

SHAG RAG

NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

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the Carolina Shag & Beach Music
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Northern Virginia Shag Club's Newsletter—January 2006 Edition *President's Letter by Janis Grimes*

Happy New Year, Everybody!! Hope ya'll had a Happy New Year celebration, and joyful holidays!! We have so much to be thankful for... now it's time to dance off the mid-winter blues! Speaking of dancing, our Holiday Party at the Springfield VFW was a wonderful time for all who attended. Each year seems to get better, with the sumptuous potluck dinner buffet, the decorations, the music, the generous donations of Toys for Tots, our annual presentation of the Big Check to Hospice (this year we raised \$14,554), and all the glitz and glamour – everyone looked marvelous!

Your president took a few minutes at the party to recognize some of our members who have volunteered their time and energy to make the FUN happen for YOU! To recap: Special Recognition was given to several members who worked behind the scenes last year... Gary Salpini for his work on the newsletter, oversight of the Green Bag and Fliers, and dependable Social Committee Member; Larry Boyer for the NVSC Hotline, phone tree, and dance committee instructor; Denny Koski for his efforts as Music Committee Chairman; Joan McKinney and Dallas Campbell, for tireless dedication and work on the Virginia Shag Dance Team, and for quietly sponsoring junior shaggers... helping to keep our dance alive; and Special Mention -- Gary and Robbi Mann, My Favorite Couple to Watch Dancing at the club. Dance Committee Chairman David Rodgers was presented the President's Award for 2005. (He actually received it later at Rene's, since he was away on a cruise with Jerry.) Liz Kestler was recognized with a Golden Keyboard Award for her work as club Secretary and newsletter editor. Vice President Dave Rapson and Treasurer Russ White were presented with inscribed beer mugs for their many contributions, too many to list. And Hilda Clemann, Membership; Marcia Conway, Charity/Fundraising; Beverly Larson Farris, Capital Shag Classic; Debra Parrish and Terrie Patullo, Social Committee, earned thanks and gratitude for all their work during the past year. Many thanks to all!!!

Your new 2006 Board of Directors was introduced:

Janis Grimes – President
Marcia Conway – Vice President
Charlotte Ashby – Secretary
Russ White – Treasurer
Hilda Clemann, Linda Coffeen, Cris Gaines, Debra Parrish, Terrie Patullo

Looking forward to upcoming events ... Mark your calendars NOW ... There will be a General Membership Meeting on Wed., January 18th; on Feb. 5th, the annual Super Bowl Party at Rene's, with FREE dinner buffet; Feb. 18th, our annual Jackie & Charlie workshops and dance at Fort Myer; and then on Feb. 25th, the induction of Vesta Jones as our newest member of the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame, at Steppin' Out in Virginia Beach. Other VSHOF members from NVSC include Janis Grimes, Joan McKinney, and Rodger Woodson, of Roanoke.

The dancing will continue every Wednesday, our regular club night, AND every Saturday night at Rene's, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. MANY THANKS to all who have been supporting the Saturday Shag dancing at Rene's!!

Dancing is joyful ... share the joy!

Member Announcements

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy and condolences go to Cathy Metcalf, whose father, James T. Craig, Sr., died Thursday morning, December 15th, during a hospitalization in Greenville, SC. The funeral service took place in Pickens, SC. Here is a link to the obituary in the Greenville Times:

<http://news.greenvillesonline.com/obits/printobit.php?content=obittext&id=88651>. If you would like, you may send a memorial contribution to the charity of your choice. You may send Cathy a card, her address is: Cathy Metcalf, 8625 Rocky Gap Court, Lorton, VA 22079

SPECIAL GET WELL WISHES

Nancy Gehley's surgery was scheduled for Dec. 29th to have a scalp melanoma removed. Nancy is not looking forward to her new "hairdo" but she said she is happy to be around a little longer to keep Dennis in line! [A full time job!] Nancy thanks all for their prayers. Let's keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

We wish a speedy recovery to Eddy Farmer who had recent eye surgery and scheduled to have another operation soon. He is seeing better now.

