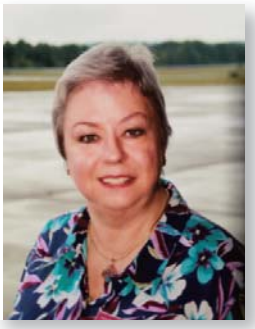
NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

Shag Rag

JUNE 2020

Looking ahead to better times!

BY BONNIE ARMS



May Flag Day is June 10. During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, please remember to honor our Flag. Summer starts June 20. Let's hope we can get out/about and safely enjoy the sun by then.

Father's Day is June 21. This is a day to remember all Fathers whether they are natural, step, adoptive, or father figures. I know I miss my Father Glenn W. Rigg (July 08 1916-April 15, 1968.)

There continues to be no classes or open dancing on Wednesday nights at the Elks Lodge #2188 until further notice.

The **Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame Induction** ceremony that was rescheduled for June 12-14 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House has been **cancelled**.

The **First Coast Shag Club "Shag Fest"** scheduled for June 25-28 has been **cancelled**.

The **ACSC Summer Workshop** to be held in Pigeon Forge, TN July 10-12 has been **cancelled**.

The N**orthern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC) 2020 Capital Shag Classic** scheduled for July 24-25 has been **cancelled**.

SOS Fall Migration is scheduled for September 17-27 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Having said that, please note that **ONLY** Fun Sunday and Fun Monday that is usually part of Fall Migration has been cancelled.

During this time of COVID-19 pandemic I have made some observations. IMHO it is ok to stay at home and veg out. It is ok to wear sweats all day. It is ok to not wear makeup or (for women) bras. I have noticed that driving on the Beltway that goes around the WDC area that is usually start/stop traffic it is almost completely without traffic. Having said that, it is quite easy to speed. I have caught myself going 70 mph (speed limit is 55 mph) and people pass me like I am standing still. I have also gotten rid of so much stuff and feel so good about that.

If any NVSCers have observations they would like to share, please see my contact information listed here in the *Shag Rag* and with your permission we can share them in the July *Shag Rag.*

In closing, I want to say I miss all of you ever so much so stay safe, stay strong, stay home (for the time being), and we will see each other soon.

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We will all ride together again!

NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

A Proud Member Of The:

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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:

Elks 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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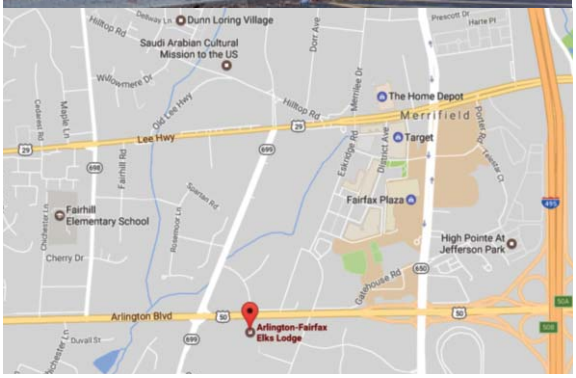
When and Where to Shag

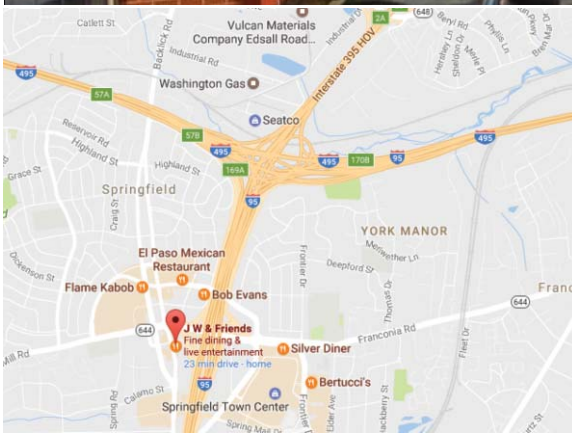
Every Wednesday, 6:30-10:00 pm at the Elks Lodge

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. Check the nvshag.org website for weekly menus.



