NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

Shag Rag

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President's Corner

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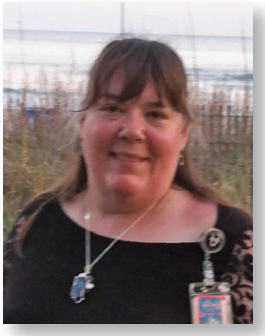

Given the weather in April, I don't feel like spring has quite sprung but I will take it! The month wrapped up with several activities, including the inductions at the Virginia Shagger's Hall of Fame in Newport News where Heather Jennings was among the Class of 2023, the week plus of SOS Spring Safari club parties, DJs, Bands, the parade, and the ACSC meeting, and our club dancing twice at the Elks with great music, lessons, and new folks both nights.

For SOS, we had amazing weather all week with temps in the 70s and sunny but Saturday was calling for storms with lots of rain. We got word the parade was a go rain or shine. That morning was the ACSC meeting held in the Spanish Galleon. Garrett Humphries, President of the **Junior Shag Association (juniorshaggers.com),** presented a few things to include: a t-shirt design contest with deadline of May 15, a call for clubs to host events or activities for juniors, and scholarship deadlines. We also received our packet of Fun Monday raffle tickets so please consider investing $10 in a chance to win a prize (up to $3,500) but most importantly, supporting SOS and charities. We were also advised that during the Fun Monday celebration, the "Message in a Bottle" displayed at the SOS Company Store containing a letter from Dr. Phil, will be opened. I've reached out for more information as the website **Fun Sunday & Fun Monday (shagdance.com)** doesn't have the particulars yet. Other presentations included the ICON Award winners and speakers from the **Hall of Fame Foundation (halloffame foundation.org)** and the **ABSCDJ HOF (abscdj.com).**

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Mother's Day is right around the corner Sunday, May 14. I am extraordinarily fortunate enough to have my mom, Carol Carroll (yes, that's her name!) still able to enjoy activities, albeit slower and spaced apart a bit more. We chat most days and I try take the 50 minute (or so) drive down to visit with her each weekend. Happy Mother's Day to all moms!

May has a **lot of dancing opportunities.** Although reservations closed April 25 for the joint party with the Battlefield Boogie Club at the **Moose Lodge in Lorton VA**, we were able to get approval to allow folks to come in for the dance only (no dinner) and enjoy the evening (recap to be found in next *Shag Rag*). We are **dancing at the Elks on 5/11 and 5/25**. Keep an eye out on nvshag.org or your emails for the *Hello Shagger* for more information on a potential Sunday Social.

Memorial Day is May 29 this year. Please take a moment to remember the men and women who died while in service. At the end of the month, I will be joining Jewell and a bunch of folks at the **USA Grand National Dance Championship** weekend in Atlanta, GA this year and am very excited to cheer her and her dance partner, Tae, and the entire Team 23 on in the team competition as well as individual efforts in other categories they'll be dancing in over the weekend. It's going to be HOT!

Be safe and well and see you on the dance floor.

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

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Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC) was organized to preserve the Carolina Shag dance and its accompanying Beach music. Visit us at www.nvshag.org

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Follow us!

When and Where to Shag

Join us at the Elks Lodge for dancing on May 11 and 25.

DANCE INFO

Address: 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax

Open dancing: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Admission Cost: $10 Members; $11 Non-Members

We will be dancing downstairs in the Fairfax Room. Food and drink may be purchased from the Elks at the bar next to the Fairfax Room. There is an elevator at the rear of the building for those who find stairs challenging.

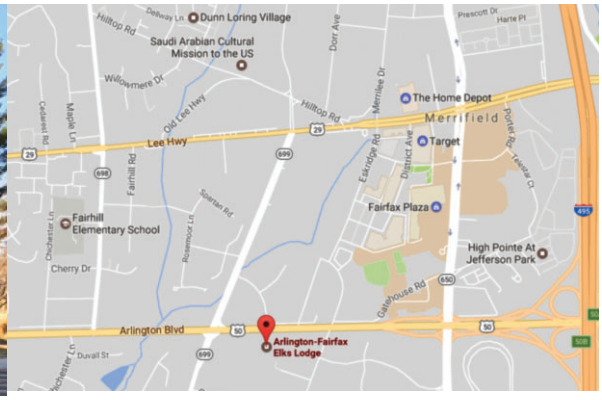
The vaccination requirement to attend our club dances has been lifted. However, we do caution that COVID 19 is still a virulent threat and keeps evolving. Please continue to follow the highly recommended safety protocols: mask up, distance, use hand sanitizer and wash hands frequently. As recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), mask are highly recommended but not required at the dance.

Deejays:

May 6
(Joint party)
Craig Jennings

May 13
Loren Kropat

May 27
Loren Kropat



Advertising in the Shag Rag

Members may have their business card sized ads added to the *Shag Rag* for free!

Advertise your services, activities or business

Business Card size:

Members	no cost
Non-Members	$60 a year / $10 month

For a quarter page ad, pricing for all is $100 a year or $50 a month.

