



Almost Quarterly Newsletter



**Special points of interest:**

- Mid-Winter Information
- Several Great Ideas For Your Club!

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# Tips And Tidbits

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## Welcome to the Seventh Edition of *Tips and Tidbits*

### Communication Is Key!

*Tips and Tidbits* was created to help improve communication between the members of the Board of ACSC and the member clubs that are the fabric of the association. This also encompasses communication involving SOS and everyone associated with these entities. While this publication is written with shag club presidents in mind, it is hoped that this information will be delivered to anyone in your shag club that might find this information useful. For that reason, please make a practice of emailing *Tips and Tidbits* to your Board Members and to shag club members that would benefit. Also please remember that the issues of *Tips and Tidbits* can be found under the “President’s Corner” at [www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com). Shagdance.com gives everyone in your club a central location for a wealth of information that not only includes all *Tips and Tidbits* issues, but also information provided at Workshops, party information of the member clubs, White Book information, schedules of events, a directory of all member clubs, Shag Icon winners and information on submitting members from your club for consideration of the Shag Icon Award. This is just a partial list of everything that is found on Shagdance.com. Our webmaster, Mary Gregory, does a fantastic job keeping the website up-to-date, and full of useful content.

*Tips and Tidbits* welcomes information from your clubs that you believe will help other clubs in ACSC. There is no question that there are different solutions to problems and sometimes we can find significant helpful information from our fellow clubs. As leaders of our clubs, we quickly learn that strong neighbors are a great benefit to our own clubs. Attendance at our functions are bolstered by members of our neighbors, and in many situations, neighboring members join our club as well. So, sharing what works in our shag world is a wonderful way to build our own clubs, but also of those around us. Our mission is to preserve our dance, our music, and our lifestyle. The current and future leaders of shag clubs will greatly benefit from this culture of open communication and the teamwork that results from the sharing of information.

-Robin-



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## Helping to make Board Changes Easier – Robin Morley, Vice Chairman

You have heard the expression, “All good things must come to an end.” Does this have to be the case in our shag clubs when changing presidents or other officers? It should be the goal of shag clubs during the transition phase of leadership, that it be as smooth as possible, with the existing officers providing as much information to the new office holders that they can.

All of our clubs in ACSC have different by-laws, policies, and procedures. When a new president takes over, the transition can be made much easier if the past president has a timeline of what things are due and when, and a calendar of duties they performed during their serving the office. What was your experience when you became president? Did you have the information you needed to begin your role? Did your predecessor supply you with information to make your job easier? The office of president does require lots of work, organization and delegation. I feel sure that each of you has left a positive imprint on your local club. The past president, above all, should serve in a constructive, helpful, mentorship role.

During the year (s) that you have been in office, you have probably kept copies of notes, timelines, calendars, and minutes of meetings. It would be so easy to share those with the incoming president and board members. The transition to past president should be a positive and productive one. The role of serving as president is an honor and a great accomplishment. The love that you have for your club still remains and your role as leader is not complete. If by chance you are remaining as president and other officers are changing, suggest to your outgoing officers that they share whatever helpful information they have with their new counterparts. Notes, timelines and calendars are so important for the business of the club to run smoothly without undesirable consequences. It truly should be a relatively simple and easy task to accomplish this sharing of information. The act of partnering together will only benefit the future of your shag club.

I would like to thank each of you for your commitment to your local club. The presidents and board members are your core members and your presence is needed and appreciated. Embrace your position and empower those that are working and partnering with you to make your shag club the best that it can be.

Robin



HAPPY NEW YEAR!





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## ACSC Chairman-Ken Akin

Shag Club Presidents:

In January 2015, the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs Winter Workshop will be combined with Mid-Winter during the dates of January 16-18, 2015. The ACSC Workshop Meeting will be January 17, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. in the OD Resort Ballroom and will include a morning session, catered lunch and an afternoon session. Many hours of planning by the ACSC Board have gone into making this first ACSC Workshop combined with Mid-Winter at North Myrtle Beach a first class event.

As a reminder, the ACSC Winter Workshop meeting is a required meeting for the ACSC club presidents or their designees. With the change of dates of the Winter Workshop in 2015, ACSC shag club representatives are required to attend the Winter Workshop meeting during Mid-Winter at North Myrtle Beach, the ACSC Summer Workshop and one (1) additional attendance at either Spring SOS or Fall SOS. Shag club presidents are encouraged to attend the required ACSC meetings so as to stay informed and up-to-date on ACSC requirements. The importance of distributing of information received at the ACSC meetings to the shag club members by email, club newsletters or at a club meeting allows all club members and the future leaders of the clubs to be knowledgeable of the ACSC organization.

