



A.C.S.C. Reference Manual

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Within the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs there is a wealth of knowledge relating to every aspect of club operation. This knowledge is often lost when members leave their club, become inactive, or when there is a change of officers or committee chairpeople.

Within individual clubs, the ability or experience level of the leaders and/or chairpeople can change dramatically over a period of a year or two. Even clubs, who are very strong overall, or in certain areas of their operation, can quickly become weak or disorganized.

Club expectations within the A.C.S.C. are frequently not passed along when officers change. Although the A.C.S.C. hopes that each club sends its President and other officers (who are generally in line to move up to the next officer position the following year) to meetings, we frequently start the New Year out with many club representatives who have never been to an A.C.S.C. meeting. They often have no idea what their club membership requirements are, or anything about the history or makeup of our organizations.

There are also clubs within the A.C.S.C. who are not as strong in membership, party attendance, or finances as other clubs. They may be struggling or in need of help. Like a chain, the A.C.S.C. can only be as good as its smallest or weakest club.

It has long been our goal to provide a tool for our clubs to help make them stronger and more effective, which will in turn allow them to prosper and grow. The overall effect of this will be to help perpetuate the shag and all of our organizations into the future.

This book can become a very valuable asset. We have designed and formatted our first distribution to allow for many future updates, additions and improvements. We hope that as more people recognize the value and potential of this manual, they will become interested in providing valuable input and further additions.

We wish you and your club all the best. Remember, even though you must treat many aspects of club operation like a business, it is still important to SHAG FOR FUN!

Mike Rink - A.C.S.C. Chairman (1998 - 2000)

These people chaired sections of this manual for the first printing on July 8, 2000:

Bylaws - John Gilstrap, Danville Shag Club

Newsletters and Flyers - Vesta Jones, Northern Virginia

Shag Club Parties and Events - Kathy Thompson, Twister's

Shag Club Fundraising Ideas - Chuck Ward; Moore Area

Shag Society

Increasing Membership - Bill Rice, Ocean Drive

Shag Club Negotiating With Lounges - Murl

Augustine, CSRA Common Problems - Suzanne

Willis, Shelby Shag Club

A.C.S.C. Requirements - Sandy Braddock, Sun Coast Shag Club

A.C.S.C./S.O.S. Structure & Bylaws - Mike Rink, Twisters Shag Club

Note from Ken Akin, Vice Chairman, ACSC-from the Mid-Winter meeting at the beach: Judy Vick read this history of the Association, and I thought that you might like to see a copy.

THE ASSOCIATION OF CAROLINA SHAG CLUBS

FOUNDED 1984

A SWINGING PAST AND A SHAGGING FUTURE

By Phil Sawyer

The ASSOCIATION OF CAROLINA SHAG CLUBS was founded in 1984. Ken Hudspeth, then President of the Rock Hill Shag Club, gathered the Presidents of the Clubs attending the 2nd Annual Columbia Invitational in October, 1983, at Pine Island on Lake Murray and suggested a low key organization of Clubs in South Carolina and the one in Atlanta to share ideas, exchange information and to sponsor a party for the Clubs at the beach in January. Harold Bessent (Fat Harold) also met with us and endorsed the idea.

Ken and the Rock Hill Shag Club arranged for the first of what was to become the MID-WINTER BEACH CLASSIC in January of 1984. Participating Clubs were Columbia, Charleston, Greenville, Shag Steps, Rock Hill and Winnsboro. The Presidents of local Clubs continued their efforts to form an organization. Earlier, Ken Hudspeth and Phil Sawyer, then President of the Columbia Shag Club, had met several times to formulate the concept and to develop a Charter. The representatives of these Clubs met again in February 1984, in Columbia, to formally establish the Organization.

The Presidents agreed that the Organization would be named THE ASSOCIATION OF CAROLINA SHAG CLUBS. Since Atlanta was a Charter Member, it is immediately obvious that there was no intention on the part of the Founders to limit membership to the Carolinas. Carolina in the name of the Association refers to the dance and not to the geography. The original Charter provided for the Association to be governed by a Board of Advisors to be presided over by a Chairman. Ron Whisenant was elected Chairman, the first, and served for two years.

The local Clubs continued to sponsor statewide parties, always with Atlanta included, and soon Columbia, Charleston, Atlanta, Greenville, Rock Hill, and Winnsboro were having regular weeklong events to which all other Clubs were invited.

The first major effort by the fledgling Association, still less than one year old, was a cruise. Over 150 Shaggers boarded the S.S. Galileo (now the Meridian) on March 3, 1984, for a five-day Caribbean Holiday. This was the first of what was to be many cruises to South America and the Grand Caymans, the Virgin Islands, Mexico, the California Coast, and the never-to-be-forgotten weeklong fantasy on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. Trips became the forte of the Association. Always exciting, affordable, and filled with Beach Music and Shagging, the travels are the highlight of many a Shagger's life.

