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Keep on Shagging'

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President's Message by Heather Jennings

Hey y'all! I hope that you are having a fun filled summer so far this year. I also hope that you were able to attend our 1st Annual NVSC Picnic! What a fun afternoon! We had around 60 NVSC folks show despite the use of our rain date on Sunday. (That darned weather just didn't accommodate us for our first choice of Saturday.) **Betty Abshire** did a fabulous job (as always) cooking and coordinating the event! The hamburgers and hot dog were excellent. Thanks to all who brought a side dish to share too. Mmm, mmm! There were lots of FABULOUS items to eat! Special thanks also to **Reta & Dan Ferguson** for all of their help and to **Steve Booth & Janis Grimes** for the use of their dance floor. Last, but certainly not least, a great big THANK YOU to **Gary & Robbi Mann** for sharing their home with us as the site of our picnic. For those of you who missed it, you didn't get to see Gary's handiwork in the garden! Fabulous plants and FOUR (yes FOUR!) garden fountains complete with lily pads and fish! It was a wonderful afternoon. Thanks to all who helped and everyone who attended!

So... if you're already enjoying your summer... what else could you ask for?? Well, I have just the answer. Make plans now to attend our **6th Annual Capital Shag Classic!!!** As I mentioned last month, we are in FULL PLANNING MODE for this year's weekend party. For members who may not be familiar with this AWESOME yearly event, the Classic is what shaggers call a "park-n-party" weekend. You buy your ticket, you drive to the hotel (the Holiday Inn in Old Town Alexandria), and you DANCE from 4pm on Friday July 27th until Noon on Sunday July 29th with intermittent stops for food and sleep. It is tons of FUN! Your ticket gets you several meals all weekend, two FREE pours, lots of great entertainment, and THREE FREE shag lessons with champs **Grayson Smith and Leslie Melton!!!**

So who are Leslie & Grayson??? Well, let me tell you, if you have never seen Grayson and Leslie dance, you are in for quite a treat!! Together, Leslie & Grayson won the 2000 Grand National Junior division. In fact, Leslie is also the 2001 Junior National Shag Dance Champion AND the 2001 Junior Grand National Champion. Many of you may remember that Leslie also taught at our 3rd Capital Shag Classic. Well folks... as good as she was then... she is AWESOME now and Grayson is one of the best male shaggers there is so we have some EXCEPTIONAL dancers coming to teach the shag lessons!

This year, for the first time, we are also having TWO guest DJ's play for us. Since we can't ALL go to Myrtle Beach... we're going to bring Myrtle Beach to Northern Virginia! **Butch Metcalf and Terry Ellis** will be our guest DJ's for the weekend. Both are excellent DJ's who have been playing for many years at S.O.S. and at shag and dance parties all over the country. Get ready to shag til you drag!

If you're already planning to attend, (that's you, right????!!!) please consider helping one of our committee chairs with some aspect of the party planning. (See inside for a list.) It takes a lot of time and effort to plan a party for 300 people, but with a little help from each of you it will go as SMOOOOTH as Grayson & Leslie's dance last year at GNDC!! (and that was pretty darn smooth!) Thanks ALL and see you on the dance floor!

The Capital Classic is Coming!!!

It may seem like a ways off until **July 27th, 2001**, but preparations are already underway for this year's Capital Shag Classic and we **NEED you!!!** As always, we want to make this the **BIGGEST** and **BEST** party that NVSC throws each year, but we need volunteers to do it. If a committee chair asks for your assistance, please consider helping!!! (Or – don't hesitate to volunteer!!!) We need helpers for all of the following areas:

Golf Tournament: We need folks to watch the course, do the scorekeeping and assist with the drink cart. Please contact Joe Cornish at 703-750-6449 or Laura Lightbourne at 703-820-9782.

Hospitality: We need volunteers to help work the check-in desk and the sales table. (usually 30 minute slots) We also need folks to **DONATE DOOR PRIZES!!!** Past donations have included: beach music CD's, t-shirts, wine, shag memorabilia, etc. To help with Hospitality or donate a door prize, please contact Dan & Rita Ferguson at 703-791-6524.

Program: Jewell Pradier is designing our program this year which will be distributed to each guest that attends the Classic. If you are interested in placing an **AD** in the program, please call Jewell at 703-360-2994 for info and pricing.

Decorations: As always, we need folks to show up **THURSDAY** night (July 26th) at the Holiday Inn to help decorate the ballroom and the hospitality suite. Please contact Pamela Alfano at 703-379-7992 if you are interested.

Hospitality Suite: Betty Abshire needs volunteers to help prepare the hospitality suite for the **FREE** food and beverage time on Friday and Saturday. To help her out, call 703-680-5115.

