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Shag Rag



Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music
Northern Virginia Shag Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by *Tim Farris*

**Important
Notice: New
Location for
our Weekly
Dances**

Dear Members of the Northern Virginia Shag Club, first I want to alert you to a change in our Wednesday dancing venue. Many of you have known that Rene's has been informed by the building owner that major structural work is planned that will require Rene's to close. In earlier discussions with Rene's owner, John Oyala, the expected time frame for this activity would not occur until early 2012. Unexpectedly, we learned just this past Wednesday night that other events have arisen that have caused John to close Rene's effective Friday, 9/2/11.

Fortunately, the Board had already been investigating other dance site alternatives so we have a leg up on making the required move. Three locations we have looked at so far include the Elks Club on Arlington Blvd., Fast Eddies in Centerville where we hold our Sunday socials and Icons located in downtown Fairfax City. Two other sites are also under study. We will keep everyone updated as we have more information through special announcements in "Hello Shagger" and our website. We are excited at the prospects of lining up a location that will offer our members a good dance experience with better food and beverage options. Keep your eyes peeled for these updates.

We will have a general membership meeting on September 27, 28 or 29, 2011 at our determined dance location. The date of the meeting will depend upon the dance night we settle upon as we change our dance venue. So please read your *Hello Shaggers'* emails!

I heard from our club members who attended the Battlefield Boogie Club and West Virginia Hanger Club dances that people had a great time. Looking ahead, we have a big contingent going to the Fall SOS...drive safely and have fun!

In the meantime...watch out for earthquakes and...Keep Shagging! Tim

Announcements: Craig Jennings at Fall SOS 2011, DJ Schedule:

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Thursday September 22nd 5-9pm O.D. Resort Beach Club

Friday September 23rd 12-5pm O.D. Resort Beach Club (Virginia Shag Clubs Free Pour)

Saturday September 24th 5-9pm O.D. Resort Beach Club

October 1st, As mentioned previously, Marcia Conway's daughter and son-in-law have offered their lovely home as the venue for our summer picnic. See flyer attached for our October 1st Event! I encourage members to make plans to attend and have a great time!

*Volunteering is a
great way to help
our Club prosper.*

*Contact a Board
Member for details.*

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Board meetings are held each month and are open to any and all members in good standing who wish to attend. Unless a certain matter is placed on the meeting agenda, attendance is for observation, not participation. Since board meetings may not take place at the same time and place every month, please alert the Secretary, at least one week in advance (so that we may be able to accommodate your attendance). Copies of Board Meeting Minutes are available on the www.nvshag.org website, or you may request copy(s) from the Club Secretary.

LOCAL EVENTS:

FREE LIVE BLUES MUSIC - PARTY IN THE PARK – LABOR DAY WEEKEND (SATURDAY):

DC Blues Society is one of the sponsors of the next Annual Blues Festival, scheduled for Saturday, September 3, 2011 from Noon to 7:30 pm at the Carter Barron Amphitheater in Rock Creek Park, 16th Street & Colorado Ave NW in Washington, DC 20008. A variety of well known LIVE blues bands play R&B, Southern Soul, and blues music. Dancing is permitted in the front and side of the stage. Bring along a picnic and eat at the tables under the nearby trees while the music plays. For more information, go to www.dcblues.org and contact Barry Newman at 703-941-0445 from the shag club who has been attending the festival for more than ten years. Wear your shag shirt if you come. You'll be clapping, swaying, and stomping to the music!

Friday Night Dancing at TOMMY'S PLACE – Join us!

8910 Mathis Ave, **Manassas, VA** (703) 368-6500

How many of our members remember Friday nights down at Legends in Manassas? Here's a treat for all shag dancers: On Friday nights, Gene Griffin (a former DJ at Legends) will DJ from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. Gene will play Shag/Beach Music (CD's provided by Gary Salpini and others). Enjoy the food, the management, the prices, the seating arrangements, the dance floor, and **NO COVER! **THIS VENUE** is encouraged for all shag friends to join together for a few drinks, dinner, and dancing on Friday nights. **SEE YOU THERE!****

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Special Out of Town Dance Events:
SEPTEMBER – FALL SOS

Northern Virginia Shag Club's

SOS PARTY

At Fat
Harold's

Meet your friends

Make new acquaintances

Wear your Club Shirts!

Free Drinks while they last!



When: Tuesday, September 20, 2011
4:30 until 6:30 pm

Where: Fat Harold's Back Room, N. Myrtle Beach

(During Fall SOS) **ACSC/SOS Guinness World Record Event**

How Many Couples Can Dance the Carolina Shag At One Time?????? We'll find out the answer on September 24th. **Would you like to be part of this special event????**

The Participation fee is **\$5 per person**, a tax deductible donation to the SOS Charitable Foundation. If you are going to SOS and you plan on participating, please email Valerie Swiger at valerievms@aol.com. The ACSC has asked each club to give an estimate of how many club members plan on participating. This sounds like a REALLY fun event. SEE YOU THERE!