No Dancing in June at Mixing Bowl (formerly JW & Friends)

6531 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA. 5:00-8:00 pm, no cover charge. To receive notice of scheduled events, email Crystal Ashton at crystal0657@yahoo.com.



DJ Schedule

Please check the website for updates to the DJ schedule

Dance Lesson Schedule at the Elks on Wednesdays

Beginner Level Shag Steps			Intermediate Level Shag Steps		
June	3	No Dancing	June	3	No Dancing
June	10	No Dancing	June	10	No Dancing
June	17	No Dancing	June	17	No Dancing
June	24	No Dancing	June	24	No Dancing

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!

All club events canceled until further notice

See more places to dance with other ACSC Virginia Shag Clubs, listed on page 12.

Oh, COVID please go away!

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ADELE ROBEY

With luck I am nearing the end of my isolation here in Cherry Grove. If one more person says "but you're so lucky! you're at the beach!" I will do them bodily harm. Today there's a tropical storm battering us that's heading inland, and giving us more flooding on its way. So this has not been like "being at the beach." That has a connotation of fun. Not much about this past couple of months has been fun. Interesting? Sometimes. Challenging? God, yes. Boring? Often. Lonely? Yep, very.

Now lots of businesses and stores have opened here but folks are tentative. Do we really trust what's happening in the restaurant kitchen? Or the disinfecting protocol? Are we are just scared into a coma because of the constant COVID drumbeat? Angie Bushey and Terrie Collins and I ate outside during the first week it was allowed. We were at a beautiful, higher end restaurant in Little River called Brentwood and it could not have been better: a gorgeous evening, wonderful staff completely masked and gloved, and the joy of conversation that was not over Zoom. But the hesitation remains about eating at a more mass market eatery and eating inside. And I have not darkened Walmart's door since the shutdown. CVS, Publix, Target are my shopping rotation. Home Depot is strictly curbside pick up (which I LOVE) and I dutifully mask up.

But now, of course the tourists have moved in. I vow to never, ever be here during high season again. People check their brains at the South Carolina border, I am convinced.

But Main Street seems re-energized. I heard a rumor (and saw a couple of photos) that Paul Provost is roaming around Ocean Drive, dancing his feet off. The local shag folks had been gathering in Harold's parking lot for impromptu Wednesday dance parties. (It helps when you all know each other and are pretty sure no one is carrying the dreaded virus.) But things are open and some semblance of life is returning.

