NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

Shag Rag

JULY/AUGUST 2021

Dipping our toes back into the dance!

BY BONNIE ARMS

The United States had a birthday on July 4. Happy Birthday America and many more.

NVSC started back dancing on July 15 and 29 at the Elks Lodge 2188 and danced at the VFW in Falls Church, VA on July 21. Everyone had to show proof of vaccination and sign a COVID waiver (a one time occurrence). It was great socializing and dancing with folks again. A good time was had by all. We will be dancing at the Elks Lodge in August on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays (August 12 and 26). If there are any changes, a *Hello Shagger* will go out and it will also be posted on our www.nvshag.org web site.

SOS Fall Migration 2021 will be held in North Myrtle Beach September 16-26 . I hope to see lots of NVSCers at the All Virginia party at Duck's on Friday, September 24 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. I will be attending the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) on Saturday, September 25. **Pamela Alfano,** a Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC) member, will be receiving her 2020 ICON award (the Shag world's highest honor) at that meeting. I am so proud of her for receiving this honor she so deserves.

The SOS at Sea 9 cruise is still scheduled for October 10-17. I hope the COVID situation is not so bad that the cruise will be cancelled. It sure will be fun cruising again.

Please see the *Shag Rag* Calendar for upcoming events. Also please see the numerous Shag event flyers in this edition of the *Shag Rag*.

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Know any good venues?

Our first few nights back to dancing since March 2020 a great success! Thank you to everyone who came out in July and participated in the fabulous evenings of reconnecting. Oh, and a bit of Carolina Shag dancing of course!

As announced in a separate *Hello Shagger*, starting in August, we plan to dance at the Elks the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. As the CDC and Virginia requirements change, we will pass along the information to you as well. It is our goal to keep everyone as safe as possible while offering an opportunity to get back to dancing. This requires everyone's cooperation and adherence to all recommended guidelines.

In case you hadn't thought about it before, the first challenge of getting back into the swing of things is finding a good venue that has reopened, can accommodate our group, have been able to entice their staff back into service, are able to provide a reasonably nice dance floor in a space that allows us to play our music at a level we can hear, and provide food and/or bar service (or even has an option to bring in our own food and non-alcoholic beverages.) The private facilities (Elks, VFW, American Legion) have rental fees per dance while public spaces (restaurants, bars, hotel lounges) may allow us to come in with no cover fee or they may want a share. It is a laundry list of things to consider when evaluating a favorite watering hole.

This being said, if YOU have suggestions on potential sites for our club to meet and dance, please be sure to speak with any of the board members or send us an email with your suggestions. It is our goal to find the best locations for shagging the night away. —*SW*

NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

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

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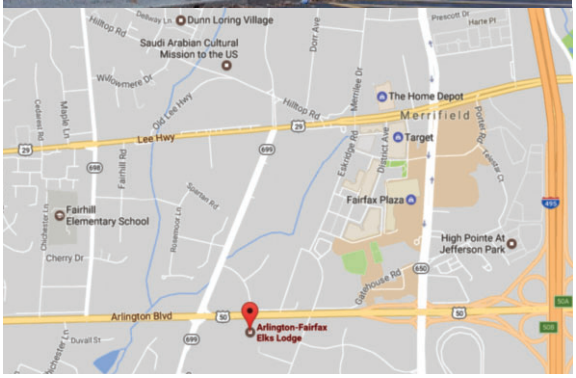
Because of the COVID mess, the 2020 Board of Directors will continue to govern NVSC in 2021.

When and Where to Shag

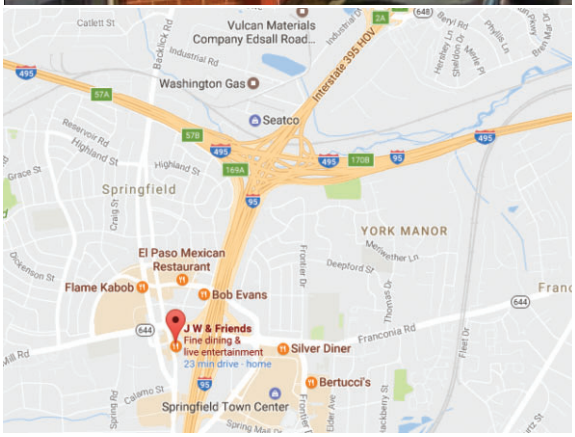
Thursdays, August 12 and 26, 7:00-10:00 pm at Elks Lodge

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 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
Lessons canceled until further notice

Beginner Level Shag Steps		Intermediate Level Shag Steps	
July/August	No Lessons	July/August	No Lessons
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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!

