

President's Corner

BY BONNIE ARMS

Mother's Day is May 12. Don't forget to visit them in person, contact them on Facebook, phone them, text them, or all of the above. I sure wish I could see/chat with my Mom (**Louise Logue Rigg**) just one more time.

Memorial Day is May 27. We celebrate this day to remember the men and women who died while serving in our armed forces. We owe them so much for defending our country and our freedom.

Joe Peoples had a good time at the Pittsburgh Steel City Boogie Club's Boogie in the Burgh party in Pittsburgh, PA April 11-14.

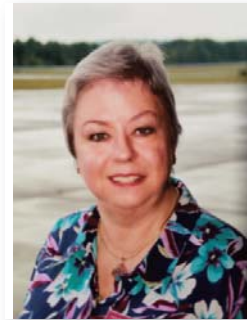
The **2019 Spring Safari** is in full swing April 25-May 4. The **NVSC Backroom Party** at Fat Harold's on Tuesday, April 30 was from 3-5 pm. The **Left Behind Party** at the Elk's Lodge 2188 is on Wednesday, May 1. NVSC active members at both parties are allowed one (1) ticket for a free drink of their choice—any adult beverage, soda, or water. The parade on Saturday, May 4 is always fun. Sue Young will represent NVSC at the ACSC meeting on May 4.

There will be a **Tie-Dye party** at **Sue and Paul Young's** home on June 8 from 1-3 pm. **Bonnie Arms** has 2015 ACSC White T-shirts for sale for \$5 for tie-dyeing to go along with our theme for the 2019 Capital Shag Classic **Feelin' Groovy**. Check out the flyer at the front desk at the Elk's or here in the *Shag Rag* for details.

NVSC's **Capital Shag Classic** is fast approaching. It will be held August 16-17 at the Westin Dulles Airport Hotel. The Guest Instructors will be **Brenda and Bill Barber**. They have won the Senior Division, National Shag Dance Championships several times. They placed third in the 2019 Masters Division. Bill was inducted into the **Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame** in 2014 and Brenda in 2018. They were both inducted into the National Living Legends of Dance in 2014. Our very own **Craig Jennings** will be one

of the DJs along with **Buck Crumpton**. They both will keep the large dance floor full and a good time will be had by all that attend. We will have two Free Pours, Shag Dance workshops, Shag Bingo, various prizes, Wine Basket drawing, 50/50 drawing, breakfast buffet (hotel guest only), and a seated dinner at 6 pm on Saturday night. The flyer for this event is on the front desk every Wednesday night, is on our website www.nvshag.org and is in the *Shag Rag*. Tickets are on sale now so get yours early **PLUS our block of rooms are only \$89 a night until July 16**. Tickets must be purchased in advance, are non-refundable but may be transferred.

The 2019 Board of Directors would like to give **Kathy Kropat** a special THANK YOU for bringing the videos every Wednesday night that are shown/played on the big screen while we dance the night away. We, as well as the NVSC membership, appreciate all that you do for us.



The Barbers will be guest instructors at the 2019 Capital Classic.

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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

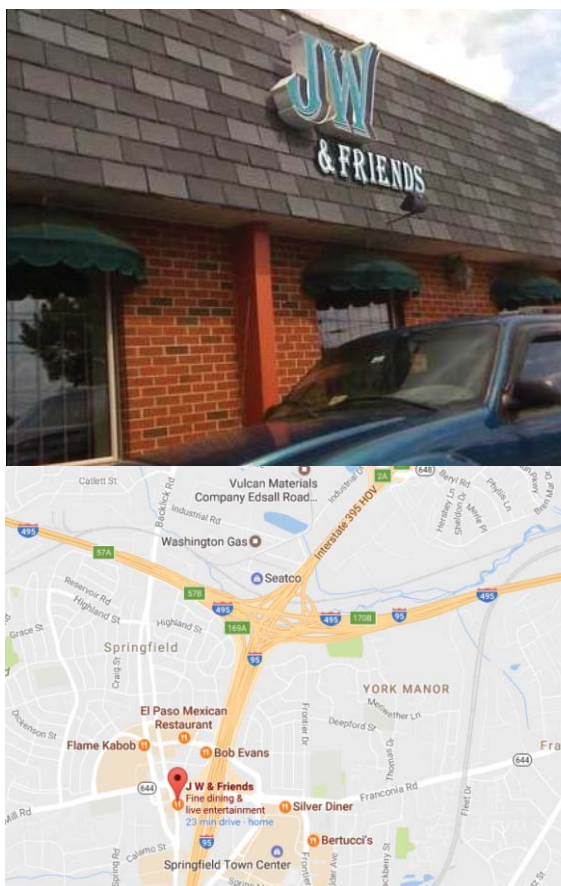
Every Wednesday, 6:30-10:00 pm at the Elks Lodge

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).



