

December 2011
Volume 17 Issue 12

Shag Rag



Dedicated to the Preservation of the Carolina Shag and Beach Music

Northern Virginia Shag Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by *Tim Farris*

President's Message for December

**Important !!
Stay Tuned &
informed RE:
Date/Location
for our Weekly
Dances**

Dear Members of the Northern Virginia Shag Club, November is all too rapidly winding up with Thanksgiving right before us as this letter goes to press. The month has again been a busy time for the club with Board elections and the trial move to Icons.

The initial feedback on Icons has been largely favorable with one glaring exception...the rather unacceptable condition of the dance floor. Many club members who made it to Icons on November 15th, stated that their legs and knees were sore from dancing on the surface and were reluctant to go back until the issue was resolved. I've asked our incoming President, Dave Bushey, and Paul Young to take the lead in working with Icons for a suitable remedy. The preliminary result has been that no easy fix seems at hand. In order to give us and Icons a chance to work on a hopefully mutually agreeable solution and in consideration that our Christmas dance is scheduled for December 3rd, we have decided to cancel our Tuesday dance at Icons on November 29th.

Again, and in keeping with the Thanksgiving Holiday, I would like to especially express my thanks for the tireless efforts of the Board of Directors, our Music and Dance Chairs, our Nominations Committee, our web Maestro and the many members of the NVSC who have shown great support and enthusiasm in our dance venue endeavors. As we continue to move toward nailing down a permanent venue, I look forward to everyone's continuation with positive ideas and suggestions.

I would like to thank everyone for their great support of me during my time as club president. The many contributions, ideas, hard work and just overall support have been so, so helpful to me this year. I would encourage others, who may not have stepped forward as yet, to consider helping your club in the upcoming year. I think that if you do so, you will find the many rewards for having done so...I know that I have! The Board has received the results of the Member survey on dance venues. Check out that article in this edition of the Shag Rag.

Looking forward, we have our own Holiday party on December 3rd. You can get details from web site and special Hello Shagger announcements. Please coordinate with Marcia Conway as may be needed for side dishes and the like and be prepared to come and have dancing good time! And remember to bring a toy for a needing and deserving child.

In the meantime...Keep Shagging! Tim

LET'S GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND THANK YOUs TO THE 2011 BOARD! THEY DID A FANTASTIC JOB! ---Editor

Volunteering is a great way to help our Club prosper. Contact a Board Member for details.

Tim Farris-President—703-243-1548 tfarris11@yahoo.com

Sue Young-Vice President—703-237-8616 suey@theaeap.com

Kathy Norris-Treasurer—703-941-1889 knorris99@msn.com

Sandra Traylor-Secretary—703-971-8891 Beachgirl7277@hotmail.com

Directors at Large:

Jeanne M. Potter—703-425-8916

Jeanneallen@smillaw.com

Barry Newman—703-941-0445 barryn1940@aim.com

Kathy Miller—703-727-9423 khemp501@aol.com

Marcia Conway—703-361-8159 nclady@comcast.net

Donna Romito—703-971-1618 donsabs@yahoo.com



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:

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!****

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 aheadBarry

The Northern Virginia Shag club will meet at Velocity Five Sports Restaurant and Bar this **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**.

Located at 8111 Lee Hwy, Falls Church, VA (at the intersection of RT 29 and Gallows Road, in the shopping center with Office Depot.) The website is www.velocityfiverestaurant.com.

No cover charge.

Happy Hour prices will be in effect until 9PM - \$2 domestic beer (bottles only) and \$4 rail drinks. Ask about their September special on ½ price bottles of wine!

Please help get the word out by calling or emailing folks, especially if you know of people who may not yet be members so won't be getting this Hello Shagger notice or who you know don't routinely check their email.

Come early and enjoy a bite to eat from their diverse menu!

The Board wants your feedback! Please feel free to contact any Board member with your comments as we test out new venues.