From Barry Newman:

A GREAT DANCING PLACE ON MONDAYS

Kathy and I had a great time at this place, the newly formed DELMAVA Hand Dance Club holds a dance every Monday night from 6-9 pm (free lesson 6-7) at the House of Welsh Restaurant (in the back), 1106 Coastal Hwy, Fenwick Island, DE, 302-541-0728. Best to call ahead to verify as the Fall weather approaches....Barry

The Battlefield Boogie Club meets on Thursday nights at Shannon's.

They dance from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Shannon's Bar & Grill

2801 Plank Road (Central Park)

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Call Wes at 540-226-6007 for more information

BATTLEFIELD BOOGIE CLUB'S 7th Cannon Ball Blast on August 20th, was indeed A BLAST! Thank you, Battlefield Boogie Club for a wonderful time at the Fredericksburg Country Club!!!!

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DAVE MOLDOVER:

Nov 17-20th, 2012 at Hyatt Regency in Reston Town Center
Dance Jam Productions presents....

DC Swing Experience (formerly VSO)

An All New Swing Dance Weekend in the Mid Atlantic

Featuring the best of Shag, West Coast Swing, Lindy Hop & Hand Dancing

Workshops & Performances by:

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Jordan Frisbee & Tatiana Mollmann

Robert & Nicola Royston

Max Pritzbula & Annie Trudeau

Jason Barnes & Stephanie McHenry

Brennar Goree

Jennifer Lyons

Bill Cameron

Deborah Szekeley

And many more to be announced soon!

September Birthdays

Debra Parrish	5th
Amy Bush	7th
Ed Mixon	7th
Beverly Larson	9th
Lanny Blaine	12th
Sharon Geyer	13th
Frances Meckel	13th
Pete Campbell	14th
Bonnie Camp	16th
Nancy Cox	18th
Barbara Jones	19th
Ron Warner	19th
Cecile Warnock	20th
Ralph Tedesco	21st
Audrey Borja	21st
Lorraine Rohlik	26th
Wes Kirchner	28th
Bonnie Arms	28th
Carolyn Payne	29th
Mary Ann Davis	30th

DEEJAY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Craig Jennings	7th
Eddie O.	14th
Gene Griffin	21st
Eddie O.	28th

*Share the joy—ask
someone to Dance!*

☺ Happy Birthday!

WANT TO LEARN NEW STEPS? BORROW SHAG VIDEOS

Whether you have taken all of the shag classes offered at NVSC or are just looking for new steps or tips on technique... our Club has a constantly growing library of shag instructional DVD or videos. These DVD's contain more steps and tips than you can shake a stick at and they're FREE to club members! All you have to do is put down a FULLY refundable \$25 deposit. See SUE YOUNG on one of our weekly dance nights to borrow a DVD or video!!! Our Club's Dance Lessons may be purchased. Get a DVD for only \$10!

We have just added FIVE more instructional DVDs to our rental collection to help you improve your style and technique whether you're a beginner, novice or advanced dancer. You must be a member to rent our DVDs and we offer a fully refundable \$25 deposit. The new DVDs are listed below:

1. **Charlie and Jackie Male Lead Volume 1:** Patterns for men to do by themselves. A great follow up to Basics Plus - for all levels of dancers.

Sam and Lisa West:

2. **Introduction to Carolina Shag 101** - All the basic steps. Perfect for any beginner or someone brushing up on their basic steps.

3. **Social Patterns for Beginner Dancers** - is designed to take beginner dancers from their basics through their next progression of patterns. This DVD includes some to the great traditional steps like the Sugarfoot, Duck Walk, and Boogie Walk.

4. **Female Steps & Patterns 2004** - takes you through each pattern by breaking it down step by step. They concentrate on proper footwork, connection with your partner and how to use your upper body to smoothly flow through your steps.

5. **Female Steps & Patterns** - This DVD includes some basic variations and female turns.



MEMBER NEWS CORNER

HAPPY NEWS FOR BEV LARSON!!

On July 28, 2011, her grandson was welcomed into the world! His name is Gunner Mikael. He weighed a healthy 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19” long! Bev has another grandchild in Charlotte, whom she sees as often as she can. Baby Gunner lives with his parents in Reston, Virginia. Congratulations to Bev and her family!




LOST Shoe BAG!!! Did anyone find a shoe bag with white flip flops in it after our Evening in Paris event? If you did please contact Dennis Gehley at dmgehley@me.com. Dennis also has a place for rent during Fall SOS. Contact him at the same email address if you are interested.

