



# The Bugle



## Battlefield Boogie Club

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### President's Letter... by Audrey Borja

Ok....so the summer is over...can you believe it! It has been a fast, fun packed summer! I hope that our newsletter finds you and your families doing well and that you had a good, healthy summer. BBC members attended many events throughout the summer. Please see the articles in this newsletter that will give you the details of these super events.

Just to name a few events, our annual BBC Cannonball Blast on August 26 was attended by many of our members and other shag clubs. It was truly a blast! The Northern Virginia, Richmond, and

Lynchburg Clubs were well represented and added to the spirit of the evening. Thank you! And, as you can see by our fellow dancers both near and far....we are surely shagging up and down I-95 and the east coast. You are never a stranger! What a time we had! Brennar Goree, Grand National Junior Shag Dance Champion, conducted a workshop that helped participants fine tune their basic and add a fancy turn to their dance. Cindy Black, Brennar's mother and partner for the evening, was terrific! Her down-to-earth way of expression and sharing of a new ladies' step was fun and will surely be added to the ladies' "play" repertoire. Brennar and Cindy's dance demo was as expected, "awesome." Thanks guys! Also, the BBC generously donated to Brennar's campaign for the 2007 National Shag Dance Championships Program. Each donor signed a signature page that will be published in the Program. Our BBC is well represented!

Another treat at the BBC party was the Virginia Shag Dance Team performance. They did a fantastic job for our hometown and we let them know it with standing ovations. They definitely put their "best foot forward!" Thanks team! ---The food, drinks, door prizes, 50/50, and dancing the night away to the tunes played by our own Jim Rose made for a memorable evening. Thanks to Brenda Atkins and Brenda Bishop for the wonderful decorations throughout the dance hall, and to Ann Thompson for coordinating the home cooked foods. Way to go! We all know to put on a successful party you need the help of

good volunteers and the talent and experience of a great DJ! Thank you many times over! Our BBC thrives because of you!



The state of the BBC is "excellent." Our BBC is on the dance map for sure! We continuously have new members joining us with new ideas, personal goals for dancing, and in search of pleasure in meeting new friends. ---All is good! We are slowly building our treasury which will bring us to a point to be able to participate in more things for the club members and to contribute to a charity of our choice. We hope to select our charity before year's end. We will then put on dance events to benefit our charity while having fun with old and new friends. It will be invigorating and personally satisfying for us all. And as we all know, dancing is good medicine!

Now concerning our Tuesday club night, on average we have a decent turnout ... but, sometimes we do not have a good turnout. *I wonder why...?* As a new look, I am going to talk with the Loft once again about dancing on Thursday nights. As you may remember, we surveyed membership before on this subject. The majority of our members voted for Thursday rather than Tuesday.

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However, we could not switch at the time to Thursday because the Loft had other scheduled groups on Thursday. So since some time has gone by, I will review this with them again. If the Loft says Thursday is okay, we will take another survey and see what you all prefer before any changes are made.

In closing, I want you to know that we worry when we don't see or hear from you for a while! For whatever reason, please let us know you are okay. You are a member of an extraordinary caring group...and we want to hear from you....better yet... SEE YOU! Please never forget that we all support each other through good and bad times. We are your club....we have fun....and we stick together! So keep your heart light, and your dancing self happy! I look forward to seeing you on dance night~



Let the good times roll! Audrey



**Go Brennar!**

*Ann Martin won the 50/50 at the Cannon Ball Blast!!!*

*She gave back her win to the club with a donation to Brennar*

*Thank You Ann for your generosity!!*



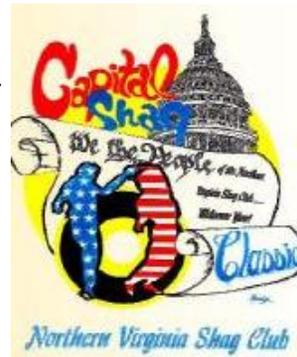
### “A Capital Time...” by Heather Jennings

Whew, what a weekend! My feet were tired and my mind was cloudy (sleep wasn't a priority), but what a ride! And what is this “ride” I speak of? **Why it was the 11<sup>th</sup> annual “Capital Shag Classic” hosted by the Northern Virginia Shag Club.** This annual “weekend” party was held July 28-30 at the Holiday Inn in Old Town Alexandria and I have to say that it was terrific fun! This year’s theme was a “patriotic/military” one and included lots of fun decorations as well as a “shag boot camp” to get your dancing in gear.

