

NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB'S

SHAG RAG

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag & Beach Music

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

REJOICE, SHAGGERS – our prayers have been answered! We now have an opportunity to dance on the week-ends, too, at Sweethearts on Route 50 in Chantilly ... every Friday night, from @ 6-9 p.m. (when the band starts) you can meet your friends, eat dinner, listen to BEACH MUSIC, and SHAG ... Sweethearts is a tasteful place, with seating that surrounds a nice dance floor. It is relatively new, and they welcome us on Friday nights. Because it is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, it is a perfect venue to attract new people to Rene's on Wednesday nights for our club night so they can learn to "dance like that." And shaggers visiting from out of town now have somewhere to go on a Friday night!

Speaking of Rene's, with large crowds on Wednesday nights lately (90+ people), we've been having a great time. The energy is up, and high spirits prevail, with many new people learning about our dance and our club. SHAGGERS – please ask new folks to dance, especially the red dot beginners. It's a gift you can give back to others. Surely you remember how YOU felt when you discovered our club, or first started to learn to shag. Courtesy and consideration for others go a long, long way, and people will remember your kindness. PLEASE SUPPORT the \$5 dinner buffet – co-owners Dewey and John are trying hard to please us. We are fortunate to have Rene's as the home of our club for several reasons, namely the HUGE dance floor, large enough to accommodate our 3 FREE LESSONS, and the many dancers who fill the floor each week. Rene's is centrally located, close to the BELTWAY, making it convenient for MOST of our members coming in from ALL directions. It has plenty of nearby, well lit PARKING, and is in a SAFE location. And, they pay our DEEJAYS! Please remember, when you support Rene's, you are supporting NVSC. They need to make a profit to stay in business, it's the American way. They are not taking advantage of us; they are trying to stay in business! Leave the attitudes at home, and come out and enjoy your shag club -- a safe haven with your friends and new friends-to-be. We should be united on the same team here, and that is the NVSC Team! It really is wonderful, thinking of the nice people you can meet, and all the fun there is to look forward to, through the extended family of this club. I know it has meant a great deal to me.



JANIS GRIMES

The ELECTION is this month, for the NVSC 2007 Board of Directors. Thanks to the Nominating Committee and Chairman Tom Brett for putting together the slate of nominees!! Information on all nominees and BALLOTS are included in this newsletter. The election will take place on Nov. 29th, at Rene's ... the week AFTER Thanksgiving. Remember, you MUST SIGN YOUR BALLOT for it to be counted. IF YOU MAIL IN YOUR BALLOT, you should mail them no later than Nov. 25th – ballots must be received no later than Nov. 29th, to be counted on Nov. 29th.

To all, I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving, and holidays filled with love and good cheer. **Janis**

Dancing is joyful ... share the joy!



NEXT MONTH – our HOLIDAY POT LUCK / DINNER DANCE, on Saturday, December 16th – at the Fort Myer Community Center. FREE for Members!! **CASH BAR ONLY!!! (NO BYOB!!)** Flier with details is LOCATED IN THIS WEBSITE.

MEMBER NEWS

A NOTE FROM NANCY GEHLEY:

“A million thanks to you for cards and support. I intend to recover and have fun and not worry about anything until the scans on November 6th and the news on the 7th.....I know that I will be cured and that's all there is to it! Love and many hugs, Nancy”

We certainly wish Nancy the best news from her docs on Election day, November 7th and, YES, we agree with Nancy, we “VOTE FOR CURED”! We hope she had a lot of fun in October with her family and deejaying in Rocky Gap, and of course, deejaying with NVSC! You may mail cards to her at: 6901 Barnack Drive, Springfield, VA 22152.

H.K. Lee continues his treatments

HK Lee is continuing his treatments and is having surgery this month. We give him our prayers and wish him speedy healing. Keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to his home, 8012 Craddock Road,

Greenbelt, MD 20770. We hope to see you soon HK! We think of you often.