Continue to keep Craig (Hutch) Hutchinson in your thoughts and prayers. He is using walker, scooter and wheelchair to get around. He has turned over his PSDC duties over to Jim and Peggy Kiesel and Dale and Anita Strawser—they have rather large shoes to fill!

Liz Kestler's brother, Danny, is gaining his strength and taking daily walks. Your prayers are working! Keep up the good work and good thoughts! Thank you! Stay strong Danny!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congrats to Nancy and Dennis Gehley, on the birth of a new, adorable grandson, Cole Ackermann Angerer!!!

*from Betty Ladwig in NMB...**Merry Christmas to each of you and a very Happy New Year!***

Many of you have been asking about Ducks and Ducks Too. You will be happy to know Ducks is open Friday and Saturday nights for cocktails and dancing.

Ducks Too is currently open every day from 4 P.M. to 1 A.M.

Commencing January 2006 Ducks Too will be open every day from 10 A.M. until 1 A.M. The Grill in Ducks Too will be open for lunch seven days a week, also starting in January.

This same information is on the Marquee on the front of Ducks but if you are like me, it's hard to drive and read at the same time, plus, that could be dangerous.

There is always music playing for your dancing or listening pleasure. Requests are welcome.

I believe this info is accurate but you are welcome to call Ducks during business hours to confirm the days and hours.

Deejays and Dance Steps for JANUARY 2005- Lessons Begin at 7:30 p.m.

Intermediate Level Shag Steps:

January 4	Side to Side Basic, Front Prep & Walk Up
January 11	Double Kick Basic, Front Prep & Lean
January 18	Behind Sailor Basic & Pivot
January 25	Back Prep, Sugarfoot & Tuck

Beginner Level Shag Steps: January 4- Basic Step, Start & Female Turn; January 11-Basic Step & Male Turn; January 18-Review Basic Step, Half Turn & Side Pass; January 25-Review Basic Step & Triple Basic

Introductory Level [Basic, Start, & Female Turn] shag steps: January 18 & 25

DJ'S FOR JANUARY*: Jan 4--Dennis and Nancy Gehley; Jan 11—Craig Jennings; Jan 18—Jim Rose; Jan 25—Eddie O'Reilly

*DJ rotating schedule subject to change.

Happy Birthdays! To Our NVSC Members in JANUARY!

If your birthday is incorrect or does not appear here, please contact Hilda Clemann, the membership chair, at hkc1945@aol.com to add your birthday to our database. Be sure to attend the once a month BIRTHDAY DANCE in honor of your BIRTHDAY and enjoy a delicious CAKE made especially for this occasion by Birthday chair, CRIS GAINES—she makes wonderfully scrumptious cakes! Thank you Cris!

Jan 1	Sam Lewis	Jan 6	Stephen Colevas
Jan 6	Norma Wark	Jan 7	Suzanne Blais
Jan 7	Reta Ferguson	Jan 7	Phyllis Schulte
Jan 7	Peter Hernandez	Jan 9	Craig Jennings
Jan 9	Janis Grimes	Jan 13	Andrea Crews
Jan 14	Ruth Browne	Jan 14	Brenda Franklin
Jan 15	Ron Fisher	Jan 15	Nancy Roop
Jan 16	Maryann Lesnick	Jan 16	Ann West
Jan 17	Buzz Payne	Jan 21	Liz Kestler
Jan 25	Cris Gaines	Jan 29	Ivy Scott
Jan 29	John T. Price	Jan 30	Jim Rose
Jan 31	Kari Jones		

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS IN NOVEMBER— Richard Battle, Jacqueline Manuel, Vance White & Jimmy Childers

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS IN DECEMBER— Barbara DeAngelis and Marion Avolt---Introduce yourself and ask someone to DANCE!!!!

Spinnin' Round...News

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from the DJ Booth
By Jim Rose

Happy New Year 2006

Many thanks to all of you who've told me that you've enjoyed my music in 2005. And for those of you who haven't told me or don't enjoy my music...well there's always 2006!!! Happy New Year anyway!

