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From The President

Firsts

I've had so many great FIRSTS in the Shag club. First SOS, First Rookies Revenge, First Boogie On The James, First Richmond CSA Contest, First Mid-Winter. There truly have been many great firsts. This past Spring SOS was also a great First. It was the first time that I had stayed the entire week of Spring SOS.

September has always been my favorite SOS. The weather is great, there are tons of people from Richmond and other parts of the country there, the clubs are jumping....I just love Fall SOS. But this year, I gained a new appreciation for Spring SOS. My sister and I stayed down the beach at the Wyndham – a first for me. I've only stayed at Ashworth or Ocean Bay. Let me tell you, the Wyndham is a great place. Our condo was updated with granite countertops and nice new appliances (I may be the only person who gets excited about cooking while on vacation) with a great view looking north up Ocean Drive. We had a great view of the ocean between the buildings and all the folks coming and going from clubs. The Wyndham was definitely a wonderful first.

It was also a lazier SOS for me. Dixie always enjoys sleeping in and relaxing on vacation. By definition – if there is no sleeping in, there is no a vacation according to Dixie. I slept in a little more than usual and was much more leisurely in my activities. I did not make it to every contest at the Arcade – although I did see Rookies Revenge. Congratulations to **Glenda Harris, Wil Hazell, and Jean Sullivan** for carrying on the

RSC tradition at the Rookies Revenge contest. You all did great. And after Jean's dance, it's a wonder that she did not need a shoulder procedure with Tim!

Another first this year was a change in a relatively young tradition. This year the Virginia Shag Club Free Pour was held at the OD Beach Club instead of Ducks. WOW, did they treat us nice! We had about 40 folks from the RSC at the free pour and it seemed to me that there were plenty of seats, plenty of drinks, plenty of food, and plenty of good music to keep us dancing. For those of you who may not know, Craig Jennings of Fredericksburg and Northern Virginia Shag Clubs organizes all of the VA Shag clubs and is responsible for the Free Pour going off without a hitch. I think the new locale for the VA Shag Club Free Pour was a major hit.

Dixie had a first at Spring SOS too. She saw the movie Shag for the first time. I first saw it when it came out in 1989 and it ignited the spark in my heart to learn to Shag. That summer on the way into Nags Head, I saw a sign at a restaurant advertising Free Shag Lessons one night while on vacation. I made my folks take me and we sat across the room and watched everyone having fun. I was too scared to actually try it. Mom promised me that she would teach me to shag back at the cottage. There was just one problem, well two. First, Mom was a bopper (not that there's anything wrong with that, I love Boppers) and Two, she didn't do the same step twice. Dixie and I watched the movie in the condo and picked out some familiar faces, like Fat Harrold and Sarah West.

There have been a lot of firsts and I want to tell you about an opportunity for ALL of us to have a FIRST at Fall SOS this year. Anne Henry, President of First Coast Shag Club and wife of Allen Henry, ACSC Treasurer, has been in touch with the Guinness Book of World Records and is working on a project to get Shaggers in the record book! The story of her

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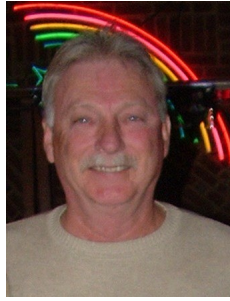
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Golf Tournament Update

We will be having our 21st annual John Mansini/RSC golf tournament at Stonehenge Country Club on Monday, JUNE 6th, 2011. Please mark your calendars. We are looking forward to Outback Steakhouse catering our event again this year. Once again, Janet Bell has agreed to help with our prizes and we will have Carl Beck seeking our hole sponsorships for us this year. If you have any questions concerning our tournament, please contact Phillip at 691-3446 or myself at 397-9857. There are flyers at the RSC desk with the tournament information. Tournament forms can also be found on the RSC website. We hope that 2011 will be the best year yet, so cross your fingers and see you on the course.

Thanks & hit 'em straight,

Dink Slaughter & Phillip Mitchell - Co Chairs
Carl Beck - Hole Sponsorships

2011 General Membership Meetings

March 15 * May 17 * August 16 * November 15

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.



BIRTHDAYS

EXPIRATIONS

May

June

May

June

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Dixie Renger
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explaining to the Guinness folks in **England** about wanting to set a world record for the most people doing the Shag at the same time, IN PUBLIC, is a riot! But I promise you, this is no joke to Anne Henry. The early information is that they will block off part of Main Street so that they can count and keep track of the shaggers that are dancing for the record book. Each dancer will have to register and agree to stay in the blocked off area for a certain period of time. They will also pay \$5.00 each that will go to the SOS Charitable Foundation.

