

THE DANCE POST

Winter 2008 Edition

...dancing, music, friendship & fun...

Hello Dancers! 2007 was a good year for the club. We made some changes and we're moving in a good direction. Haddonfield School of Dance, 413 Crystal Lake Ave, Haddonfield, NJ is working out great for a meeting place. We've seen more new interest since moving here than in the entire history of the club. Although we did lose some of our regulars with the change in venue and nights, we are hoping to see everyone back out dancing and learning new steps soon. We think you'll like what's been happening with the Shag – the club and the dances. We're sure 2008 is gonna be GREAT!

Accomplishments for 2007:

- Dance committee formed.
- Nate Jarvis volunteers for e-newsletter editor.
- Cheryl Scordato volunteers for Treasurer.
- Video library updated (need volunteer to handle this one)

Our goals for 2008 are lofty but we think we'll make them happen:

- Increase club membership to 100.
- Improve the treasury.
- Improve dancing.
- Bring Shag Pros in for workshops and DJ ing.
- Host a fundraiser focusing on dance for the club.
- Update/improve club logo.
- Continue with video library.
- Add to club benefits (we're looking to YOU for ideas here!)
- Include some West Coast Swing at the dances and offer some lessons sporadically.

The Watermelon Dance - usually the 3rd Saturday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

CLUB QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – The Dance Post – I'll still be handling this communication. If any of you would be interested in taking over the production of this please let me know. I'd love the help! If you have anything to share for this one – photos, items, info etc. please send to me at bpurkey@yahoo.com and I'll include what I can. If you would like to place an ad in this paper, contact me. We are setting up prices and formats now and will have that up and running in no time. Watch the website and newsletters for more information.

CLUB RAISES DUES and COSTS OF DANCES

Yes, for the first time in the history of the club (8 years) we've raised our prices. We feel \$8 for club members and \$11 for non members is still a bargain on a Saturday night, no matter how you cut it.

The \$5 increase yearly on club dues - from \$15 to \$20 starting April 1, 2008 is also still an excellent deal. Where else can you get all the benefits the club offers for only \$20. As a club member you get at least one free dance a year (the holiday party) and discounts on all other functions so if you only go to the Holiday Party and a few dances you've already saved!

We hope you'll all send in those renewals when they come due and continue to support the local club. We thank you so much. Be sure and tell all your friends, coworkers and relatives too! Share the joy of dance. We can all show one new person the basic step! It might bring someone new to the group.

BONUS DANCES

This year each month that has an extra Saturday - that is 5 Saturdays in one month - we'll host a Bonus Dance for club members. We think this will be fun and offer us another opportunity to get together and share in the dance and music we all love. We hope you'll agree. Our first Bonus Dance is Friday, March 28 - Be There!

CLUB FUNDRAISER

We're trying a FUNdraiser this year with an afternoon of workshops, social dancing, a pizza party and The Watermelon Dance. We have 5 instructors lined up for 8 workshops. We have a beginner/novice track and an intermediate/advanced track. We are sure there'll be something for everyone. Our teachers and the DJ have all volunteered their time and talents for us. The studio owner has offered to let us have the studio that afternoon and evening for half price! We're hoping to make some money for the treasury to help with costs and to help us with more fun events for the members. We hope you'll all be out that day to support the club and to enjoy all the activities. See the website www.delvalshag.org for all the details. Special prices for club members.

SHAG PROS VISIT IN JUNE FOR WORKSHOPS AND THE WATERMELON DANCE

Craig and Heather Jennings, Shag Pros and just great people, will be visiting our club June 21st from King George, VA. Craig and Heather, in addition to being in the top 10 Pro Couples on the National Circuit are also active members of the Northern VA Shag Club. Heather has been President of that club and is also Chairperson for the Capital Classic this year in July (one of our favorite events). Craig and Heather also founded The Battlefield Boogie Club in Fredericksburg, VA which is now doing great. Craig is also a past president of the Association of Carolina Shag Club Djs and serves as a DJ for the Northern VA Shag Club and the Fredericksburg Shag Club. Craig also played at Grand Nationals last year, a true feather in his cap! We know you'll all help us make them feel welcome and come out and learn lots of cool stuff while they are here. They'll be teaching two workshops and Craig will DJ with DJ Rob at The Watermelon Dance.