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.danvilleshag.com*
Franklin Shag Club	*Find them on Facebook*
Lynchburg Shag Club	*www.lynchburgareashagclub.com*
Richmond Shag Club	*www.shagRVA.org*
Roanoke Valley Shag Club	*Find them on Facebook*
Virginia Beach Shag Club	*www.vbshagclub.com*

NVSC By the Numbers

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

In the interest of full disclosure we wanted to share with members the fiscal health of NVSC. As with everyone and everything, the pandemic imposed severe damage on funds, membership and participation. Even after the shut down ended, coming back was hard. **This year is the first time we're committing to twice a month dances** and no one knows if weekly dances are in the future.

Best way you can help? **Come and dance**. Can't make it to dance? Buy a few gift certificates to have on hand when you can come, or to give away to prospective members. Or just contribute for the good of the club. C'mon, it'll give you a warm fuzzy feeling.

And if you want to be really special, **consider becoming a dance sponsor**. For a donation of $100 you get your name in lights (metaphorically speaking). Get two admissions and the rest goes to the bottom line enabling us to keep having events like Sunday Socials, the holiday party and club picnics at no charge.

You'll get recognized at the dance, in the *Hello Shagger* and, of course, here in the *Shag Rag*. And with a hearty round of applause.

Here are the numbers:

April cash

Starting Balance	$9,071
Receipts	$2,087
Expenditures	$2,250
Ending Balance	$9,014

Membership numbers

These figures are based on totals at the end of the respective year, except with 2023 which shows year to date. The 2023 totals do not reflect those folks who did not renew their membership. We give 3 months grace before we mark them as inactive. As you can see, interest and participation in the club is declining. This is not only reflected in the membership numbers, but will also affect our bottom line, and ability to continue to hold dances and events.

2018	2019	2020-21	2022	2023
185	129	127	115	111

Help us get back closer to that 185 number. If you have a renewal pending, please renew today. If you have friends who might like to learn to Shag, bring them along. Have an idea (or two) for how we can grow, reach out to any board member.

Without you, there's no Northern Virginia Shag Club.

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WANTED

SHAG RAG!

Articles!

Have you been getting back out there, going to dances and events, maybe hitting a club to listen to some bands, or other activities? Would you like to share your experience? Maybe doing so will spark interest in someone else to get back out there and put their dancing shoes on. Not sure about your writing skills? No worries. You're telling a story. Make it fun and factual. Let Adele know if you'd like her to do her editor thing and provide some edits if necessary.

In fact, you could just include the bullet points:

- Someplace with Some band
- Band was loud but good
- Crowd was upbeat
- Small dance area was kept busy
- Food was bar food but ok and service was good
- Beer was cold!

We hope you'll share your adventures, road trips and excursions soon.

Thanks!

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SOS Fun Monday

12 pm TO 5:30 PM, Main Street OD
September 18, 2023

SOS Fun Monday DRAWING:

1st Ticket Drawn $3,500 ~ 2nd Ticket $1,000
3rd Ticket $500 ~ 4th Ticket $250 ~ 5th Ticket $250

NVSC knows how to get social!

PHOTOS COURTESY JACK JONES

the March Sunday Social at Revolution.

Top: Members hit the dance floor. Below left Kevin and John Byrnes teach a lesson. Below right Paul and Sue hit the floor, Inset: Cathy and Vaughn take a break.

Having the big 9-0?

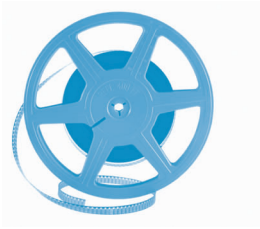
The Board of Directors now offers folks who have circled the sun 90 times or more (those 90 years of age or older) a free lifetime membership. This means that the yearly membership renewal fee of $25 is waived. These valued members of our group will enjoy all the benefits of a paid in full membership. They will pay the member rate for admission to events and will attend club events with free admission such as the holiday party and club picnic. When we take membership applications, we do not ask for nor do we track the year of birth, so if you qualify, please be sure to make note on your renewal letter or contact us immediately so that we can update our records. If you have any questions, please let us know.

We have Gift Certificates available for purchase for $10 each. Do you know someone who might enjoy coming to the Elks for a NVSC dance? Maybe pre-pay and all they have to do is present the certificate and they are in at the member rate. You can also purchase these for your personal use if you'd like to grab a few when you have cash on you and keep them in your dance bag in case you didn't get a chance to run by the ATM that day. It's a brilliant back-up plan!

We have it on video!