May 19 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

From Mike and Crystal

SOS Open House on Wednesday, May 1 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Feel free to pop over and bring your dancing shoes.

511 Elena Ct.
North Myrtle Beach

Dance Lesson Schedule at the Elks on Wednesdays

Beginner Level Shag Steps

May 1	Basic & Female Turn
May 8	Basic & Start
May 15	Basic & Male Turn
May 24	Basic, Half Turn, Triple Basic
May 29	Beginner Course Review with Emphasis on Technique

Intermediate Level Shag Steps

May 1	Side-to-Side Basic, Front Walk-Up With Front Prep
May 8	Behind Sailor and Side Pass
May 15	Applejack with crossover basic
May 22	Kick Basic & Stutter Basic
May 29	TBD

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... Ziggy...on the hunt.

ZIGGY ALOEBAUM

The Capital Shag Classic at a hotel near Dulles Airport was the object of my wildest dreams. Even though I lived close by, I reserved a room for the event hoping that I might be able to score some out-of-town gal (the locals all know me too well). I checked in at the Registration Desk and got my wristband. Now was the time to start the hunt.

I joined in the group dance lesson to learn a new step or two, lining up with a lot of guys opposite the gals. In the gal's line I noticed one who definitely appealed to my greater sense of masculinity. As the class progressed we had to move down the line to practice with different partners. When we finally came together she introduced herself as Sally Sixpenny, and I responded by saying "I'm Ziggy Aloebaum." We had to rotate again, so I did not get to lay any groundwork for future possibilities. After the lesson, several couples started dancing and this gave me the chance to move. I went over and said to her, "Sally, would you like to dance?" And she said: "Sure, I'm surprised that you remembered my name." I responded: "I never forget the name of a beautiful woman (with a twinkle in my eye)." I thought, "What the hell, why not project my libido interest up front, to see if her reply was positive.



And it was! This was one the rare Ziggy experiences with the opposite sex. I never knew what turned off so many women that I have met these many years, was it the piercing I have or perhaps the tattoos? She had them also, so I guess we had something in common. It was time to go up to the free-pour room and she went with me.

After socializing for some time and consuming considerable alcohol, I mentioned to her that I had to go to my room and freshen-up a bit before dinner. She said: "Mind if I go with you?" Wow! I've died and gone to heaven. At my room, I opened a bottle of wine and we continued to chat. She was really looking hot, when her dress shoulder dropped a bit. It revealed a tattoo that said "Sam" with a couple of Xs next to the name. Then she let her dress reveal a bit more and there was another tat with "Harry" and four Xs, and "Pete" with Xs that ran under her armpit. I thought: "Geesh, she has been racking them up like enemy planes during WWII. So it was a piece-of-cake to get to third base, but she seemed to be the one having all of the fun.

So there I was, having achieved what I set out to do, but was disappointed. I needed to think a bit more about my objectives in life. In retrospect, it was like a foxhunt, the chase was more exciting than the kill. Then, again, maybe I'm getting to old to ride a horse across hill'n dale.

*Follow us to the
Capital Classic!*



The Cost of a Shag Club

Thanks to the National Fast Dance Association for this article.

This article was originally written as a Facebook post by NFDA's guest blogger, Renee Harris Baker, a member of the Lancaster Shag Club.

It takes more than just people showing up to dance to support a shag club. Our goal is to preserve and promote the shag.

Membership Fees

Why pay a membership fee? Lots of people are content to pay more money for entrance to parties rather than save money by paying a membership fee and paying the lower entrance fee to parties, because they don't want to have to "do a job" in the club. Well, memberships are needed for clubs to survive.

- Clubs that are members of the ACSC (Association of Carolina Shag Clubs) have to pay a yearly fee (this also entitles you to buy your SOS card at a reduced amount).
- Clubs have to pay a fee to the one of the music associations in order for the DJs to be able to play artist's music for the public.
- Clubs have expenses such as websites and their upkeep, newsletters to publish, flyers for parties or events, and other expenses just to exist.