Our December DJ's: Dec 6, Craig Jennings; Dec 13, Gene Griffin; Dec 20, to be determined – check our website & Hello Shagger to see if we are meeting this week; and Dec 27, Gene Griffin

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

Please Support Our Advertisers

J.R.'S FRAMING & PHOTOGRAPHY



*JOHN ROMITO
6020 Wescott Hills Way
Kingstowne, VA 22315*



High Quality Custom Framing at Great Prices!

- Photographs, Prints & Posters
- Artwork including Oils, Water Colors & Pastels
- Diplomas & Certificates
- Shadow Boxes, Mirrors & Cross Stitch

Service and Quality Guaranteed!

Call John at (703) 971-1618 for an appointment or email him at jrdancer0501@yahoo.com

Member notices:

Club member, Pam Ledford, is moving to Georgia, near Atlanta. We wish her well in her new adventures. Hopefully she will be able to join the shag club in Atlanta, OR you may see her at SOS. We wish her the best.

Congratulations to Vaughn Royal, who has been voted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame. He will be inducted later this winter, in ceremonies in Virginia Beach.

Vaughn is NVSC's Dance Committee Chairman, and a longtime volunteer instructor for our club. He and his partner Cathy Metcalf are regular competitors in the Competitive Shaggers Association, won the Smoothies Contest at Spring SOS, reached the Finals in the Non-Pro Division of the 2011 National Shag Dance Championships, and placed in the Non-Pro Division of the 2011 USA Grand Nationals Dance Championships.

Membership in the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame recognizes ability on the dance floor and longtime service to shag. The Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame votes in 6 new members a year. Nominations to the Virginia Hall of Fame and voting is solely by members of the organization.

OTHER NEWS:

WE HAVE RESULTS OF NVSC LOCATION SURVEY

Results of NVSC Location Survey

As promised, here is a summary of the results of the recent on-line survey circulated to the members of the Northern Virginia Shag Club. Overall, the response rate was excellent – 84 people responded to the survey! As is probably the assessment of every member of NVSC, there is no perfect dance location! As much as we may wish there to be one, we must weigh the various strengths and weaknesses of possible locations and try to figure out what works best for most.

On whether to try other venues, 42 percent wanted to stay at Velocity 5, 45 percent wanted to try Icons, and 42 percent wanted to try Fast Eddie's. (This adds up to more than 100 percent, of course, because some voted to try both Icons and Fast Eddie's).

On moving to Tuesday Nights, 24 percent said they would attend less often, and 7 percent said they would attend more often. This makes a net difference of 17 percent who might attend less often. While the Board is reluctant to see any members inconvenienced by a change to Tuesdays, this is a relatively small percentage. Since nearly half the members were interested in trying Icons, the Board has decided to do a trial there through the end of 2011.

On moving to a location further west, 53 percent said they would attend less often, and 23 percent said they would attend more often. The net difference is 30 percent who might attend less often. Even though 42 percent were interested in trying Fast Eddie's in Centreville, the Board judged that the potential drop in attendance from moving farther west would preclude this. Although some members have suggested that

increasing numbers of members live in the western suburbs, an analysis of members' home addresses shows that the geographic center of the club is between Fairfax City and the Beltway.

Here is a list of the factors that were rated, in order of overall importance, based on the average rating given to each:

1. Size and quality of dance floor
2. Convenient and safe parking
3. Suitability for teaching dance lessons
4. Low cost to members (cover/drink prices)
5. Central location convenient to Beltway
6. Good variety and quality of food
7. Keeping Wednesday as the Club dance night

Those factors with the highest number of "essential" ratings were:

1. Convenient and safe parking (42%)
2. Central location convenient to Beltway (41%)
3. Size and quality of dance floor (39%)
4. Suitability for teaching dance lessons (36%)

Many members made thoughtful suggestions of other venues to try out. The Board will continue to research these and other venues to see if they are feasible. Some frequently mentioned venues that we have checked and judged not suitable are:

- Colvin Run – High cost, no sound system, no food or drink served.
- Elks Club – high cost, management has not been responsive, run-down in appearance.
- Fast Eddie's Fairfax – not available on Wednesday nights, poor layout.
- American Legion Hall in Vienna – High cost, no DJ equipment, must be a member of their club to purchase drinks.
- Nick's - Not available on Wednesday nights, not centrally located.

