



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

2025 DANCE SCHEDULE

January 4 February 8 March 22

Sat., Feb. 1: Olympia Elks, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: East Coast Swing 7-8pm;** **Music: Magic Boyz Trio; Dance: 8-10:30pm;** \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186; www.olympiaelks.org

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



Sat., Feb. 8, 2025: Dance Club of Grays Harbor Anniversary & Valentine Dance

(2nd Sat.), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: Randy Litch;** **Dance:** 7:30-10 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction. (Refreshments and food available through the Elks.) Members and Guests: \$10. www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com



Sun., Feb. 9, 2025: Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society, at Olympia Elks (2nd Sun.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia;

Music: _____; **Dance:** 1-4pm; Info: Peter Pease @ 360-280-5019 or sixtyrso@comcast.net



Fri., Feb. 14, 2025: Aberdeen Elks; 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Tribute to Elvis**, featuring Jason Whited; **5pm Cocktails; 5:30 spaghetti dinner; 7pm show; members and guests 21 & over \$30 per person;** Info: (360) 532-2211

2025 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, live 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 Cupid Shuffle, Cowboy Cha-Cha, and Electric Slide.

Sat., Feb. 15, 2025: Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks (3rd Sat.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: Rumba 7-8pm;** **Music: Paul Barber Duo; Dance: 8-10:30pm;** LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



Sat., Feb. 15: Aberdeen Elks; 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Music: The Randy Band;** **Dance: 7pm;** Info: (360) 532-2211



Fri., Feb. 28: Aberdeen Elks; 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Music: 593 Singers;** **Dance: 6:30pm;** Info: (360) 532-2211



Sat., Mar. 1, 2025: Olympia Elks, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: Salsa 7-8pm; Music: Tropics Duo Dance: 8-10:30pm;** \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186; www.olympiaelks.org

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



Sat., Mar. 15, 2025: Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks (3rd Sat.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: _____ 7-8pm;** **Music: _____; Dance: 8-10:30pm;** LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



Sat., Mar. 22, 2025: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (4th Sat.), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: DJ Dr. Mark;** **Dance: 7:30-10 pm.** Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction. (Food and refreshments available through the Elks.) Members and Guests: \$10. www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com



Sat., Mar. 29: Aberdeen Elks; 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Music: The Randy Band;** **Dance: 7pm;** Info: (360) 532-2211



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
Saturday – 4th Saturdays: Aberdeen Elks

Randy Band 2025 Schedule:
Saturdays: 1/25; 2/15, 3/29, 4/26, 5/31, 6/28, 7/26, 8/30, 9/27, 10/25, 11/29, 12/20;
And Wed., 12/31/25 for New Year's Eve

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



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

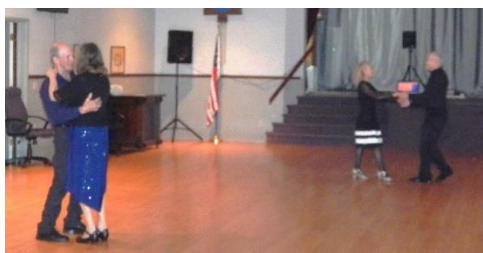


Wednesdays: Manhattan Club, at AmVets Hall, 5717 S Tyler St., Tacoma; **every Wednesday;** free lesson 6:30; dance: 7:30-9:30pm; \$10 members; \$13 everyone else; membership \$25; www.manhattanclub.org Info: 253/732-6664; 360/357-6152

News & Views

The next DCGH board meeting will be **Mon., Feb. 3, at 5:30 pm** at Mark Van Hemert's office. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

1/4/2025 Dance Photos



Editor's Notes:

Happy 17th Anniversary, Dance Club! Our own Arlene Hoiland and a bunch of brilliant and creative people started this dance club in 2008 – and we're still going! We hope you all can come help us celebrate our 17th Anniversary and our Valentine's Day Dance! We'll have the silent auction, so there should be plenty of nice items to bid on, and Mark's home made apple pie!

Hoquiam Elks had the following dates available for our dances for the first 3 months of 2025: 1/4/25 (1st Sat.), **2/8/25 (2nd Sat.)**, and 3/22/25 (4th Sat.). We'll check with them and let you know when the April and May (and possibly June) dances are scheduled.

Dance! It's what we do!

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Every day brings a chance for you
to draw in a breath, kick off
your shoes, and dance.
~ Oprah Winfrey ~



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



We miss you so much!

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/s1pleusphotos/albums/.

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