The dance for the record book will happen on the second Saturday of Fall SOS, September 24, 2011. If you are interested in taking part of this record setting dance, please put it on your calendar now. As I get more information regarding the dance, I'll be passing it on to you. I would love to see RSC couples taking part in this record setting event. What a great FIRST that would be!

Jane

Thank you...

*Dear Richmond Shag Club Friends,
Words are inadequate to express my sincere gratitude for your compassionate response to the loss of my beloved Mother. Your tender acts of kindness have been overwhelming. Your presence at the visitation, the thoughtful messages, the beautiful cards, and personal notes have warmed my heart, and helped me through this difficult time. God bless you for each and every loving thought and prayer that you have shared with my family and me. You are such a blessing in my life, and I am fortunate to belong to a club with so many caring friends who I cherish.*

*With love and friendship,
Jinx Robinson*

Dance Committee



*Beginner dancers try to get better by doing intermediate steps
Intermediate dancers try to get better by doing advanced steps
Advanced dancers try to get better by practicing their basic
Seen on a Junior dancer's facebook page*

Hi Everyone!!

We continue to have full beginner classes and a moderate number of folks attending the intermediate classes. Let's try to encourage the newbies to join the club and move up to the intermediate classes. My thanks go out to Sid Strawderman, Dixie Renger, Allen Batchelor, Sheila Parker, Ken and Shug Ward, Parker and Beverly Dillard and Carolyn Reade for their excellent instruction in March and April.

Charlotte and Allen continue to do a great job with the Sunday Shag Jams. The March lesson had 32 people in attendance and they learned a new step which was continued in April by adding the ending to what they had learned previously. They were also able to introduce the Duck Walk.

Congratulations to Joe & Marsha Tedesco for coming in 4th place and to Nancy Wall & Dink Slaughter for placing 5th in the CSA contest in Charlotte. Great job guys!

Don't forget to come support your shag instructors at the Ashland Street Party on May 22. The Band of Oz is the featured band, but there will be activities all day. Check the bulletin board at the club for more information.

That's all for now! See ya on the dance floor and please don't forget to be kind, courteous and respectful of each other as we dance our way through life.

Barbara

Care & Concern

On February 25, **Phyllis Hall**, John's wife, had knee surgery and is recuperating at home.

Brenda Adams had a complete knee replacement on March 2 and is at home recovering in addition to moving into a new house.

Kaye Williams lost her brother-in-law, Joseph Tyler, on March 3. Our condolences are extended to Kaye and her family.

Congratulations to **Jim McBride** who became a first time grandfather. Rylee McBride was born on February 28 weighting 5 lbs 14 oz.

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Faye Vines** who lost her Mother, Ethel Anderson, on March 14. Please keep Faye and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Jeanette Jackson (JJ) had surgery on her foot on April 1. JJ will be on crutches for about 6 weeks and is recovering at home.

Larry Ricker underwent hernia surgery in April. Larry has recovered from his surgery and is doing well.

Fran Armistead will not be dancing for a while because of her recent diagnosis. The pain she has been experiencing is due to Rheumatoid Arthritis. The inflammation will be controlled with medication.

Jinx Robinson's mother, Helen Livesay, passed away on April 12 at the age of 99. Our condolences go to Jinx and her family on their loss.

Ron Bessent had knee surgery on both knees on April 13. Ron had a new procedure in lieu of replacement whereby the deteriorated knees are resurfaced rather than replaced. Ron has been suffering from complications from this surgery over the past couple of weeks. The knee surgery went well, but Ron developed blood clots. The doctors put him on blood thinners to try to get rid of the blood clots. Unfortunately, the blood thinners were causing leakage in his abdominal area. He has had additional surgery to install a filter to catch any blood clots because they are discontinuing the blood thinners. Please keep Ron in your thoughts and prayers. Hopefully, they will get the clotting under control and he will be able to come home soon.

Parker Dillard had a heart attack on April 12 while on a business trip in Florida. He is doing okay. The doctors put a stent in and continues to be treated for a heart arrhythmia. Parker continues his recovery at home and we have been happy to see his smiling face at the club soon. Please keep Parker and Bev in your thoughts and prayers. We pray for his speedy recovery.

Tim Sullivan underwent a shoulder manipulation on April 18. He will be undergoing physical therapy for a week. Since you can't keep a good man down, Tim will be back on the dance floor before you read this.