Need a last minute room for SOS? One room available in Ocean Bay Condominium, September 15 - 24. Contact Lorraine for details: lrohlik@comcast.net.




AS WE ARE APPROACHING FALL, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR REMAINING WARM SUNNY DAYS BY DOING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Take a walk in the park or anywhere, just get outside!
Go swimming; ride your bicycle; play sports with the children or grandchildren; grill outside; have your meals outside on the patio or deck; read a book; enjoy a glass of wine; take a yoga class; visit your local zoo; pray, meditate, or sit quietly; work in the garden or clean the yard; attend a sporting event; increase your hours of sleep. (Excerpts from Dr. Paul Nussbaum’s article, *Brain Health in the Summer*)



Dennis Gehley

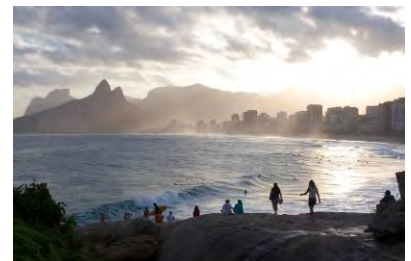
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Have questions?? Call or email: Jeff Gilder jffgldr@yahoo.com
Phone;843.997.6645

EARTHQUAKE STORIES—WHERE WERE YOU?

I'm collecting member stories about what they experienced in the unusual Virginia earthquake (the first one in over 100 years) in August. Please share your experiences and submit your stories to me, Liz, at sarejan5@yahoo.com as it will be fun to share. I have one story below:

From Denny Koski:

"Liz, It's a good thing that you're doing this because some people didn't feel what my neighbors and I felt. We experienced 30 to 45 seconds of what first sounded like a jumbo jet flying just feet above our houses about to crash on us. When the jumbo jet didn't crash, I thought it was some freak weather pattern, like a tornado. Our houses shook, things fell from shelves and other surfaces, and windows looked like they were gonna explode. Not one second did I think that it was an earthquake until it was all over. I had just got home from shopping about 10 minutes earlier. Other people that I talked to that were not that far from us had a far less violent experience. Very strange. For me, it was extremely scary. Had to go change my shorts soon after...only kidding. I couldn't believe that, after very carefully looking for structural damage, not a single crack could be found inside or out. Amazing!"

Several members went to the Hangar Party in Beckley, August 12-14 and came back with trophy... First Place!!

NVSC won 1st place in the centerpiece contest at the Hangar Party in Beckley West Virginia.... NVSC entered the brilliant **'Back to The Beach'** centerpiece created by Nancy Roop and Hilda Clemman for our 2009 Capital Shag Classic... The multi-dimensional piece depicts NVSC members partying at Ducks and at The Pavilion.

Speaking of the OD pavilion did you know they have a web cam with sound? You can see part of the dance floor and of course listen. A little chance to escape to the beach.

http://odpavilion.net/Web_Cam.html

KUDOS!!

Special thanks go to Craig and Heather for teaching the special combined class for Novices and Intermediates, and Cathy and Vaughn for the special review class for Beginners on August 31st, our "fifth" Wednesday. We also thank our Dance Committee members who supported and assisted these classes.

SOS FUN MONDAY RAFFLE-Good Luck to those who purchased tickets!

Drawing will be held September 19, 2011. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to CARING FOR KIDS, a local North Myrtle Beach charity and a portion will go to the SOS Charitable Foundation, Inc. If you missed out, go for it next year!

A total of \$11,250 will be given away

First Prize: \$7,500

Second Prize: \$2,000

Third Prize: \$1,000

Fourth Prize: \$ 500

Fifth Prize: \$ 250

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NVSC Logo Merchandise and SOS Cards

Members Kathy Miller and Nancy Cox are the contacts for **NVSC logo merchandise**. They have the following:

Shirts-in several colors and styles, \$18 and up

CD Cases \$15

Coffee Mugs \$5

Baseball Caps \$15

Twinkling Glasses \$10

Cook Books \$15

2011 SOS CARDS

Kathy Norris, our club Treasurer, is selling 2011 SOS cards for \$30. That's a savings of

\$5. Cards sell for \$35 at North Myrtle Beach. You may use them for Mid-Winters, Spring Safari and Fall Migration. Kathy will be at our new venue on our decided dance nights, but if you can't make it to the new place, mail your \$30 check payable to NVSC and mail to P.O. Box 5522, McLean, VA 22103. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

REMINDER-KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFO CURRENT

Have you moved, changed phone numbers or email?

Contact Valerie Swiger at valerievms@aol.com.

