



The Bugle

Battlefield Boogie Club



CREATE DANCE HISTORY



CREATE A MEMORY

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President's Letter... by Audrey Borja

Oh, can it be that we are getting to the end of the year...and yet we have so much to do in '07. I don't know about you, but it seems like we have had one event after another going on. I think that is the way summers end.....trying to capture us in the last whirls of summer fun.

So, both the events that are behind us and the ones yet to come this year have kept us busy:

-Halloween was a lot of fun at The Loft as we celebrated with costumes, prizes and our September/October birthday cake. We had a great turnout and got

some nice pictures – check them out and the article in the newsletter.

- Well, as you may know we had special visitors at our Halloween party. David and Jerry Rodgers, President and first lady from the Northern Virginia Shag Club came with the assignment of “observing” us to see if we meet requirements to join the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC). Well, as of yet we have not heard from them, but we feel that our BBC did great. We provided all of the necessary “official” stuff, By-Laws, State Certification, Membership count, dance lessons, and a nice place to dance- all topped off with a good crowd, our 50/50, and lots of high spirits. The decision should come to us soon....**Go BBC!**

-Our BBC Anniversary party/dance is on November 17.... We are hoping for a good turnout and to announce that we have at least 100 members. We need you to bring some new members to help us achieve this. So plan to attend this special dance! See the flyer in the newsletter.

-Your nominating committee has a slate of officers for the 2008 Board. Please look in this newsletter that gives you the process for the election. We will end all voting on December 11. So, please participate in this important club activity. Vote!

-We are making a few changes to our dance program, so please read the article on this in our newsletter. We know you will be delighted with our changes and to know what you can look forward to each week. Check out

the article!

-Our holiday party will be on December 11 at the Loft. We will have food that the Loft will prepare for us as

well as desserts that the members will bring. The Holiday party will be free to members and \$5.00 for guests. We will have special announcements about the year, how far our club has come, and recognize The Loft management. They have been good to us over the past 1-1/2 years giving us a place to come regularly and spread the love of our dance.

Thanks Fred!

-We are still working toward getting our charity on board. Hopefully, I will have something to report early in the new year.

-The VA license plate project is still in process. We will keep you posted.

Finally, as we vote for the 2008 BBC officers, please think about joining one of the committees to help with our various events: membership, communication, newsletter, hospitality, sunshine and others. It is not hard for a team to do a job, but it is hard for one to do it alone. Please consider helping your club.

As we move into the next couple of months, I trust that: 1) the BBC will add pleasure to your life; 2) you make lasting friendships; and 3) the dance we all love keeps your spirits high.

So, embrace your strengths and let the good times roll!

Audrey ☺



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BBC NEWSLETTER- CAN YOU HELP?



If you have computer skills and would like to help the BBC to compile and produce the BBC Bugle newsletter, please contact a board member listed in the newsletter. We have a staff that has carried the responsibility of the newsletter for 2 years, and we would like for someone else to have the opportunity to experience this fun filled activity. We look forward to hearing from you.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Mark your calendars. December 11, 7:30 at the Loft. The BBC will have its 2007 Holiday Party. Free food & entry for members, guest \$5.00.

Check the flyer table for more details.

You won't want to miss this event as the BBC gives back to its members.

Plan to come and bring a friend!

LOGO ITEMS

BBC logo items are on sale every Tuesday night and through e-mail to AnnMartin13@yahoo.com. Ann is our BBC member representative for logo sales. Please support your club while getting quality merchandise at reasonable prices. We recently added shoe bags to our inventory. So, if you don't have these items, check them out and plan to get one of each.

Shirts - \$25.00

Hats - \$15.00

Huggies- \$ 2.00

Bags - \$ 30.00

UPCOMING BBC 2008 ELECTION



We have designated a nomination committee to contact each BBC member to see if they want to run for an office within the BBC. The officers are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 3 board members (officers at large). By the time you read this, the committee will be contacting you. The nominations will be announced at a brief membership meeting on November 20. Dates to remember for the process include:

November 20 - Nominations announced

December 4 - Ballots will go to members via e-mail, deadline to reply is Dec.10.