Thanks to all who gave their input, and please join us at Icons on Tuesdays to help us evaluate this location! The Board will consider the establishment of a formal search committee, especially if no suitable venue emerges from our current efforts.

The 2011 NVSC Board

Special Notice of Tuesday or Wednesday Dances

Stay tuned to Hello Shagger or our Website, www.nvshag.org for current time and place of our weekly dances. We are looking forward to having a permanent place early in 2012!

Congratulations to our new, 2012 Northern Virginia Shag Club Board of Officers & Directors

OFFICERS ARE:

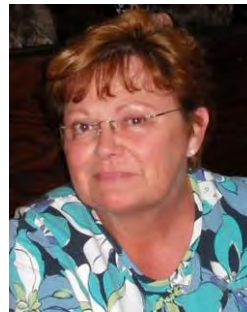


DAVE BUSHEY—PRESIDENT

SUE YOUNG –VICE PRESIDENT



ANGIE BUSHEY –SECRETARY



KATHY NORRIS –TREASURER



DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE ARE AS FOLLOWS:



TIM FARRIS

JEANNE M. POTTER



JACK JONES



MARK HENDRICKSON



SHARON GEYER



PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR 2012 NVSC BOARD!!

Check out the flyers attached to this newsletter:

New Year's Eve Gala

With Bill Deal's Original Rhondels!

For Tickets and Info go to www.BillDealsBand.com

&

PIRATE'S COVE, New Year's Week-End Party—all weekend NO COVER

Call 843-249-8942 or 843-457-4883 for tickets

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Rippingale	3rd	Rondel Lipps	13th
Barry Kumar	6th	Judy Anderson	15th
Ray Jones	7th	Wynde Sipe	17th
Faye Morford	7th	Cookie Bell	19th
Victor Clemann	8th	Dave Rapson	19th
Jane James	9th	Michael Browne	21st
Mark Samblanet	10th	Gaye Proctor	23rd
Fran Pfeifle	11th	Alice Diggs	28th
Cathy Metcalf	12th	Sandy Farwell	30th
		Sandra Traylor	31st

☺ 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.



Dennis Gehley
The Time Machine



Hits From Yesterday and Today
Beach, Shag, Rhythm & Blues, Oldies, Top 40

703-451-6764

E-mail: dmgehley@me.com

Marcia Conway is the coordinator for our Holiday Party on December 3rd; please email her at nclady11@comcast.net with what you plan on bringing to the dinner. We had a lot of desserts last year and we would really like to see more side dishes and appetizers.



Holiday Party December 3rd

Pot Luck Dinner/Dance

Kingstowne's Snyder Community Center
6450 South Van Dorn, Alexandria, VA 22315
7:30 to 11:30 PM

This is a BYOB Event!! NVSC will supply set ups.

NVSC will provide: Ham, Turkey and Rolls

Cost: **FREE** for NVSC Members!! \$10 for Non-Members
FREE to Junior Shaggers with Adult!!

What to Bring

Side Dish, Appetizer or Dessert

An Unwrapped Toy for

"Toys for Tots"

GUEST DEEJAYS ARE JERRY HARDY & LARRY BLACK

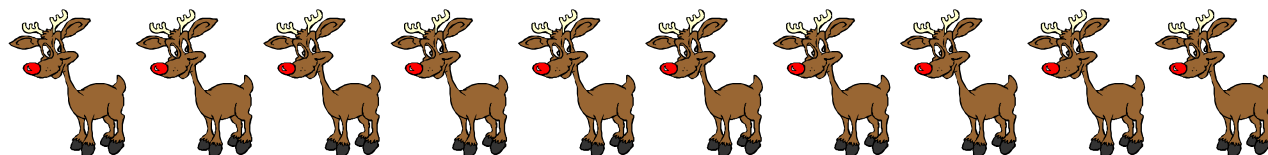
Jerry & Larry were our Guest Deejays for our Holiday Party last year and we soooo very much enjoyed their music! We welcome them back for another great HOLIDAY celebration!

