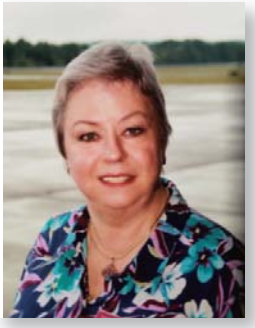
NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

Shag Rag

NOVEMBER/
DECEMBER 2020

Take a deep breath and try to enjoy!

BY BONNIE ARMS



This is another two-month *Shag Rag* for your reading enjoyment.

I want to thank the Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC) Board of Directors for their support during this unusual year of events. I appreciate all your support and feel honored to be serving with **Vice President, Sherri Wildoner; Secretary, Linda Barna; Treasurer Mark Hendrickson; and Directors at Large Pamela Alfano, John Dent, Barbara Ebersole, Jack Jones,** and **Sue Young**.

I hope everyone had a pleasant/safe Thanksgiving holiday. I think I am finally getting used to the time change we had on November 1. The next holiday coming up on the calendar is Christmas. I am sure a lot of NVSCers have their decorations and trees up already. I actually put a wreath on my front door. I live in an apartment complex right next door to the office so hope my wreath does not go missing :>) I will miss going to the DC Hand Dance Club's New Year's Eve party this year. I look forward to attending it in 2021.

Everyone please mark you calendar for the **NVSC Zoom Happy Hour/Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12 from 7:00pm-9:00pm.** I am looking forward to an in-person Christmas Party in 2021.

The **ACSC Mid-Winter event** that was to be held in North Myrtle Beach, SC on Jan 14 - 17 2021 has been **cancelled**. Currently Spring Safari 2021 is scheduled to be held April 15 - 24 2021. If that event status changes of course we will let everyone know.

I would like to share a few of my thoughts with everyone about this COVID-19 mess. I miss my Shag Dance family!!! I would love to socialize with everyone and dance a dance or two or three but I have to be smart about this mess because I fall into one of the "groups." I am currently working one week on and one week off. I wear a mask in to work and I am able to take it off at my desk. However, if I go anywhere else or if someone comes to my desk to chat, I put my mask back on. I always wear a mask when going outside. I try to practice social distancing but sometimes other folks do not do that. I have an idea that everyone does this also—the first thing I do when I get into my apartment is take the *#x%ing mask off and take a deep breath :>). I hope that everyone is staying safe during these trying times.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!

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Zooming in

Since the annual holiday party and toy drive can't be held in person this year, there will be a festive Zoom call on December 12, 7pm-9pm. Look on the bright side: you won't have to get in the car.

Please note:

Due to the pandemic, it is not possible to hold our usual election for the club's Board of Directors in November. The current board members have all agreed to continue serving in 2021. However, some board members may prefer to step down, and could be replaced by volunteers. If you would like to be considered for any of the board positions, please contact: Tom Brett, tombrettphoto@cox.net

NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

A Proud Member Of The:

National FastDance Association

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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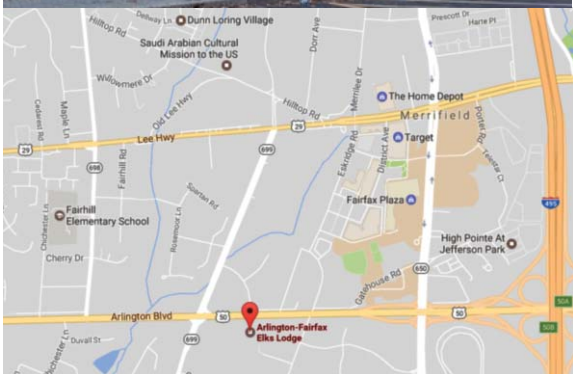
When and Where to Shag