Members can also cast votes at the Loft on Dec.4 &11!!!



December 11 - Election and results announced

January 1, '08 - Begins new terms of officers.

Please consider this opportunity to match your talents with a potentially award winning dance club!

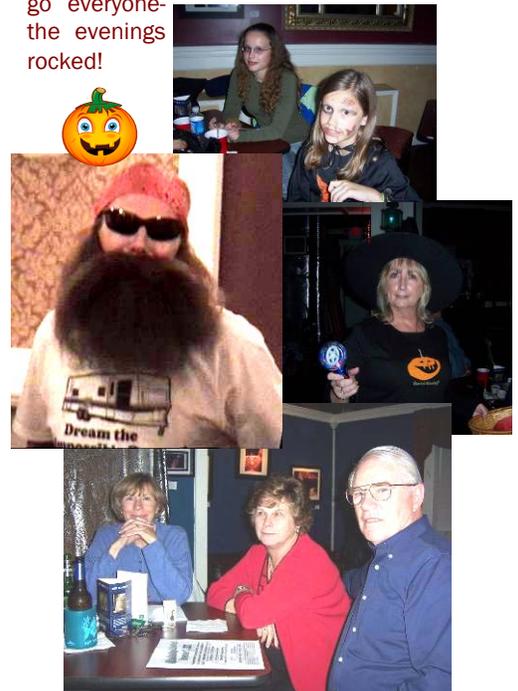


NOTICE: General Membership Meeting - November 20, 7:30 At The Loft.

TWO SHAG CLUBS ROCKED FOR HALLOWEEN



The BBC Halloween party/dance was on October 30 and the Northern Va. Shag Club (NVSC) party was on October 31. Both clubs had costume parades and prizes. What fun watching the various folks with very original costumes calling for standing ovations, and/or to parade by strutting their stuff. At the BBC, our young member, Jennifer Blair won 1st place, were you a gypsy, Jen? Wes Kirchner, took second place -with his beard and sunglasses for disguise, and our own Jim Rose in his priestly attire took 3rd place. The NVSC had twice as many contestants as the BBC. They had a wide variety of spooky, clever, and attention getter costumes. First place prizes were awarded for a couple that wore their convincing pirate costumes -sword and all, and a prize for a single strutter portraying Tina Turner. Your own Jim Rose and Don & Audrey Borja participated and were recognized for their creative costumes. Way to go everyone- the evenings rocked!



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Happy Halloween!!!!





What's Up! Still coming in....

- See table at the Loft for flyers -

BBC November Anniversary—Eagles Club	Nov. 17
BBC Nominations Announcement	Nov. 20
BBC Voting for Officers & Board Members At Loft	Dec. 4 & 11
BBC Holiday Party—The Loft	Dec. 11
BBC Begins new term of BBC Officers	Jan. 1, 2008

2007 Officers

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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, and input are needed and can make a difference.

The Battlefield Boogie Club Dance Program By Heather Jennings

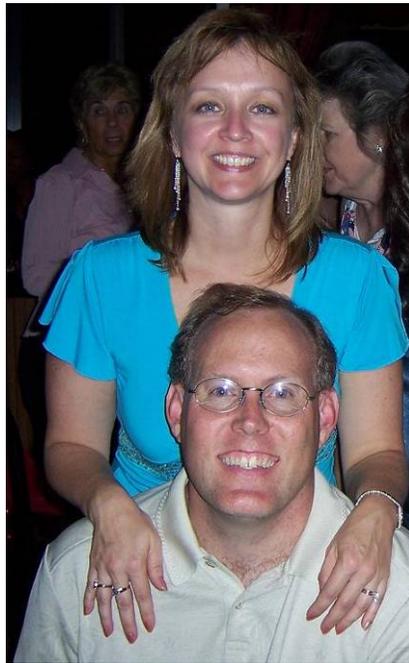
(adapted from an article written by Chris Pax for the Northern Virginia Shag Club)