Our condolences go to John Wood, whose mother, Molly Wood, passed away on October 21st. The family has chosen “Albuquerque Christian Children’s Home” for those who may wish to contribute in memory of Molly Wood. The address is 5700 Winterhaven Rd., NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120

Lou Toler--our former member who had moved to California, was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident several months ago. She has been steadily regaining her strength and was recently visiting some friends here. Her NVSC friends may send cards/letters to her at 3009 Rubino Circle, San Jose, CA 95125.

Note from SOS Riff Raff Party Hosts (Dave & Ruth Rapson, Gary & Sharon Salpini, Dan & Reta Ferguson, Philip "Flip" Rapson and Ann "Sam" Smith): Thank you for coming, and we hope you had as good a time as we did. Many of you asked for **Reta's recipe for the Pineapple Angel Food Cake**, so here it is:

1 box Angel Food Cake Mix (use one where you only add liquid)

1 can (20 oz) crushed pineapple

Mix cake, using pineapple (including the juice) in place of the water. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Enjoy!



Hey Hey Hey! Congratulations to Joan McKinney and Tom Edwards, who placed 5th in the CSA contest last month at Loafers in Raleigh . Results can be seen at

http://www.competitive shaggers.org/2006_CSA _Results.htm

Kitty Senge and Nancy Thomsen

It was great to see our out of town members at Rene’s last month -we sure miss them now that they no longer reside in the area. We are so happy you are able to visit us when you come in to town! It was great seeing both of you!

MEMBER NEWS

Gossip

As I came in the door at Rene's last week, there was a table with little white boxes with pictures of guys on them and women were stuffing slips of paper, and even money, in the boxes. I looked closer and I saw that the men involved with this scheme were Larry Boyer, John Seely, John Wood, Victor Cle-mann, Mike Deese, Tom-"cat" Brett, Russ White and Steve Booth...

Well, it turns out that it's a fundraiser for NVSC! It's a Silent Auction. These men have volunteered to be "auc-tioned" to the highest bidder for 15 minutes of dancing. The little white boxes are "ballot boxes" and any lady wanting to bid writes her bid on a piece of paper and places the bid(s) in one or more of the ballot boxes. Bid-ding prices start at \$5-

the sky's the limit la-dies! The highest bid-ders will be announced on November 1st.

On the subject of food...did you read in "Hello Shaggers" about another fundraiser, The NVSC Cookbook? If you have a special recipe that you would like to share and have published in our cookbook, please send it in response to "Hello Shaggers" or email Janis at janigrimes@cox.net -- We hope to be able to get it all together soon and have profits from sales support NVSC activities. Our club thanks you!!

ATTENTION ALL READ-ERS: If you have informa-tion (or corrections) for the Shag Rag, please call Liz at 703-917-0720 or Gary at 703-425-2848 or e-mail Liz at sarejan5@yahoo.com Thank you for your support!

ATTENTION FRIDAY NIGHT SHAGGERS---JOIN US AT: Sweethearts at the Greenbrier Shopping Center on Route 50 in Fairfax, VA about 2 miles west of Fair Oaks Mall. The fun starts at 6:00 and ends around 9 or 10 de-pending on when the band starts to play.

FOR NVSC SHAG EVENTS, & OTHERS, GO TO:

www.nvshag.org or
www.shagdance.com

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

Shaggin in Fredericksburg!
by Audrey Borja The Carolina Shag is contagious and to help satisfy the crave, come out and try the **Battle-field Boogie Club's (BBC) Tuesday night at The Loft, 1005 Princess Anne Street, in old town Fredericksburg, Va.** Dancing to the tunes of the Jim Rose, ACSC DJ, the BBC meets on Tuesdays starting around 7:00 with dance lessons at 7:30. Line dancing is taught once a month. So-cials and dance events are always happening geared to keep you dancing and happy! -- So, come out and join in and meet many of your friends! There are lots of high spirits and fun waiting for you! Come early and beat the traf-fic! We will be looking for you! ---For more information, please contact rocknwithruss@aol.com or Jim Rose at beachdj51@yahoo.com or www.battlefieldboogieclub.com



IMPORTANT DATE: NO- VEMBER 29TH -NVSC's ELECTION NIGHT!