The festivities began on Friday afternoon: first dancing in the ballroom, then off to the hospitality suite for delicious BBQ and free beer/mixed drinks!! A “cute” bunch of “ladies” worked the free pour table!!! I think some of them needed to shave though... Later MORE dancing - over

200 people danced their feet off to the wonderful music provided by a variety of DJ’s including our own Jim Rose.

Saturday the fun continued with breakfast in the morning and then three helpful shag lessons from the guest instructor, Hall of Fame dancer – Miss Ellen Taylor! The lessons were followed by more dancing, a trip to the pool party, another trip to the hospitality suite, and then a lovely buffet dinner. After dinner almost 250 people danced and partied to the music of our own Craig Jennings followed by Hall of Fame DJ, Butch Metcalf. During the weekend we



were also treated to some fantastic dance demos including a sensational hand dance demo, a demo by the Virginia Shag Dance Team and a demo by Ellen Taylor who outlasted them all by dancing a couple of songs with a variety of partners. Door prizes were given away that night and as usual, we went home empty handed however I hear that several other BBC members in attendance were a bit luckier!

Sunday morning we were back up bright and early to hear some Gospel Shag and enjoy one last breakfast. Unfortunately, the weekend had to end, the floor had to be removed and I had to get some sleep, but if you didn't

make it to this year’s Classic – you missed an awesome party! Kudos to everyone who helped make this party a “Classic!”



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

<b>Kevin Byrnes</b>	<b>8/06</b>
<b>David Dowling</b>	<b>8/06</b>
<b>Marilyn McKay</b>	<b>8/06</b>
<b>Ellen Morin</b>	<b>8/06</b>

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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.

## Spinnin' Round...

News from the DJ Booth



Beach Music Top 40 courtesy of [www.beachshag.com](http://www.beachshag.com)

Wks	LW	TW	Title	Artist
22	1	1	WHAT'S GOING ON	O'Banion, Sammy & Mardi Gras
27	2	2	MY BIG SISTER'S RADIO	Schermer Band, Mighty Mile
19	4	3	TOO HURT TO CRY	Shaggy, Maggie
12	5	4	LOVIN' AND JIVIN'	Enchanters
41	6	5	I'VE GOT A FEELING	Woolard, Craig Band
16	8	6	SLOW DANCE	Lia and the Wave
14	7	7	SO HUNG UP ON YOU	Brown, Gary
15	9	8	YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES	McDaniel, Rhonda
24	3	9	AS GOOD AS IT GETS	Chairmen of the Board
13	19	10	ALIVE AND KICKIN'	Domino, Fats
39	18	11	YOU'VE GOT TO CRAWL BEFORE YOU WALK	Chairmen
13	12	12	TWISTED	Santana w/ Anthony Hamilton
21	10	13	WHO SHOT JOHN	Peterson, James
36	14	14	INVENTORY ON HEARTACHES	Trexler, Susan
8	16	15	I WANNA GO HOME	Dells
24	13	16	TOUCH	Charles, Ray
33	17	17	MESS AROUND ON YOU	Edge, Ray
10	26	18	WILD THANG	Band of Oz
49	21	19	BIG BLUE CADILLAC	Mark, Kevin
6	31	20	DOWN HOME COOKING	Part Time Party Time Band
27	11	21	CANDY	East Coast Party Band
4	28	22	CRAZY	Bardley, Gnards
47	24	23	ONE DROP OF LOVE	Woolard, Craig Band
19	38	24	RITA MAY	Bass, Gary & Jellyrolls
3	33	25	HOTEL HAPPINESS	
13	23	26	WHEN I'M READY FOR LOVE	Proctor, Jay
11	25	27	NO ONE COULD LOVE YOU MORE	Knight, Gladys & Pips
2	40	28	TWO COMETS IN THE SKY	Tribe
12	22	29	SENSITIVE KIND	Santana
9	20	30	SLIP AWAY	Pendergrass, Teddy
15	39	31	TRAPPED BY THIS THING CALLED LOVE	Subway w/ Belinda Owen
5	29	32	IN THIS MESS	Pryor, Snooky
8	30	33	MACK THE KNIFE	Jones, Jack
4	32	34	STANDBY ME	Marienthal, Eric
5	34	35	I WANNA BE AT THE BEACH	Fabulous Shades
7	35	36	JUST YOU AND ME	Craver, Paul & Pam Russell
3	37	37	NOTHING LIKE IT	Tower of Power
1		38	THIS OLD MAN	Fuzzy
1		39	SHE BOOGYN	McLeod, Doug
25	15	40	YOU'LL NEVER FIND ANOTHER LOVE LIKE MINE	Buble, Michael & Laura Pausini

