Weather permitting, we will have a pre-show gathering at the picnic area between Ovations and the Encore Circle Lounge beginning at 1:00 pm on the Wolf Trap picnic grounds. Look for your fellow club members. Bring your own food and beverages or you can purchase food inside the Filene Center. We'll head into the Filene Center at 2:30 pm for the concert. Concert starts at 3:00 pm.

Discounted tickets are \$67.50 with no service fees. These are for Orchestra Seating. We need a group of 20 or more to get this discounted rate so if you would like to join us, please contact Sue Young at susan.young19@yahoo.com and let her know how many tickets you would like to purchase by Sunday, April 7. We always have a good time at Wolf Trap so don't miss out. Questions? Contact Sue at susan.young19@yahoo.com





Welcome New Members

Lois Lee
Ronald Wichin
James Harmon
Myron Thompson

Need to Know?

Where do I Get a Copy of the Shag Rag?

Go to www.nvshag.org, click on Shag Rag 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 right 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 Adele Robey at arobey@fusemail.com

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There's a whole lotta shaggin' goin' on!

June 20-22, 2019

First Coast Shag Club Shag Fest

Morocco Shrine Center

3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd. South
Jacksonville, FL 32224

Hotel: Hyatt Place Jacksonville/St. Johns Town Ctr

Instructors: Sam & Lisa West

DJs: Buck Crumpton plus First Coast DJs

Tickets: \$80 per person (non-refundable but transferable)

\$90-after May 1, \$50-Daily Rate

For more information: Gary Jones, Shag Fest Chairman (1gpjones@gmail.com) 894-558-5801

June 21-22, 2019

Charleston Area Shag Society of West Virginia (CASS)

Shaggin' on the Boulevard

Charleston Moose Lodge on the river in Charleston, WV

Thursday, June 20 evening dance included in weekend ticket price

Friday night: Food available at 7 pm, Dancing 7:30 pm-12 am

Saturday Afternoon: Food, Drinks & Dancing on the patio

Night: Catered dinner 6:30 pm, Dancing til 12 am

Hotel: TBA

Free Shuttles both Friday & Saturday nights

Instructors: Steve & Kathy Day

DJs: ABSCDJ's announced soon

Tickets: \$70 per person (non-refundable but transferable)

\$40 One Day ticket, No tickets sold at the door

For more information: Bruce Meeker (bruce.meeker969@gmail.com)

July 18-21, 2019

R&B Shag Club Sparkle City Celebration (park & party)

Marriott Hotel at Renaissance Park
299 N. Church St., Spartanburg, SC 29306
(convenient to I-85 & I-26 Highways)

Phone: 864-596-1211

Hotel: ask for \$122 Shag Club rates

Instructors: Steve & Kathy Day

DJs: Jeff Foster, David O'Quinn, Bobby Vaughn, and Billy Waldrep

Tickets: \$80-thru June 30, \$90 beginning July 1

For more information: www.rbshagclub.org

August 16-17, 2019

NVSC Capital Classic 2019

Dulles Westin Hotel

See page 6 for details

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Thanks to Jason and Jeanne Potter for the St. Patrick's Day decorations on March 13 at the Elk's Lodge.

Almost everyone wore green so no one got pinched plus we even had some folks do an Irish jig. :->

etc.

April Birthdays



David Guilliams
April 2

Susan Campbell
April 5

Sherry Richmond-Frank
April 7

Barbara Ebersole
April 8

Jason Potter
April 9

Gary Martin
April 12

Bob Henry
April 14

Linda Barna
April 20

Trish Goeller
April 20

Raymond Bell
April 24

Joan Byrnes
April 25

Roger Wells
April 28

Jennifer Kang
April 30

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.lynchburgareashagclub.com

Richmond Shag Club, www.richmondshagclub.org

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

Virginia Beach Shag Club, www.vbshagclub.com

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