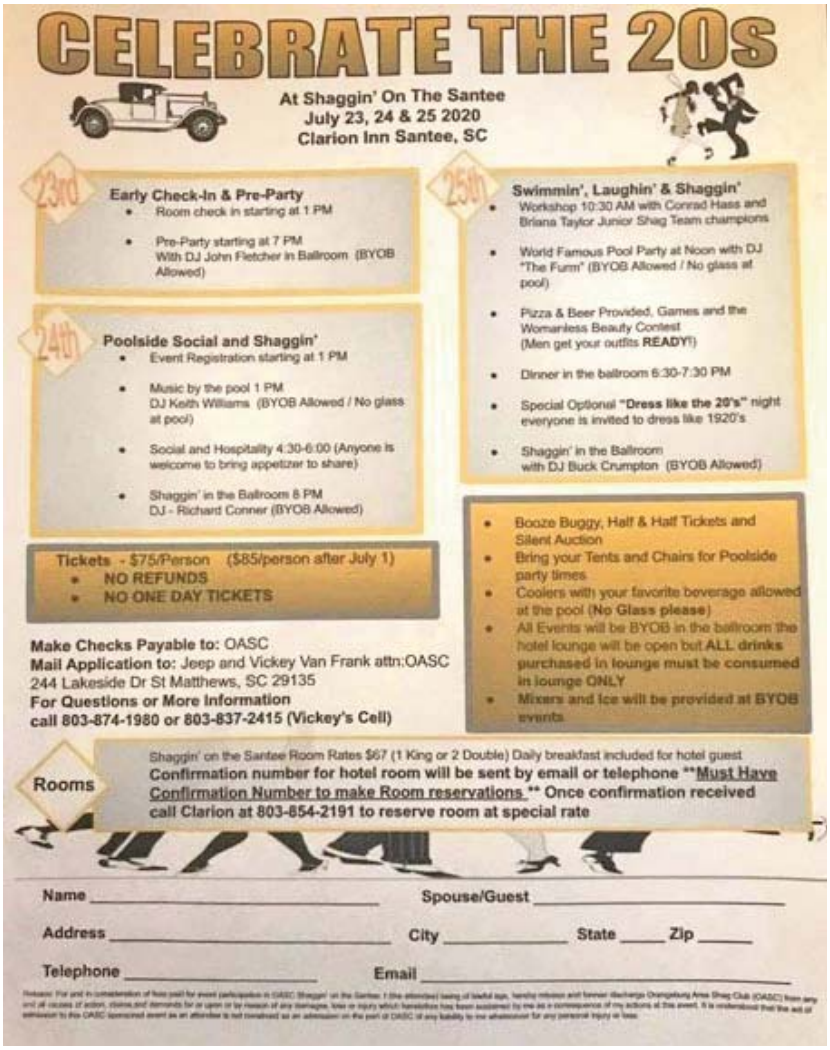
So come June 16, I will pack the car and head north. I know the DMV is still facing a steep climb but they are starting to phase in openings. Our theater is in DC's Phase 2, so we will be spending the next couple of months assembling supplies, figuring out seating and safety protocols and, of course, wondering if anyone will ever come to see live theater again.

It will be an adjustment as I have gotten used to our (meaning the dog and my) routines and the relative safety of isolation. But I haven't seen family and friends since mid-February so really looking forward to that.

I hope everyone has come through this particular storm with health and sanity intact. Of course, the virus has not gone away, but attempting to venture forth feels like we are making some progress. I don't know how long it will be before we gather again and what rules for that will be in place.

I hope it's soon.

This just in.



Notes from ACSC

Dear Shag Club,

It's rainy and dreary outside, but there's sunshine just ahead in the forecast. I wanted to touch base as your ACSC Vice Chairman to tell you that your ACSC and SOS Board has been diligently planning for Fall Migration and making decisions on items that we have control over at this point. As you've probably seen on our SOS Facebook Page and also on our SOS web site, our Summer Workshop was canceled by the hardworking and dedicated folks with the Smoky Mountain Shaggers. Unless you've ever had to make a heart-wrenching decision that effects around 500 people… well, we just can't understand the real heartache that President Gerry Anders and his team had to make. They did their due diligence and cancelling was the right decision. We will most certainly look forward to them hosting a workshop in the near future!

Next, you've probably read this week that the SOS Enhancement Committee faced a similar hard decision when planning for Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. How could they have moved forward with asking shag clubs that haven't met and danced or had fundraisers to sell raffle tickets which fund the bands and raffle prizes? Well… they simply couldn't, so the decision was made to cancel this two day event and Rosemary Parten and her entire team hated to cancel, but with the financial revenue compromised due to Covid 19… no other decision could have been made at this time.

On a positive note, we look forward to Fall Migration in September… the plans are ON and we are all so ready to see each one of you and be reunited at our beloved Ocean Drive. One thing you may not have considered is that the City of North Myrtle Beach is scrambling hard at the moment to open hotels and restaurants and get their tourist business back open. They survive off tourist business and they certainly want us to return for our event. So, the plans are on GO and the only thing that would stop us is that the Governor of South Carolina would declare new mandates that keep us from traveling or gathering OR if the City of North Myrtle Beach should stop us. We may face changes to abide by whatever mandates are in place come September, but we will do what is necessary to keep us safe and healthy. We all must understand that this situation changes daily and it seems to be headed in a positive direction.