As chairperson for the dance committee at BBC, I am called on to make decisions about what will and will not go into our classes every Tuesday night. I get a lot of great input from you, our members, and especially from the other BBC shag instructors. Since we can't put EVERYTHING IN, I thought I might share with you my take on the purpose of our dance program, and the guiding principles that are used to decide what makes the cut. As I see it, our program has 3 main purposes:

1. Welcome Newcomers

Every week, *The Curious* show up at our club, hoping to catch a glimpse of Shag and wondering if this is a dance they might be able to learn and enjoy. They come because a co-worker at their office has been talking about us, or a friend dragged them here on a bet. They come because they've heard about S.O.S. and they want to learn some shag before they head down to the beach and take The Plunge. They come because they were surfing on the net, saw our web page, and just had to check it out. They come because they saw someone doing the dance somewhere – maybe they saw the "Alabama" video, or maybe they saw Charlie and Jackie competing at a dance

event. Some of them come remembering a dance they did in college, hoping that this might be a way to get back into that dance from the good old days. And some of them were just here for a quiet dinner at Fredericks or a drink at the Loft and decided to stay and see what all the fuss was about.



We want to welcome all these people, with all their diverse backgrounds, into our club. We want to take that initial spark of curiosity and feed and water it. Face it, we want them to get hooked.

After all, that's what happened to us! And if you think about it, you've really *got* to get hooked, or you'll never make it. Shag is not the easiest dance to learn. It takes more than a passing curiosity to get good at it.

2. Teach Newcomers the Fundamentals

A lot of people (the number is astonishing to me) do get hooked. They want more than a taste. They want to *learn this dance*.

We want to give *Those Who Are Hooked* the most effective instruc-

tion possible, so that if they invest several weeks--diligently attending our shag classes and dutifully practicing both on the dance floor after the class and at home--they will have RESULTS. They will know the basic components of this wonderful dance, and they'll be able to go on learning from other sources after that. The men should have enough material to lead several 4-minute songs with good variety. The women should be able to follow most leadable steps led by social shaggers. Both should have a nice collection of basic variations to draw on.

"Mirror patterns" have a short shelf life and discouragingly limited range: the ones that are commonly done in Virginia Beach are often unheard of at Carolina Beach. In our classes we'll teach a few mirror patterns that are popular (the sugarfoot, the applejack, and others), but the primary goal is to teach the more universal fundamentals of our dance, so that when you are swapping steps with other shaggers at an out of town dance weekend, or trying to learn a new mirror pattern at a workshop, you know, for example, what a front prep is; can perform a good, solid basic; have mastered the boogie walk; and can do a respectable pivot--these are the stuff mirror patterns are comprised of. Once you know these things, mirror patterns are pretty easy to learn.

To reinforce the shag fundamentals—starting in November our Beginner class will consist of a 4 week course which will repeat

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every month. The basic step will be taught each week and then one additional step will also be taught. We encourage you to repeat the beginner class as many times as needed before progressing to the Novice and Intermediate classes.

3. Provide BBC members with a means of improving and polishing their fundamentals.

I will never stop attending basic skills workshops. I will always be trying to improve my pivot. And I hope that if I keep working on it maybe someday I will be able to do a decent boogie walk. I have heard from many of our club members who feel the same way. I see them in our classes. This is wonderful not only because all of us can improve, but also because having stronger dancers to practice with makes the newer dancers learn faster. Experienced BBC dancers who attend the Tuesday night intermediate classes give a gift to the class, just by being there.

