



Shaggin' With CLASS Newsletter

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First and foremost we would like to extend our deep appreciation to our 63 members for all your help in making our Shag Society a great success!

And remember - it's time to renew your membership!

NEW OFFICERS VOTED INTO OFFICE

Elections were held on Nov. 10, 2006 at our annual meeting . The winning candidates will take office in January 2007. The results of the election are as follows: President: Cyndy Ritch; Vice President: Pattee Perkins; Secretary: Bev Johnston; Treasurer: Nancy Clevenger ; Board of Directors: Pat Talley, Betty Blackshire, Ed Morrison.

A NEW AND EXCITING IDEA - A Classy Top 5 Playlist

Shaggin' With CLASS needs your help. And Here's why . . . 1. To make our dances more fun for the members. And, 2. If we can get it off the ground this will be this basis for a brand new radio show on the Endless Summer Network! This show will be centered around what all 5 Shag Clubs in WV dance to on a weekly basis.

Our club is going to be the driving force behind this project. We plan to begin by getting the songs listed with our club first and use that as a platform for the rest of the WV clubs. We need to find out what each member of the club loves to dance to. Not what you think anyone else would like, but what really gets you goin' on the floor. We'll use this to compile a playlist for our dances and add some other requests of course.

Be sure to reply to FastEddy1340@yahoo.com. He'll review your input and make up a list before each dance. Eventually we will put it on our website. This is another great way to make the dances more of what you the members want. Remember, our primary goal from the beginning was to have FUN!!!!!! If we learn to shag and find new friends what a bonus!

Don't miss the chance for more fellowship and fun not to mention lots of dancing!

Be sure to join us for our upcoming dances! Mark these dates on your calendar

January 12 and January 26

The following poem was submitted by Cyndy Ritch, President of Shaggin' With CLASS

The Dance of a Lifetime

You bring the loafers that are slick on the sole. I'll bring the music - R&B, Rock and Roll.
You must learn to count - 'til in your head it sticks: 1 and 2.....3 and 4.....5.....6

You have to shuffle; shuffle those feet.
Pretend you've got soul. It'll be so neat!
You just groove & move & groove some mo'
Till you almost feel like you're one with the flo'.
It's a sensuous dance, yet delightful and fun.
A dance of distinction, when it's all said and done.
It represents the south and those tunes from the beach
when R&B music was out of reach

Kids would sneak in the back of the clubs on the dunes
just to see the folks dance to those outta sight tunes.
What they saw before their eyes, was a sight to behold -
Poetry in motion, which thrilled the soul.
Which was the best - the music or the dance?
One was mesmerized with but a glance,
of two bodies moving in mirrored steps.
She starts on her right, he starts on his left.

Some moves are improvised, some choreographed.
Some shaggers are serious and some make you laugh.
The common thread - you learn from the start,
is you really have to feel it - feel it from your heart.
Rhythm can be taught, but it helps to know
most of the shag is from the waist - below.
Those arms - they stay still, but no "dead man pose,"
you have to be supple from your head to your toes.

It's smooth, it's sweet. There is magic in the beat.
You'll work up a sweat because you're creating lots of heat.
Another plus is many partners you'll meet.
Whether married or single, all they have to have is feet!
So, the best is yet to come when one but discovers
The dance of a lifetime between friends and lovers.
There's nothing like it, pleasures will unfold
as you learn the sugarfoot and the happy belly roll.

So, you bring the loafers that are slick on the sole. I'll bring the music - R&B, Rock and Roll.
You must learn to count - 'til in your head it sticks: 1 and 2.....3 and 4.....5.....6

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