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Battlefield Boogie Club



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The President's Letter

The Battlefield Boogie Club is seeing the winter through with lots of dancing and fun. If you haven't been out with us lately, you are missing a good time. We will be seeing Spring soon with lots of activities planned for our club. As shared in January quarterly membership meeting, there is a lot going on and coming up!

We are feeling right at home at the Loft. I think management and staff have honored our suggestions and requests, and if not, I need to know about it. On Valentine's Day, our club dance night, we had a great celebration. The Loft surprised us with a buffet spread at a reasonable price. It was too bad most of us had already eaten before arriving. Those that tried the selections enjoyed everything -except the popular item shrimp gave out and we were looking for more. That's Fred, co-manager's fault...its just too good! Many members brought delectable desserts which all of us enjoyed. Yum. The treats along with our lessons and dancing topped off the "sweetheart" day. Thanks to everyone for your contribution to the evening.

Well, on Feb 18th, Jackie & Charlie, multiple-time shag champions, and considered the king and queen of shag were hosted for the weekend by the Northern Virginia Shag Club. I am

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proud to let you know that a recognized number of our BBC members attended the workshops and dance on Saturday -see my article in the newsletter that is dedicated to this special dance weekend - Yeah, our BBC members are branching out, a true opportunity for "dance enhancement."

I have contacted the 95.9 radio station out of Colonial Beach, Va., and asked the Radio DJ that does a beach music show on Sunday nights, to let his listeners know that we are shagging at the Loft under the umbrella of the Battlefield Boogie Club. He agreed. AND, we agreed to share our events and collaborate on upcoming events where there is a match in music and dance. Watch out Fredericksburg....and near and far. We are getting serious!

We are planning to have a Sunday Social on April 2, so stay tuned. We will have the date posted on our web site and at the Loft soon. We will be sure that our fellow shag clubs know about it so we can once again share in our dancing opportunities. Many of our BBC members get together and go to other club events. We dance every chance that we get. So, listen up, and join in. If you have any questions about what is coming up, just ask or e-mail any of us on your BBC Board list in this newsletter. --- For long range planning, our BBC Annual Party in August will be another cannonball blast! We are not only going to have our own members ready to party, but we expect other dance enthusiasts from many other shag clubs. So watch for more details...

We give thanks for our instructors and beach music DJs that provide dance lessons, and dancing every Tuesday night. But, you must know that we can not do this without you. We need you to come to the Loft on club night. We need your support! Many small parts = one great whole. ☺

So with high spirits think Spring, meeting new friends, cherishing the old, and doing a lot of dancing -we are always ready to dance! To repeat the shag motto, "see you on the dance floor." And, my motto especially for you - let the good times continue to roll!

Audrey Borja



**A big appreciation to all of the
BBC members
that help to keep the club
going. I could not do
it without you. Thank you!**

Audrey ☺



BBC Celebrates Valentine's Day!

By Audrey Borja



The BBC members gathered at the Loft on its regular club night and celebrated sweetheart day with special foods and dance. The Loft surprised our members with a nice buffet offering it to us at a modest price. Members brought lots of Valentine sweets which tempted the best of us. And of course, we shared little Valentine candy kisses as we danced. Valentine's Day was just a sample of the friendship and fun that we have on our club night. We make it our goal for everyone to have a good time, whether it is by learning a new dance step, dancing with your favorite partner, meeting a new friend, or just hanging out. Valentine's Day being on our very own club night was another opportunity for us to celebrate being together for a night of dancing and fun! Besides, we love those candy hearts!

Welcome New Members!

We extend a warm welcome to the following new BBC members:

Mary Babbie	1/06
Steve Berry	1/06
Dallas Campbell	2/06
James Kroll	1/06
Joan McKinney	2/06
John Wood	2/06
James (Jimmy) Walters	3/06
Rosemary (Rose) Horan	3/06

--We are going to have a great 2006
And you are part of it, yeah! ☺

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If you are interested in helping, contact someone above. If you have ideas, an article, or something of interest, please let us know. Your help, service, & input can make a difference.

