



# Shag Rag

*Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music*

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Keep on Shagging'

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Does the **Capital Shag Classic** weekend -- **July 21 to July 23** -- still seem a long, long way away? Well, pull-eeze banish that complacency!!!! What's the matter with you??? It's high time you got crazy and nuts and deadline anxious like your President.....Sorry. The First Spouse just invoked the ..... "**waaay too serious rule**" and canceled this paragraph. **Here is the replacement:**

Throughout this newsletter and at Nicks are the registration forms and additional details you'll need to get a hotel room, attend the Classic, play in the golf tournament, be part of the teams that make the Classic happen, and generally enjoy yourself. **A summary:**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Registration deadline for the tournament is earlier than the Classic itself. We must give Ft. Belvoir a headcount by **June 20**; and so we need your names -- and your money, please (**\$65** payable to NVSC, covering golf and lunch and prizes) -- before that. See **Joe Cornish, Laura Lightbourne** and/or the flyers... Sign-up sheet at Nicks for a volunteer team at the golf course: registration desk, scorekeeper, setting out signs and banners, monitoring the hole-in-one contest... Make the hole-in-one and you'll win a car. Other prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, etc... Music and shagging at the tournament lunch. Haven't lost sight that this is a shag club, and here's a chance to show off shag to some (current) non-shaggers..And some of our tournament profits will go to **Hospice** for its compassionate work.

**THE HOTEL:** Deadline is **June 22** for shag club rate (**\$79**, up to 4 people in a room). Call (703)548-6300...Don't get confused. There are two Holiday Inns in the Old Town Alexandria area. Ours is at the upper end of Old Town --- **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites at 625 First St.**

**THE CLASSIC WEEKEND:** **\$55** per ticket until **June 22**. **\$60** after that. Send to NVSC, P.O. Box 5522, McLean, VA. 22103. ... Good deal. \$55 covers the free pours and hospitality suite, some meals, Friday-Sunday shagging, three workshops with multi-times National Shag Champions **Sam West and Sarah West Kemp**, and music by special guest **DJ Wilkie Whaley**, a regular from Fat Harolds.

**CLASSIC FUND-RAISERS.** Our fund-raisers will -- we hope -- give value and pleasure for your investment. On sale at the Classic: the beautiful **Don Borja-designed** Classic logo t-shirt, this time in black. On sale now at Nicks: raffle tickets for a chance to win admission to the Classic and a hotel room (see any Board member)...a private lesson with Sam and Sarah (**see Heather Jennings**)... a signed Becky Stowe print (**see Vesta Jones.**) Becky Stowe is the official artist of SOS. Previously we've raffled her music and dance-theme prints. This year's print depicts another part of our shag lifestyle -- the beach -- and it's lovely.

**MORE TEAM SIGN-UP SHEETS.** These team leaders will be signing up volunteers for the registration/Hospitality Desk (**Linda Silbaugh**); the floor crew (**Bonnie Mahoney**); decorations (**Pamela Alfano**). We'll set up late Thursday afternoon and that night at the Holiday Inn -- when we put down the floor, hang the signs, assemble the decorations, and laugh with and at each other.

It's fun, and we need you..

And **thank you** in advance for your contributions and attendance. You're good people, and a great bunch to work with, and I'm sure there's no reason to be crazy and nuts and deadline anxious... But if you want to get just a little bit that way and send in your stuff **RIGHT NOW!!!** that'll be okay, too.

**Joan**

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



**SUPPORTING HOSPICE/CLUB FINANCES:** The Board has had conversations at the General Membership meeting, with some individual members, with some former Board members, and with leaders of other dance clubs regarding how to maintain our strong commitment to **Hospice**, finance this year's subsidy of the Classic, and also begin laying the financial base for some long-range "social" goals -- such as, more dances and/or renting a variety of facilities for our dances. Some of our members strongly support the existing fundraising scheme for Hospice (Shagathon, plus profits from all 50/50 raffles). Some of our members strongly recommend using Shagathon as our Hospice fund-raiser, and using our 50/50 raffles for club operations (which is the most common raffle policy of other dance clubs.) The Board decided on a **three-part policy**: (1) the club will continue giving Hospice the proceeds from 50/50 raffles at the major NVSC events (the Classic, workshop dances, the Christmas Party); (2) profits from the golf tournament will be shared with Hospice; (3) beginning in June, profits from the Wednesday night 50/50 raffles will go into the club's treasury. This decision was made somewhat easier by the realization that the **\$16,000**-plus donation to Hospice after February's Shagathon (which included some raffle proceeds) far exceeded our stated goal of \$10,000. In addition, other activities this year (proceeds from 50/50 raffles at major events and from the golf tournament) hopefully will allow us to give Hospice another generous gift at the Christmas Party.