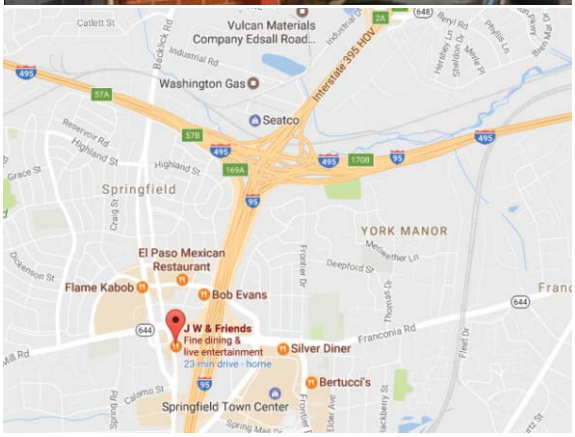
Every Wednesday, 6:30-10:00 pm at the Elks Lodge canceled until further notice

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 until further notice 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	
Nov/Dec	No Dancing	Nov/Dec	No Dancing
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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.

Don your Christmas mask, log into zoom and celebrate! It's the new normal.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Congratulations!

Sam Maroon and Amanda Stone got married Sunday, November 29, 2020.

Sam and Amanda are members of NVSC. Sam's Mother is Emily Maroon who is also a member of NVSC.

Tis the Season of giving

We hope that you and your families are doing well despite the challenges this year has brought to the world. Several of our fall activities typically include our annual Shag-A-Thon and the more recent wine auction, where we've gathered to raise donations for Capital Caring. Our yearly holiday party makes it easy to donate Toys for Tots each year. As you may have deduced, it is with great sadness that we will not be holding these events this year. However, if you are willing and able, we would be thrilled if you would like to make a donation.

For Capital Caring, please make your check out to "Capital Caring" and mail it to the club:

NVSC
PO Box 2298
Merrifield, VA 22116-2298

Please submit by December 15 so that we can present the checks to Capital Caring before the holidays are in full swing.

For Toys for Tots, click here to make a monetary donation on their website. In the Organization field, please list Northern Virginia Shag Club.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherri Wildoner at smwildoner@yahoo.com or 760-212-0981.

Thank you and may you and yours be safe, well and happy. **We will dance again!**

In case you hadn't heard

Dear ACSC Presidents,

Our Boards have met, and we wanted to share with you, how we plan to handle our current situation concerning COVID-19 and our upcoming events. As you know our COVID-19 Crisis has played havoc in our shag community. We send our heartfelt condolences to each family that has been affected. We do plan to recognize all our friends and family that succumbed to the virus in the future. We will share with you more details as soon as plans are finalized. Below you will find changes that we feel are of the utmost importance:

ACSC Mid-Winter Meeting/Workshop has been cancelled at North Myrtle Beach, SC. for January 14-17, 2021

All reports and information will be placed on www.shagdance.com on Saturday January 16, 2021. The ACSC 2021 Icons will also be announced and names placed on the website. We ask that you share this information with your officers, so they can visit the website for any information needed. Information for all new presidents will be available. This is our time to focus on new presidents. All ACSC/SOS officers will each collectively submit a report. We certainly hope that 2021 will be a more productive year for ACSC/SOS. Together we can and will start our rebuilding. Please remember that your communication to your membership is crucial.

Let us all stay healthy and work together. It is a must that we follow the guidelines in your city and state for your protection.

Respectfully written,
Robin Morley, ACSC Chairman

Competitive Shaggers Association

The Competitive Shaggers Association is optimistically announcing the 2021 Tentative Contest Schedule. Although "Tentative" due to the uncertainty of how COVID-19 will impact future gatherings of this nature, we feel it is important that our dance community be aware of these events to help plan and structure other activities that may potentially conflict. We are hopeful that with the development of an effective vaccine and improved COVID-19 treatment therapeutics, this dreadful pandemic will be resolved within the near future. As most dancers have been sidelined over the last nine months, hopefully, with new safety protocols in place we can again begin returning to the dance floor. We certainly want to proceed in this direction safely and with caution, but when comfortable, please consider attending as many of these events as possible and help get our dance moving again to be the great pastime and social exercise we all love.

Hey, we can still eat Christmas goodies.