The election of officers and directors will be held at Rene's Supper Club, all eve-ning (7-10). It's very impor-tant that you be present to cast your vote to choose your leaders for 2007. Don't let others make YOUR decision.

MEMBER NEWS

If you cannot make it to Rene's, please mail your ballots to NVSC, P.O. Box 5522, McLean, VA 22102. If mailing, please do so by November 25th to insure that your signed ballot arrives by November 29th.

DAVID RODGERS

Q: When did you join NVSC?

A: I joined NVSC in 1996.

Q: Have you served on the Board, if so, what position?

A: I have served on the Board for three years. I was a Director at Large for two terms and served as Vice President for one term.

Q: Have you served on NVSC Committees?

A: Communications Committee—Chairman – 1997

Dance Committee—1997-2006 & Chairman 2004-2006

Capital Shag Classic Committee—served on numerous committees, including Registration Desk committee and a continuing lead role in the annual maintenance of the dance floor.

By-Laws Revision Committee—Chairman

Nominating & Elections Committee—Chairman – 2003

Search Committee (to locate a new place for NVSC to dance)—Chairman - 2002

Q: Why do you want to be on the Board?

A: I have been a NVSC member for 10 years and have gained experience serving in many capacities for our Club during those years. My previous experience as a Board member and as a chairman or worker on various committees will be useful on the 2007 Board of Directors. I want to keep NVSC growing and promoting the Carolina Shag.

Q: Is there other relevant information you would like to share?

A: In 2004 and 2005 I was awarded the NVSC President's Award in appreciation of continued dedication and outstanding service to NVSC.

MARCIA CONWAY

Q: When did you join NVSC?

A: February 1996

Q: Have you served on the board, if so, what position?

A: Vice President for 2006 and Director at Large for 2004 and 2005

Q: Have you served on NVSC committees?

A: Yes, social committee, chairperson of charity/fundraising committee for 3 years, Shag-A-Thon chairperson for 2 years

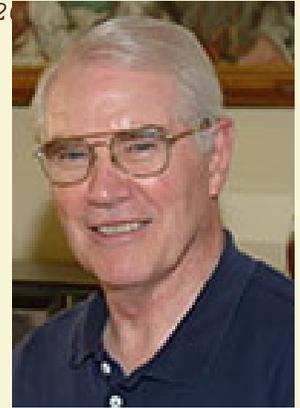
Q: Why do you want to be on the board?

A: Because Northern Virginia Shag Club is an important and growing dance club in our community, and in the ACSC, I would like to continue to have a part in making important decisions and policies for the club. I feel my role as a board member is to serve the membership and to represent all the viewpoints of each club member. I will do this task to the best of my ability.

Q: Is there other relevant information you would like to share?

President Nominee

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Vice President

Nominee 2007



A: I have been in charge of the 50/50 raffle for all club events for the last 3 years and this one fundraiser has averaged \$250 per month for the club in revenue to support important club events and projects. The Capital Shag Classic 50/50 sales generated \$500 for our club!

As chairman of the Shag-A-Thon for the past 2 years, I have been given the opportunity to help our community, and became better acquainted with NVSC members who happily volunteered their time and energies for the good cause of hospice care. This year we raised \$15,870!!! Now our grand total of money raised for Capital Hospice (for 8 shag-a-thons) is \$135,000, which places us as their BRONZE SPONSOR!!! Our NVSC members worked hard! Go NVSC!!! Be proud of this accomplishment!!

For Secretary, NANCY ROOP

Q: When did you join NVSC?

A: August 2005

Q: Have you served on the Board, if so, what position?

A: No

Q: Have you served on NVSC Committees?

A: This past summer I assisted Pamela Alfano with the Pool Party at the Capital Shag Classic. Currently, I am serving on the Nominating Committee. Also, I have assisted Liz Kestler with editing of the Shag Rag.