In the coming weeks, club presidents will be receiving a personal phone call from one of your ACSC Board Members; Robin, Becky, Cecil, Ken and myself will be touching base to address any concerns, changes or updates that we may face. We look forward to helping answer any questions that shag club members may be asking. Together we will work through this… together we will rise above all the burden that this has touched each of our lives and our families.

God bless each of you. Until we dance again real soon,

Lisa Caveny, ACSC Vice Chairman
Robin Morley, ACSC Chairman
Becky Berry, ACSC Secretary
Cecil Martin, ACSC Treasurer
Ken Akin, ACSC Past Chairman

From Competitive Shaggers Association:
Corona Cancels More Carolina Shag Functions: The Shag Shack and ACSC Summer Workshop All canceled

Again, the COVID-19 Virus has caused cancellation of more great Shag Community Events. We have just that the been informed that The Shag Shack CSA Event and the ACSC Summer Workshop have been postponed till next year. I'm sure the Hosts and Coordinators of these worthy events are deeply sadden at having to cancel these events for 2020. Let's make sure we support these worthy functions next year to make them bigger and better than ever in 2021.

I hope everyone is well and finding ways to make great use of the time that has been put upon us to support the war against this nasty health demon. Again, let's pray this pandemic is soon behind us and we can get back to working, enjoying social mixing and great shag dancing as we did just a few months ago.

Until then: Stay Safe and Stay Healthy! Make sure you also check out the great stuff on the CSA website: competitiveshaggers.org

There's still a whole lot of shagging to come!

DANCE CALENDAR

Note:

The executive board of the Beach Shaggers Hall of fame has announced that the Shag Attack event for June has been canceled. The Fall Shag Attack is now planned for October 9-10 and the 2020 class will be announced then. Those individuals will be inducted in March 2021 when the 2021 class will also be announced.

June 12-14, 2020

Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame — CANCELLE D

June 25-28, 2020

First Coast Shag Club "Shag Fest" — CANCELLED

July 10-12, 2020

ACSC Summer Workshop Shaggin' and Shinin' — CANCELLED

July 24-25, 2020

NVSC Capital Shag Classic "The Roaring 2020s" — CANCELLED

August 6-9, 2020

Golden Isles Shag Club 30th Annual Sand Gnat Shag-a-Ganza Throw Back Thirty

Hotel: Villas by the Sea, North Beachview Dr., Jekyll Island, GA
Tickets: $85 ($95 after June 1, 2020)
Dance Instructors: Autumn Jones & Alan Stokes
DJs: Jim Agee, Wayne Bennett, Jimmy Lucree, Michael Roberts
Website: www.goldenislesshagclub.com

August 14-15, 2020

2nd Annual Shaggers Holiday

Elks Lodge, 1113 Sam Rittenburg Blvd., Charleston, SC
Hotel: Hyatt Place Charleston Airport
Tickets: $65 until June 15. Then $70 until Aug 1. (tickets limited 250) Non-Refundable/Non-transferable
DJs: Eddie Anderson, Buck Crumpton, Terry Hopper, Sharon Johnson, Walter Upchurch
Website: www.Islandersshagclub.com

August 15, 2020

39th Annual Columbia Shag Club Invitational One Day Party

The Barn, 680 Cherokee Lane #3501, W. Columbia, SC
Hotel: near airport TBA
Tickets: $40 (Non-refundable but transferable) Tickets Limited (175)
DJs: Butch Davidson and Furman Dominick

August 29, 2020

Summer Shag Shindig 2020

Salisbury Elks Lodge, 508 S. Main St., Salisbury, NC
Hotel: Courtyard Marriott, 120 Marriott Circle, Salisbury, NC; $119 Room Rate expires July 29, 2020
Instructors: Kayla Henley, Michael and Leann Norris, Ashley and Tobitha Stewart, Junior Shag Dance Team (JSDT) Members
Donation: $50 (BBQ Dinner included)

September 17-27, 2020

SOS Fall Migration, North Myrtle Beach, SC

NOTE: Fun Sunday and Fun Monday ONLY - CANCELLED

Everyone's Invited

39th Annual Columbia Shag Club Invitational

One Day Party on Saturday, August 15, 2020 – 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm

@ THE BARN, 680 Cherokee Lane #3501, W. Columbia, SC

Great facility – 6000 sq ft – all hardwood floors- AC is amazing....

