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From The President

Rediscovering Thursday Nights

When I first joined the Shag Club, I was there every Tuesday and Thursday night. During the first year, I might have missed a handful of nights at the Shag club. The last few months have been very hectic and while I usually make it to the shag club at least once a week, I haven't made it twice a week in a while and my attendance on Thursday nights has suffered.

I guess I felt like if I could only make it once during the week, that Tuesday was the better night for me. When you are on the board Tuesday is usually your business night; it is time to turn in receipts, sign checks, socialize with the membership and, of course, get in some good dancing.

Just recently, I was back in the club on Thursday night. I was there a little early because an appointment had cancelled on me. Thursday night has a different feel to it. First of all, there are new folks there. They are trying to figure out what shag and the Richmond Shag Club are all about. They are excited about learning to dance and they are thrilled when the old 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5, 6 start coming together for them. You can see the joy on their faces during the lessons and afterward when club members start asking them to dance.

Thursday nights are also a little less crowded. We still have a good group of club members there that are willing to help out with the lessons and dance with the new folks. They are also there to socialize and some of our folks come more on Thursday nights than on Tuesdays. The other great thing about Thursday nights is the ability to PLAY – to practice your steps, to make up steps, and to learn steps from fellow club members.

Razzles had a really nice set up for playing. You had the main dance floor in the front of the club and then you had a back room where you could go and practice your steps before you hit the main floor. While Visions is an absolutely fabulous location for

us and I wouldn't change a thing, it is hard to "play" on the crowded dance floor on Tuesday night. Thursday nights are another story.

This particular Thursday night, I learned 3 new steps and had an absolute ball doing it. An out-of-town friend of the RSC asked me to dance and took me into a really cool lead follow step. We practiced it a little bit and the next thing I knew another lady who is an excellent dancer had come up to learn the step too. Our friend took the time needed to make sure we both had the step down. Then he showed us another step you might classify as a "trick" or female "hotdog" step. Not that there is anything wrong with that.

He helped me get that step down, and then he showed the male part to one of the guys in the RSC so that we could do it together at the club. Next thing I know, I'm learning a third step from an RSC member not to be outdone. This step required bending over backwards at the knees and touching the floor with one hand, and then popping back up to complete your basic. I only landed on my butt once while learning this step; and even that was a lot of fun. **Charlotte Batchelor** pretended to cover **Allen's** eyes, but they were doing the step within about 5 minutes of seeing us do it.

We had such a good time just playing around with the dance. Sometimes you see folks working really hard at learning a new step and it doesn't seem like they are having much fun with it. I don't think that is what Thursday nights are all about. Thursday nights are first and foremost about teaching beginners to shag and helping them learn what our "Shag Lifestyle" is all about. I think Thursdays are also about keeping the dance fresh for those who have been doing it for awhile and sharing steps that you have learned or made up with your friends. I don't believe that there is any other dance where you can learn an unlimited number of steps for \$25 per year. If you haven't found this to be the case at the RSC, try coming on Thursday nights and asking some club members to share some of their steps with you. I think you will find that they are more than happy to trade some steps.

See you on Thursday!

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Dance Committee & Golf Tournament

It is summer time and it is hot. It is a great time to come out and learn how to shag in the cool air at Vision's dance club, home of the Richmond Shag Club. SOS is right around the corner and there is still time to learn. For the months of July and August we have **Brenda & Henry Geisz** teaching beginner classes and **Joan & Kevin Byrnes** will be teaching the intermediate classes. For August we will have **Nancy Wall & Sid Strawderman** with the beginner classes and **Sherry Beck & Allen Batchelor** teaching the intermediate classes. Invite all your friends to come and see what this shag dance is all about. See you on the floor. **Remember to ask someone to DANCE...**