Q: Why do you want to be on the Board?

A: I love the dance and the club members. I would like to show my appreciation to the people who have taken much time out of their lives to make this club what it is today by supporting their efforts any way that I can.

Q: Is there other relevant information you would like to share?

A: Having been a Procurement Analyst for the Army and Missile Defense Agency—I have expertise in administration.

For Treasurer, RUSS WHITE

Q: When did you join NVSC?

A: 2001

Q: Have you served on the Board, if so, what position?

A: Yes, Treasurer for the past 2 years

Q: Have you served on NVSC Committees?

A: Dance Committee

Q: Why do you want to be on the Board?

A: To help out the club and share the responsibility.



*Secretary Nominee
2007*



*Treasurer Nominee
2007*

NOVEMBER Dance Steps - Lessons Begin at 7:30 p.m.



Intermediate Level Shag Steps:

November 1- Forward Sailor Shuffle

November 8 -Double Kick Basic; Sugarfoot; Back Prep; and Front Prep

November 15 - Belly Roll; Pivot into a Belly Roll

November 22 - Male Half Turn; Boogie Walk

November 29 - Joanie; Funky Applejack

Novice Level Shag Steps:

November 1 - Tuck from a Pivot; Tuck from a Half Turn

November 8 - Double Kick Basic Step and Applejack

November 15 - Behind Sailor Shuffle and Pivot

November 22 - Hesitation Basic; Pivot; & Hug Pivot

November 29 - Tuck from a Pivot; Tuck from a Half Turn

Beginner Level Shag Steps:

November 1—Crossover Basic Step and Triple Basic

November 8—Basic Step; Start, & Female Turn

November 15—Half Turn and Male Turn

November 22—Kick Basic and Side Pass

**November 29— Crossover Basic Step and Triple
Basic**

DJ'S FOR NOVEMBER*: November 1- Jim Rose; November 8 - Craig Jennings; November 15-Dennis and Nancy Gehley; November 22- Eddie O'Reilly; November 29 - to be determined

***DJ rotating schedule subject to change.**

Nominations For Directors-at-Large (5 are chosen-see ballot)
In alphabetical order, the Nominees are:

PAMELA ALFONO

Q: When did you join NVSC?

A: Early 1996

Q: Have you served on the Board, if so, what position?

A: Yes. President 2002 & 2003, Vice President 2001, Director at Large 2000, Secretary 1999.

Q: Have you served on NVSC Committees?

A: Yes. Chairman Fundraising Committee. During my Presidency, I led the Search Committee in finding a new location for NVSC's Wednesday night dancing. This resulted in relocating NVSC to Nostalgia's. Chaired and co-chaired the Decorations Committee several times for Christmas Party and Classic. Dance Committee, Dance Subcommittee (committee formed for the purpose of revising dance instruction program).

Q: Why do you want to be on the Board?

A: NVSC has been a major part of my life for the past ten years. It takes a lot of time and effort to maintain this Club and I want to do whatever it takes to keep it going.

Q: Is there other relevant information you would like to share?

A: As part of the Fundraising Committee, I was also in charge of selecting, ordering and selling club merchandise for the Classic and throughout the year. I was the person who discovered the dance bags that most of our members are currently using. The annual Super Bowl party was reinstated during my Presidency and I initiated the Club's ten-year anniversary/reunion party. I created and chaired the pool party, which is now a regular part of the Classic weekend.



CHARLOTTE ASHBY

Q: When did you join NVSC?

A: February 2004

Q: Have you served on the Board, if so, what position?

A: Yes, as Secretary (2006)

Q: Have you served on NVSC Committees?

A: Yes, the Social Committee and I have helped with decorations.

Q: Why do you want to be on the Board?

A: To better understand the workings of the club and share in decision making.

Q: Is there other relevant information you would like to share?

A: I am a past President of Kings Park West Garden Club. Presently I am employed as a Mortgage Officer for Homestead Mortgage in Fairfax, and I have a Virginia Real Estate License.