Nita Harris's mother recently underwent open-heart surgery. Please add Nita and her family to your prayers.

Donald Lumpkin had a heart attack over Easter weekend and had to have bypass surgery. Our last update is that Donald is home from the hospital and doing well. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers.

Joan Byrnes good friend, Dianna, has an inoperable brain tumor. Dianna lives with Joan and Kevin and Joan is her primary care giver. Dianna has attended RSC events in the past with Joan and Kevin. Please keep Dianna, her family and Joan and Kevin in your thoughts and prayers.

Former RSC member, **Paul Baird**, was injured in a car accident in Florida in January. Paul was paralyzed in this accident. He appreciates your thoughts & prayers.

As always, our thoughts and prayers are with these folks/members as they recover from their losses, accidents and surgeries.

We hope they will all be back with us soon.

Let us be ever mindful of the struggles and joys of our fellow club members and keep them close in our thoughts and prayers.

If you know of anyone that needs remembering in our newsletter, please let me know. I also send sympathy and get well cards to our members. You can email information to me at thomassc1@netzero.net or call me at 768-1549.

Carol Ann

Host & Hostess Committee

Greetings from the Front Desk (in the corner):

You may notice we have been rearranged by the powers that be to accommodate any handicapped visitors. Thus we have two standard height tables and chairs. Also the fire marshal required that the coat rack be removed since it created a hazard. From our perspective the other remodeling is a nice improvement, being brighter, fresh, and roomier.

I will welcome guest desk assistants and/or substitutes throughout the year... But there are special times when I **need** help. Parker and I are instructors for the beginners in April and November so we are not effective desk personnel then. Please visit me at the desk for a look at the calendar and take an opportunity to help and be in the hub. Working the desk is a fun easy way to get involved without obligating too much time. I condense an hour training course into five minutes and there are written instructions to boot. We have supplies you may need (even reading glasses) and hand sanitizer, and we will communicate your concerns to the board if you have a situation to address. We try to be "know it all's," about the club and activities.

Forgive me if I don't remember everyone's name, but I am trying. "The old gray mare, she ain't what she used to be." Puleeze.... wear nametags that are provided for those taking lessons and our long standing members. It helps our new people too.

The desk is a great way to get to know people.

Bev Dillard

Thank you...

If I've heard it once I've heard it 100 times, the Richmond Shag Club is like a family. Well, I had to find out the hard way that without a doubt it's absolutely true. On the morning of Wednesday April 13th, while attending a business conference in Tampa, Florida, I began to suffer extensive chest pains, accompanied by heavy perspiration and nausea. All of the classic symptoms, right? In total disbelief I told myself, this can't be happening to me! But pride gave way to reason, and I called 911. Luckily the rescue squad was there in a heart beat (pun intended), and Tampa General Hospital was less than a mile away. The result was the quick discovery of an artery being blocked 100% and a stent inserted to open it up.

With all the humility that I can muster, I want to thank all of you, my dear shagging friends and family, for the many cards and phone calls that I have received. Special thanks go to Kenn and Shug Ward, as well as Sid Strawderman and Barb White for subbing for us as instructors. Your care and concern have been truly overwhelming. Beverly and I cannot tell you how much we have missed seeing everyone at Visions, not to mention the dancing. The doctors told me to lay low for awhile, but by the time you read this, I hope to be back on the hardwood in some limited capacity.

Thanks again everyone, you all are nothing short of fantastic.

Parker

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March 6	Shag Jam
March 13	RSC Sunday Social
April 3	Shag Jam
April 8-17	SOS Spring Safari
May 1	Shag Jam
May 15	RSC Sunday Social
June 5	Shag Jam
June 6	John Mansini Sr. Golf Tournament
June 10	River City Shag Classic CSA Contest
July 3	Shag Jam
July 23	Cookout & Pool Party @ The Stevens
August 5 & 6	The Boogie On The James
August 28	RSC Sunday Social
September 4	Shag Jam
September 16-25	SOS Fall Migration
September 20	RSC Beach Ball @ NMB
October 2	Shag Jam
October 30	RSC Sunday Social
November 6	Shag Jam
December 18	Jingle Bell Ball

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*Also look for the Richmond Shag Club group on facebook where event information will be posted.

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- 9:00 PM *Amateur Division*

Saturday, June 11th

- 1:00 PM Lesson #1
- 2:00 PM Lesson #2
- 3:00 PM DJ begins playing
- 3:30 PM *Junior Division*
- 5:30-7:00 PM Dinner Break
- 7:00 PM *Novice Division*
- 9:00 PM *Pro Division*
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