**MUSIC/SOCIAL:** *Jerry Canada* will be the NVSC DJ at the joint dance w/hand dancers on **September 9th**.

**DANCE:** Discussions are underway with Charlie and Jackie regarding the January 2001 workshop/dance, so that the NVSC event will not conflict with Sam West's 2001 tribute to the late Shad Alberty. The workshop and dance will be either Jan. 6th or Jan. 13th, and --on either date -- likely will be held at Ft. Myer, where the club already holds a contracted date.

**STORAGE:** The Board invites membership ideas on this problem: Club decorations, SOS Parade props, signs, food service items etc.. are scattered in several locations (with Dave Shipp, Betty Abshire, Valerie Swiger, Donna Harrington, Vesta Jones, Kathryn Quattrone and First Spouse Dallas providing the bulk of this donated space). We're keeping this stuff because we've now got a big investment in these recyclables --- plus, we save a lot of time if event volunteers don't re-shop and re-build for every event. Our event crews would be greatly aided (and homeowners would get their closets and garages back) if these items were in a central location and accessible at any time. Suitable commercial storage would cost roughly **\$900** a year (the Board made about two dozen calls. It's cheaper "farther out," but that's a major logistics problem.) Should we rent space? Or, do you have major storage space to volunteer? One club member suggested that we build a storage shed, if someone had a centrally located backyard to volunteer. **Any other ideas?**...Basic requirements: Fairly large. Dry. (Climate controlled would be great, but we can't be greedy.) Lockable. Accessible to a few committee chairs, who'd have keys. Convenient to Springfield, Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax areas where we have our main events.

**TELEPHONE TREE:** *Beverly Sgroi* has volunteered to organize a phone calling system to reach members who don't have e-mail, which is no longer a very long list. (**Thank you, Beverly.**) Beverly is looking for a few helpers to make a few calls -- only for major events, or if we've had to cancel events.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** **June 18**, back room at Nick's, during Sunday Social, which is 2 to 5 PM.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:** Monday, June 5, 7:30 PM, home of **Vesta Jones** (301)765-0995. Monday, July 10, 7:30 PM, home of Joan McKinney (703)971-7527. Members very welcome to participate or observe. Please call Joan if you want to be on the agenda.

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN - by Larry & Mary Camp



Several NVSC members traveled to the **6th annual Beach Music Weekend** in Virginia Beach the weekend of May 19th. True to form they set up camp right in the middle of the beach with a large umbrella meant for a backyard deck, probably blocking the view of everyone behind them. (*The Crews man said it was okay*). And speaking of Jerry, he and Andrea took care of all the arrangements for us in locating hard to find rooms. As usual, he was in his rare form... We enjoyed the music of Bill Deal & the Rhondels, The TFC Band, The Tams, The Drifters, and others.. Friday night was opening night for the Camps, Crews, Rapsons, and Salpinis. Next day several others from the club joined the group, namely, Joe Cornish and his friend Beverly, Dan and Reta Ferguson, Jim Taylor and his friend (sorry I didn't catch your name), Donna & Keith, Bob Ward, plus several others from the Virginia Beach Shag Club. Then it was on to Steppin Out later on Friday night and again Saturday night. Had a great time and looking forward to next year....Reservations already made. For those of you who want to know how to stay warm on a chilly night at the beach, ask Ruth Rapson and Sharon Salpini....

