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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*

Dear Members of the Northern Virginia Shag Club, if you made it to the Dulles Airport Hilton on July 23rd, then you know what a good time we had at the "A Night in Paris" dance...if you didn't make it...hope you can attend our next year's annual bash! My full gratitude, as I'm sure is true of all who attended, goes to Sue Young, Marcia Conway and all the folks who pitched in to help them. The Frans, Pfeifle and Mong, were a smash hit in their French maid garb...as was their special punch. A big "thank you" goes to Dave and Nancy Guilliam for both their hard work and for winning the 50-50 and allowing the club to keep the money for offsetting the cost of the event. And thanks to John Romito for snapping many shots, some of which are bound to be posted on our web site. Also thanks to John Rippingale for his props in the ballroom which gave off a nice effect of the Eiffel Tower and a shining moon! (We hope his wife, Joan will be able to join us dancing next time we see her as she was to have knee surgery very soon after the event.)

I hope everyone attending the dance lessons provided by our own NVSC dance professionals, Craig and Heather Jennings, will practice the steps so we can use them on the dance floor (and to remind me as well!). They put on a wonderful dance demonstration for us and many good compliments on the DJ'ing were heard, me included. Also I would like to thank Sue Young for securing *DanceInTimeProductions* to provide Latin dance exhibitions, including a very social dance style called Cuban Salsa. They have produced and performed in shows for the Kennedy Center; the D.C. Convention Center; the Verizon Center, and now NVSC!

Announcements: As mentioned previously, Marcia Conway's daughter and son-in-law have again graciously offered their lovely home as the venue for our summer picnic. However, the August calendar (the time frame we had been shooting for) has been overwhelmed with schedule conflicts, so we are now aiming for an early October event instead. We are honing in on a date and time so keep an eye out for details to come.

Also, this month we will have a "fifth Wednesday" special lesson for Novices and Intermediates and a Review class for Beginners at Rene's. Stay tuned in to your "Hello Shagger" emails for more information. Also this month we resume our monthly **Sunday Social at Fast Eddie's, August 7th from 4 to 7 p.m.** See you there! And, last but not least, our sister shag club in Frederick, VA, **The Battlefield Boogie Club**, will be having a summer dance party on August 20th. Many of our club members have attended and report having had a marvelous time. I'd encourage our members to make plans to attend and have a great time!

In the meantime...Keep Shagging! Tim

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

*Contact a Board
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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.

Hey NVSC shaggers...want to win two (2) free tickets to what will be one of the hottest shag/swing events in the DC area this year? Check out the link below to Dave Moldover's Dance Swing weekend! All you need to do is to be clever enough to come up with a new name for the event this year. The event will headline our Club and the Carolina Shag along with other forms of swing. The event is scheduled for **November 17-20** at the Hyatt regency in the Reston Town Center. More information to come but in the mean time, but on those thinking caps for a chance to win 2 free tickets!

Here's the site to go to: <http://www.vsoswing.com/>

LOCAL EVENTS:

FREE LIVE BLUES MUSIC - PARTY IN THE PARK:

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!

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Special Out of Town Dance Events:

"Roaring Twenties" August 5-6 hosted by Richmond Shag Club, www.richmondshagclub.org. (see flyer table on Wed at Renes)

A party within a party! At the August 11-14 Jekyll Island Beach Music Festival, the **Shag in the Golden Isles--Shag-A-Ganza 21 Party** is on Thursday evening August 11th, at the Beach Music Festivals Magnolia Hall, starting at 7:00 pm to the music of DJ Murl Augustine. This is the year that the Golden Isles Shag Club annual party has its 21st birthday. The first one was in 1990 and has been going ever since. For details go to: www.goldenislesshagclub.com

From John Carpenter, President- Sandy Beach Shag Club—A Mega-Fest Event

I hope you will consider visiting the **Sandy Beach Shag Club** on Labor Day Sunday, September 4th, for the first ever DJ Throwdown Sandkicker MegaFest! 10 of the finest Shag DJ's in the business will play throughout the day with plenty of food, drink, and dancing on one of the best natural oak floors anywhere in the country. In addition to the very large area inside, we will have an outside area set up to help enjoy the day, and we will be going from 4pm until 11pm. See the attached flyer for all of the information. If you haven't been to the Foothills of Western North Carolina (much cooler in September), and the beautiful town of Morganton, NC, this might be the perfect Road Trip for you and your club. Tickets are only \$15 at the door. I hope to see some of you there!