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The Champions Come to town!

By Audrey Borja

One would wonder why the table is empty at the dance at Ft. Myer's on Saturday night, February 18. Well, the answer to this is that the Battlefield Boogie Club members were **dancing**...! And, were they ever dancing.....the night away! The Northern Va. Shag Club once again hosted multiple-time champions, Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee to conduct workshops on Saturday and to attend the dance on Saturday night when they performed an awesome demo for the crowd. Numerous BBC members attended the great workshops to learn and enhance their dance – focusing on style, techniques, and overall form –how to look like a real "shagger." Jackie and Charlie were there usual fun selves and offered valuable lessons for everyone. The dance that night just topped it off with lots of food, music, and on-the-floor spirits. Thanks to our sister club NVSC for a great time to learn from the champions. Each year, its always a great weekend and surely we are all better dancers for participating. --And, if you as a BBC member, did not attend...shame on you! Try to catch it next year – it is a fun weekend you do not want to miss!



what is sos??

By Heather Jennings

Newer BBC members may have heard the regulars talking about "SOS" or going to "the beach for SOS." So what's all the hub-bub about?

Well, let's start at the beginning! **SOS stands for the "Society of Stranders."** Founded in 1980, the Society of Stranders (SOS) is an organization that enjoys, upholds, and perpetuates the traditions of beach and shag music, and shag dancing.

SOS (the organization) is widely recognized for its two yearly adult parties (the Spring Safari and the Fall Migration) held in North Myrtle Beach, SC. People go to these events to have fun, enjoy the beach, see old friends, and to make new ones. Started as a small reunion of friends, they are now attended by 12,000+ members! These events have taken on the name of the organization and are also simply called "SOS."

Both yearly SOS events are ten days in length, and encompass the majority of the local lounges in the Ocean Drive area of North Myrtle Beach, SC. Inside these participating lounges, the best shag DJ's from all over the East coast play the hottest new and old beach and shag tunes. It is non-stop fun from early in the day until the wee hours of the morning!!

Each SOS event includes special activities like dance workshops, exhibitions, contests, live entertainment, and a parade (in the Spring) and "Fun Monday" (in the Fall). SOS even provides its members free food in participating lounges at various times during the week. Trams provided by SOS run up and down the beach during peak hours offering free rides to and from the lounges.

Of course, there is so much more at the "biggest and best of all adult beach parties." But, you need to experience it to understand!!!! Go once, and you will find that yearly return trips become a time-honored tradition!!!! **The next SOS is Spring Safari scheduled for April 21 - April 30, 2006.**

When you arrive in North Myrtle, be sure to pick up your free copy of the SOS newspaper, the **Carefree Times** which contains oodles of important info about SOS activities, workshops, DJ schedules, etc. The paper is available at any of the SOS clubs (Fat Harold's, Ducks, etc.) and at many Ocean Drive establishments like 'Judy's House of Oldies.'

You can become a member of SOS (the organization) and immediately begin enjoying these benefits. SOS membership lasts from January 1st to December 31st, yet costs only \$35. When you join you receive an SOS membership "card" (like a credit card) which is good for several SOS events: Mid-Winter (which is held in Mid-January), Spring SOS and Fall SOS.

To join, simply purchase an SOS card when you get to North Myrtle Beach at any of the participating lounges or see www.shagdance.com for info on membership and for future SOS party dates and events. What are you waiting for? Many of your BBC shag friends are SOS members and having fun!! Go for it. Join SOS today!