Microwave Fudge

Ingredients:
1 lb. box powdered sugar
1½ cup cocoa
¼ lb. butter
¼ cup Pet evaporated milk
1 tsp. vanilla

Directions:
Mix powdered sugar and cocoa in large bowl.

Add milk and butter – DO NOT MIX

Heat in microwave oven 2 – 2 ½ minutes

Stir gently to mix all ingredients.

Add vanilla.

Heat until well blended.

Pour into 8 in. greased dish/pan to cool in fridge about 1 hour.

Microwave Peanut Brittle

Ingredients:
1½ cup raw peanuts
1 cup sugar
½ cup light Karo syrup
⅛ tsp. salt
1 tsp. butter
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. baking soda

Directions:
Stir peanuts, sugar, syrup, and salt into 1 ½ quart glass casserole dish.

Cook 4 minutes on high. Stir and cook 4 minutes more on high.

Add butter and vanilla. Blend well. Cook 2 minutes more on high.

Add soda and gently stir until white and foamy.

Pour on lightly greased cookie sheet.

Let cool 1 hour and then break into pieces.

Put into airtight container.

Cranberry Pecan Baked Brie

8 servings
Prep time: 10 minutes cook time: 15 minutes

Simple, elegant and an absolute crowd-pleaser! Best of all, this is one of the easiest appetizers EVER with only 5-10 min prep!

Ingredients
- 1 (8-ounce) wheel brie cheese, rind trimmed
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar, packed

For the maple honey drizzle
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Pinch of nutmeg
- Zest of 1 orange
- 1/2 cup pecan halves, chopped
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries

Directions
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

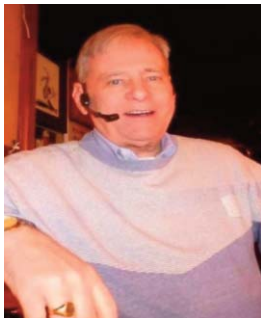
Place brie on a rimmed baking sheet or a 5-inch cast iron skillet; sprinkle with brown sugar. Place into oven and bake until softened, about 12-15 minutes; let cool 5 minutes.

In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine brown sugar, honey, maple syrup, butter, cinnamon, nutmeg and orange zest. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until foamy, about 1-2 minutes. Stir in pecans and cranberries.

Serve brie warm topped with pecan mixture; serve with crackers or baguette.

Merry Christmas to all!

In Memoriam



Jeptha J. McDowell

JULY 25, 1944 – OCTOBER 17, 2020

North Myrtle Beach, SC—Jeptha Joseph "Jeppy" McDowell of North Myrtle Beach, SC, died Saturday, October 17, at Seacoast Hospital in Little River, SC, of Covid-19 coronavirus. He was 76 years old.

A native of Burlington, NC, he was the son of the late Charles Lamar and Golda Perry McDowell. He is survived by his brothers, Perry McDowell of Germany and Tim McDowell of Burlington, NC and several nieces and nephews.

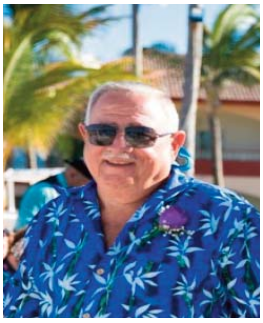
Jeppy graduated from Walter Williams High School and soon moved to his beloved North Myrtle Beach, where he was an active member of the shag dance community. He taught shagging for 40 years at Fat Harold's Beach Club, estimating that he taught over 50,000 people how to shag. He was inducted into the Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame in 2005. Jeppy was retired from the Alabama Theater, where he worked for many years.

A private service is planned. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hall of Fame Keepers of the Dance, 1203 Tarpon Pond Road, North Myrtle Beach, SC, 29582. A guestbook is available at www.leefhandcrematory.com for condolences. Lee Funeral Home & Crematory of Little River/North Myrtle Beach is serving the family.