TOM BRETT

Q: When did you join NVSC?

A: March 2005, but had been attending weekly since December 2004.

Q: Have you served on the Board, if so, what position?

A: No

Q: Have you served on NVSC Committees?

A: Photographers Committee—as a photographer, I have heavily photographed most NVSC important events. Most photos on the website, covering 2006 events were shot by me. [Examples: Shag-A-Thon; Capital Shag Classic; Super Bowl Party; 2006 NVSC Board Members; NVSC Annual Picnic at Darlene's; Jackie and Charlie at Ft. Myer; the Margaritaville,etc.]

Decorating Committee—for the Capital Shag Classic—I provided/borrowed all the military uniforms and equipment used for centerpieces and ballroom decorations.

Nominating and Elections Committee—Chairman for the 2007 officers and directors

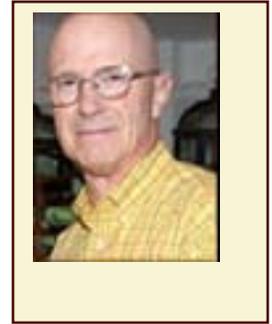
Capital Shag Classic Free Pour—Assisted by serving as barmaid [very ugly variety] !

Q: Why do you want to be on the Board?

A: My experience in NVSC has been very positive and fun. The club can only function with volunteers willing to give time, energy and ideas—I can contribute those. My “previous live” work taught me how to plan, organize and lead people in order to accomplish the organization’s missions—I can contribute those skills.

Q: Is there other relevant information you would like to share?

A: I have a strong desire to keep The Shag going as a dance and am proud to be learning the Shag, although still a rookie dancer. Finally, I consider myself to be a team player who can contribute to NVSC.



PETE CAMPBELL

Q: When did you join NVSC?

A: 1997

Q: Have you served on the Board, if so, what position?

A: No

Q: Have you served on NVSC Committees?

A: No

Q: Why do you want to be on the Board?

A: To be a Director at Large—to be part of decision making for our club.

Q: Is there other relevant information you would like to share?

A: I ran the Margaritaville Party for 3 years. I also assisted at the Capital Shag Classic/Free Pour – Hospitality Room last year serving slushy drinks (they were well received)!



HILDA CLEMANN

Q: When did you join NVSC?

A: June 1, 2003



Q: Have you served on the Board, if so, what position?

A: Director at Large for the past 2 years

Q: Have you served on NVSC Committees?

A: Membership chairperson for 2 years and Nominating and Election Committee for 2 years

Q: Why do you want to be on the Board?

A: I would like to be on the Board because I enjoy giving back to the club. We can always make improvements to make our club even more successful and fun for our members. I enjoy being a part of that.

LINDA COFFEEN

Q: When did you join NVSC?

A: November 2003

Q: Have you served on the Board, if so, what position?



A: Yes, Director at Large

Q: Have you served on NVSC Committees?

A: Yes, Social Committee and Chairman of Capital Shag Classic [2006]

Q: Why do you want to be on the Board?

A: To help in the direction the club moves into and to be part of decision making.

ELECTION NOMINEES CONTINUED ON PAGE 11....

✧ NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday! To each of you!!

Lorraine Busey	11/03	Jerry Rodgers	11/13
Melissa Lipps	11/04	Dennis Gehley	11/16
Mark Hendrickson	11/05	Thomas Brett	11/16
Edward O'Reilly	11/05	Millie Cave	11/17
Dorothy Purvis	11/05	Eddy Farmer	11/21
Terrie Patullo	11/06	Jay Greenblatt	11/21
Valerie Swiger	11/08	Ellen Testa	11/21
William Hocker	11/08	Dale Rinker	11/22
Pam Lanouette	11/09	Patricia Pasierb	11/25
Roy Camp	11/10	Tom Jones	11/26
Robbi Mann	11/11	Sharon Waites	11/27
Janet Egan	11/12	Kelly Mann	11/29
Thomas McCarthy	11/12	Dean Grady	11/29
Carl Montoya	11/12	Robert Vanne	11/29
Donna Ryckert	11/12	Kevin Byrnes	11/30

