

# THE DANCE POST

Vol 2

Where The North Meets The South

Aug, Sep, Oct 2007

**From The Prez...** Since our last newsletter we've had lots of exciting things happening. The monthly Watermelon Dances are doing quite well in Haddonfield! We have a new group of beginners every month which ensures continued growth of this little dance we love so much. The intermediate lessons are really fun with different members of the advanced group teaching at each dance. Everyone is getting something in the lessons - and that's exactly what we want and most are staying to dance.



The Swing Daddies and Sugah Dumplins Swing Team usurped the Monday night BOW group over the summer. It's been so much fun putting this team together and getting the routine ready to perform. What a GREAT job this group has done with the highlight of the team being performing for The Northern VA Shag Club's (our sister club) annual event the last weekend in July. They were wonderful and had tons of great comments and feedback. The team members also had a great time dancing with, taking lessons with and getting to know Sam and Lisa West a bit. We also had quite a few other club members there for the dancing: John & Kathy Nice, John & Marie Patrizi, Bob Manahan and there was a whole table of Jitterbug dancers there! And of course our own Shagger Lee led the late, late night party in the ballroom with Craig Jennings as a sidekick and man oh man....it was a night to remember for about 6 of us late night nuts!! Whew!

August 1<sup>st</sup> we said farewell to one of our longest standing members and one of our favorite dancers - Michael Sulik. Michael has accepted a position for graduate school in Tempe, AZ. While we are so excited for Michael and wish him all the best in the world ...it's a big loss for our dance community for sure. Michael, we miss you so much already!

At our August 17<sup>th</sup> Watermelon Dance we featured Southern Delights at the Mix and Mingle Snack Table. It was fun to see what everyone thought of the boiled peanuts, moon pies, pork rinds, sweet tea, Oke-Doke cheese curls, Jack and Dixie cups - thanks to: my sister, Dee Schmidt, in SC, Nate Jarvis and Lee White for helping out with this one! Everyone was a good sport and tried them all! We'll have to pick an area and have another Snack Table Theme night soon. Any suggestions?

That's all for now...Get out and DANCE...see you on the dance floor.

**Sheila**

## DVSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Sheila Purkey

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Director at Large - vacant

Club Photographer - Susan Flamminio

Club Video Library - Debbie Pica

Club web manager - Sheila Purkey

Club e-newsletter editor - Nate Jarvis

Club Ways and Means Committee - Lee White

Dance Committee: Sheila Purkey, Nanette Sulik, Lee White, Bob Wickenden, Rob Baen

Hats off to the following club members volunteering their talent and time to the monthly dances:

Door Coverage

Eileen Blaney

Lessons

Sascha Newberg  
Bob Wickenden  
Michael Sulik  
Susan Flamminio  
Butch Ray  
Gabrielle Sonnenberg  
Lee White  
Nanette Sulik

Clean Up Set Up

Michael Sulik  
Sascha Newberg  
Lee White  
Sheila Purkey  
Lucas Nguyen  
Mara Hyatt  
Rob Baen  
Nate Jarvis

If anyone was missed, know that what you do is very appreciated!

*And we always thank everyone that brings beverages and food to share!*

If you'd like to volunteer to help out at the dances in any way...just let us know! We can always use help!

***Welcome To The Show! We welcome our newest club members!***



Nate Jarvis                      Jana Horton  
Gerri LaPlace                    Linda Hobkirk  
David Fradin                      Valerie Brooks

## ***Watermelon Dance Schedule - save the dates!***

September 29, 2007

October 20, 2007

November 17, 2007

December 8, 2007 - Holiday Dance - FREE for members

Location: Haddonfield School of Dance, 413 Crystal Lake Ave., Haddonfield, NJ

Time: 8:00-8:30 - Carolina Shag lesson - 2 lessons offered each month in separate rooms -

Beginner and Intermediate lessons each month by club volunteers

8:30-midnight - Social Dance with our DJ. Music format: Blues, Rhythm & Blues,  
some contemporary and some Gospel too!

COST: \$7 Del Val Members; \$10 non-members - includes snacks and beverages

BYOB - Free parking - friendly people - fun dancing - good music!

### **CLUB VIDEO LIBRARY**

Check out the cool videos we have available for you to borrow to learn new steps at home! See Debbie Pica at any dance. We have lots of Shag videos as well as other dances including: West Coast Swing, Night Club 2 Step, Country Two Step, Hustle and MORE!

**Northern Virginia Shag Club Instructional Video.** Our sister club, NVSC's instructors got together and made an instructional CD of the most common moves they teach in their organized lessons. This CD is another great way to learn new steps and to work on improving your dance. They sell for \$15 each = all proceeds go to the Junior Shaggers. We will have these CDs

### **Club Tee Shirts!!**

We have club tee shirts for sale! They are so cool!! We'll have them at the Watermelon Dances.

Delaware Valley Shag Club tee - \$5  
The Watermelon Dance tee = \$14

Selected sizes left in each shirt.

We'd love to have a volunteer to collect the shirt money at the next Watermelon Dance. Could that be **YOU**? Let Sheila know if you can take a turn – email:



**RENEWAL NOTICES** will be in the mail by the end of August for those who need to renew during July, August, and September. We appreciate your membership and continued support for the club. We're dedicated to offering opportunities for folks to dance and enjoy a social dance environment. **THANK YOU.**

## 50/50 Dance

Hosted by The Delaware Valley Shag Club

**Coming your way.....Friday, October 5, 2007**

Because of the continued interest in the club and the Shag dance, we're adding another monthly dance to the calendar to provide club members another chance to dance. We think it will be a welcome addition - giving club members to get more dance time in for both Carolina Shag and West Coast Swing.

The format for this dance will be 50% Carolina Shag and 50% West Coast Swing? We'll let *YOU* tell us if this will work by your attendance...we think it will be tons of fun.

**Time: 8:30 to midnight** - There will be NO lesson at this dance....JUST DANCE!

**Cost:** \$7 Del Val Club members; \$10 non members - this will include non-alcoholic beverages and light snacks. BYOB. Everyone welcome. Free parking.



Nate Jarvis has volunteered to maintain the club email account: [delvalshag@yahoo.com](mailto:delvalshag@yahoo.com). Nate will be monitoring the email addresses (adding, deleting, etc.) and will also be sending out the club's monthly e-newsletter to everyone to remind us of what's happening. If you have something you'd like Nate to include in the newsletter...please send him a paragraph (Nate will retain the right to edit to fit) to include. This is a free service to club members. If you haven't met Nate yet, be sure and say hello at the next club dance. Thanks Nate for giving of your time.



Rob and Sheila's Beginner Crash Courses and Intermediate Intensives have been scheduled through September, October and November. These are filling up already. Be sure to contact either Rob at 609-519-0793 or Sheila at [bpurkey@yahoo.com](mailto:bpurkey@yahoo.com) to sign up. See [www.robandsheiladance.com](http://www.robandsheiladance.com) for more info on class times etc. Dates are as follows:

Beginner crash courses are: October 6<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>

Intermediate intensives are: September 23<sup>rd</sup> - ONE follower spot left and November 4<sup>th</sup>.

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Instructors: If you want to continue to be listed on the Club website you must be a member in good standing of the Club. If you are an instructor and you are a current member and your name and contact information does not show on the Instructor page, please contact Sheila and we'll get it on there. If you were shown at one time or another and your name is no longer shown, did you renew your membership? If you are a new instructor and want to be added on please send me your contact information. Thanks, Sheila

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