The Price of Parties

Membership money doesn't cover the cost of weekly or monthly parties. Some clubs are fortunate enough to have a restaurant or club to support them and allow them to use their facilities free of charge. These clubs are few and far between. Most clubs have to pay rent for the facility and also pay for the DJ to play. Venues aren't cheap. This is why clubs must also charge a fee at the door for the party and sell raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets.

An average club will have to pay at a minimum \$400 or maybe even \$600 to have a party. That would be \$4-\$6 a piece entrance fee for 100 people... see where I'm going with this? Then, even if you have a cash bar and members bring food or snacks, the club has to furnish plates, napkins, forks. Decorations? Not required, but people prefer a little

something. You need tickets to have a raffle, paper, pens, books to keep track of people signing in, expenses, etc.

Money aside, parties don't just happen. Parties have to have a venue, they need a date, a DJ, persons to get the room ready – set up tables, decorate, persons to man the door and sign in people, take up the money, someone to organize the food, persons to sell the raffle and 50/50 tickets, someone to make the announcements, people to clean up, someone to pay the venue and the DJ, someone to send updates and pictures to the webmaster and the editor of the newsletter.

Volunteers

What about when the party is over? Someone has to publish the newsletter, coordinate charity functions, make flyers for upcoming events, teach the shag lessons to get new members in.... the list goes on.

You have members that serve as Officers and Board Members. Should they have to do ALL the work for the club? No. They are the representatives and final decision makers, but they alone can't do all the work. Our officers are required to attend 3 of the mandatory meetings held by ACSC (who own and maintain SOS). Should these unpaid workers have to spend their own money for gas, food, rooms, and event fees to serve their club?

Membership Meaning

So what does it mean to be a member... let's see... Webster says a "constituent part of a whole". It takes the members working together as a whole to keep the group together. Everyone must play their part. Not everyone needs to perform the same task, and some are better at different tasks than others.

The club can't function without the members. Without the members, there is no party. Without a party, you don't get to talk to your friends and dance. Therefore, participate, support your club by coming to the dances, promote the club, work for the club, bring new friends in to further growth of the club, have an opinion and don't expect something for nothing.

RENEE HARRIS
BAKER

LANCASTER SHAG
CLUB

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.

Name (1) _____

Name (2) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____ Primary Club _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please indicate number if required _____ Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian

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





**Need a tie-dye shirt for the Capital Shag Classic 60s theme?
Come join your friends for an afternoon of tie-dye fun**

**Saturday June 8
Any time between 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Location: The Young Home
7422 Tower Street,
Falls Church, VA**

Bring your own pre-washed white cotton t-shirt or item you wish to tie-dye. We will provide all other supplies & instructions needed.

You can purchase a white 2015 ACSC/Capital Shag Classic logo t-shirt to tie-dye for \$5. To order one, contact Bonnie Arms at bjrwa@verizon.net See sample at the Elks.

Please also bring a snack to share.

RSVP to Sue Young at susan.young19@yahoo.com

groovy baby!



**Welcome
New Members**

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 12-14, 2018

2019 ACSC Summer Workshop (Hosted by Rock Hill Shag Club)

Hotel: Renaissance Charlotte Suites Hotel, 2800 Coliseum Centre Dr., Charlotte, NC 28217

Phone: 888-236-2427 (ask for ACSC Workshop Rate)

Instructors: Scott Campbell and Nikki Kontoulas

DJs: Eddie Anderson, Buck Crumpton, Gene Hensley, Phil Long, Frank Price, and John Smith

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

August 22-24, 2019

Tampa Bay Beach Boppers 27th Beach Boogie

Hotel: Sirata Beach Resort, 5300 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach, Fla 33706

Phone: 800-344-5999 or 727-363-5100

Instructors: Michele DeRosa, Mike & Debbe Lapina, and Ashley & Tobitha Stewart

DJs: Buck Crumpton, Jane Harrington, John Smith, and Billy Waldrep

Website: tampabaybeachboppers.com

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etc.

May Birthdays



Jeffrey Ray
May 1

John Romito
May 1

Hilda Clemann
May 7

Jeff Kincheloe
May 9

Joanne Sinclair
May 10

Christine Werner
May 15

Bob Lutz
May 19

Joan McKinney
May 20

Mary Gunther
May 21

Bill Kang
May 24

Kevin Goeller
May 25

Betty Elliott
May 26

Joe Miente
May 28

Bob Matthews
May 29

Joey Fanini
May 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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