The Northern Virginia Shag Club will host the ACSC Summer Workshop July 9-12, 2015 at The Hyatt Dulles in Herndon, Virginia. For more information contact Dave Bushey at [dbushey99@gmail.com](mailto:dbushey99@gmail.com) or visit [WWW.NVshag.org](http://WWW.NVshag.org). It is not too early to make your reservations for The Capital Shag Classic.

Happy Holidays to all ACSC Shag Club Presidents, Board Members and Club Members!

Ken Akin, Chairman

Association of Carolina Shag Clubs

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P.S. Email copies of shag club newsletters would be appreciated.





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## A Message from Helen Still- SOS Chairman

### MAKE SOME MONEY FOR YOUR SHAG CLUB

Dear Shag Club President:

We hope you all had a fantastic SOS and got in lots of dancing and visiting with your friends. As our individual shag club parties continue we hope to see you at a party somewhere along the way.

We have 280 people booked to cruise on our SOS at Sea Cruise III, October 11 - 18, 2015. We priced these cabins with the best possible price so that everyone who wanted to go could cruise with us.

We have an opportunity that could benefit each shag club. We are raffling off one balcony cabin, for two, including taxes and port charges. So the person who purchases a ticket and wins will be able to cruise in a balcony cabin absolutely free. We are offering all shag clubs the opportunity to sell these raffle tickets and make money for your club.

Here's the deal..... Clubs selling tickets will keep half the money from the sale of the raffle tickets and in addition you will receive a free ticket for every 25 tickets sold. The free ticket will go to either the person or the shag club responsible for selling the tickets, this can be decided within your shag club. If your shag club wins you could certainly use this as a fund raiser for your club and raffle it off again within your club or you could have an auction.

Now, if you have booked your cruise and you happen to purchase the winning ticket, you will be able to use this free balcony cabin and all the money you have already paid will be reimbursed to you.

This will be a sweet deal for some lucky ticket holder. We will draw the winning ticket at the Summer Workshop, July, 2015. You will not have to be present to win!

It is certainly not mandatory that you all participate in the sale of these tickets, but we just wanted to give you all the opportunity to participate, make some money and perhaps win a cruise.

Please let me know if your shag club would like to take part in this raffle. I will be happy to mail you the tickets. We have already had some clubs to say they definitely want to have the opportunity to sell to their members. As soon as I hear from you I will mail out the number of tickets you want to sell. All money and/ or remaining unsold tickets must be turned back in by April 1st. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [helro@pbtcomm.net](mailto:helro@pbtcomm.net) and I will be happy to answer questions.

Thank you for all you do in your shag club.

Helen Still







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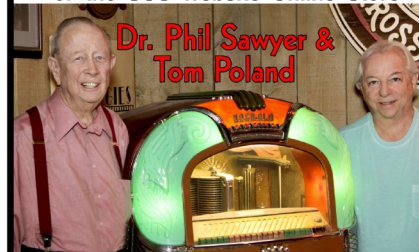
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## Perfect Shagger Stocking Stuffer

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## SOS Photographer Vickie Harrison

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Hope you all enjoy your holiday and then we will be ready for our SOS Mid-Winter Break! Contact me if your shag club is having a gathering during Mid-Winter and we would love to "keep the memories".



Paul Harrison, World's Greatest Asst. Photographer

## SOS Facebook Group Shaggers Home for Social Networking

Our SOS Facebook page has almost 6,000 members and want it to keep growing. The SOS schedules, updates, photos and events are posted to the page as I receive them. We want to encourage your **shag clubs** to post their upcoming events and photo albums of your event. To join, search the name **SOS - Society of Stranders** and simply click "Join". Hope to see you on facebook and the dance floor, *Vickie*

[www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com)

## Shagger's Gift Ideas

**2015 SOS Cards**

**SOS Company Store Items**

**Dr. Phil's BOOK "Save the Last Dance for Me"**

**\$10 Cruise Give Away Tickets**  
(see ad within)

**Order Online**  
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## My Tip of The Year!

First of all let me say how much I appreciate being your SOS Webmaster, what an honor! I have really enjoyed talking with each and every one of you and sharing ideas. You all are truly Ronnie and my friends for life.

