

Shag Preservation.....past, present and future

Virginia Junior Shaggers Attend Junior SOS – 2018

First of all, I would like to personally thank all family members who take the time out of their busy summer schedules to bring their young shaggers to JR SOS in North Myrtle Beach. It's a long and tiring week for all participants, but the smiles you see as indicated in the pictures below, are priceless.

Our young people, approximately 20, represented the State of Virginia with poise, smiles, positive energy and were enthusiastic in all activities. We had two of our Virginia Jr Shaggers, Sierra Lipscomb and Mason Clark, selected to be a Jr Ambassador for 2018 JR SOS which required them to work in several capacities throughout the week in addition to social dancing. The Junior Ambassador Program requires their ambassadors to be 16 or older and met a strict code of behavior and willingness to help.

Many of our Virginia junior dancers were selected in a new program called "spotlight dance" in which they were selected by an Ambassador who noted their commitment to learning the shag and danced at the beginning of each evening with their sponsor. In addition, Richmond Shag Club members Gary and Dawn Harman's grandson, Skylar Degner, was selected to be interviewed by the local television station during JR SOS. I was so impressed with Skylar; he represented Virginia well by being poised and very articulate during his interview on camera, we may have a rising reporter on our hands.

We were proud of all our Virginia Juniors. I believe all of them participated in the daily dance qualifiers and final competition on Saturday night. Our dance will be in good hands....

On behalf of Virginia Shaggers, I would like to thank the Jr SOS board, Clubs and volunteers for doing a fantastic job with this event. Mark your calendars for next year, July 16 – 20, 2019.

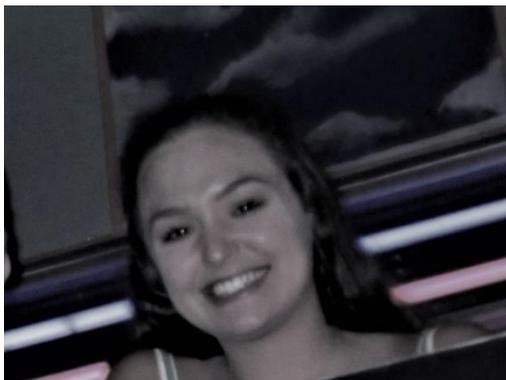
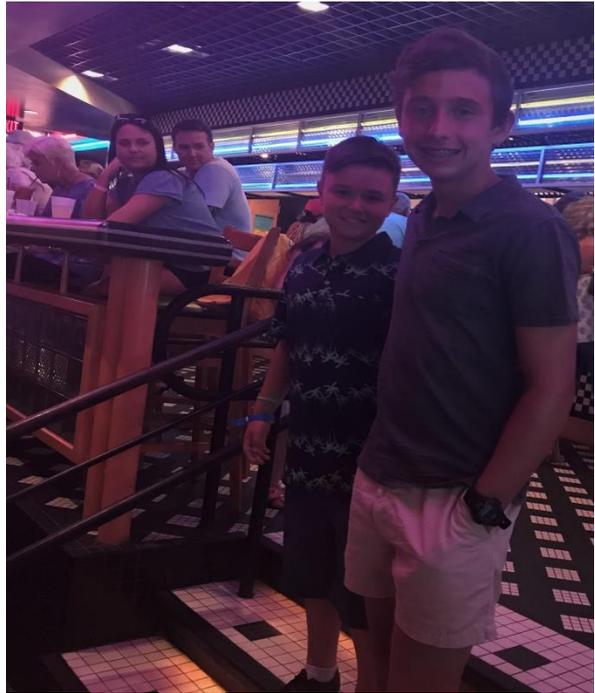


The famous "JoJo", showing the young people you can shag at any age!

Our Virginia Junior Shagger's smiling their way through Jr. SOS.....













Virginia Junior Shag Program Recognized at Jr SOS

Virginia Junior Shaggers, Inc. was surprised on Saturday evening of Jr SOS with a special recognition and generous donation from **Nanci Donald**, owner of Carolina Shag Shoes. Gene Pope, President of the Junior Shag Association, requested Sam West, Ashley Stewart and our own **Richmond Shag Club** member, Joyce Burnley, to come forward and be recognized for their individual promotion of the shag through the two dance teams and VJSI junior shag program. At this time, Nanci presented each person with a check to assist with their junior shag programs. Nanci Donald has been a vendor at Virginia Shag Club's annual parties for several years, so please stop by her traveling shoe store and thank her for supporting our **Virginia Junior Shaggers** in such a generous way.





**Shellbi Lipscomb, Chesterfield
Virginia**

On Saturday night of Jr SOS, our Virginia junior shagger, Shellbi Lipscomb was recognized in an aging out ceremony for all young adults turning 21. Shellbi attended her first JR SOS at the age of 14 and fell in love with the dance, music and people. Over the last several years, Shellbi was a Jr Shag Ambassador at Jr SOS, learned DJ skills from Larry Edwards, participated in dance competitions, danced for dollars for VJSI, taught shag to other junior shaggers and became a favorite dance partner with many young dancers at Jr SOS. Now 21, she will still be active in JR SOS by becoming an adult volunteer to further promote the shag to the next generation.



Special Thanks To Northern Virginia.....

On July 28, 2018, Northern Virginia held their annual party with guest Jr instructors Jackson and Lizzie Batten. An invitation was extended to VJSI to have any Virginia Jr Shagger who might be available after Jr SOS, come and do a spotlight dance for their annual party guest. Mason Clark, Skylar Degner, Sierra Lipscomb, Shellbi Lipscomb and Ava Farlow kindly volunteered to attend the function in DC and were welcomed with open arms. These young people, with all levels of experience, smiled and danced with each other and with party guest. They represented themselves so well; they collected donations over \$600 for Virginia Junior Shaggers, Inc. Thank you again Northern Virginia for your one-on-one support of these young shaggers and your generosity towards Junior Shag Programs.



Future Junior Events:

Please mark your calendar now for the largest junior function in Virginia. We need everyone's support, so please bring your young family members or just come to help our future shaggers.

The 7th Annual VJSI Shag Jam

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Hopewell Moose Lodge

Western St. & Cousins Ave. Hopewell, VA 23860

\$\$ Donation at the Door \$\$

Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Workshops start at 3:00 p.m. (free to all)

Workshops by Sam and Lisa West

Contests: *Amateur Divisions start at 6:30 p.m.*

Jr I and Jr II Divisions to follow. (awards in cash and trophies)

Open dancing before and after contests

Guest DJ: *Craig Jennings* (from Northern VA)

Food will be available (Jr's eat Free)

Special Entertainment!!!!!!!

Hotel: *Baymont Inn & Suites 5380 Oaklawn Blvd.*

Prince George, VA 23875 (804-452-0022)

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