News of the success of this little Association soon spread. Ken Hudspeth followed Ron as Chairman, and the Metrolina became the first North Carolina Club to become a member.

All the while, S.O.S., contests, invitational weekends, and other events at the beach began to flourish. The second Mid-Winter Shag Meet (still not named) was in January 1985, at where else, Fat Harold's. The late and very much loved Richard Nixon was the D.J.

The Clubs and statewide parties continued to grow and prosper. There was another cruise, and S.O.S. was becoming a bigger and bigger event. No Shagger worthy of the name of the dance would have missed it for anything. Cities all over both North and South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, and Virginia were forming Clubs, and their first order of business was to become a member of the Association. The Association was inducted into the BEACH SHAGGER'S HALL OF FAME in 1986. This little known honor is one of our most distinctive.

The flag was passed from Ken Hudspeth to Phil Sawyer, 3rd Chairman, an office he would hold for three years. Phil designated themes for each of his years as Chairman: The "Year of the Club" 1987; the "Year of the Trip" 1988; and the "Year of the Bold Leap Forward" 1989. In the "Year of the Club," order and structure were stressed and the Winter and Summer Workshops were begun. In the "Year of the Trip," Hawaii became the all-time favorite shag vacation of over 200 Shaggers, and the "Year of the Bold Leap Forward" saw the Association acquire S.O.S. This might be equated to jumping off Grandfather Mountain on a hang glider. During these years Member Clubs increased from 18 to 45.

Bob Wood, then President of the Atlanta Shag Club, immediately became involved with Phil, Larry Taylor, and others in the S.O.S. There was much to do in order to organize and develop a plan for restoring S.O.S. to the place it once occupied. The potential of this fortunate union was too great to allow it to fail, and Bob Wood was one of the first to see this.

Thus, Bob was elected Chairman in 1990 and continued to lead the Association, having been re-elected in 1991 and 1992, until 1993. Under Bob's leadership, the Association grew to unprecedented levels. Workshops, which once attracted forty to fifty participants, now regularly attract well over 200. Serious business related to Association expansion, development, and benevolence, can occupy the most committed people in the Shag World for hours: All the while, serious parties are underway, often just next door.

ASSOCIATION OF CAROLINA SHAG CLUBS OFFICERS

YEAR	CHAIRMAN	VICE CHAIRMAN	SECRETARY-TREASURER
1984	Ron Whisenant	Tom Barrineau	Gail Roberson
1985	Ron Whisenant	Ken Hudspeth	Betty Woolen
1986	Ken Hudspeth	Betty woolen	Patty Seigworth
1987	Phil Sawyer	Richard McElroy	Phyllis Drake
1988	Phil Sawyer	Chris Boudoff	Linda Brooks
1989	Phil Sawyer	Chris Boudoff	Linda Brooks
1990	Bob Wood	Norman Mills	Mary Robinette
1991	Bob Wood	Joe Magee	Marilyn Haithcock, Sec. Wands Holliday, Teas.
1992	Bob Wood	Joe Magee	Shirley <u>Gough</u> , Sec. Sandra Braddock, Treas.
1993	Joe Magee	Mary Robinette	Shirley Gough, Sec. Sandra Braddock, Treas.
1994	Joe Magee	Mary Robinette	Shirley Gough, Sec. Sandra Braddock, Treas.
1995	Ron Whisenant	Mike Rink	Lynn Northup, Sec. Foster McKinney, Treas.
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1997	Ron Whisenant	Mike Rink	Lynn Northup, Sec. Allen Henry, Treas.
1998	Mike Rink	Bill Brown	Judy Strickland, Sec. Allen Henry, Treas.
1999	Mike Rink	Bill Brown	<i>Judy</i> Strickland, Sec. Allen Henry, Treas.
2000	Murl Augustine	Judy Vick	Judy <u>Strickland</u> , Sec. Allen Henry, Treas.
2001	Murl Augustine	Judy Vick	Judy Strickland, Sec. *Dotty Whaley, Sec.
2002	Marl Augustine	Judy Vick	Allen Henry, Treas. Dotty Whaley, Sec.
2003	Murl Augustine	Judy Vick	Allen Henry, Treas. Dotty Whaley, Sec. *Sonny Brown, Sec.
2004	Judy Vick	Ken Akin	Allen Henry, Treas. Sonny Brown, Sec.
2005	Judy Vick	Ken Akin	Allen Henry, Treas. Sonny Brown, Sec.
2006	Judy Vick	Ken Akin	Allen Henry, Treas. Sonny Brown, Sec.

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