## Party Time

Ron & I saw Jimmy Buffet step aside as NVSC threw the **HOTTEST PARTY** on the East Coast. The blenders were smokin with Margaritas and Pina Coladas. The Ski Club of Washington DC enthusiasm learning the shag basics from Dave & Joan took the party to another level. They certainly looked better on our dance floor than Ron & I would look stumbling down a ski slope. Although there were a few club members stumbling out of the dance. Yes, the frosty concoctions were that good. If you missed this one, you must plan to boogie at the **MARGARITAVILLE PARTY** next year.

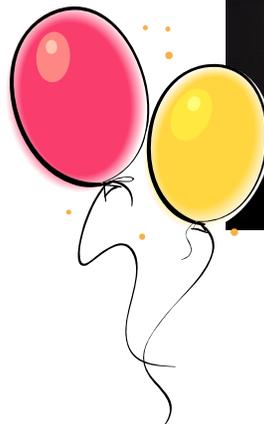
From what seemed like Key West, Ron & I traveled to the mountains of Beckley WV for the **RUNWAY BOOGIE**.

This is another party you should never miss. Its three days of fresh mountain air, great shag music, all the beer you can drink, and enough food to feed all the bears in WV.

Pro Shaggers Charlie & Jackie, Ellen Taylor, Heather & Craig Jennings, Brennar Goree, Ralph & Vickie Tedesco were all there making us look like we had two left feet. Do you think we cared? NO! I danced with Charlie and Ron almost fell off his chair when Jackie asked him to dance. WOW! It was a fantastic weekend on the top of a mountain in an airport hanger.

Our problem is that we don't want to miss any party! LIFE IS GOOD.....Our license plates rings true each and every weekend (GONDNCN).

Ron & Brenda Bishop



# Party Til The Lights Go Out

by Jim Childers

The flyer went out, the invitation was there and if you didn't make it to the Cannonball Blast on Aug 26<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Battlefield Boogie Club shame on you because you missed a goodun.

The evening started with a workshop put on by Brennar & his lovely mom Cindy. This nice young man was impressive with his ability to teach old dogs a few new tricks while maintaining both patience & poise. The workshop consisted of learning to "roll your basic" as opposed to my current method of "trying not to step on partner's feet during the basic". I must admit his is a bit classier. He then taught how to dress up 2 of the most basic moves in shag – the female & male turn. I particularly enjoyed the movement he taught on his method of changing the male turn from the look of one raising his arm to go to the bathroom into a smooth move that might make a lady swoon. (Speaking of such there did seem to me to be a bit too much swooning by the ladies over this young man, I mean, please, just because he's a bit cute, has impeccable manners, can move like few others, etc. etc.) The second part of the workshop consisted of being taught a very nice move that took the lady into a hand-shake female turn with a wrap-around turn into the closed or cuddle position. This was a perfect choice for us social shaggers-it was difficult enough to be interesting but not so difficult that it became an ex-

ercise in frustration. Overall, a most enjoyable workshop.