Video Links of NVSC Events 2019-2023

VIDEOS BY JACK JONES



NVSC Dance on Nov 10, 2022
https://youtu.be/TUj4DltU2q4

NVSC Dance on Oct 27, 2022
https://youtu.be/-TDmUL6Sz6A

NVSC and DCHD Joint Party at Fat Harolds 2022 SOS
https://youtu.be/1raB7pONadU

NVSC Dance on Sept 8, 2022
https://youtu.be/ZYF7TIbAxE4

DCHD Stroll Dance on Sept 10, 2022
https://youtu.be/BJCqaaAf1Bo

NVSC July 14, 2022 Dance
https://youtu.be/T3yD0epsSdQ

NVSC June 23, 2022 Dance
https://youtu.be/7YpDt82lNNE

NVSC April 14, 2022 Dance
https://youtu.be/FrrqfsAELs4

DJ Craig Jennings Induction in the DJ Beach Music Hall of Fame March 4, 2022
https://youtu.be/Ryham65CYJQ

DCHC St. Pat's Dance 2022 on March 19, 2022
https://youtu.be/j780UsC-INc

NVSC St. Patrick's day dance on March 10, 2022
https://youtu.be/bsacOtI96S8

NVSC Valentines Dance on February 10, 2022
https://youtu.be/fonfC8OgACg

DCHD New Year's Celebration 2021
https://youtu.be/EwTsLlpdwfk

NVSC XMAS 2020 message with 2019 Event Memories
https://youtu.be/43HjDA95tbE

Sam and Lisa West First Demo Dance at the 2021 Richmond Event
https://youtu.be/ceainc1mqbU

Sam and Lisa West Second Demo Dance at the 2021 Richmond Event
https://youtu.be/5ONAQSnc0Mc

NVSC Christmas 2019
https://youtu.be/43HjDA95tbE

NVSC Halloween Party 2019 on November 6, 2019
https://youtu.be/8YrtKtvQzec

Shagging at the NVSC 2019 SOS Fall Migration Party
https://youtu.be/rXbUJELzkvM

NVSC 2019 Classic Dance Event Slideshow
https://youtu.be/XUveC3JvbAg

Free Pours at the NVSC 2019 Classic
https://youtu.be/Qs-mLx_wG20

NVSC Holiday Dance Event for 2022
https://youtu.be/XcAYSBG5-ZM

DC Hand Dance Club New Years Eve Event
https://youtu.be/hRd6TcFnXig

NVSC Jan 12, 2023 Dance Highlights
https://youtu.be/yGkUIS1rtm4

Jerry Hill and Shirley Lee Dance at the DJ ThrowDown 2023
https://youtu.be/lfQNXUQGCaM

Dancing Highlights of Friends at the DJ ThrowDown 2023
https://youtu.be/5jioh57c5Hg

NVSC Dance on March 23, 2023
https://youtu.be/ljEMUw-UPbg

Need to Know?

Where do I Get a Copy of the Shag Rag?

Go to ***www.nvshag.org*** and look for the box in the upper right corner.

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 ***communications@nvshag.org***.

Keep Your Membership Information Current

Have you moved, changed phone numbers or email address? Let Barbara D. know at ***membership@nvshag.org***.

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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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Next dances: May 11 and 25, 2023!

Plan ahead for Fall Migration!
September 14 - 24, 2023

FUN MONDAY September 18

Jukin Oldies Presents:
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May Birthdays

John Romito
May 1

Hilda Clemann

Dick Prosser
May 7

Jeff Kincheloe
May 9

Christine Werner
May 15

Bob Lutz
May 19

Joan McKinney
May 20

Kevin Goeller
May 25

Joe Miante
May 28

Summer's within reach! Fire up the grill.

Let's have a BBQ and pass the cocktails 'round.

Blackberry Sangria

Ingredients

Blackberry Simple Syrup

⅔ cup granulated white sugar
⅓ cup Water
4 oz fresh blackberries sliced or mushed slightly
cheesecloth or mesh strainer

Sangria

Blackberry Simple Syrup
750 ml bottle of dry red wine (blended red wine is fine)
½ cup brandy, no need for the expensive stuff
24 oz ginger ale
1 sliced lime cut into thin slices
2 medium oranges or 1 x-large orange
6 oz blackberries
Ice

Instructions

1. Instructions for simple syrup
2. In a small saucepan, add the water and sugar. Bring to a boil for 2-3 until sugar is dissolved and the water is clear. Add in blackberries and simmer for about 10 minutes or until the blackberries are mushy. Transfer to the cheesecloth and squeeze all of the juice into a small bowl. If using a mesh strainer, press down to get most of the juice. Allow to completely cool before using in the sangria.
3. In a pitcher or desired serving dish, add the wine, brandy, blackberry simple syrup from above, and all the fruit. Allow to sit overnight in the fridge to fully infuse the fruit flavors into the punch. Add the ginger ale and ice just before serving.

Kentucky Mule

Ingredients

2 ounces bourbon
1 ounce ginger shot
½ lime juiced
4 ounces ginger beer
ice cubes optional
lime wedge optional

Instructions

Pour bourbon, ginger shot and lime juice into a glass and mix. Add in a few ice cubes if desired and top with ginger beer. Decorate with a lime wedge and serve immediately!

Grapefruit Bourbon Smash Cocktail

Ingredients

1 sugar cube
2 medium-large mint leaves
⅛ wedge fresh grapefruit (each ½ cut in 4 pieces)
2 oz fresh grapefruit juice
2 oz bourbon

Instructions

1. In a shaker, muddle grapefruit, mint, and sugar cube.
2. Add grapefruit juice, bourbon, and about ¼ cup of ice. Shake for about 30 seconds.
3. Pour the cocktail into glass and top with crushed ice. Garnish with a grapefruit wedge and a mint sprig.