So what happens when you're ready to graduate from Beginner? Are you ready for Intermediate? Well, maybe or maybe not so in an effort to make the transition easier, starting in November, BBC will offer a "Novice" class every other month. This class will consist of steps that are somewhere between Beginner and Intermediate in difficulty level. Additionally, for both Novice and Intermediate classes, each step will now be taught twice in each month so on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month either a Novice or Intermediate step will be taught and for that month, the same step will be taught on both weeks. This should help reinforce the step while its

still fresh in your mind.

What is there for BBC dance program graduates?

Sometimes club members ask us to put more advanced steps in the already crowded program. Although I'm happy the interest is there, I am reluctant to do this as it would come at the expense of teaching shag fundamentals. For those who are ready to move on, please be aware that there is *oodles* of stuff out there that you can take advantage of once you've mastered the shag basics.

BBC will offer a more advanced intermediate class in each month that has five Tuesdays. So while we have a line dance class every 3rd Tuesday and a Novice or Intermediate class every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, we will now have an advanced intermediate class in months where there are 5 Tuesdays. This class will be geared for those who have been dancing for two years or more and are interested in learning shag technique and more advanced footwork and steps.

BBC has offered workshops with guest shag

instructors the last three years at our annual party in

August. Take advantage of learning new material from these folks!! If you're ready for more, you simply must attend these workshops.

Another avenue for learning new material exists at the dance parties and weekend events of

nearby shag clubs which often include lessons that feature intermediate and advanced steps. If you're looking for more, get in the car and take to the road!

Our club sells a shag instructional DVD produced by the Northern Virginia Shag Club. The DVD contains many of the basic and intermediate steps we already teach, but it also includes some steps we don't. If you're hungry for more or just need to review steps that have already been taught, consider purchasing this DVD.

And perhaps the very best thing is predictably also the one that costs the most: private lessons. Again, you may have to get in the car and spend a few bucks, but there are some great shag instructors to be found on the east coast. Talk to people whose dancing you admire and ask them where they learned. Some will tell you they grew up doing it, but others will tell you about a particular person who taught them. Go ahead and take private lessons! Now that you have the fundamentals, you're ready for the Big League. People are often amazed at how much even a few lessons, where you're

one-on-one with a good teacher, can help.

Just because you learned a

lot from the free BBC program doesn't mean it's the only place on the planet where you can learn. If you have graduated from the free program, then now is the time to invest in your dancing. I urge you to do it! The more good dancers there are, the more fun it is for all of us!

"So what happens when you're ready to graduate from Beginner? Are you ready for Intermediate?"

We Have Club Shirts!

Our BBC logo is embroidered on shirts coming in light blue and gray. They are \$25 and good quality! Lots of us are wearing them – looking sharp! We now have hats for \$15 and shoe bags for \$30 with our logo and your name. Check it out and get one in stock or by order! Support your club!

Happy Feet Do Six Steps

For November/December

Beginner Steps for November

- Nov 6 Basic, Female Turn
- Nov 13 Basic, Start
- Nov 20 Basic, Male Turn
- Nov 27 Basic, Half Turn

Beginner Steps for December

- Dec 4 Basic, Female Turn
- Dec 11 Basic, Start
- Dec 18 Basic, Male Turn
- Dec 25 NO DANCING

Novice Class for November

- Nov 13 Triple Basic
- Nov 27 Triple Basic

Intermediate Class for December

- Dec 11 Pivot
- Dec 25 NO DANCING

Line dance lesson the 3rd Tuesday of each month!!!

Nov & Dec Birthdays

Evelyn Shepard	11/03
Larry Bivens	11/03
Melissa Lipps	11/04
Edward O'Reilly	11/05
Donna Bivens	11/06
Richard (Thorny) Chilton	11/08
Maria (Mariella) Stine	11/12
Denise Gehley	11/16
Peggi Dongieux	11/16
Ellen Morin	11/29
Kevin Byrnes	11/30
Barry Myers	12/07
Brennar Goree	12/11
Cathy Metcalf	12/12
Rondel (Ron) Lipps	12/13
Dorothea Barnes	12/18



Spinnin' Round...

