



# Association of Carolina Shag Clubs 1986

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The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) was founded originally as a low key organization of five shag clubs located in South Carolina and one located in Georgia, to share ideas, exchange information and sponsor a party for club members at the beach, which later became the Mid-Winter Beach Classic. Founder clubs were Columbia, Charleston, Greenville, Rock Hill, Winnsboro and Atlanta. They formulated the basic concept for the organization, developed a charter and formally established it in February 1984. They named it the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs with the understanding that reference to "Carolina" in the name means the dance and not the geographical location. Metrolina became the first North Carolina club to become a member. As popularity for the dance flourished, cities within the Carolinas, Florida, Georgia, Virginia and other neighboring states began forming clubs that ardently joined the Association.

In February 1989, the Association acquired the Society of Stranders, Inc. (S.O.S.), enabling it to prosper and grow to 100 member clubs that dance across a vast portion of the southeastern United States. Its underlying goal of promoting and preserving the heritage of beach music and shag dancing is, and will continue to be, well at hand.