Our **20th annual John Mansini / Richmond Shag Club** golf tournament was held on June 7th at Stonehenge Country Club and was a huge success. I would like to thank all of the 21 teams that participated. We look forward to having them again for 2011. A big **THANK YOU** needs to go out to our hole sponsors and to the businesses that donated prizes which exceeded \$3,000. Special thanks go to **Stonehenge Country Club** for allowing us to play on a great golf course and to **Outback Steak House** for the dinner that was outstanding as usual. There are so many people to thank and I certainly want to thank each of you for your support, but if I miss someone, please forgive me. Thanks to **Phillip Mitchell** and **Janet Bell** for all of their support in helping me to get teams, hole sponsors and prizes. Thanks also, to **Dickie Robinson, Tim Sullivan, Brandon Slaughter, Carl Beck, Mo Phillips, Parker Dillard, Beverly Dillard, Pam Tinsley, Phyllis Wells, Nancy Wall, Carolyn Hodges, B.J. Seay, Deborah Owens, Dixie Renger, John Mansini's daughters and granddaughter.** And last, but not least, a special thanks to our hot beer cart girls **Barbara White, Carolyn Brockwell, Diane Jessie, and Diane Dew** for keeping our golfers hydrated throughout the day and for donating their tips back to the camp!

Finally, we raised in excess of \$ 11,500 for Camp Fantastic. Great job to all and once again **THANK YOU!!!**

Dink

2010 General Membership Meetings

March 16 * June 22 * August 17 * November 9

All General Membership Meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Koger Center in a meeting room and begin at 6:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.



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EXPIRATIONS

July

August

July

August

- 1 Tyler Monger
- 2 Candace McKinley
- 3 Rebecca King
- 5 Sheila Parker
- 6 Nan Allen
- 8 Nancy Thomsen
- 9 Earl Robinson
- 9 Carol Thomasson
- 9 Joy Cobb
- 9 Sage Hadford
- 11 Ron Bessent
- 12 Faye Vines
- 14 Glenn Miller
- 15 Gail Jarrett
- 17 Mike Umstead
- 18 John Kontopanos
- 18 Cookie Vaughan
- 21 Bud Hayes
- 22 Daniel Screeney
- 23 Mike Armentrout
- 23 Cecil King
- 23 Angie Abbott
- 25 Sandy Barnes
- 26 Bill Butler
- 26 Robert McAdams
- 27 Linda Steele
- 27 Scout Saylor
- 27 Shirley Gough
- 28 Bob Defazio
- 30 Butch Earnhardt
- 31 Kathy Lane
- 31 John Shackelford
- 31 Barbara Hodge

- 1 Mary Ann Lambert
- 1 Diane Jessie
- 4 Jane Southers
- 5 Sharon Ricker
- 6 Carolyn Brockwell
- 6 Janet Bishop
- 6 Kittygayle McMoon
- 8 Gretchen Stephens
- 8 Howard Overbey
- 9 J Martin
- 9 Tammy Varney
- 11 Kay McLaughlin
- 12 Lisa Renee Bailey
- 14 Tommy Williams
- 14 Ruth Avent
- 14 Bill Hecht
- 15 Barry Wray
- 16 Dickie Burnley
- 17 Jean Roberts
- 18 Diane Wheeler
- 18 Wyon Wheatley
- 19 Diane Langford
- 19 Frankie Chambers
- 19 Nancy Register
- 22 Sid Strawderman
- 22 Doug Strother
- 23 Jane Renger
- 23 Don Swank
- 24 Jo Blanchard
- 26 Frank Armistead
- 27 Dinky Slaughter
- 28 Cindy Williams
- 28 Jesse Fulghum
- 28 Faye Scott
- 30 Rogers Verser
- 31 Bill Chambers

- 7/21 Sid Bloom
- 7/30 Phil Cunningham
- 7/31 Nan Allen
- 7/31 Ron Bessent
- 7/31 Margie Craig
- 7/31 Mark Craig
- 7/31 Margaret Creasey
- 7/31 Debbie Cunningham
- 7/31 Caroline Cutchins
- 7/31 Carol Ducharme
- 7/31 Meredith Harris
- 7/31 Gwen Heath
- 7/31 Donna Heath
- 7/31 Albert Helou
- 7/31 Debbie McGrath
- 7/31 Scout Saylor
- 7/31 Deanna Screeney
- 7/31 Daniel Screeney
- 7/31 Mike Screeney
- 7/31 Carrie Smith
- 7/31 Don Thompson
- 7/31 Judy Tidd
- 7/31 Linda Walton
- 7/31 Julie Wingfield
- 7/31 Robin Yarbrough

- 8/13 Linda Clark
- 8/30 Kamala Coleman
- 8/31 Jimmy Adams
- 8/31 Rhonda Armentrout
- 8/31 Mike Armentrout
- 8/31 Steve Beville
- 8/31 Betty Binford
- 8/31 Parker Dillard
- 8/31 Bev Dillard
- 8/31 Steve Harris
- 8/31 Bruce Justice
- 8/31 Eva Krol
- 8/31 Jerri Lutter
- 8/31 Kelli Mallinger
- 8/31 Kittygayle McMoon
- 8/31 Jackie Morgan
- 8/31 Debra Owen
- 8/31 Janie Panagopoulos
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Social Committee

Welcome to Summer!