By Jim Rose

Beach Music Top 40 courtesy of www.beachshag.com

Wk	LW	TW	Title	BP	Year	Artist	CD LP	Label & No.
28	2	1	ONE STEP CLOSER	114	2006	Strickland, Rick	Something Smooth	One20Inc 2042
34	3	2	PRIVATE NUMBER	116	2006	Scott, Billy & Cindy Floyd	I Don't Do Duets	Flip Side 0013
20	1	3	FIRST FLOOR GIRL	128	2004	Love Dogs	Live & On Fire	T-Ray Records
18	5	4	SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAIN- BOW /WHAT A WONDERFUL	106	2006	Richard, Cliff	Healing Love (Songs of Inspiration)	Music Mill 71023
24	4	5	SWEET ESCAPE, THE	120	2006	Stefani, Gwen & Akon Peterson, James & Lucky w/ Mary	The Sweet Escape	Interscope 0008099
18	7	6	TIME TO GO	108	2004	Taylor	If You Can't Fix It	JSP 100
24	6	7	TOO MUCH TOO LATE	119	2007	Johnson, Dee & Full Flava	Music Is Our Way of Life	Dome 77
18	9	8	LOVE BE WITH YOU LOVE IS HERE & NOW YOU'RE GONE	116	2007	Catalinas	Locals Too: A Little Meat On the Side	KHP 1053
18	10	9		116	2007	Holiday Band fea. Mike Neese	Locals Too: A Little Meat On the Side	KHP 1053
13	11	10	RIO DE JANEIRO BLUE	111	2002	Crawford, Randy & Joe Sample	Velvet Jazz	Warner Jazz 3442
27	8	11	GIRL THEY WON'T BELIEVE IT	123	2007	Stone, Joss	Introducing Joss Stone	Virgin/EMI 76268
30	12	12	SHE'S THE ONE I LOVE	129	2006	Godfrey, Rickey	Once In A Lifetime Love	Mossland
14	14	13	LET IT BE ME	108	2007	O'Banion, Sammy/Linda Little/Mardi Gras		BHR
27	13	14	WHAT'S A MATTER BABY (SO LONG) SINCE I FELT THIS WAY	117	2007	Shaggie Maggie w/ Pam Russell	Locals Too: A Little Meat On the Side	KHP 1053
16	16	15		107	2007	Thompkins, Russell Jr		Forevermore records
13	17	16	I KNOW IT'S HARD BUT IT'S FAIR	129	2007	Holiday Band fea. Mike Taylor	Forever Summer II-All the Good Times	KHP 4800
23	15	17	A LITTLE MEAT ON THE SIDE	124	2007	Sea Cruz	Locals Too: A Little Meat On the Side	KHP 1053
14	18	18	SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL	105	2003	Stone, Joss	Soul Sessions, The	S-Curve 42234
7	21	19	AIN'T THAT THE TRUTH	119	2007	Brooks, Danny		Rockin' Camel Musi
17	20	20	OVER AND DONE	107	2007	Shaw, Ryan	This is Ryan Shaw	Columbia 05742
8	23	21	WHY AM I CRYING	108	2007	McDaniel, Rhonda	Forever Summer II-All the Good Times	KHP 4800
11	22	22	JUST THE WAY YOU ARE	116	2007	Baldwin, Becky Fox Trexler, Donny & Susan w Mark	Forever Summer II-All the Good Times	KHP 4800
9	24	23	MEMORIES & SOUVENIRS	111	2007	Black	Hustle Magic	Dance Vision Prodr
9	25	24	SWEET FEELING	102	2007	Cracked Ice fea. Susan D.	Soul Noir	Ice Tone 1
27	19	25	I LOVE ONLY YOU	116	1963	Henry, Ed, The Nickels & 3 Pennies	(45 rpm only)	Nu-Sound 180
6	28	26	BOOGIE DOWN BLUES	110	2007	Out-of-Towners	Now and Then	Sisbro 3001
39	26	27	THAT'S YOUR MISTAKE	106	2006	SFB	Keep On Shaggin'	Ripete 2361
16	29	28	ALL THE GOOD TIMES	112	2007	Lia & the Wave	Forever Summer II-All the Good Times	KHP 4800
6	30	29	GET YOUR LOVIN' WHILE I CAN	120	2007	Embers	The Show Must Go On	Blu Water Records
6	31	30	GEORGY PORGY I PICKED A BAD TIME FOR ME TO GET OLD	98	1979	Toto fea Cheryl Lynn		Columbia 10944
6	34	31		121	2007	Legends of Beach fea Mark Black	Legends of Beach	Independent
8	32	32	RUNNING OUT OF TIME STEPPING CLOSER TO YOUR HEART	108	2007	Godfrey, Rickey Band	Forever Summer II-All the Good Times	KHP 4800
3	36	33		110	1966	Knight, Gladys & Pips		Soul 35034
2	39	34	MONEY HONEY	126	2007	Woolard, Craig Band fea Andy King	Come Get To This	Sisbro 3002
2	40	35	BIG, BLONDE & BEAUTIFUL	102	2007	Queen Latifah	Hairspray soundtrack	New Line 39089
6	33	36	P.D.A. (WE JUST DON'T CARE)	111	2007	Legend, John	Once Again	G.O.O.D./Sony 8032
3	35	37	LET'S GET A THING GOING ON	119	2007	Legends of Beach fea Jackie Gore		KHP
6	37	38	MY SWEET TALKIN' DADDY	113	2007	Time Piece fea Sarah Strable	Forever Summer II-All the Good Times	KHP 4800
3	38	39	YOU BUST ME	115	2007	Mark, Kevin	Cuttin' Loose	Blue Hog 002
1		40	CRYSTAL BLUE PERSUASION	105	1974	Naturals		Shout 307