BEACH MUSIC'S TOP 10 SONGS FOR DECEMBER 2005

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| 1. Your Grace Is So Good – D. Mac/Big John Thompson | 6. Sweet Mama Do Right - Coastline |
| 2. When Love Slips Away – Jay Proctor | 7. Born To Break My Heart – Roy Hemmings |
| 3. I Want A Love I Can See – Angel Rissoff | 8. Hold On To The Blues – Lonnie Givens |
| 4. House On Fire – Danny & The Juniors | 9. Big Blue Cadillac – Kevin Mark |
| 5. Hang On in There Baby – Donnie/Susan Trexler | 10. I'll Be Around – Hall & Oats |

PLAYIN' BY THE SEAT OF MY PANTS...

In all seriousness, it's been a wonderful year playing music for you. The music, the dance, and the many friends (new & old) that I encounter each week is truly remarkable. The comments I get are sometimes as remarkable!

We've talked about DJ's, music, lists, SOS, clubs, and many other items of discussion throughout 2005. So, as I sat pondering what to write about as the New Year approaches, it came to mind the many things in the shag world that I'm thankful for.

I'm thankful for the many friends I have who encourage both my playing and dancing, although sometimes, one seems much better than the other. OK, you guess which one!

I'm thankful that I have the health to dance and travel to different places to play this music that I so dearly love.

I'm thankful for Craig & Heather who endure my feeble attempts at becoming a better dancer. Trust me, they've got some patience! I highly recommend them.

I'm thankful for my wife Bonnie, who puts up with my true love of the music and dance.

And mostly, I'm thankful for all of you. Yes, you, because you are the real driving force that makes playing the music so much fun. When I'm playing and you're dancing and enjoying yourselves, it makes my job easier.

Case in point: the Christmas Dance at the VFW. I had so many of you give me big thumbs up for the music. Thank you. The floor was packed! You got into the music and dance and that alone was what drove the selection of music.

So when asked about lists or other such nonsense, I'm really only playin' by the seat of my pants. It's always the people dancing that drive the music and the attitude of the DJ (me). Absolutely nothing else!

- See ya on the dance floor in 06'



NVSC MEETS WEEKLY AT RENE'S SUPPER CLUB

3251 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030 (703) 385-0077

www.nvshag.org or www.renessupperclub.com

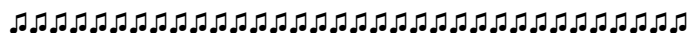
Shag Classes: 7:30 – 8:15 PM Dancing: 8:15 – 11:00 PM

Happy Hour Drink Prices 4:30 – 7:30 PM Cover Charge - \$5.00

Juniors' welcome - with Adult supervision!

Location: Near Fairfax Circle, across the street from Artie's Restaurant.

Directions: Fairfax Circle is about 3 miles west of the I-495 Beltway at the intersection of Route 50 (Arlington Blvd.) and Route 29 (Lee Hwy.) At the Circle, look for McDonald's. McDonald's is at the corner of Old Lee Highway. Take Old Lee Highway south for about 1/10 mile. Rene's is on the ground floor of an office building on your left with a lighted blue sign, across the street from Artie's Restaurant.



CHECK OUT THE FLYERS--& CHECK OUT NVSC'S SUGGESTION BOX!

Located on or near the Flyer Table at Rene's--Make suggestions! Really! Please do! Answer some survey questions which are available on the flyer table and drop them in the box, it's easy, helpful and informative for those of us who plan NVSC Club events!!

Blonde's 2005 Year in Review—submitted by Gary Mann

January—Took new scarf back to store because it was too tight.

February—Fired from Pharmacy job for failing to print labels..."duh"...bottles won't fit in typewriter!!!

March—Got excited...finished jigsaw puzzle in 6 months...the box said "2-4 years!"

April—Trapped on escalator for hours...power went out!!

May—Tried to make Kool-Aid ...8 cups of water won't fit into those little packets!

June—Tried to go water skiing...couldn't find a lake with a slope.

July—Lost breast stroke swimming competition...learned later that other swimmers cheated. They used their arms!

August—Got locked out of car in rain storm...Car swamped because top was down.

September—The capital of California is "C"...isn't it?

October—Hate M&M's...they are so hard to peel.