This is especially important if you want to receive "Hello Shaggers" emails—a terrific way to keep in touch with NVSC news, current events, and activities.

WHERE DO I GET A COPY OF THE SHAG RAG?

Go to the NVSC website, www.nvshag.org, click on Newsletters tab, click on the month you want. It's in PDF format. Or, for a yearly fee of \$5, you may have it mailed to your home. Also, copies will be available at our new dance venue.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE SHAG RAG—CONTACT LIZ KESTLER AT sarejan5@yahoo.com for details.



SEPTEMBER DANCE LESSONS at (Weekday & Place to be determined)

Lessons Begin at 7:30 p.m.

ALL LESSONS are FREE--BEGINNER lessons are OPEN to Non-club members. Please Note: NVSC MEMBERSHIP is required for the NOVICE and INTERMEDIATE classes.

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL SHAG STEPS

SEPT 7—Side to side Basic, Handshake Wrap Pivot

SEPT 14—Leg Up Basic, Lean

SEPT 21—Stutter Basic, Sugarfoot Ending with a Lean

SEPT 28—Flyback, Arm Over Pivot with Reverse Tuck

NOVICE LEVEL SHAG STEPS

SEPT 7—Double Kick Basic, Applejack

SEPT 14—Behind Sailor Shuffle, Front Walk-Up

SEPT 21—Hesitation Basic, Hug Pivot

SEPT 28—Pivot, Tuck from a Pivot

BEGINNER LEVEL SHAG STEPS

SEPT 7—Basic, Start, Female Turn

SEPT 14—Half Turn, Male Turn

SEPT 21—Kick Basic, Side Pass

SEPT 28—Crossover Basic, Triple Basic

OPEN DANCING FROM 8:15 UNTIL 10:30 P.M.

Here are a few MORE pics from July's 'Evening in Paris' event, pictures by John Romito



Virginia Shag Clubs Free Pour!!!

Fall SOS 2011, Friday, September 23rd 1-4pm in O.D

Come PARTY with all your friends from the commonwealth!!!

Resort

Music provided by various Virginia DJs

Participating VA clubs include:

Boogie On The Bay

Richmond Shag Club

Virginia Beach Shag Club

Northern Virginia Shag Club

Battlefield Boogie Club

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Danville Shag Club

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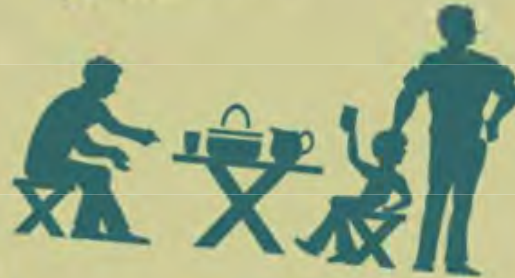
Roanoke Valley Shag Club

* Drink tickets only good until Free Pour money runs out. Tickets do not guarantee drinks



Food provided by O.D.
Resort at 2pm

Northern Virginia
Shag Club
Annual Picnic
October 1, 2011
1:00 – 5:00
Rain or Shine



Don't miss this year's annual picnic that will be hosted at the home of Bobby and Laura Payne (Marcia Conway's daughter and son-in-law) in Midland, VA

Enjoy an afternoon of good food, shagging, and camaraderie with your NVSC friends

NVSC Will Provide

- Hot Dogs, Burgers & Condiments
- Mixers, Water, Soda & Beer
- Dance Floor

What to Bring

- BYOB
- A Side Dish to Share
- Your Dance Shoes

FREE TO NVSC Club Members

Please RSVP to Jeanne Potter 703-227-9719 or Jason Potter 703-220-6697
(We want to make sure you have plenty to eat)

Directions: From Rt.66W take Exit 44 to Hwy 234 South/Prince William Parkway / Manassas / Dumfries. Follow Hwy 234 until you get to Rt.28 South, turn right off of Hwy 234. Go about 10 miles to the traffic light at Catlett and turn left on Elk Run Rd. Go 6.2 miles and turn left on Bristersburg Rd., then 2.1 miles until you get to Courtney School Rd. Take a right and go about 1 mile and the Payne farm is on the right at: **3144 COURTNEY SCHOOL RD., MIDLAND VA 22728**

Time: 1:00 PM 'til 5:00 PM ... Lunch 2:00
Date: Saturday, October 1st Rain or Shine

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*Upcoming Event—
NVSC Picnic
scheduled for Oct 1st*

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NVSC dances the Carolina

Shag weekly (New DAY and PLACE to be ANNOUNCED)

Come join us—learn the Carolina Shag! Free beginner lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. to 8:15. There is open dancing from 8:15 to 10:30 p.m.

**COME JOIN US AND
HAVE SOME FUN!**

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www.nvshag.org