See more places to dance with other ACSC Virginia Shag Clubs, listed on page 16.

Oh yeah, dancing is happening!

SHAG CALENDAR

August 6-7, 2021

Carolina Shag Club Meet Me in the Middle and a Sand Flea Reunion

Hotel: The Hilton Greenville, 45 W. Orchard Park Dr., Greenville, SC
Tickets: $70 ($75 after July 4)
Dance Instructors: Multiple instructors
DJs: Jim Coley, Nick Columbus, Todd Gettys, David Graham, Butch Metcalf, Norman Mills, Billy Waldrep, Jeff Ward
Website: www.carolinashagclub.org

August 12-14, 2021

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

Hotel: Villa by the Sea, North Beachview Dr., Jekyll Island, GA
Tickets: $90 ($100 after June 1, 2021; Non-refundable but Transferable)
Dance Instructors: Autumn Jones, Nikki Kontoulas, Alan Stokes
DJs: Jim Agee, Wayne Bennett, Jimmy Lucree, John Smith
Website: www.goldenislesshagclub.com

August 13-14, 2021

Richmond Shag Club Boogie on the James

Hotel: Double Tree by Hilton, 1021 Koger Center Blvd., Richmond, VA
Tickets: $95 (weekend), $70 (Saturday only); After July 16, $100 and $75
Dance Instructors: Sam and Lisa West
DJs: Jerry Hardy and Brute Vaughan
Website: www.richmondshagclub.org

Limited NVSC dancing has started!

Weekly dances will be announced through *Hello Shagger*. The dances will be restricted to vaccinated persons only—please be prepared to show proof of vaccination at the door. You will also be asked to sign a release form. Once you show your vaccination card at an event, you do not need to bring it again. Masks are optional. No dance lessons until further notice. Admission is $10 for members, $11 for non-members.

August 13-14, 2021

Islanders Shag Club 2nd Annual Come Shag Charleston Shaggers Holiday

ELKS Lodge Ballroom, 1113 Sam Rittenburg Blvd., Charleston, SC
Hotel: Information coming soon
Tickets: $65 ($70 after July 10 until Aug 1), Only 250 tickets will be sold/Non Refundable or Non Transferable
DJs: Eddie Anderson, Buck Crumpton, Terry Hopper, Sharon Johnson, Walter Upchurch
Website: www.islandersshagclub.com

August 26-28, 2021

Tampa Bay Beach Boppers 28th Beach Boogie

Hotel: Sirata, 5300 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach, Fla
Tickets: $80 ($90 after July 28, 2021) Only 400 tickets will be sold/Non-Refundable but Transferable
Dance Instructors: Mike and Debbe Lapina, Suzanne Lilly, Mike and Debbie Pace
DJs: Larry "Bigfish" Calhoun, Jane Harrington, John Smith, Billy Waldrep
Website: www.tampabaybeachboppers.com

August 27-28, 2021

Capital City Shag Club Shag Extravaganza XI

Hotel: Embassy Suites, 200 Stoneridge Dr., Columbia SC
Tickets: $85
Dance Instructors: Sam and Lisa West
DJs: Ray Scott, Gene Sisters
Website: www.capitalcityshagclub.com

September 16-25, 2021

SOS Fall Migration

North Myrtle Beach, SC

After a year and a half, we are dancing again!

PHOTOS COURTESY OF BONNIE ARMS AND JACK JONES

Happy couples hit the dance floor hoping they remember how to do a basic (but who cares, we're dancing again!)

BC/AC (Before Covid and After Covid)

BY JOE PEOPLES

BC/AC: That stands for Before Covid and After Covid. BC on Memorial Day weekend I would attend the Music City Bop Club's Summer Boogie Blast in Nashville, TN. A trip to the dance in Nashville was attractive and as an added bonus they offered shag dance lessons. This was a fun party.

Two years ago they canceled their dance. I was told they were having problems with their contract with the host hotel. The Derby City Bop Club in Louisville, KY was going to move their dance to the Memorial Day weekend but Covid put their plans on hold.

So here it is Memorial Day weekend 2021 and no out of town dance. Hey it's AC—I should be celebrating. What about JV's Restaurant in Falls Church? JV's has been around since 1947, they are big supporters of veterans and they have a dance floor. Their schedule showed live music all weekend. Friday night they had a large crowd and large number of local lindy hop dancers were doing their thing. I skipped going Saturday but did go back for the band on Sunday afternoon. They had a large crowd again with a lot of the people who were in town for Ride for Freedom 2021. JV's provided free food late Sunday afternoon. When's the last time you were in a bar that served free food? They had a band performing starting late Monday afternoon and playing on into the evening. and several local dancers were there.

