



# Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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

## Officers

President: Mark Van Hemert  
[Past] President and Founder: Arlene Hoiland  
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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

### 2024 DANCE SCHEDULE

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

**Sat., Dec. 30: Olympia Eagles Ballroom, 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance Party;** 805 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E, Olympia (4<sup>th</sup> & Plum); **fundraiser; Music: The Randy Band; Dance: 8-11pm; \$10 per person;**  
<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](http://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;**

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.

Sun., Dec. 31: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Music: The Randy Band**; 5pm ?- ??pm  
Info: (360) 532-2211; *(Please check on the time as this is all the info I have.)*

**I don't have any information on 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](http://www.facebook.com/thedukesofswing)

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

Sun., Jan. 14: **Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society, at Olympia Elks** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun.), 1818 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Olympia; **Music:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Dance:** 1-4pm; admission \$14, or \$10 for members. Info: [charlottedickison@comcast.net](mailto:charlottedickison@comcast.net); (360) 943-9123



Sat., Jan. 20: **Dance Club of Grays Harbor (3<sup>rd</sup> 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.  
[www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)



*DCGH would appreciate raffle gift donations at our monthly dance if you would like to "re-gift" something nice. Thanks!*

Sat., Jan. 20: **Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.), 1818 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: Waltz**; **Music:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Dance: 8-10:30pm**; LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



Fri., Feb. 2: **Dukes of Swing at the Aberdeen Elks**, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Music: Dukes of Swing**; 7-9pm; Info: (360) 532-2211;

Sat., Feb. 3, 2024: **Aberdeen Elks**, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Music: The Randy Band**; 7pm?- ??pm ; Info: (360) 532-2211;

Sat., Feb. 3: **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: 2/3/24 Tropics Duo; 3/2/24 Michael Crain Duo)

Sun., Feb. 11: **Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society, at Olympia Elks** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun.), 1818 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Olympia; **Music:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Dance:** 1-4pm; admission \$14, or \$10 for members. Info: [charlottedickison@comcast.net](mailto:charlottedickison@comcast.net); (360) 943-9123



Sat., Feb. 17: **Dance Club of Grays Harbor (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.)**, **Hoquiam Elks**, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: DJ Dr. Mark**; **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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Sat., Feb. 17: **Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.), 1818 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: Waltz**; **Music:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Dance: 8-10:30pm**; LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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/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**, 4<sup>th</sup> & 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](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> Saturday 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

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## News & Views

The next DCGH board meeting will be

**Mon., January 8, 2024, 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 will be on 1/8/24 at 6:30-7:30pm at \$10 per person per lesson. He will be teaching line dancing.

### 11/25/2023 Dance





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!**

Sharon Pleus

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*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](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/sipleusphotos/albums/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/sipleusphotos/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 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays**, another change for our club. On February 17, we'll be having our 15<sup>th</sup>? anniversary dance and hope to have a live band for that one. More later.

