

## Why join a shag club?

The one word answer is **opportunity**.

Without your club periodic social dances would not exist. Without other clubs in the area there would not be other shag dancing opportunities in the area. Without all the other shag clubs the ACSC (Association of Carolina Shag Clubs) would not exist. Without the ACSC, the SOS (Society of Stranders) would not exist.

What was just described is a hierarchy based on local shag clubs throughout the country, all with the same objective—promote and enjoy the form of dancing we know as shag dancing. The foundation of this structure is the local shag club. A local shag club may apply for membership in the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs. Once in the ACSC a club adheres to ACSC general rules and policies to present a common image for the shag community.



The Society of Stranders (SOS) is a management structure at the top of this pyramid. SOS promotes two major events a year—Spring Safari in April and Fall Migration in September. During these two nine-day events some ten-to-twelve thousand shaggers converge on North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to enjoy one of the premier dancing venues in the country. SOS encompasses multiple clubs in North Myrtle Beach (and surrounding areas) and an SOS card provides you unlimited access to most everything going on—club entry, dee jays, live bands, vocal artists, etc.

SOS also promotes a three-day weekend in January referred to as Mid-Winters. Then in the summer there is “Junior SOS”—focusing on the future of shag dancing.

Bottom line—joining a club provides opportunity. Your benefit is not just a periodic newsletter or a reduced rate for event attendance or a periodic freebie at the club. Sure, the club would be there without your being a member, and you’re welcome to visit whenever you like. You’re also welcome to join and help make sure the “opportunities” continue to exist.