November—Baked turkey for 4 and a half days...instructions said 1 hour per pound and the blonde weighed 108!!

December—Couldn't call 911..."duh"...there's no "eleven" button on the telephone!

What a Year!!

2 Blondes—submitted by Charlotte Ashby

Two blondes are pumping gas at a service station. One says to the other, "I'll bet these awful gas prices are going to go even higher."

To which the other replies, "It won't affect me, I always put in just \$10 worth."





Saturday Shag Dance Every Saturday at Rene's Supper Club!!*

Dance to Great Beach Music!!!

With Various NVSC and Guest Deejays

6:00 – 9:30 p.m.

\$5 Cover

Tell Your Friends!!!

Rene's Supper Club 3251 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, Va. 22030. Phone: 703-385-0077
Visit them online at www.renessupperclub.com

ALL are WELCOME -- JUNIORS (under 21 yrs.) FREE of CHARGE, with Adult!!

*except when cancellations are announced.

**WORKSHOPS/DANCE/PRIVATE LESSONS
WITH CHARLIE WOMBLE & JACKIE MCGEE**



Please mark your calendars now to reserve Saturday, February 18, 2006 for three workshops and a dance with Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee at the Fort Myer Community Center. The workshops will emphasize good basics in each class. They are as follows:

- Workshop 1: Fun, Easy Patterns plus Basics**
- Workshop 2: Know Your Role, Leading and Following**
- Workshop 3: Smooth and Easy. The Shag "Look"**

Also, Charlie & Jackie (9 times and 10 times National Shag Champions) will be teaching private dance lessons on Feb. 17th and 19th at the home of David & Jerry Rodgers in Fairfax Station, VA.



SIGN UP NOW for private lessons with Charlie & Jackie by e-mail at rodgersd3@cox.net or call David at (703) 239-8978 to put your name on the list. Lessons will be scheduled in the order in which the requests for private lessons are received. Costs of the private lessons are \$85.00/hour with Charlie and Jackie, and \$60.00/hour with Charlie or Jackie. [Private lessons are 70% booked-call David!]

THE BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS ENCOURAGE NEW (AND OLD) MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR CLUB. WE CAN USE YOUR TALENTS! PLEASE REVIEW THE LISTS OF COMMITTEES AND CONTACT A CHAIR PERSON OR BOARD MEMBER TO VOLUNTEER!!

COMMITTEES:

Audit 2005	Cris Gaines
Birthday Cakes	Cris Gaines
Capital Shag Classic '06 Co-chairs	Linda Coffeen and Larry Boyer
Charity/Fundraising	Marcia Conway
Communications	Janis Grimes
Dance	David Rodgers
Historian	to be determined
Junior Committee	Terrie Patullo
Membership	Hilda Clemann
Music	Linda Coffeen
Newsletter Co-chairs	Liz Kestler & Gary Salpini
Photographers	Charlotte Ashby, Sandra Ferony, H.K. Lee, Jessie March, Eddie O'Reilly, Tom Romero, & Dave Rapson
Public Relations	Michael Browne
Shag-a-thon 2006	Marcia Conway
Social/Hospitality	Cris Gaines, Linda Coffeen, Russ White, Terrie Patullo & Debra Parrish
Web Site	Charlotte Ashby

Shag Club Treasurer's Report –Russ White (report as of Dec. 28th)

Regular Acct	\$5,711.71
Junior Acct	\$1,069.57
Special Events	\$2,713.07
Charity Acct	\$ 216.24
TOTAL	<u>\$9,710.59</u>

CONWAY'S CORNER -- CHECK WITH MARCIA TO ORDER NEW SHIRTS

NVSC LOGO ITEMS: Have you noticed the NVSC log items that club members are proudly displaying? These items are available to every one. We have the following:



NVSC Shirts & T-Shirts	\$15 - \$35
Shoe Bags	\$20
CD Cases	[Reduced from \$10] \$5
Large Coffee Mugs	\$8
Shag Rags (towels)	\$10
Golf Towels	\$13

