



# Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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## Officers

President: Mark Van Hemert  
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## Committee Members

Dance & Music Coordinator: Mark Van Hemert  
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 Newsletter/Web Site/Membership: Sharon Pleus  
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 Silent Auction Coordinator: Jeannie Cornell  
 Photos/Videos: Sharon Pleus

## Dances & Dancing

### Dance Club of Grays Harbor

Hoquiam Elks, 624 K Street, Hoquiam  
 Dance admission is only \$10 per person  
 Dance is from 7:30pm to 10pm

### 2024 DANCE SCHEDULE

Apr. 20                      May 18

**Sat., Apr. 6: Aberdeen Elks**, Purple Bubble Ball and Installation of Officers; 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; social 5pm; dinner 6pm; dancing 7-9pm; **Music: Dukes of Swing**; Info: (360) 532-2211



**Sat., Apr. 6: Olympia Elks**, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music: Tropics Duo**; **Dance:** 7-10pm; \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186; [www.olyMPIaelks.org](http://www.olyMPIaelks.org) (upcoming music: 4/6/24 Tropics Duo; 5/4/24 Michael Crain Duo; 6/1/24 Tropics Duo)

**Sun., Apr. 14: Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society, at Olympia Elks** (2nd Sun.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Dance:** 1-4pm; admission \$14, or \$10 for members. Info: Peter Pease @ 360-280-5019 or [sixtyrso@comcast.net](mailto:sixtyrso@comcast.net)



**Sat., Apr. 20: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (3rd Sat.)**, Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: DJ Dr. Mark**; **Dance:** 7:30-10 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10. [www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)



**Sat., Apr. 20: Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks** (3rd Sat.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson:** East Coast Swing; **Music: Randy Litch**; **Dance:** 8-10:30pm; LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



2024 Dance Club Membership dues –  
**\$0.00** per person!!!

**Dance admission is \$10 per person!**

Please make checks payable to  
 DANCE CLUB OF GRAYS HARBOR

**Welcome to our New Dancers!**



For our DCGH dances, various bands or DJs provide the music for dancing to Cha-Cha, East Coast Swing, Foxtrot, Mambo, Merengue, Rumba, Salsa, Samba, Tango, Argentine Tango, Waltz, and West Coast Swing, as well as some line dances like Cowboy ChaCha, Ten-Step, and Tush Push.

**Sat., Apr. 20: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 7-?pm; Music: Randy Band; Info(360) 532-2211**



**Sun., Apr. 21: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 1-4pm; Music: 593 Singers; Info(360) 532-2211**

**Sat., May 3: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 7-9pm; Music: Dukes of Swing; Info: (360) 532-2211**



**Sat., May 4: Olympia Elks, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; Music: \_\_\_\_\_; Dance: 7-10pm; \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186; [www.olympiaelks.org](http://www.olympiaelks.org)**

**Sun., May 12: Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society, at Olympia Elks (2nd Sun.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; Music: \_\_\_\_\_; Dance: 1-4pm; admission \$14, or \$10 for members. Info: [mccrarydavid@hotmail.com](mailto:mccrarydavid@hotmail.com) (360) 943-9123**



**Sat., May 18: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (3rd Sat.), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; Music: Randy Litch; Dance: 7:30-10 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10. [www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)**



**Sat., May 18: Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks (3rd Sat.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; Lesson: Waltz; Music: \_\_\_\_\_; Dance: 8-10:30pm; LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600**



**Sun., May 19: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 1-4pm; Music: 593 Singers; Info(360) 532-2211**

**Sat., May 25: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 7-?pm; Music: Randy Band; Info(360) 532-2211**

**Sat., June 15: 88th Annual Strawberry Festival, 3918 Sleater Kinney Road, Olympia (South Bay Grange); 10am-3pm; music, food, entertainment. See Facebook page for more info.**

## 2024 Washington Senior Games Dance Competition



**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

Doors open at 11am; Competition 12pm – 4:30pm

The Olympia Center  
222 Columbia St. NW, Olympia, WA 98501  
360-586-6181

(Click on link below for more info, registration forms, and deadlines for entering)

<http://www.washingtonstateseniorgames.com/DanceInfo.htm>

## Other Dancing Events

(Some of these are old sites, so be sure to check on them before you make the trip!)