Directions from the Fairfax County Parkway:

Go east until you reach Beulah Street, cross Beulah and the road changes names to Manchester Blvd. Continue down Manchester (it Becomes Kingstown Blvd) for 7 traffic signals. At the 7th traffic signal, turn left on to South Van Dorn Street. At the 2nd traffic signal, turn left onto Lake Village Drive. Take an immediate left and the Community Center will be a few buildings down on your right.

Directions from the Beltway:

Exit the Beltway at South Van Dorn St and proceed south on South Van Dorn Street. Cross over Franconia Road, where you will enter Kingstown, after crossing Franconia Road, continue on South Van Dorn and turn right at the first traffic signal, on to Lake Village Drive. Then take an immediate left and you will see the Community Center a few building down on your right. Parking lots are on both sides of the street.





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.



***DECEMBER DANCE LESSONS at (Weekday & Place to be ANNOUNCED
IN HELLO SHAGGER email) 1st week lessons at VELOCITY 5 on TUES-12/6***

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

DEC 6 —Belly Roll, Pivot into a Belly Roll

DEC 13 —Sugarfoot including Front and Back Preps

DEC 20 —Male Half Turn, Boogie Walk

DEC 27 —Pivot, Tuck from a Pivot

NOVICE LEVEL SHAG STEPS

DEC 6 —Double Kick Basic, Applejack

DEC 13 —Behind Sailor Shuffle, Front Walk-Up

DEC 20 —Hesitation Basic, Hug Pivot

DEC 27 —Pivot, Tuck from a Pivot

BEGINNER LEVEL SHAG STEPS

DEC 6 —Basic, Start, Female Turn

DEC 13 —Half Turn, Male Turn

DEC 20 —Kick Basic, Side Pass

DEC 27 —Crossover Basic, Triple Basic

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

***Check Hello Shagger or our website, nvshag.org to confirm
meeting times and/or dates.***

Pirate's Cove

"The Fun Place"



ALL WEEK-END NO COVER
EXCEPT NEW YEAR'S EVE \$10 PER
PERSON

New Year's



Week-End Party

Thursday Dec. 29

2-5 PM, DJ Ken McGee
5-9 PM, DJ Betty Brown
9- close Tootie Brown

Fri. Dec. 30

2-5 PM, DJ Ken McGee
5-9 PM, DJ Butch Mattox
9-close, DJ Betty Brown

Sat. Dec. 31

2-6 Jim Rose

New Year's Eve

8-Close, DJ's Ken Mc Gee & Butch Mattox

Light Hors'D Oeuvres

Champagne Toast At Midnight

Party Favors

\$10 Per Person

205 Main St. NMB, SC 29582

Tickets: Ph.843-249-8942 or Cell 843-457-4883

Check, Visa or Mastercard

NYE 2011



Spent New Year's Eve with

Bill Deal's Original Rhondels



All New and Exciting!

**Best Food on the Beach
Best Prices on the Beach
Best Band on the Beach**

**Champagne at Midnight
Party Favors
Packages start at \$99**

Biggest Gala on the Beach

**Wyndham Resort
57th and Oceanfront
7 pm to 1 am**

**For tickets and info, visit
www.BillDealsBand.com**



Come Dance with Me

Private and Group
Lessons in Carolina Shag

With
David Rodgers



Call or e-mail David
703-239-8978
rodgersd3@cox.net

Please Support Our Advertisers!

**ADVERTISE IN THE
SHAG RAG
Business Card Size Ads
are: \$60 for NVSC
Members; \$75 for
Non-Members**

Northern Virginia Shag
Club ("NVSC") was
organized to preserve the
Carolina Shag Dance and
its accompanying music—
Beach Music!

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!**

*Northern Virginia
Shag Club*
P.O. Box 5522
McLean, VA 22103