If your birthday is incorrectly listed or does not appear here, please contact Hilda Clemann, the membership chair, at hclemann@msn.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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (OR THOSE RE-JOINING) IN SEPTEMBER— Eric and Gail Immediato; Paul and Susan Young; Barbara Dennis; Marilyn Holt; Lynda Dodd; John Killian; Joe McLaughlin; Dianna Perkins; Donald Mauritz, Janet Rose; and Phil Rapson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS IN OCTOBER—Mark Hendrickson, Sage Hadford and Sharon Geyer!! We are very happy to have you join us!! Introduce yourself to new members (and beginners) and ask them to DANCE! Look for the Red Dots! The beginners get red dots after their lessons. Please take time to practice with them. Your patience and thought-

fulness is appreciated!

KIT FARWELL

Q: When did you join NVSC?

A: September 2005

Q: Have you served on the Board, if so, what position?

A: No

Q: Have you served on NVSC Committees?

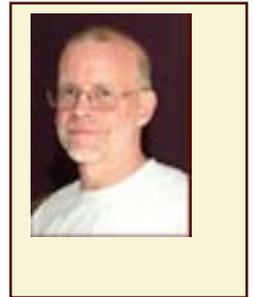
A: No

Q: Why do you want to be on the Board?

A: I want to increase my involvement in the club, help recruit and maintain new members, and to have fun!

Q: Is there other relevant information you would like to share?

A: Although I am new to shag and to dancing in general, I have had lots of fun in the club. To keep growing as a club, I think we need to keep getting new members, and to keep those members.



CRIS GAINES

Q: When did you join NVSC?



A: June 1998. We took a [through Fairfax County Parks and Recreation] Class with Janis Grimes as I was home on maternity leave and starved for adult interaction. She invited us to come and take a look. It was at Blackie's [the shag club was meeting there on Wednesday nights] and we were hooked!

Q: Have you served on the Board, if so, what position?

A: Yes, I am currently on the Board as one of the Directors at Large.

Q: Have you served on NVSC Committees?

A: Yes, Birthday Cakes Committee Chair; Audit Committee 2000 and Chair since 2001.

Q: Why do you want to be on the Board?

A: To serve the members.

NOMINEES CONTINUED, NEXT PAGE

FRAN MONG



Q: When did you join NVSC?

A: Spring of 2005

Q: Have you served on the Board, if so, what position?

A: No, I have not previously served on the Board.

Q: Have you served on NVSC Committees?

A: Yes, I am currently a member of the Dance Committee. I previously co-chaired the Decorating Committee for the Capital Classic and I was the co-chairman of the 2006 Shag-A-Thon.

Q: Why do you want to be on the Board?

A: It is my belief that ALL clubs benefit from the shared knowledge of their members, both new and seasoned. I would like to represent the “newer” members and hopefully, work with the “seasoned” members to contribute to the continued growth of the NVSC.

Q: Is there other relevant information you would like to share?

SANDRA TRAYLOR

Q: When did you join NVSC?

A: June, 2001

Q: Have you served on the Board, if so, what position?

A: No

Q: Have you served on NVSC Committees?

A: No

Q: Why do you want to be on the Board?

A: To be more involved. I would like to become a member of the Board and most of all, I really enjoy being around and socializing with the NVSC. The members I have met have been welcoming, helpful, warm, and friendly. I also like the club because you never have to feel that you are alone—the dances and socials are always a comforting and fun place to be. And second, I love the dance. The instructors are talented, helpful, and patient. I feel that I am a good organizer of social events.



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Q: Is there other relevant information you would like to share?

A: I have spent most of my life here in Northern Virginia. I graduated from George Mason University with a Masters Degree in Sociology and am still working for the Department of Defense after 28 years. During my leisure time I enjoy walking, traveling, reading, attending wine festivals, going to the beach and movies, listening to Beach Music and Jazz, and trying different ethnic restaurants.

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