Well, it's that time of year again to make sure your club information is correct on shagdance.com. Or at least for most of the President's. Most, but not all of you have elections toward the end of the year and New Officers may start their duties on January 1, 2015. So information should be checked by the incoming President on [www.shagdance.com/clubinfo.htm](http://www.shagdance.com/clubinfo.htm). The best and easiest way to get all your information updated is to go to shagdance.com's home page and Click on the link right there on the front page "UPDATE YOUR CLUB INFORMATION ONLINE - CLICK HERE." This will take you immediately to the simple 1 page form for you to complete. Complete the form and then at the end, make sure you enter the Key you see on the screen (this is important for security) and then click SUBMIT. (don't forget to email me a picture, if you are a new President). Once you click SUBMIT, this will email all your information to the appropriate people that need it. I get a copy so I can update the club information page with your name, club address, email address, phone number and website. It is also emailed to the ACSC Secretary, Lisa Cavney; and the ACSC Treasurer, Allen Henry. It is important to enter the other Officers and their phone numbers so that we know all the officers and it's another avenue to get in touch with you. Where your club meets and shag nights is important so I can update it on shagdance.com on the Club Where and When by City Page. This helps people when they are traveling to your city. If you enter a Radio Station in your area that plays shag music, I will put that on the listing of Radio Stations.

So you can see that all this information is used by everyone that comes to our SOS Website. Thank you very much for keeping it updated and sending me President photos.

Thank you for helping me make this Website the best it can be.

Mary Gregory

SOS Webmaster





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## Some Thoughts From Lisa Caveny, ACSC Secretary

It's a new year and time for new goals. New President's have taken office or are in the process of taking office. I personally would like to congratulate all new Presidents, and also to encourage the Past Presidents of each club to continue to work, promote and encourage the new President and Board Members. Past President's serve as a resource, advisor, sounding board, and voice of experience. I am so thankful to my Past President's of Electric City Shag Club...Mary Ann, Willie, Carl, Wanda, Jack and Ken...for always being available to listen to my ideas, to be open minded in thought, and to give sound advice when I approached them during my two terms as President. I also know that a good Past President knows when to allow the new club President to grow wings and fly, to make a few simple mistakes, to try new ideas, and to mature in a very prominent leadership role. It's all part of the process...and none of us are going to make everyone happy all of the time.

I encourage new President's to use the ACSC White Book as a resource tool for all forms and information that will help to guide you in your new role. At our meetings, there will be updates to your book, and it is your responsibility to keep the White Book in order during your term, so that you are able to pass the information along to your predecessor. If you find that your book is not quite up to date, you can visit [shagdance.com](http://shagdance.com) for all needed information.

One of the forms that was recently updated is the Past President's Pin form. Please fill out the form and make a request for your outgoing President. It is a small token provided by the ACSC to honor the service of a good leader. The pin should be worn with pride, and all shag club members should respect the time and effort that goes into serving in such a tough, yet rewarding position. Being a leader is challenging, but with a team attitude and a willingness to work hard, your shag club will grow and prosper.

Best wishes for a successful and fun 2015!!

Lisa Caveny

ACSC Secretary







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## ACSC Membership Dues Will Be Mailed At The End of December

The ACSC Membership dues invoice will be mailed at the end of December 2014 at the last address on file. If you change your club address, please notify us of your new club address.

Allen Henry, Treasurer

2015 SOS Mid-Winter

Join us under the Rainbow in OD for SOS Mid-Winter

January 16-18 2015

**Merry Christmas from your SOS Elves**

Elf Janet

Elf Vickie

Elf Mary

Janet Harrold, Carefree Times  
Vickie Harrison, SOS Photographer  
Mary Gregory, SOS Webmaster





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# SOS at Sea III

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**Important Dates To Remember-ACSC/SOS**

**2015**

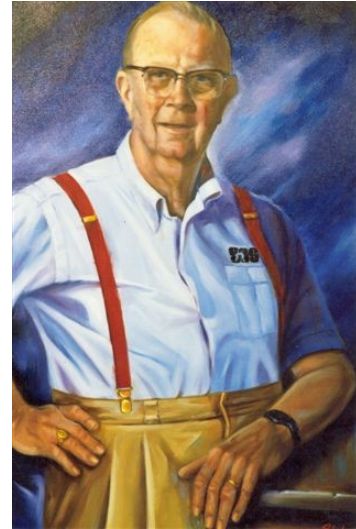
**January 16th-18th Mid-Winter  
Workshop**

**April 17th-26th Spring Safari**

**July 10th-12th Summer Workshop**

**July 14th-19th Junior SOS**

**September 18th-27th Fall Migration**



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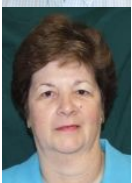
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