We celebrated summer well with a Picnic/Cookout & Pool Party at the home of **Bob & Linda Stevens** on July 17th. The RSC provided the burgers & dogs with the fixings and our fabulous club cooks showed up again with a ton of some of the best food you ever put into your mouth. Between 40 and 50 members spent the day enjoying the wonderful water of the pool, some killer pool volleyball, good music, good food and fellowship. **THANK YOU, Bob & Linda for inviting us into your home and sharing your wonderful pool with us again!!**

The Social Committee has the following events planned so please mark your calendars and be there or be square:

Tuesday, September 21st – annual **Beach Ball on the beach in front of Ocean Bay condos**. The DJs will be back and ready to rock the beach with music for some sand shagging and FUN **11AM-3PM** (or as long as we can convince the DJs to keep playing). Plan to attend... this is a party that draws folks from up and down the beach. You never know who or what you might see there!

Saturday, October 30th – **Annual Fall Ball at the Bon Air Community Center**. Tickets will be \$20 for RSC members and \$25 for guests. Tickets will go on sale in August. **Nanny's BBQ** will be catering. What's for dinner, grandpa? Well folks: pork barbeque, fried chicken, coleslaw, green beans, mashed potatoes/gravy, rolls, and blackberry cobbler – YUM, YUM!! Our DJ for the event will be our own **John Hall**. We will have a costume contest with prizes to be awarded. We'll also have a 50/50 raffle. This is a BYOB party with setups provided by RSC. **See the party flyer in this newsletter**

Sunday, November 14th – **Sunday Social**. This will be our last Sunday Social of the year - at Visions. **Larry Fischer** will be our DJ. Stay tuned for information on lessons that day. Our May social was a great success – a lot of good food and great lessons. Big thank-you's go out to **Sid & Linda Strawderman** and **Joe & Marsha Tedesco** for sharing their dance lessons with us in May – and of course to **Pete Saunders** who was our DJ that night.

Sunday, December 12th – our annual **Jingle Bell Ball at the ACCA Temple**. Tickets for this party will be \$10 for members and \$25 for non-members. Our DJ for the night will be **Buck Crumpton**. **King's Korner** will be catering: turkey/gravy, ham, mashed potatoes, candied yams, green beans, stuffing, dinner rolls and dessert.

I would like to thank **The Armisteads, Nancy Wall, and Diane Dew** for providing our birthday cakes in April, May, and July. Future birthday nights are: August 17th, September 28th, October 19th, November 16th, and December 21st.

If you would like to help with any of these events – or suggest other events for the Social Committee to consider, please contact me!

Dixie

RSC MAIN EVENTS

July 17	Cookout & Pool Party @ The Stevens
August 6 & 7	The Boogie On The James
September 17-26	SOS Fall Migration
September 21	RSC Beach Ball
October 30	RSC Fall Ball
November 14	RSC Sunday Social
December 12	Jingle Bell Ball

Watch your e-mail, RichmondShagClub.org, and listen for phone tree messages for more information on these upcoming events.

Care & Concern

Russell Harris underwent partial knee replacement surgery in late July. He is recovering at Beaufort Health Care Center at 200 Hioaks Rd, Richmond 23225 and will probably be there until mid-August.

Club member **Jeanette (JJ) Jackson's** daughter Wendy passed away in June. Please keep JJ and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

RSC member, **Linda Henshaw** passed away in July. Linda was an excellent shag and ballroom dancer. A friend said that she had a "wonderfully wicked" sense of humor. Linda will be missed.

RSC member, **Dennis Jarrett** married **Shirley** this past June. Shirley has caught the shag bug and was in the 1st August beginner class. Congratulations to **Dennis & Shirley!**



An Old Friend

A friend of mine passed away on May 17th, 2010, much too early in his life. **Lloyd Spangler** was a shag icon in his own right. He was not only a great dancer, but he was a student of the dance, the songs, and the artists. Unlike me, who dances, but never can remember the names of songs and certainly not the artist, Lloyd could rattle off the year the song came out, the person who sang it, and all the artists who redid the song. He liked the old stuff, especially the blues. He had many of them in vinyl.