Donald R. "Tootie" Brown

SEPTEMBER 15, 1947 – OCTOBER 18, 2020

North Myrtle Beach—Donald R. "Tootie" Brown, 73, died October 18, 2020 at McLeod Seacoast Medical Center. Born on September 15, 1947 in Statesville, NC, he was the son of the late Mary Ailene Brown. Mr. Brown served his country proudly in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife, Maxine Fish Brown; son, Donovan Brown; daughter, Dana Barton; and two grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a later date. A guestbook is available at www.leefhandcrematory.com. Lee Funeral Home & Crematory of Little River/North Myrtle Beach is serving the family.



Wade James Kirdahi

AUGUST 11, 1947 – OCTOBER 30, 2020

Wade was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY to parents Mary and Wadig, who immigrated from Lebanon in pursuit of the American Dream. He spent his childhood playing stickball in the streets and making friends, many of whom would become lifelong pals. After a short stint in the Army, serving in the Vietnam War, he wound up in Northern Virginia where carrying on his reputation of being the life of the party and meeting the love of his life, Dianne. Wade enjoyed helping bring up Dianne's daughter Tina and they were thrilled to add their children Katie and Wade Jr. to complete their family. He loved hosting cookouts, coaching sports, and helping out with scouting events as well as traveling to spend time with extended family and reconnect with old buddies. After his beloved wife Dianne passed, he retired after nearly 40 years of service to the federal government and was introduced to a new hobby, shag dancing. This, along with his love for the beach and disdain for shoveling snow, led him to migrate south to North Carolina. Here he made even more friends and word of his dancing skills soon spread to all of North Myrtle Beach (especially the ladies). Unfortunately he contracted Covid-19 and spent the last weeks of his life in the hospital fighting until the bitter end. Wade is survived by his children Tina, Katie and Wade Jr, his grandchildren Zach, Addison, and Audrey, his brother Samuel, sister Diana Marie and many beloved cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and his adoring wife Dianne. The family looks forward to holding a celebration of life when it is safe. While not necessary, consider donating to a charity that was dear to his heart, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in lieu of flowers.

Katie Kirdahi & Family
7029 Utica Dr., Springfield, VA 22150

New Year's Eve 2020

Park & Party—Double Tree by Hilton hosted by Palmetto Shag Club

Double Tree by Hilton 2100 Bush River Rd, Columbia, SC 29210 Bush River Rd at I-20

Room Rate: $99 Call with Group Code PSN (803) 731-0300
or book online at Palmetto Shag New Year's Eve 2020
Reduced Hotel Room Rate ends on December 1, 2020

All rooms include a Refrigerator, King and two Queen Beds Available
Suites are available at additional cost

Extra Treats for Hotel Guests

- Managers Reception in Lobby on New Year's Eve from 6:00 to 7:00pm includes adult beverages and appetizers.
- New Year's Day Full Cooked or Buffet Breakfast served from 7:30 to 10:30 am

December 31, 2020

DJ Buck Crumpton

Ballroom Doors open at 7:00 pm

Heavy hor d'oeuvres served 7:30pm to 9:30pm

(includes: Hand Carved Top Round of Beef, Spring Rolls, Chicken Nuggets, Swedish Meatballs, Assorted Cheeses, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables with dips, Chips and Salsa)

2020

Champagne Toast at Midnight

Cash Bar

$40 for Palmetto Shag Club Members

$50 for Sponsored Guests and other ACSC Shag Club Members

New Year's Eve Park & Party

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 10, 2020

Make checks payable to Palmetto Shag Club and Mail to: Palmetto Shag Club
P. O. Box 7232
Columbia, S.C. 29202

or process on-line at www.palmettoshagclub.com using a Credit Card or PayPal

Name(s): _____ Amt. Enclosed: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone : _____ Email: _____ ACSC SHAG CLUB _____

Confirmation by Email NO ONE UNDER 21 ADMITTED No Refunds

SUMMER SHAG SHINDIG

ADULTS ONLY

ADULTS ONLY

Join us as we "SPRING" into summer!