Floor Crew: Last, but certainly not least, we **NEED** helpers to put down our dance floor. Volunteers will need to be at the Holiday Inn on Thursday evening to put the floor down and also be there Sunday at noon to help dismantle the floor and place it back in to storage. To help, call our Floor Crew Chair, Bonnie Mahoney at 703-941-8887.

THANKS in advance and let's make this the BEST CLASSIC YET!!!!

DJ's for July

July 4

July 11

July

July 25

August 1

Nick's is Closed

Charlie Price

Craig Jennings

Larry Jones

Dennis and Nancy Gehley

TENTATIVE 2001 Capital Shag Classic Schedule of Events

Friday

4:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Hotel Lobby
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	DJs - Gerry Scott & Charlie Price	Main Ballroom
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Free Pour/Hors D'oeuvres	Room # 442
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	DJs - Craig Jennings & Larry Jones	Main Ballroom
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	DJs - Dennis & Nancy Gehley	Main Ballroom
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM	DJ - Terry Ellis	Main Ballroom

Saturday

8:30 AM	Ballroom Opens	Main Ballroom
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet	Hall near Ballroom
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Hotel Lobby
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Vendors Open	Hall near Ballroom

(Note: Vendors will close during dinner Saturday night)

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Line Dance Lesson	Main Ballroom
	<u>Instructors - Nancy & Dennis Gehley</u>	

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Basic Shag Lesson	Main Ballroom
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Intermediate Shag Lesson	Main Ballroom
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	Advanced Shag Lesson	Main Ballroom

Instructors - Grayson Smith & Leslie Melton

1:15 PM - 4:15 PM	DJs - Dennis & Nancy Gehley	Main Ballroom
4:15 PM - 6:00 PM	Ballroom Closed for dinner preparations	
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM	Free Pour/Light Snacks	Room # 442
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Dinner Buffet	Hall near Ballroom
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Smoothies during Dinner	Main Ballroom
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	DJs - Craig Jennings & Larry Jones	Main Ballroom
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM	DJ - Butch Metcalf	Main Ballroom
10:00 PM	Special Entertainment!	Main Ballroom

Sunday

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Continental Breakfast	Hall near Ballroom
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Gospel Shag Hour	Main Ballroom
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	DJs - Gerry Scott & Charlie Price	Main Ballroom
12:00 Noon	Time to Break Down and Head for Home!!!	

ATTENTION ALL BEACH MUSIC LOVERS: *by Jackie Robinette*

I'm here to tell you about an opportunity that most of you missed. It's a shame really, a cryin' shame. On the night of June 15 in a small club in Springfield, VA, an intimate crowd was thrilled and entertained by the good ole boys of the **Coastline Band**. It was an awesome show! Now, I will admit that **JAXX** is a scary, SCARY place, and not what most of us are accustomed to when seeking live entertainment. However, I will tell you that the boys rocked the place to the ground! And as these 5 young men filled the club with music, no longer did you see the black walls painted with the names of past performers. No longer did you see the faded carpet in the lobby or the old booths down in front. What I saw was the stage alive with action and music! What I saw was the dance floor full of shaggers! What I saw was people drinkin' beer and having a good old time! It was like being at the beach right here in Northern Virginia! A treat that rarely comes around this far North!

Now, these boys from the Coastline Band are an award winning band. They have won many CAMMY awards for Song of the Year, and Entertainers of the Year. See them live, and you will never doubt it! I had the pleasure of experiencing them at the Beach Music Festival in Virginia Beach in May. They are phenomenal! The only member of the band that doesn't rotate through all of the instruments on stage is the drummer. He stays put. These guys have an incredible talent. At one point in the show, the lead singer, Jim Quick, was playing the keyboard with a valve trombone in his hand, all the while singing his guts out!
Too Cool!

The point I'm trying to make is this: The **Coastline Band** is from North Carolina, and rarely do they venture this close to Yankee Territory. The owner of JAXX is a huge beach music fan and managed to talk these guys into coming north just for this show. The band drove 8 hours to get to us, and then they turned around after the show and drove back to a spot 30 miles from where they had performed the night before. They played 320 one-nighters through NC and SC last year. I was disappointed that as large and active as our shag club is, we couldn't muster more than a handful of noisemakers! Fellow noisemakers included Gary and Sharon Salpini, Dave and Ruth Rapson, Dave Shipp, H.K. Lee, Pauline Easby-Smith, and Chris & Jacki Robinette. We were also joined by a few of the Lynchburg shaggers, including Brenda Franklin, and her brother, Glen. All these rowdy folks helped me celebrate my birthday! In Gary's words, "we all had an extremely large time!" Even the members of the band joined in the celebration, and managed to embarrass me quite painfully! I got to shag with Jim Quick! He then taught me how to clog. Now that's a moment I won't soon forget!!