ENJOY BEACH MUSIC ANYWHERE

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Stream Carolina beach music at work or home when working at your computer or to share with others. Use it to practice your shag steps at home. Go to www.949thesurf.com (94.9 FM) for some of the best shag music straight from the number one beach music station in the country and SOS's official radio station in North Myrtle Beach. Insert the station on your favorites list like I have done. Helps to reduce stress - in my opinion. Enjoy! - Barry Newman

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. Reminder on August 20th:

The Battlefield Boogie Club in Fredericksburg, VA, our sister shag club, is presenting their 7th Cannon Ball Blast dinner dance on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at the Fredericksburg Country, 11031 Tidewater Trail, Rt 2 & Rt 17, Fredericksburg, VA 22404. Admission is \$30 per person from 7:30 - 12 pm. See flyer attached to this newsletter and on the flyer table at Rene's.

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.

JOIN US AT TOMMY'S PLACE ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

Friday Night Dancing at TOMMY'S PLACE

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!****

August Birthdays

Christine Dodd	3rd
Steve Rose	3rd
Larry Camp	5th
Lynne Briggs	6th
David Baucom	8th
Kathryn Miller	8th
Wade Kirdahi	11th
Helen Coker	12th
Paul Provost	16th
Gary Tidmore	18th
Lin Romero	21st
Denise Moeller-Hassett	22nd
Barbara Weigand	22nd
David Rodgers	23rd
Fran Mong	24th
Ron Maierhofer	28th
Fern Siegler	28th
John Heimann	31st

DEEJAY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Craig Jennings	3RD
Eddie O.	10TH
Dennis	17TH
Eddie O.	24TH
Gene Griffin	31ST

*Share the joy—invite
someone to Dance!*

NEW MEMBERS IN JULY

*Holly Swain; Anthony Sloan;
Alice Diggs; & Robert Jackson*

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB!

☺ 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 Wednesday nights to borrow a DVD or video!!! Or to purchase our club's dance lessons on DVDs for \$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

One of our members, who now resides in New Mexico, was in a cycling accident. **John Wood** was hospitalized for about 5 weeks from injuries he suffered while riding with a group of fellow bicyclists, the “New Mexico Touring Society”, in Belen, New Mexico. John is an avid rider (he was “Rider of the Year” in 2010), who not only belongs to two bicycle clubs, he belongs to two dance clubs! No shag clubs there, but we hope he will get one started! Here is what he had to say about his recovery:

“My recovery is really going well, but not good enough to permit a trip to NVA for your Hilton shindig, I was actually planning on coming out for that! My therapists here got a kick out of my responses to their standard questions, "what do I hope to achieve in physical therapy?" Of course, my response was to be able to Shag and ride my "road bicycles." Then it took a 1/2 hour discussion on explaining what Shag dancing is all about, complete with demonstrating the "basic." Next week I hope to teach the "pivot," ha!”

If you would like to send a card to John, his address is:

John O. Wood
604 Glacier Bay PL SE
Albuquerque, NM 87123




FAREWELL TO JEAN TEELE-JENNINGS

On July 14 at Rene's, the club bid Jean Teele-Jennings a sad farewell for her loyal dedication and contributions to NVSC as a member since 1994. As a celebration of her long membership, the selection "Carolina Girl" was played while the men lined up to dance with Jean. Also, a cake was shared by all dancers at Rene's. Jean is leaving our area and moving to Elizabeth City, NC next week. She has already made some contacts in NC and plans to join the River City Shag Club located in the city. While living in her new condo, she will be admiring the river view from her balcony. She plans to keep in touch with us and send us her contact information.