The CD Cases, Shoe Bags and Coffee Mugs are in stock, however the shirts are by special order. If you are interested in purchasing any of the above items, please contact **Marcia Conway**. She is at Rene's on Wednesday nights, or you may call her at 703/361-8159. Her e-mail is NCLady11@comcast.net

DATES For Your Calendar:

- Jan. 18 – General Membership Meeting at Rene’s
- Jan. 27-28 – Prelims in Myrtle Beach, Nat’l Shag Dance Championships
- February 5 – Super Bowl Party at Rene’s
- February 18 – Charlie & Jackie at Fort Myer
- February 24-26 - ACSC/SOS Winter Workshop, Columbia, SC
- February 25, Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame in Va Beach
- March 9–11 – National Shag Dance Championships in Myrtle Beach
- March 18 - Shagathon at Springfield Mall
- April 21-30 - SOS Spring Safari, NMB
- May 18th to 22nd - Va Beach Music Festival Weekend
- July 7-9 - ACSC/SOS Summer Workshop
- July 14-16 - Junior SOS in North Myrtle Beach
- September 15-24 - SOS Fall Migration, NMB

FRIDAY NIGHT BEACH PARTY— Meet your friends at The Coast Guard

Dancing Friday Nights at the Coast Guard Station on Telegraph Road in Alexandria. The event is held at the ANCHORAGE CLUB on base from about 6:30 until 10 or later. No cover charge. Music is provided by club members. This is a military club, not a restaurant. It has a full bar with cheap prices, but no food and no wait staff, SO eat before ya get there or bring some munchies!!

The Coast Guard Station is located at 7323 Telegraph Road in Alexandria (about 4 or 5 miles south of the beltway), which is between Lee District Park and Hayfield High School. Telegraph Road is Exit 2 off of the Beltway. Try Map Quest for specific directions from your location. Entrance to the Station is not restricted during normal security situations. However, you must have a valid photo ID to enter. Remember this is a military base; you and your car may be subject to search. The base will likely be off limits if the security level goes to Code Red. Once on the base, proceed straight for about ¼ mile and you will see a one story building on the left with a brick front and white siding. That’ll be it. **REMEMBER – THEY ENFORCE THE SPEED LIMITS ON THE BASE!!**—Contact Gary Salpini before you go! 703-425-2848

NEW!!! 7:00 PM TUESDAY NIGHTS... The Loft... Fredericksburg!
1005 Princess Anne Street, for more info, OR directions: contact DJ, Jim Rose at beachdj51@yahoo.co or, check out Battlefield Boogie Club’s new web site: www.battlefieldboogieclub.com

For some smooth dancing news, check out www.smoothnez.com events



FOR SHAG EVENTS, GO TO www.nvshag.org or www.shagdance.com



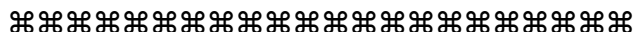
We're gearing up and getting anxious for this event!!

Reserve FEBRUARY 18, 2005 for Workshops and a Dance at Fort Myer Community Center. JACKIE MCGEE AND CHARLIE WOMBLE are coming to teach workshops and private lessons!!!

It begins with....

Friday, Feb. 17th “LADIES ONLY” FOOTWORK LESSONS WITH JACKIE MCGEE

Jackie McGee has agreed to teach two **SMALL GROUP** lessons for women only on footwork for ladies when she and Charlie are visiting with NVSC in February 2006. These lessons will be taught at David & Jerry Rodgers' home in Fairfax Station, VA from 9:00-10:00 PM on Friday, 2/17/06 and from 3:00-4:00 PM on Sunday, 2/19/06 **IF ENOUGH LADIES SIGN UP FOR THE LESSONS**. The Friday night lesson will be taught for beginner/early intermediate level dancers and the Sunday afternoon lesson will be taught for mid-to-upper intermediate/ advanced level dancers. Due to the size of the dance floor available for these lessons, only a limited number (7) will be allowed to attend. Sign-up will be taken on a “first come, first served” basis. Cost of these “Ladies Only” lessons will be \$15.00/person. Contact David Rodgers by e-mail at rodgersd3@cox.net or call David Rodgers at (703) 239-8978 to put your name on the list.



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!

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