For me, I missed my out of town trip to Nashville. The Nashville party was a blast. However, if I were from Nashville traveling to Northern Virginia for the Ride For Freedom event, JV's is a hard place to beat: fun, food, beer and wine, and dancing. What's not to like? It was also a good place to celebrate AC.

BOP

I have been asked for more information about Bop clubs from my last article.

americanbopassociation.com/
The American Bop Association (ABA) is a non-profit corporation of member clubs who dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the broad range of dance and music styles more commonly known as bop, all forms of swing, jitterbug, and shag. The association strives to enhance inter-club communication and promotional coordination of activities throughout our membership community.

shagdance.com
The goal of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs, Inc (ACSC) is to promote and preserve the heritage of beach music and shag dancing.
For our club members, what is the big difference? Not much really. The ABA events offer dance lessons in shag, east coast, west coast, line dance, etc., compared to mainly shag lessons at a ASCSC member event. The demographics of the people are the same and when the deejays start playing music you find that most of the music is the same. *—JP*

To Hug or Not to Hug

That is my dilemma. Well, only since getting back out into public at any rate! Like most of the shag community, I love hugs. It's the best greeting for friends and extended shag family. Attending my first social event since March 2020, even though attendees were verified vaccinated during our July opening dance, I still had/have reservations. Why? Maybe it harks back to biology class and the lessons around the sex talk. You know - the lesson noting that every sex partner your partner had has now slept with you (and you don't even know their name!) Translation – every hug is like a group hug with all those other partners. What if my hugger was exposed to the flu, a cold, Covid, or some other transmittable ailment that may have been active at the time they hugged someone else?

Paranoid? Phobic? Maybe. While perhaps an unlikely scenario, even if there is some small potential of exposure, it puts me at risk of carrying something unintentionally to a loved one. What about my mom, who is in her mid 70s and already dealing with respiratory issues among her other aches and pains? Or perhaps I infect my niece or nephew who aren't vaccinated? While my personal circle of family and close friends is relatively small, it gets exponentially larger as I venture back into the world. I know that I would be devastated if I might be the catalyst for someone I love (or even just kinda like) to have to suffer a serious ailment, or worse, fail to recover. It is a very personal dilemma indeed. Be safe and well my friends and take care of those around you.

Dancingly,
Sherri Wildoner

Dance Etiquette: Use It, Teach It, Enjoy It

- Dance in your slot.
- Keep your slot parallel with those already on the floor.
- Do not occupy someone else's slot just because they happen to be in a belly roll.
- If you can narrow your slot or slide slightly right or left to make room for another couple, please do. We are all here to enjoy dancing.
- When your dance is completed, work your way off the dance floor before you stop to talk with old friends not seen in awhile.
- Do not consider the edge of the dance floor a place to hang out.
- Please keep drinks off the dance floor.
- If the floor is crowded, do not do your most challenging leads. Tone it down just a bit.
- And finally, just because you have been around for years, that does not make you exempt from these rules of etiquette.
- Enjoy your next dance and be gracious to others.

Let the Games Begin!

August 13 & 14

Guest DJs

Jerry Hardy & Brute Vaughan

Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs

Two Free Shag Workshops

Featuring

Sam & Lisa West

Free Line Dance Workshop

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

1021 Koger Center Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23235

Call 1-804-379-3800 and ask for the "Richmond Shag Club" rate of $119/night plus tax until July 13

RSC Party Features

- Thursday Night Early Bird Party At Visions in the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton
- Three free workshops
- Two free drinks at reception both Friday and Saturday evenings
- Friday evening plated dinner
- Saturday evening buffet dinner
- Large Dance Floor
- Seating for Everyone
- Smoke-Free Ballroom
- Saturday Vendors

For more information, contact **Joan Byrnes** or at jbyrnes425@verizon.net
Check our website at www.RichmondShagClub.org for updates

Name(s)_____ Phone_____

Address_____

E-Mail_____ Club _____

Weekend Tickets(s)
Until July 16_____ tickets X $95 = $_____
After July 16_____ tickets X $100 = $_____

Saturday Only Tickets(s
Until July 16_____tickets X $70 = $_____
After July 16_____tickets X $75 = $_____

Tables of 8 may be reserved at time of reservation **8 tickets X $95.00 (or $100.00) = $_____**

If purchasing table, 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____. Provide forms/information for **everyone** at the table.