After an hour of so of exercising the brain & feet the next thing that naturally comes to mind is, of course, let's eat. And eat we did. After a nice blessing offered by Brennar (more swooning) the dinner bell sounded and the spread was unveiled. It's a bit hard to describe everything that was on the serving table. Salads, vegetables, ham, chicken, meatballs, breads, there

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was truly something for everybody – if you didn't like what you saw on the first

dish then take another step and something would grab you. The food was all home-cooked, fresh, abundant & delicious. The dessert table, yes a table for desserts only, could only be described as sinful – sinfully good.

The onset of dinnertime also meant it was time for our esteemed DJ, Mr. Jim Rose, to crank up the tunes and get the party started. As usual, he was more than up for the task putting together a fine blend of beach & blues songs that get the feet moving & the body swaying. So there we were, a whole roomful of shaggers eating good food in time to good music, just chomping away, tapping toes, it don't get a

whole lot better. After finishing a fine meal it was time for dancers to do what dancers do-dance. First one couple, then another and it didn't take long for the floor to fill with couples spinning, turning and smiling. The floor and crowd size were a perfect match. Plenty of room to dance without getting stepped on, yet the floor was full of dancers.

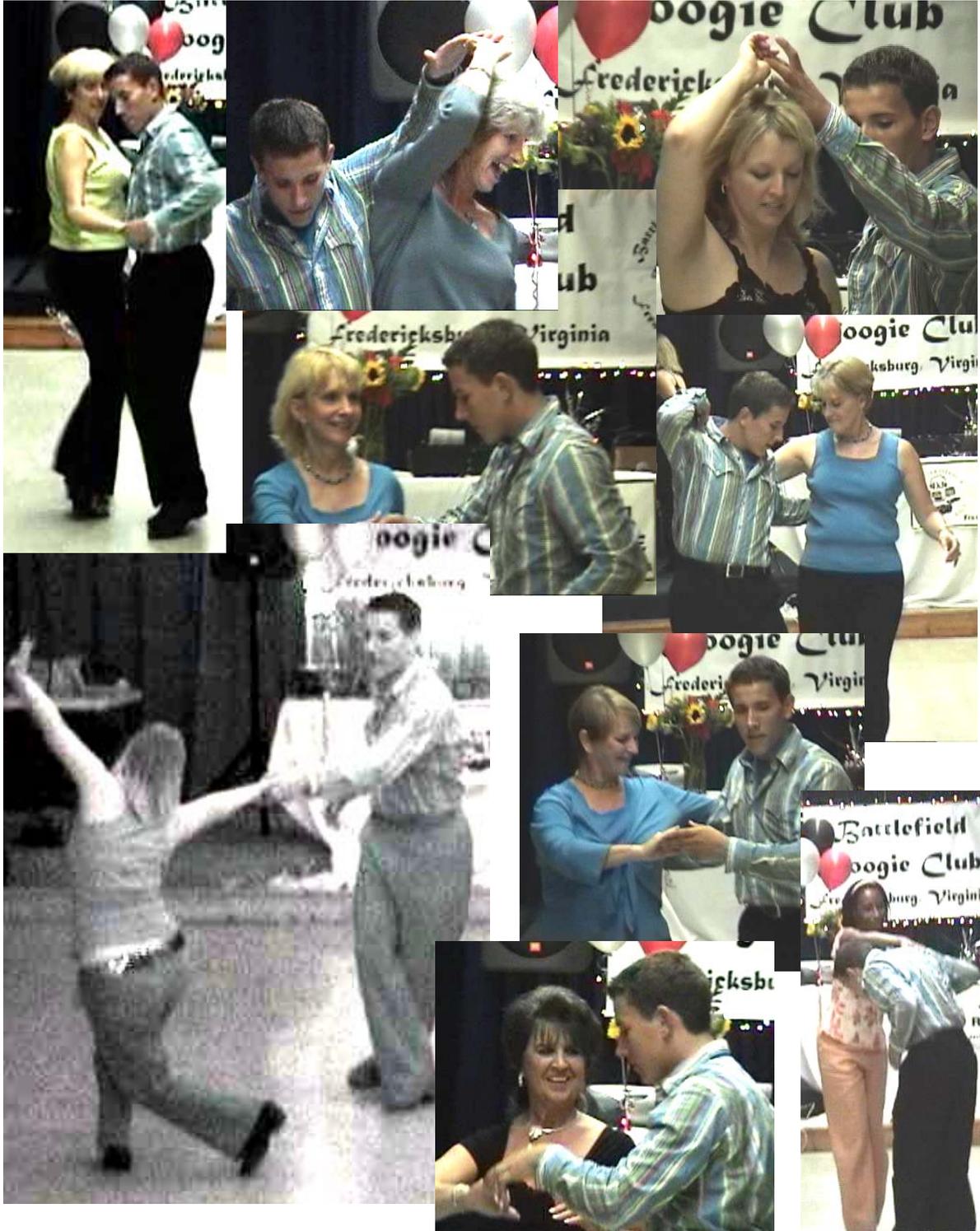
The evening held two more special treats. The Virginia Shag Team put on an excellent dance exhibition that more than held the crowd's attention. I had never seen a team dance before and there is little doubt that a lot of hard work and thought go into putting such a routine together. Next Brennar held a snowball dance so all the ladies that had spent the evening swooning could actually dance with him. The line was not short. The dance was capped and perhaps the most poignant moment of the evening was Brennar finishing his dance with Miss Kelly from Northern Virginia. It was just one of those moments