**Tuesdays: OLY Swing, at Olympia Eagles, 4th & Plum, Olympia; 6-7pm in-depth lesson; 7-7:30 class; dancing ECS, Blues, Lindy Hop 7:30-10:30pm. \$7 general admission. [www.tuesdayswing.com/](http://www.tuesdayswing.com/) Vaccines and masks required. 360/943-4010**



**Wednesdays: Manhattan Club, at AmVets Hall, 5717 S Tyler St., Tacoma; every Wednesday; free lesson 6:30; dance: 7:30-9:30pm; \$10 members; \$13 everyone else; membership \$25; [www.manhattanclub.org](http://www.manhattanclub.org) Info: 253/732-6664; 360/357-6152**

**Wednesdays (and other days): Pacific Ballroom, 1604 15th St. SW, Auburn; 30 min. lesson, 90 min. social dancing; light refreshments provided. [www.pacificballroom.com](http://www.pacificballroom.com); Info : 253/939-6524; also other dances on other days: Wed., Thurs., Sat., and Sun. DJ dances (some with live bands). Calendar available at [www.pacificballroom.org](http://www.pacificballroom.org) Look at their website. They have interesting events coming up!**

**Thursdays: Randy Litch at the Olympia VFW, 2902 Martin Way E., Olympia; 1-4pm; need to have a dance partner to attend; \$20 per couple; no mask or vaccination requirements. Water and coffee provided; food and beverages available from the bar; [www.randylitch.net](http://www.randylitch.net); email [randylitch@comcast.net](mailto:randylitch@comcast.net); cell/text: 253/530-6185.**

**Thursdays: T-Town Swing, at Urban Grace, 902 Market St., Tacoma; every Thursday; lesson 8pm; dance 8:30-11:30pm; <https://www.facebook.com/tacomasingdance/>. Masks and proof of vaccination required.**

**Thursdays: Tacoma Elks, at Allenmore Golf & Events Center, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma; every Thursday; \$6 Elks members; \$8 USA Dance members; \$10 all others; Info: 253-272-1117**

**Fridays: Olympia Eagles, 4th & Plum: Salsa Fridays; 7:30 lesson; 9-12 salsa social dance; \$10**

Randy Band schedule:

4/13	Oakville REC	7-10pm
4/20	Aberdeen Elks	7-10pm
5/18	Oakville REC	7-10pm



5/25 Aberdeen Elks 7-10pm  
 6/1 Elma Eagles 7-10pm  
 6/8 Olympia Eagles 8pm-12am  
 6/15 Aberdeen Elks 7-10pm  
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**Tuesday** – Swing at the OLY Eagles  
**Wednesday** – Manhattan Dance Club at AmVets Hall in Tacoma [www.manhattanclub.org](http://www.manhattanclub.org)  
**Thursday** – T-Town Swing in Tacoma  
**Thursday** – Randy Litch at OLY VFW 1-4pm (check with Randy at [www.randylitch.net](http://www.randylitch.net)) (need to bring a partner)  
**Thursday** – Pacific Ballroom, Auburn [www.pacificballroom.org](http://www.pacificballroom.org)  
**Friday** – Salsa Dance Social in OLY  
**Friday** – Rockin’ Horse Dance Barn in Renton  
**Saturday** – Pacific Ballroom in Auburn  
**Saturday** – 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays: Aberdeen Elks (The Randy Band usually plays on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. each month)  
**Sunday** – NW Dancesport Dance in Auburn

**Instructors:**  
 \* David Lynch – (h) 360/754-6697 or (c) 360/701-4294 [www.olympiadancelessons.com](http://www.olympiadancelessons.com)  
 \* Marie Kiser – 360/880-5492, Centralia [mkiser1202@aol.com](mailto:mkiser1202@aol.com)

## News & Views

The next DCGH board meeting will be **Mon., April 1, 2024, at 6pm** at Mark Van Hemert’s office. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

### 3/9/2024 Dance





*Arlene Hoiland, our founder, instructor,  
inspiration, family, friend,  
and so much more!*



*We miss you so much!*

Life is not about getting through the storms,  
it's about dancing in the rain!

~ various persons

**Links for DCGH website, and other links  
to photos and videos**

The DCGH website – Check us out at  
[www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com).

Previous Senior Games videos of heats, exhibitions,  
demonstrations and awards ceremonies, posted on  
YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/user/1AlaskaGal](http://www.youtube.com/user/1AlaskaGal).

Photos of the Senior Games heats posted on Flickr:  
[www.flickr.com/photos/sjpleusphotos/albums/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/sjpleusphotos/albums/).

If you're on Facebook, you can go to our page:  
[www.Facebook.com/groups/danceclubofgraysharbor](http://www.Facebook.com/groups/danceclubofgraysharbor)

**Editor's Notes:**

The next DCGH dance will be April 20. The dance after that will be May 18. We're also going to see about a dance in June, possibly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday if that works for the Elks. Mark is also working with the Elks for dates for dances for fall.

I'm sorry about all the changes of dates. We're just trying to see what works here.

Cost is still only \$10 per person. Dance is from 7:30 to 10pm. DJ Dr. Mark will be playing the music for the April dance and Randy Litch for the May dance.

Hey, all you people who come out and dance with us – WAY TO GO!!! You are awesome!

***Dance! It's what we do!***

Sharon Pleus

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