SOS DJ TIMES-

OUR OWN BBC CRAIG JENNINGS DJ TIMES ARE:

. SATURDAY	APRIL 22 nd	1-5PM	DUCKS TOO
. SUNDAY	APRIL 23 rd	12-5PM	DUCKS
. TUESDAY	APRIL 25 th	5-10PM	DUCKS TOO
. WEDNESDAY	APRIL 26 th	12-5PM	DUCKS
. SATURDAY	APRIL 29 th	12-5PM	DUCKS

Happy Feet Do Six Steps

Steps for March / April

Beginner Steps for March

March 7	Basic, Start
March 14	Basic, Female Turn
March 21	Basic, Male Turn
March 28	Basic, Triple Basic

Beginner Steps for April

April 4	Basic, Start
April 11	Basic, Side Pass
April 18	Basic, Half Turn
April 25	Basic, Male Half Turn

Intermediate Steps for March/April

March 14	Craig & Heather- Back Prep/ Front Prep Basics, Sugarfoot
March 28	Don & Audrey- Side-to-side basic, Tuck
April 11	Craig & Heather- Forward Sailor, Crossover Mirror step
April 25	Don & Audrey- Double Kick Basic, Instructor's choice

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Judy shares her thoughts!

By Judy Early



I was introduced to Shag dancing last fall while at a Salsa lesson. Audrey and Don Borja spotted me floundering at a lesson and approached me about the local Shag club here in Fred. I thought I'd give it a try and started going. What I found was more than just a dance. It was a group of extremely wonderful people who shared the love of the dance and a camaraderie that is awesome. Watching the couples move together and apart, synchronized in a gliding motion, and their fancy footwork is amazing to me. What I particularly am fascinated by is the connecting that they share,,,,, the eye contact, the smiles they exchange, the laughs, and just the time spent together that brings them closer together. Being a single woman made little difference as to participation, which I soon found out. The wives gladly put their husband "on loan" for a quick reinforcement of a new move and a spin on the floor, for which I'm grateful. I'm finally not the "new comer", as new people have started to come and catch the fever and excitement of the dance. Thanks to the Borja's, I've found a great place and a wonderful way to meet new people and learn to dance.



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Top 10 Reasons to Visit the BBC Web site

www.battlefieldboogieclub.com

- 10 - Can't remember what dance step is being taught this week? It's on the site.
- 9 - Can't remember if we're dancing on Tuesday or Thursday? It's on the site.
- 8 - Can't remember the address of the Loft so you can tell a friend to meet you there? It's on the site.
- 7 - Need to know about an upcoming BBC shag event? It's on the site.
- 6 - Need to know about some other nearby shag event or beach music festival?? It's on the site.
- 5 - Want to see pictures from a recent BBC event or dance night? It's on the site.
- 4 - Can't remember how to get in touch with Audrey, your BBC president? It's on the site.
- 3 - Want to read the latest issue of the BBC newsletter? It's on the site.
- 2 - You need a membership application to renew or give to a friend to join. It's on the site.
- And the number one reason to REGULARLY check the BBCweb site???
- 1 - It's free!!!!!!

Big THANKS !!
To
Ron Lipps for DJ'ing March 2

MORE ** DATES For Your Calendar:

- March 9-11 - National Shag Dance Championships in Myrtle Beach
- March 18 - Northern Virginia Shag Club Shagathon at Springfield Mall
- April 2 - 1 - 5pm BBC Sunday Social
- April 8 - Virginia Shag Dancers Day in Virginia Beach
- April 21-30 - SOS Spring Safari, NMB -
- May 14 - Easterns Dance Competition Event in Northern Virginia
- May 18th to 22nd - Ya Beach Music Festival Weekend
- May 25-29 - ISA Grand Nationals in Atlanta
- September 15-24 - SOS Fall Migration, NMB

Save the Date April 8, '06 Virginia Shag Dance Day

with some members of the

National Shag Dance Team

as our special guest



For special Workshops, Exhibitions, Dinner & Dancing
as we honor Shag dancers from Virginia
who have contributed in putting
Virginia on the Shag Dance Map!