**MORE ABOUT THE SOS STORE** -- The NVSC sold more than any other club working at the store, and collected the \$200 prize for most overall sales during the SOS week. Thank you, again, to club members who shopped during NVSC hours and to the sales team of **Pamela Alfano, Ralph Hart, Vesta Jones, Kitty Senge and Lou Toler**. In the May newsletter, the president omitted Ralph's name from the sales team --- which was pretty inexcusable since this was the second year running that Ralph worked the floor, assisted customers and restocked the shelves.

### ***More Grand Babies.....***

*Vesta Jones* announces the birth of her granddaughter...**Samantha Kari Caswell**, April 26, weighing in at 8 lbs, 7 oz.

*Jerry Rodgers* has another grand baby, her **second** this year. **Jared Marley Rockhold** was born May 13th, weighing in at 7 lbs, 9 oz.



### **Intermediate Dance Steps for June**

<b>June 7</b>	<b>Boogie Walk, Side Pass, Stutter Basic</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Back Prep, Sugarfoot</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>Applejack, Crossover Basic</b>
<b>June 28</b>	<b>Belly Roll, Half Turn, Kick Basic</b>

**Have you checked out our WEB page lately???? NVSHAG.ORG**



## NVSC Shag Club Members Compete

at

### 6th Annual Beach Music Festival



In addition to our members that attended this event just to have fun, we had other members who went to compete in the dance contest. In the **PRO** division we had *Karen Garmon* dancing with her son Grant, *Heather and Craig Jennings*, and *Janis Grimes* and *Steve Booth*.

In the **NON-PRO** division we had *Karen Garmon* dancing with *Rodger Woodson* and *Joan and Kevin Byrnes*.

Although none of our members came in first, they all placed in one of the top four positions of their division.



**Congratulations to ALL!!!!!!**



**LOGO ITEMS FOR SALE:** For \$20, the new shoe bag that was a sellout item at the SOS Company Store. Nice-sized, durable, leather-look bag will have NVSC logo and a very convenient outside pouch for money, keys, makeup, etc.. See **Robbi and Gary Mann**. Also, as a service to members (no profit to the club), our vender, **Scott**, will embroider the club logo on your personal items -- your own shirts, for instance. Cost to you will be about \$6 or \$7. We may have to send Scott a minimum order. **Please see Pamela.**

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE EXTENDED

Our "Membership Madness Month-May" has been extended through June. This means that if you get a friend to join the NVSC club during the month of June and they remember to list you as their "sponsor", your name will go into the drawing, for the Classic ticket. Every time you "sponsor" a member you get another chance to win!

Membership applications are available at Nick's on Wednesday, give completed application form and \$15.00 to Valerie Swiger.

The winner of the Classic ticket will be announced during the first week of July.

### Looking for a place to DANCE --Friday Night's

Don't forget about **Legends** in Manassas, VA. Over the last five weeks we have had anywhere from 20 to 50 NVSC club members shagging at Legends. **Music starts at 6.**

(Special request to *Denise Bass and Les*--come by and visit the old floor building gang. We hear you retired.)

### The Money Man--Dennis Gehley

As usual, our trusted **treasurer**, is hard at work. He has completed IRS Form 990-EZ and mailed it in. Thanks, Dennis for keeping us out of trouble with the IRS.

**HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR CLASSIC TICKET???**

**SHAG/SWING DANCE!!!!**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2000**  
**FT. MYER COMMUNITY CENTER**

**MYRTLE BEACH NIGHT!!!!**

*A musical salute to the great R&B that makes Shaggers and West Coast  
Swingers such great cousins.*

*Hosted by the Potomac Swing Dance Club. (PSDC)*

**DJ's:** *Craig Jennings*, DJ of the Northern Virginia Shag Club, AND Virginia State Open Swing  
DJ: *Doug "The Gator" Levitas!!!*

**Beginning West Coast Swing Workshop:** 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. with **Craig Hutchinson**  
**Beginning Shag Workshop:** 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. with **Craig & Heather Jennings**

**DANCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS!!!!**

**ADMISSION for WORKSHOP/DANCE**

PSDC or NVSC Member/Active Duty Military: \$3 for workshop/\$10 for dance

Non-Member/Non-Active Duty Military: \$6 for workshop/\$12 for dance

Ft. Myer is a clean, spacious facility, fully air-conditioned with a large ALL WOOD dance floor.  
Well-lit, ample parking available. \*\*\* Light refreshments will be served, but BYOB. \*\*\*

**See flyers for directions to Ft. Myer.**

**Let's hear it for Junior Shaggers!** *by Heather Jennings*

How do I support junior shaggers you may ask? Simple! **Join the Junior Shag Association (JSA)**. This organization is not only for junior dancers (those under the age of 21) but also for anyone who wants to support junior shaggers. Junior dancers may join for \$5/yr. **Adult membership is \$10/yr** and corporate membership is \$25/yr. All members receive a JSA newsletter (which is quite good, I might add) and the highly beneficial feeling of supporting the shag for the next generation. So come on!!! **Join JSA today!** (JSA also happily accepts donations which it uses to sponsor dances and contests for junior shaggers!!) See the flyer table for a membership application or see Heather at the club on Wednesday for details.

**"Beach Time"--1999**

This *Becky Stowe* print will be raffled off by NVSC for the small price of --- **\$5.00** per ticket.

**See Vesta Jones**

**E-MAIL:: How do you get on our "Hello Shagger" Email list?**  
**Email Valerie Swiger at [vms@olg.com](mailto:vms@olg.com)**

# The Classic needs YOU!!!!!!

**IT'S TIME TO START VOLUNTEERING FOR THE CLASSIC.** The following list of committee heads, need your help. Help is needed with the golf tournament, hospitality, floor construction and decorating. Whatever your interest or talent is, we can use it. Please contact one of the following to volunteer.

This year, we will have a Golf tournament as part of our Classic weekend. **Joe Cornish and Laura Lightbourne** have the details. In addition to being a really nice addition to an already wonderful weekend, it also offers the opportunity to raise some money. We plan to share the profits: some for NVSC, some for Hospice.

**Linda Silbaugh** is coordinating our **Hospitality Committee** and will be looking for folks to work the sign-in desk. She'll soon have a roster and be asking for volunteers. Please consider taking a time-slot. It's a lot of fun to do, and a great way to meet the new folks (as well as our old friends) as they sign in. She also is selling ads for our program. Consider having your company buy one (they are about \$30.00), or perhaps a group of your friends would like to go in together and buy space...it all goes toward helping to fund the Classic. When you sign in on July 21, you will receive what we call a "goodie bag". Not only does it contain information on the event but also "goodies" such as mints, gum, aspirin, pens, ect. -what ever our members have donated. If you would like to make a donation to our "goodie bag" see Linda.

**Bonnie Mahoney** is coordinating the **Floor Crew** (dubbed affectionately the "f-n" crew last year.) She'll need a crew on Thursday evening for the installation, and also Sunday afternoon for the "un-install" and storing of the floor.

**Pamela Alfano** is coordinating the **Decorating Committee**. See Pamela to volunteer your time and talent to decorate.

We have **several raffles** going on for the Classic. You can buy a raffle ticket to win 2 nights at the hotel and a ticket to the event (a **\$210 value**, which you will receive in cash if you cannot attend the Classic for some unforeseeable reason.) All board members have these raffle tickets to sell. Raffle-ticket sales at out-of-town events have been brisk, so don't miss your chance to be part of the drawing!. They are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. **The drawing will be Sunday, June 18st, at Shag.** Also, we are selling chances to **win an hour private lesson with Sam and Sara West.** That is a \$60.00 value. We will be selling them up through Saturday night of the Classic and draw that Saturday night about 11:00. The private lesson will be held at the hotel on Sunday morning during the Classic weekend.

**Door prizes needed:** If you would like to donate a door prize to be given away at the Classic, see **Vesta Jones.**

## **Privates with Sam and Sara West** *by Janis Grimes*

During the weekend of the **Classic**, Sam and Sara will be offering private lessons. Their time will be limited, so make your reservation early. Contact **Janis Grimes** at **703-536-7362** or email [janigrimes@starpower.net](mailto:janigrimes@starpower.net)