MAY BRINGS OUR CHOCOLATE LOVERS DELIGHT CONTEST

At the May 17th Watermelon Dance we'll have our much talked about Chocolate Lovers Delight contest. The cake bake off between Linda and Nate generated so many folks raving about their own excellent chocolate concoctions, we've decided to give everyone a chance to be voted the best baker of the year for 2008. It will not be easy to unseat Nate but it will be delicious to find out. So, May 17th bring your best chocolate delight to share. We'll all do the taste test and vote on the best. Winner will receive a prize. As we did at the last one, we'll include a wine tasting also...so for those wine lovers out there bring your favorite bottle and let's do a little tasting!

VIDEO LIBRARY

The video library is back in action. We got it back up and running at the January Watermelon Dance and we've had quite a bit of activity already. We have several new DVDs on hand which are popular already. You can return a borrowed DVD/video or borrow one at any Watermelon Dance or at the first Wednesday of the month at Westie Wednesday. The videos will be available between 9:30 and 10:00 at both events.

CHARLIE AND JACKIE IN NORTHERN VA

Several club members headed down for the day with Charlie and Jackie and the Northern VA Shag Club. It was a blast. Sheila, Rob, Bob Wickenden, Gerri LaPlaca and Susan Flemminio all attended. Bob and Gerri were recognized for a cool way to do a move during one of the workshops by Charlie! Yay!! The dance was really fun with one of our favorite Djs playing for us, Mr. Larry Jones from Little River, SC. All in all it was a most excellent day.

CAPITAL CLASSIC WEEKEND JULY 25 THROUGH 27 in DC

You don't want to miss this one folks! We almost always have around 20 going down for this fun party weekend. It's filled with dancing, comraderie, 3 lessons with Shag Pros Joey and Jennifer Solizzio, food, free pours, a pool party and more. The cost is unbelievable! It's only a few hours away! Hotel rooms are very reasonable and you get a discount rate with the Shag group. You receive a buffet breakfast each morning and a buffet dinner included in the cost of the event ticket! NOVA has a free pour Friday afternoon with Bar B Q, sides, sweets and free pours! Go to the Northern VA website today and make your reservations! You'll be glad you did. Once again, let's let them know the Del Val Shag Club is in the house. Friday night is tee shirt night...be sure and wear your Del Val Tees!

DEL VAL SHAGS AND SWINGS MONTHLY E-NEWS

Got something you want to share with the group? Send the info to our e-news editor, Nate Jarvis. Nate has been doing a wonderful job getting the info out to everyone. He does reserve the right to edit. Send any info to him at delvalshag@yahoo.com in paragraph format. If you aren't receiving this e-newsletter contact Nate today and have him add your name to his mailing list.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our newest members. Be sure and introduce yourselves if you haven't already.

Mara Hyatt
Michele Novotni

Teresa Flowers
Bob Novotni

Ed Brown

SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Got something you think would be a good idea for the club? Send an email along to delvalshag@yahoo.com and share it! We love new ideas and yours could be just the right one for the group.

NEW LOGO AND SHIRTS

We have an updated logo and you're gonna love it. At the April 19th, Celebrate Dance Day, we'll have some new tee shirts (mens and ladies in various sizes) and some golf shirts too available. We hope you'll purchase one and wear it proudly wherever you go...help us promote the club. With our new distributor we'll be able to order items as we want them and we can get other items too.

That's all for this edition of The Dance Post folks. Thank you to all of our volunteers! We couldn't do it without you. Those that serve in an office, those that head a committee, those that take a turn teaching a class, those that help with set up, break down, picking up ice, bringing food to share, covering the door. We are all very fortunate to have such a great group of volunteers and dancers here in our area. Thank you.

The Spring Edition will be out in mid June. Please send any article you'd like to share to me at bpurkey@yahoo.com. Your friends enjoy reading articles you write. Send us a few lines about an event you attended! If you have photos send those along too and we'll add a photo page.

Til next time, Sheila