For more information contact Cindy or Larry Black
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or for more information see: <http://www.virginiashagdanceday.homestead.com/>

Happy Birthday !!!!!

JAMES (JIM)	KROLL	03/03
SHANON	BERRY, Jr.	03/03
BROOKS	BARNES	03/10
BONNIE	ROSE	03/20
GARY	IBANEZ	03/24
LARRY	BLACK	03/28
PATRICIA (PATTI)	PINER	04/01
KATHRYN	WINSTEAD	04/12
CATHY	LEYAY	04/23
BARBARA (BARB)	LEONE	04/27

DJ's
Larry Jones
Craig Jennings



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Virginia Shag Dance Day

April 8, 2006

At Dancesport in Virginia Beach
5721 Arrowhead Dr. (Near 64 & 264 interchange)

*Come help us celebrate Shag dancers from
Virginia*

*Who have contributed in putting
Virginia on the Shag Dance Map!
Yes, they shag in Virginia!!*

2 Workshops starting at 4PM (\$10 each or 2 for \$15) taught by
Leslie Melton, William Greene and Brennar Goree
Members of the National Shag Dance Team

Tickets are \$25 include
Dinner 7:00 Catered by D & M Seafood (Sunday Summer Deck Parties)
Dancing 8:00 – 12 ish
Honoree ceremony, door prizes, exhibitions through out the evening
Even a special Dance of Champions!!!

For up to date info visit

www.virginiashagdanceday.homestead.com

Tickets \$25 per person before April 1, 2006.

Send checks payable to:

Shag N 4 U, 793 Chippendale Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Proceeds to benefit the National Shag Dance Team

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Spinnin' Round... News from the DJ Booth

By Jim Rose
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What is the difference between a shag song and a beach song?
ANSWER: It's all in the ear of the listener.

Which is it; a beach song or a shag song? Of course we all have our favorite style of music that we call beach or shag. And no matter what the genre, style, or beat, it's what you, the listener, perceive it to be.

Yes, you've probably heard them all; Bubble Gum Beach, Classic Beach, Motown, R&B, Doo Wop, Blues, Country, and so goes the list! And the folks that are staunch supporters of the "beach music by the beach bands" are just as right as the old R&B and Doo Wop lovers. Most of who are intolerable of anything else being played for shag music.

Could the answer be experience? The "Beach Music" for a teen growing up in the early 60's will be far different from what a teen listened to in the 70's or 80's. The Temptations, BB King, or maybe Drifters of the 60's as opposed to the Embers, Shakers, or Coastline of the 70's / 80's.

This experience also can equate to what your parents listened to; Nat King Cole, Clovers, 5 Royales, or maybe Clarence Carter, Willie Tee, or Embers. See what I mean?

So, where does all this lead us? It's really not an either or question. It's both. It's whether people are willing to embrace the entire beach / shag music history rather than just a small piece that was their individual personal experience.

Most of the DJ's that play Beach / Shag music play it for the sheer enjoyment of the sound, the feeling it gives us, the history, and the fulfillment that we play something that makes people get up and dance and have fun!

So, the next time or every time for that matter, you're at a dance venue, go up to the DJ booth and say,... "Thanks for the memories."

BEACH MUSIC'S TOP 10 SONGS FOR MARCH 2006

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| 1. Born To Break My Heart – Roy Hemmings | 6. I Want A Love I Can See – Angel Risssoff |
| 2. Big Blue Cadillac – Kevin Mark | 7. Open Arms – Sea Cruz |
| 3. Ocean Drive Sunday – John Franklin | 8. One Drop Of Love – Craig Woolard |
| 4. Hold On To The Blues – Lonnie Givens | 9. Boat Dock – Dave Freeman |
| 5. Crazy For Your Love – John Williams | 10. I've Got A Feeling – Craig Woolard |

Until next time...dance like nobody's watchin'! But most of all have a good time!

See ya on the dance floor!