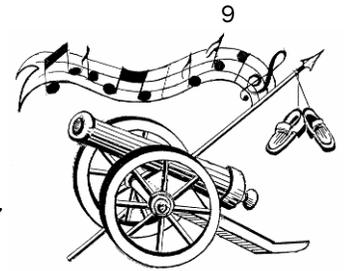


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BATTLEFIELD BOOGIE CLUB

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Hey Shaggers!

We are so close to breaking

100!

GOAL:

100 TOTAL MEMBERS BY NOVEMBER 30

CHALLENGE: BRING ONE OR MORE NEW MEMBERS TO THE LOFT ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

REWARD: FOR YOU AND NEW MEMBER—FREE ENTRANCE, FREE DRINK & ONE 50/50 TICKET!

BE A WINNER—SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

We extend a warm welcome to new BBC members!



Cathy Driscoll

Jamie King

Carolyn Thomas

Denise King

Jacky McDaniel

Doris Austin

Robert (Rob) McDaniel

We're Having A Party!

November 17, 2007

The **Battlefield Boogie Club** is having it's
3rd ANNIVERSARY PARTY at the **EAGLES
CLUB - POST 4488 - in Stafford County, VA.**

1110 Courthouse Rd. - Stafford, VA. (Exit 140 off 1-95)

7:30pm - 11:00 pm

(FREE Basic Lesson at 7:00pm)

-David Sessoms-

Guest DJ from Fayetteville, NC

\$8.00 Members

\$10.00 Non-members

LIGHT FOOD - BYOB - CASH BAR & SETUPS

Directions to the Eagles Club: (from the south) Take I-95 N to Exit 140 toward Stafford. Turn right onto Courthouse Rd. Take the first right up the hill at the Sunoco Gas Station. There is a small sign at the turn with FOE 4488 on it. The club is at the top of the hill. (From the north) Take I-95 S, to Exit 140 toward Stafford. Turn onto Courthouse Rd.. Make a right at the Sunoco Gas Station and go to the top of the hill. For more info see www.battlefieldboogieclub.com or email rocknwithruss@aol.com