



Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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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

2023 DANCE SCHEDULE

Dec. 23 cancelled

2024 DANCE SCHEDULE

Jan. 20 Feb. 17 Mar. 16
Apr. 20 May 18

Fri., Dec. 1: Dukes of Swing at the Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Music: Dukes of Swing;** 7-9pm; Info: (360) 532-2211; www.facebook.com/thedukesofswing

Sat., Dec. 2: Olympia Elks, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music: Mr. Lauren Petrie; Dance:** 7-10pm; \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186; www.olympiaelks.org (upcoming music: 12/2 Mr. Lauren Petrie; 1/6/24 Michael Crain Duo; 2/3/24 Tropics Duo; 3/2/24 Michael Crain Duo)

Dec. 8-10: Montesano Festival of Lights: check out their Facebook page for info on the parade, the craft fair, vendors, auction, etc.;

Sun., Dec. 10: 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: charlottedickison@comcast.net; (360) 943-9123



Sat., Dec. 16: Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks (3rd Sat.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson:** Waltz; **Music: Condensed Version (CC); Dance:** 8-10:30pm; LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



Sat., Dec. 23: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (4th Sat.), at Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music:**

2023 Dance Club Membership dues –
\$0.00 per person!!!

Dance admission is \$10 per person!

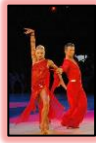
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DANCE CLUB OF GRAYS HARBOR

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.

DJ Dr. Mark Van Hemert; Dance: no dance lesson; dance starts at 7:30-10 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction/ Raffle. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10-
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Dance Club dance for December 23 is cancelled.

Sat., Dec. 30: Olympia Eagles Ballroom, 5th Saturday Dance Party; 805 4th Ave. E, Olympia (4th & Plum); **Music: The Randy Band; Dance: 8-11pm;**
<https://www.facebook.com/events/655502786750930>

New Year's Eve!

Sun., Dec. 31: Olympia Elks, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; Music: Andy Burnett; Dance: 8pm to ? whenever; appetizers throughout the evening; champagne toast at midnight; breakfast served at 12:15am. Tickets \$45 per person, or \$85 per couple, available at the Olympia Elks Lodge or Eventbrite.
Info: (360) 753-0186; www.olympiaelks.org

Sun., Dec. 31: Ocean Shores Elks, 199 Ocean Lake Way SE, Ocean Shores; New York State of Mind; Music: SR109; Dance: ? to ? whenever; prime rib dinner; dessert bar; champagne toast; formal attire encouraged; open to the public; Tickets \$45 per person, available at the Ocean Shores Elks Lodge. Info: (360) 289-2581;

I don't have any information on Aberdeen Elks or Hoquiam Elks yet. Please check with them to find out what's going on. Sorry.



Fri., Jan. 5: Dukes of Swing at the Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Music: Dukes of Swing;** 7-9pm; Info: (360) 532-2211;
www.facebook.com/thedukesofswing

Sat., Jan. 6: Olympia Elks, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; Music: Mr. Lauren Petrie; Dance: 7-10pm; \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186; www.olympiaelks.org (upcoming music:

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Sat., Jan. 20: 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/ Raffle. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10.
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DCGH would appreciate raffle gift donations at our monthly dance if you would like to "re-gift" something nice. Thanks!

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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/ 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; \$9 members; \$12 everyone else; membership \$20; 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; 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 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; email 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/tacomaswingdance/>. 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

Tuesday – Swing at the OLY Eagles

Wednesday – Manhattan Dance Club at AmVets Hall in Tacoma www.manhattanclub.org

Thursday – T-Town Swing in Tacoma

Thursday – Randy Litch at OLY VFW 1-4pm (check with Randy at www.randylitch.net) (need to bring a partner)

Thursday – Pacific Ballroom, Auburn www.pacificballroom.org

Friday – Salsa Dance Social in OLY

Friday – Rockin' Horse Dance Barn in Renton

Saturday – Pacific Ballroom in Auburn

Sunday – NW Dancesport Dance in Auburn

Instructors:

* David Lynch – (h) 360/754-6697 or (c) 360/701-4294 www.olympiadancelessons.com

* Marie Kiser – 360/880-5492, Centralia mkiser1202@aol.com

News & Views

The next DCGH board meeting will be

Mon., December 4, 2023, at 7:30 p.m at the Aberdeen Elks after Mark Van Hemert's dance class.

Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

Dr. Mark Van Hemert is teaching dance classes at the Aberdeen Elks. The current set of lessons are from 12/4 through 12/18 from 6:30-7:30pm for 6 weeks at \$10 per person per lesson. He will be teaching line dancing.

11/25/2023 Dance





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



We miss you so much!



To dance is to live!

~ Charles M. Schulz

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

The DCGH website – Check us out at
www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com.

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

www.youtube.com/user/1AlaskaGal.

Photos of the Senior Games heats posted on Flickr:
www.flickr.com/photos/sipleusphotos/albums/.

If you're on Facebook, you can go to our page:
www.Facebook.com/groups/danceclubofgraysharbor

Editor's Notes:

Just a reminder, the December dance has been cancelled. The next DCGH dance will be January 20. Cost is only \$10 per person. Dance is from 7:30 to 10pm and we'll have our usual silent auction. Randy Litch will be playing live music.



Right now, we're scheduled January through May on the **3rd Saturdays**, another change for our club. On February 17, we'll be having our 15th anniversary dance and hope to have a live band for that one. More later.

We really appreciate it that you keep coming to our dances, and that you keep dancing and keep our Dance Club going year after year! What a great bunch of people!

Dance! It's what we do!

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