It would be a cryin' shame if these boys didn't come back. They are scheduled to return in February. I am hoping that we can fill the club to standing room only for that show! The cover charge was \$12.00, and the band played 2 sets. We shagged well into the night, and into the next morning! If you've never had the chance to witness this musical extravaganza first hand, mark your calendars for February. Let's show them that they are not wasting their time in coming to play for us. Not only that, come join us in a night of music and dancing and FUN! I'd hate for y'all to miss out AGAIN!

Listen everyone. If this is going to work (beach music at Jaxx) we (that's our club) are going to have to promo it to get some attendance or Jay (the owner of JAXX) is going to give it up: \$\$\$ It's that simple. The next band at Jaxx is going to be the Band of Oz on Saturday, September 29th and there will be a \$10 cover. Let's get some NVSC folks there and make some noise!! g'day y'all! jacki

Junior Shaggers Newsletter *by Janis Grimes*

We are proud to announce that Jacki Robinette is the new editor of the Junior Shaggers Association newsletter.....

Jacki and Chris Robinette are the parents of junior shaggers Ben and Tory, who danced at the National Shag Dance Championships this year....

NVSC LOGO ITEMS----- FOR \$

T-SHIRTS IN BLACK OR WHITE

S, M, L, XL

XXL - \$13 XXXL \$14

\$12



SHOE BAGS

\$20

VA IS 4 SHAGGERS --- LICENSE PLATE FRAMES \$12

TO ORDER, SEE PAMELA ALFANO AT NICK'S ON WEDNESDAYS.

Mark Your 2001

Calendars - - - - Now!!!!!!!

July 27-29 Capital Shag Classic

September 8 at Ft. Myer, pre-SOS dance

October 13 at Nicks and Kenmore Country Club,
daytime workshop and evening dance.

(Instructors TBA)...

December 15 Christmas Party

A Great way to Keep Informed

E-MAIL

Join our "Hello Shagger" Email list?
E-mail, Valerie Swiger, at vms@olg.com.

THE WEB



NVSC information::::www.nvshag.org
Shag Club Information::::www.shagdance.com

Intermediate Dance Steps for July

July 4 NO DANCING---NICK'S IS CLOSED

July 11 Stutter Basic; Boogie Walk; Side Pass with Boogie Walk
or Back Prep; Sugarfoot

July 18 Crossover Basic; Applejack

July 25 Kick Basic; Belly Roll; Halfturn

WANTED - DOOR PRIZES FOR THE CLASSIC!!!!

Every year we give away several door prizes at the Classic. We'd like to do the same this year! Please consider donating a door prize for the Classic. Past donations have included: gift certificates, shag music CD's, t-shirts, beach & shag memorabilia and bottles of wine. If you are interested in donating a door prize, please bring it to Mick's one Wednesday night and give it to Linda Silbaugh or Reta Ferguson or call Linda at 703-256-4917. Thanks!!!

Chocolate Caramel Bars *by Reta Ferguson*

Base:

1 pkg. Pillsbury German Chocolate Cake Mix
1/3 cup margarine or butter, softened
1 egg

Topping:

1 cup (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped nuts
3/4 cup caramel ice cream topping
3 tablespoons flour

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour 13x9-inch pan. In large bowl combine cake mix, margarine and egg at low speed until crumbly. Reserve 1 cup crumbs for topping. Press remaining crumb mixture in greased and floured pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until base is slightly puffy. Sprinkle with chocolate chips and nuts. In small bowl combine caramel topping and flour; blend well. Pour over chocolate chips and nuts; sprinkle with reserved crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-20 minutes or until chocolate chips are melted and caramel topping begins to bubble. Cool completely; cut into 36 bars.

Louise's Peas - Janet Egan's reci"pea"

1 lb. frozen peas - microwave about 3 minutes; drain & cool
3-4 chopped green onions
1 can Hickory Smoked Almonds (Smokehouse, blue diamond)
1/2 cup mayonnaise
curry powder to taste
Mix ingredients together. Serve chilled.
Enjoy!

Shagger Profile---

Name: John Baldea

Nickname: Johnny or John

Occupation: Mechanical Eng. Technician

Birthday: December 31

Hometown: District Heights, Md

Marital Status: Not

Self Portrait: Just an average guy.

Motto: Don't stop thinking about tomorrow.

Dream: Share my life with someone who cares about me as much as I care about them.

Favorite Dance Tune: Drive Time, Boot Scootin Boogie

Bad Habit: Chewing nails

Hobby: Golf, hunting, fishing

Drink: Don't

TV Program: Frazier or JAG

Books at bedside: None