Best of luck Jean! Keep on dancing or your legs will go to waste.

Update from Jean: her address is 103 Continental, Elizabeth City, NC 27909



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LOCAL PARTICIPATES IN THE RE-ENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF BULL RUN

Marcia Conway portrayed Laura Thornberry Fletcher, who was an eye witness of some of the events occurring during the Battle of Bull Run. Laura Fletcher lived across the road from Sudley Methodist Church with her parents and four other siblings. Laura was only 7 years old at the time but her story was retold as to what she remembered as an adult. Laura wrote a letter to her grandson, Westwood Hugh Fletcher on December 12, 1936 recalling the events:



Marcia Conway portrays Laura Thornberry Fletcher

Her cousin, William Wilkins came to her home to tell her mother that the Union troops were camped in Centreville and would be coming near their home and church early Sunday morning. Laura, her mother, and the four other siblings fled their home to stay at Laura's Uncle James Wilkins home on Stony Ridge until after the battle.

On Sunday, July 21, 1861, Laura could see Sudley Church from the ridge at her Uncle's home and the Union troops marching by her homeplace and by Sudley Church. She describes other events as told to her by others of the Battle of Bull Run. Wounded Union soldiers were brought back to Sudley Church to be treated. Pews and other furniture were thrown out on the church yard and surgery was even performed on the communion table. Sudley Methodist Church became a field hospital during and after the Battle of Bull Run.

In Marcia's presentation, she also told about General Thomas Jackson, as to why he acquired the name "Stonewall". The south won the battle but with about 5,000 Union and Confederate soldiers killed in one afternoon. The dead were buried in the church yard and it is thought that the graves lie underneath the rebuilt Sudley Methodist Church.

SOS FUN MONDAY RAFFLE-Deadline to purchase 8-24-11

Drawing will be held September 19, 2011. The raffle tickets are \$10 each. 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.

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

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AT RENE'S ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. Marcia reminds me that the deadline for purchasing those raffle tickets is August 24th, so get going. We want the big winner to be one of us!

Contact Marcia Conway prior to August 24th, for ticket purchases.

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 is at Rene's on Wednesday nights but if you can't make it to Rene's, 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 Rene's on Wednesday's.

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



AUGUST DANCE LESSONS AT RENE'S-

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

AUGUST 3—Belly Roll, Pivot into a Belly Roll

AUGUST 10—Sugarfoot including Front & Back Preps

AUGUST 17—Male Half Turn, Boogie Walk

AUGUST 24—Joanie, Funky Applejack

AUGUST 31—Special 5th Wednesday Class for Novice & Intermediates

NOVICE LEVEL SHAG STEPS

AUGUST 3—Double Kick Basic, Applejack

AUGUST 10—Behind Sailor Shuffle, Front Walk-Up

AUGUST 17—Hesitation Basic, Hug Pivot

AUGUST 24—Pivot, Tuck from a Pivot

AUGUST 31—Special 5th Wednesday Class for Novice & Intermediates

BEGINNER LEVEL SHAG STEPS

AUGUST 3—Basic, Start, Female Turn

AUGUST 10—Half Turn, Male Turn

AUGUST 17—Kick Basic, Side Pass

AUGUST 24—Crossover Basic, Triple Basic

AUGUST 31—Special 5th Wednesday Review Class

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Here are a few pics from our Evening in Paris party.- from John Romito



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NVSC dances the Carolina

Shag every Wednesday night at Rene's Supper Club, located near Fairfax Circle in Fairfax, Virginia at 3251 Old Lee Highway. Rene's telephone number is 703-385-0077.

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!

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www.nvshag.org