Hosted by THE JUNIOR SHAG DANCE TEAM

DATE: MARCH 27, 2021

TIME: 2:00 UNTIL

PLACE: AMERICAN LEGION

524 Heckle Blvd, Rock Hill, SC

$50 DONATION

BBQ DINNER INCLUDED

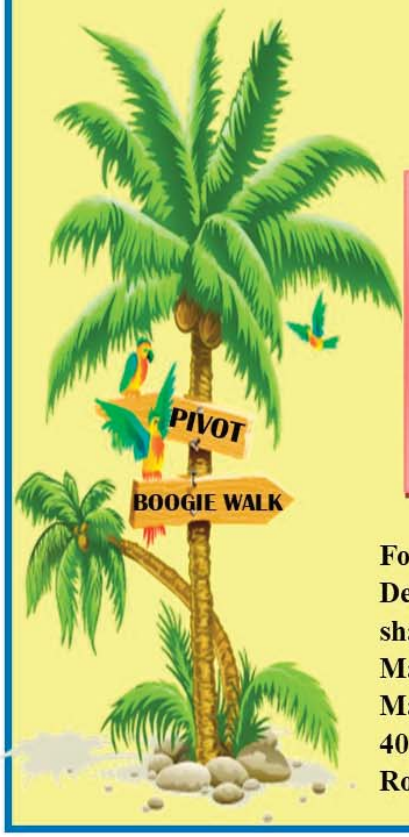
SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

CASH BAR!

GREAT PRICES!

NO COOLERS ALLOWED

FREE SHOOTERS
50/50 DRAWING
RAFFLE BASKET
SILENT AUCTION



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Kayla Henley

Ashley & Tobitha Stewart

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Mail to: Debbie Brown
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Rock Hill, SC 29732

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WINGATE by Wyndam
760 Galleria Blvd., Rock Hill, SC 29732
803-324-9000-Must Reserve by 2/25/21
RATE: $89.00 Includes Tax & Breakfast
MENTION **"SHINDIG"**

THE 38TH NATIONAL SHAG DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

are postponed until March 10, 11, 12, 2022.

With Prelims on January 27 & 28, 2022

at The Spanish Galleon!

These Current Nationals Champions

will have to wait until 2022

to get these photos on the wall at the Spanish Galleon—

but they will have had a two-year reign

as our Current Winners by then!

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*.

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*

Dennis Gehley
The Time Machine

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2020 SHAGATTACK

Dear Hall of Famer's and Participants,

2020 has been quite the year and one that no one wishes to repeat. The Executive Board has been following the situation with the Coronavirus since our last communication in April. With the number of reported cases, hospitalizations and deaths in the two Carolinas, we have made the decision to cancel SHAGATTACK for this year.

This decision was made with the safety and welfare of our members at the forefront. We look forward to 2021; dates will be confirmed and added to our website as soon as possible.

For those that joined SHAGATTACK for 2020, your membership fees will be carried forward to 2021.

Stay safe and healthy 'til we meet on the dance floor,

Sam, Bob, and Maureen

etc.

November Birthdays

Nancy Guilliams
November 1

Lorraine Busey
November 3

Patricia Harris
November 3

Estelle Jones
November 3

Mark Hendrickson
November 5

Kathy Kropat
November 5

Angie Bushey
November 7

Amanda Stone
November 7

Valerie Swiger
November 8

Kathy Heer
November 12

Jerry Rodgers
November 13

Tom Brett
November 16

Dennis Gehley
November 16

Lois Taylor
November 28

Mal Zerden
November 29

Kevin Byrnes
November 30

December Birthdays

John Rippingale
December 3

John Yuskaitis
December 3

Barry Kumar
December 6

Ray Jones
December 7

Faye Morford
December 7

Jeanne Potter
December 7

Ron Carroll
December 8

Victor Clemann
December 8

Jane James
December 9

Cathy Metcalf
December 12

Judy Anderson
December 15

Cookie Bell
December 19

Dorothy Hale
December 19

Rick Heer
December 19

Dave Rapson
December 19

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.shagRVA.org*
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