Make checks payable to Richmond Shag Club and mail to: Joan Byrnes, 2511 Cedar Cone Drive, Henrico, VA 23233

Capital City Shag Club Proudly Presents

Shag Extravaganza XI

Friday & Saturday August 27 & 28, 2021

Embassy Suites - 200 Stoneridge Dr. - Columbia , SC

DeeJay's Gene Sistare and Ray Scott

Featured Performers

BLACKWATER BAND

3 Shag Lessons, 1 Line Dance Lesson and Dance Exhibitions by

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For more Information: Marlene Steiner 803-463-1143

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Mountain Empire Shag Society Inc

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Park and Party
Holiday Inn, Johnson City, TN

ONLY 225 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

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MESS DJ - Larry "Bigfish" Calhoun from Kingsport, TN
Shag Instructors - Ashley & Tobitha Stewart from China Grove, NC
Jewelry Vendor - B&D Family Jewelers (Betty Kirtley) from Spartanburg, SC
Shoe Vendor - Carolina Shag Shoes (Nanci & Bud Donald) from Pinehurst, NC

To learn more about MESS & view photos of the hotel, visit www.messdance.com
All required COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

Through the National Fastdance Association, this multi-day event is properly & legally licensed by:
ASCAP BMI SESAC

TICKETS
Two day ticket only $70. No one day tickets will be sold. You must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets are non-refundable, but are transferable. You are responsible for selling your own tickets.

HOST HOTEL
Holiday Inn, 101 West Springbrook Drive, Johnson City, Tennessee 37604. Call 423-282-4611 to reserve your room & mention Mountain Empire Shag Society to receive the special group rate of **$104** per night + standard fees & taxes. Cut off date for the special rate is **October 1, 2021** at midnight. **NOTE: This room rate includes H.I. buffet breakfast for two people ($9.95 value per person) on Saturday & Sunday mornings. 4 pm check-in.**

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
FREE hospitality suite on ground floor including beer, MESS-A-HOLIC Punch, wine, drinks, snacks, & LOTS OF FUN! Great vendors again. Dancing in the ballroom both nights and 50/50. **No BYOB including shooters in any MESS party area at any time.**

SATURDAY
FREE Holiday Inn buffet breakfast for Fall Bash attendees staying at Holiday Inn.
FREE Shag Workshop, Hospitality Lunch, & Buffet Dinner by Holiday Inn as well as all the fun things offered on Friday.

SUNDAY
FREE Holiday Inn buffet breakfast for Fall Bash attendees staying at Holiday Inn.

For more ticket info, contact: Larry Calhoun at **423-398-5129** or email **bigfishdj@outlook.com**. Mention MESS Fall Bash to ensure a response.

PARTY BRACELETS WILL BE ISSUED AT REGISTRATION
Confirmation by email or SASE. Make checks **($70.00 per person)** payable to M.E.S.S. and please print your info clearly.
Mail to: **MESS Fall Bash Tickets, 2943 Southbridge, Kingsport, TN 37664**

Name(s) _____ Number of Tickets____ Amt. Enclosed_____
Address: _____
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Phone ____-____-____ Email _____
Primary Shag Club Affiliation _____

Islanders Shag Club presents

Come Shag Charleston

2nd Annual

Shaggers Holiday

Aug 13 and 14, 2021

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
Dinner Provided Saturday Night 6:00 to 8:00

Tickets are $65 per person until July 10 and then $70 until Aug 1.

Only 250 will be sold

Hotel Information coming soon
Shuttle will run from Hotel to Party

DJs Include

Walter Upchurch
Eddie Anderson
Buck Crumpton
Terry Hopper
Sharon Johnson

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

Save The Date
30th Annual
SandGnat Shag-A-Ganza
Golden Isles Shag Club
August 12 - 14, 2021
Villas By The Sea Resort
Jekyll Island, Georgia
For Condo reservations reference
code: #505522/Shag-A-Ganza
Reservations: (912) 635-2521
Flyer coming soon...

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*

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nnbeachmusic.org • beachmusiccbva@gmail.com
Tickets $45 at gate

Tents are available for $250 by emailing or calling 240-994-3642 and there will be a best dressed Tent Contest.

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July Birthdays

Fred Whitman
July 1

Pat Carroll
July 4

Larry Boyer
July 10

Jean Whitman
July 15

Paul Young
July 17

Mary Camp
July 18

Vaughn Royal
July 29

Gary Salpini
July 29

August Birthdays

Larry Camp
August 5

James Harmon
August 7

Kathryn Miller
August 8

Dale Strawser
August 9

Jack Jones
August 11

Paul Provost
August 16

Anita Huffman-Strawser
August 17

Gary Tidmore
August 18

Linda Romero
August 21

David Rodgers
August 23

Fran Mong
August 24

Fern Siegler
August 28

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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