The funny thing was that even though he started shagging before me and loved Myrtle Beach and was smooth and funny and definitely had his own following, he loved to watch me.

His girlfriend back then was **Linda Slayton** and she was a good friend of my girlfriend **Linda**, now my wife. That is how I met Lloyd and started hanging out with him. He taught me some moves, but he had this one little "jump thing" that only he could do and make it look good. I could never master it.

When Linda and I danced in the preliminaries in 1993 for the Shag Nationals, Lloyd and Linda Slayton came to Myrtle Beach to support us and cheer us on.

He swore we were great and should make the cut, and when we did not, he said the judges couldn't recognize talent when they saw it. We actually were not good enough, but in Lloyd's eyes we were. It was a huge sacrifice on their part to spend the time and money just to watch their friends and I never forgot it. I often think of that weekend when my shag friends are going someplace to compete. I always wish them well, but I never go to watch, especially if it's someplace far away. Maybe I should!

Through the years we drifted apart, but every time Lloyd would meet a new lady or sometimes just with his friends, he would call me to see if I was going to be dancing so he could bring them by to watch.

The later years were not kind to Lloyd. His health was not good and he had various jobs. His diabetes got very bad and he had to have a foot amputated. Of course that ended his dancing and had to be devastating for him. I saw Lloyd one last time awhile back at Visions. I looked up and there he was, standing at the rail watching us dance. I talked to him a little and he laughed and talked and sounded like the old Lloyd, but I knew things were not going well for him.

I didn't see Lloyd anymore and a few weeks ago I learned he had passed away. I looked up the obituary on the web site and read all the comments his friends had made. There were many from the ladies he had danced with. They said he was a smooth shagger and he always made them laugh. That is a good thing in my book.

The ironic thing about this little true story is that I loved watching Lloyd dance. I loved his enthusiasm and his knowledge. I can't watch him anymore, but I bet he is still watching me. He has the best seat!



The Wolfman



Ways & Means

ROAD TRIP!

This **August 15th** we will make our annual road trip to **Camp Fantastic**.

Each year RSC members generously give of their time and money to support Camp Fantastic and the campers. I encourage you to give up one Sunday this summer (August 15th) and make the road trip to the 4-H Camp in Front Royal, Virginia – home of Camp Fantastic. There you will meet the campers, age 7 to 17, the Special Love staff and Camp Fantastic staff and many volunteers. We will have dinner with the campers, and following dinner, we will have a line dance class for the campers. You will be so impressed and touched by the campers, the staff and the volunteers. More to follow on this ROAD TRIP!

FALL BRUNSWICK STEW!

The date is set--- **Oct. 22nd and 23rd**. The location is the same --- thanks to Dink and the Community Hunt Club. In August (at the desk), we will have directions to the hunt club, a volunteer sign-up sheet and of course we will begin taking stew orders. Great stew and great fellowship and fun for all that attend and lend a hand. Please mark you calendar!

THANK YOU!

I can never thank the ladies and sometimes gents enough that help me each week with the 50/50 raffle. Also a **BIG THANKS** to all our members and visitors that purchase tickets each week.

Carl—still available and oh so lonely —*Beck*





Richmond Shag Club Fall Ball

October 30, 2010

Bon Air Community Center
8725 Quaker Lane ~ Richmond, VA 23235

Schedule

5:30—Doors Open

6:00—Midnight—Dancing

6:30—Dinner Catered by Nanny's BBQ
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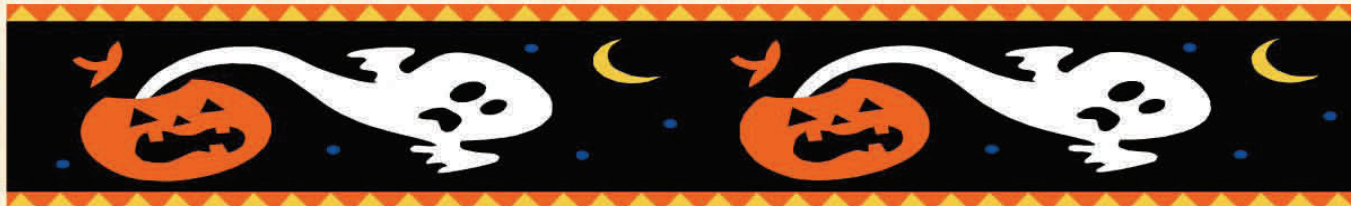
Costumes are optional, but there will be a

**Halloween
Costume**

**Contest... so
plan to join the fun!**

Our DJ for the evening will be
ABSCDJ member:

John Hall



Where Did the RSC Logo Come From?