TOO MUCH SYLVIA

Cammy Award Winning Band

Concord, NC

Doors Open at 12:00 pm/Butch Davidson

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – Appetizers & Drinks

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm – TOO MUCH SYLVIA

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Food/Butch Davidson

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Furman Dominick

DJ, Butch Davidson

DJ, Furman Dominick

Tickets are $40.00 pp & includes beer, wine and mixers (BYOB), shooters, appetizers, hamburgers, etc.

TICKETS LIMITED (175)

Recommended Hotel – *Near Airport*

TBA

UNABLE TO BLOCK ROOMS DUE TO 1-DAY EVENT: Call 803-356-8300

Cut & Return this portion by mail – Receive Confirmation & Schedule of Events by E-Mail – GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY

NAME(S):_____ # of Tickets _____

Amount Enclosed $_____E-Mail Address:_____

Shag Club Affiliation(s)_____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE & MAIL TO:

COLUMBIA SHAG CLUB

PO BOX 11225, COLUMBIA, SC 29211

Contacts: Donna Nash, President

(803) 608-4044 or dmnash1956@outlook.com

Tickets are non-refundable but can be transferred

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Islanders Shag Club presents

Come Shag Charleston

2nd Annual

Shaggers Holiday

Aug 14 and 15, 2020

ELKS Lodge Ballroom
1113 Sam Rittenburg Blvd
Charleston, SC 29407

Dance from 7:00 to 11:00 Friday and 2:00 till 1100 Saturday
Workshop Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 with Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee
Dinner Provided Saturday Night 6:00 to 8:00

Tickets are $65 per person until June 15 and then $70 until Aug 1.

Only 250 will be sold

DJs Include

Walter Upchurch
Eddie Anderson
Buck Crumpton
Terry Hopper
Sharon Johnson

Hotel Information

Hyatt Place Charleston Airport

119.00 per night

Online Hyatt.com Hyatt Place Charleston Airport Group Code G-SH20
or Call 888-591-1234 Hyatt Place Charleston Airport reference Shaggers Holiday
Shuttle Bus will be running to and from Hotel and Event

For more info Contact Jo Patrick Simokat shaggersholiday@gmail.com or 8439060831
Please Complete form and mail checks payable to Islanders Shag Club, PO BOX 1452, Folly Beach SC 29439

NAME:_____

EMAIL for confirmation_____

Number of Tickets:_____- No tickets will be mailed- You will receive email confirmation

Amount enclosed:_____-

*****TICKETS ARE NON TRANSFERABLE- NON REFUNDABLE********
If you are unable to attend, please let us know and we will attempt to sell your tickets for you to our wait list

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 *helloshagger@nvshag.org*.

Keep Your Membership Information Current

Have you moved, changed phone numbers or email address? Let Bonnie Arms know at *bjrwa@verizon.net*.

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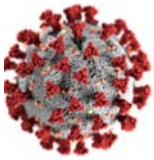
What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.

Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.

Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.

Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.

Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.

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etc.

June Birthdays

Pat Walker
June 1

Vicki Tedesco
June 4

Heather Jennings
June 6

Donna Romito
June 7

Sharon Salpini
June 7

Susan Shawver
June 17

Don Borja
June 20

Samuel Wray
June 21

Ruth Rapson
June 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*
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Richmond Shag Club, *www.shagRVA.org*
Roanoke Valley Shag Club, *www.rvsc.memberlodge.com*
Virginia Beach Shag Club, *www.vbshagclub.com*

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