when two special people come into contact for a few minutes and both come away richer for the experience.

The turnout was terrific, the food was great, the music was fine – Thank you Audrey & Don and all the folks who worked so hard to make this a very special evening. You succeeded in a grand manner, this definitely goes on next years calendar of must do's.



## Swooning the Night Away





### What's Up in the shag world!

- Sept 10 Sunday Social hosted by NVSC at Rene's in Fairfax, VA
- Sept 15-24 SOS Fall Migration, NMB (see [www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com))
- Oct 27-29 VA Beach Bash (see [www.vbshagclub.com/](http://www.vbshagclub.com/))
- Dec 8 (Fri) Northern Va Shag Club Holiday Party

### September/October Birthdays

Mary Babbie	09/06
Rosemary Horan	09/13
Regina (Gina) Wood	09/13
Shannon Gall Armstrong	09/15
Gerald (Gerry) Scott	09/16
Karen Crawford	09/17
Cindy Black	09/18
Audrey Borja	09/21
Cathy Herndon	09/25
Nick Duy	09/26
Wes Kirchner	09/28
Marion Dongieux	10/03
Diane Christian	10/07
Pamela Alfano	10/08
Kit Farwell	10/23
Gregory (Greg) Chambers	10/28

### Happy Feet Do Six Steps

#### Steps for September/October

#### Beginner Steps for September

- Sept 5 Basic, Start
- Sept 12 Basic, Female Turn
- Sept 19 Basic, Male Turn
- Sept 26 Basic, Triple Basic

#### Beginner Steps for October

- Oct 3 Basic, Start
- Oct 10 Basic, Side Pass
- Oct 17 Basic, Half Turn
- Oct 24 Basic, Male Half Turn
- Oct 31 Basic, Triple Basic

#### Intermediate Steps for September

- Sept 12 Craig & Heather Kick Basic, Female Turn variations
- Sept 26 Don & Audrey Side-to-side Basic, Lean

#### Intermediate Steps for October

- Oct 10 Craig & Heather Lead/Follow Combo
- Oct 24 Don & Audrey Stutter variations by Ellen Taylor

**There will be NO Line dance class in September.**

**Line Dance class in October is scheduled for Oct 17th!!!**