In the spring of 1994, the Richmond Shag Club decided to develop a new logo for the club. Not having the funds to have one professionally designed, the Board decided to hold a logo design contest among its members. The original logo, diagonally stacked RSC letters, was designed by **Shirley Gough**. A dancing shag couple was added for style and color later by club members **Dickie Robinson** and **Ralph Harris** marketed the RSC satin jackets and other club memorabilia.

There were four club members, **Sandy Adams, Steve Booth, Irma Cross and Judy Leigh** who submitted logo designs for consideration. The Board had a difficult decision to make since some of the logos were similar in design and each had artistic elements that the board thought ought to be incorporated into the new logo. With the permission of the two finalists, **Irma Cross and Steve Booth**, the board combined the two entries into one. Steve's use of the Capitol emphasized the Club's State of origin, while Irma's cardinal wearing loafers set the theme of our club and the style of our dance. According to one of our members the original drawing had the cardinal perched on a dogwood limb with a dogwood flower behind it. The colors had been the ones traditionally used by the club.

The grand prize for the two winners was a one-year free membership in the club for each. All of the entrants received a celebratory drink.

Due to continuing reproduction of the same artwork, the clarity of the logo began to diminish. **Kevin Byrnes** used a computer-generated image editing program to redraw the logo to conform to its original intent and specifications. He also used a single dogwood flower to designate the Capitol.

I might add that **Irma Cross**, though not seen around the club much due to health reasons, was very active in the club and received a lifetime membership in the club in recognition of her many years of outstanding service. **Steve Booth** has just recently moved back to Richmond from northern Virginia where he was active in that club. **Dickie Robinson** and his wife **Jinx** are still members and are involved in the club. For some of you who might not know, **Dickie and Earl Robinson** are brothers. **Ralph Harris**, though active for many years, passed away several years ago. **Shirley Gough**, who was one of the club's original founders, is still a member of the club. She has been actively assisting me and providing me with access to her club files. **Kevin Byrnes** is still very active in the club and is the RSC's web master.

Dickie Robinson

ATTENTION: You've Got Mail

NEW!!!

The RSC is making a concerted effort to get more folks their newsletter via e-mail. The US Postal Service has new rules regarding bulk mail that make it prohibitive to send our newsletter through the US Mail. If we have a valid e-mail address for you, you will receive a notification through e-mail with a link to the website letting you know that the newsletter is now available for your perusal or for printing.

If we do not have a valid e-mail address for you, we will be calling you soon to get your e-mail address. E-mail is the fastest way for us to get a message out to the club. So, please make sure that we have your best e-mail address on file.

To update your E-mail address with the RSC, please send an e-mail to Jane Renger at JaneRenger@comcast.net. Thank you for your understanding and for helping the RSC to keep its membership informed.



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I would be proud to add your name to the following list of fellow *Shaggers* whom I've had the pleasure of assisting over the years with their real estate needs:

Tommy & Sue Williams
Linda Alexander Morrison
Gerry (Preacher) Anders,
Bill Drumheller,
Lou Preston Garrenton
Doug Strother

If you or someone you know is thinking about buying, selling, or relocating to another area, please give me a call.

A special **Thank You** to all of you for continuing to refer your friends, co-workers, and family members to me. They are always appreciated.



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<input type="checkbox"/> Host & Hostess	<input type="checkbox"/> I need more info.

New Members
 I learned about the RSC from:

- A friend that is a member
- Someone taking free classes
- Another shag club out of town
- A demonstration at an event
- An advertisement
- The internet

This information is true to the best of my knowledge. By my signature, I agree to abide by the rules and by the bylaws of the Richmond Shag Club. I understand that my membership may be revoked by the Club at any time if may be deemed necessary. I agree that the Richmond Shag Club and its Board of Directors shall not be held responsible for any accidents, personal injury or loss of any personal property associated with my attendance at, or participation in, any Club function.

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