



Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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2022 Dance Club Membership dues –
Still only \$0 per person!!! That's right!

Dance admission is \$10 per person!

Please make checks payable to
DANCE CLUB OF GRAYS HARBOR

Welcome to our New Dancers!

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a real thing.
We ask you to consider your choices of scents (perfumes,
colognes, lotions, etc.) when coming to our dances.



Dance Club News

Dance Club of Grays Harbor 2022 TENTATIVE DANCE SCHEDULE

Hoquiam Elks, 624 K Street, Hoquiam
Dance admission is only \$10 per person

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Feb. 19 (14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball and  
Special Memorial for Arlene);  
Mar. 19; Apr. 16; May 21

**Thurs., Mar. 17: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S.  
Boone St., Aberdeen; St. Patrick's Day;**  
dancing 5-7pm; **Music: Dukes of Swing;**  
Info: (360) 532-2211

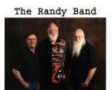


**Our Dance Club will be following the**  
**Governor's guidelines as to mask**  
**requirements and vaccines.**

**Sat., Mar. 19: Dance Club of Grays Harbor**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.), **Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St.,**  
**Hoquiam; Music: DJ Mark; FREE**  
**Lesson: Rumba or Waltz 7-8pm;**  
**Dance: 8-10 pm.** Mixers, Demos,  
Silent Auction/ Raffle. (Food and  
refreshments are available through the  
Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10. Info:  
[www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)



**Sat., Mar. 26: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St.,**  
**Aberdeen; Mardi Gras; ENF Banquet,**  
**silent auction and raffle; Music: Randy**  
**Band; Dancing: 3pm-6pm; Dinner:**  
6pm; purchase tickets by 3/24 **\$20;** Info:  
(360) 532-2211



For our DCGH dances, various bands or DJs  
provide the music for dancing to ChaCha, 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. 9: Aberdeen Elks**, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Purple Bubble Ball**; **Music: Dukes of Swing; Dancing: ?? Dinner: ??pm; Cost?;** Info: (360) 532-2211



**Sat., Apr. 16, 2022: Dance Club of Grays Harbor** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.), **Hoquiam Elks**, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: DJ Mark; FREE Workshop Lesson: Rumba or Waltz** 7-8 pm; **Dance:** 8-10 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction/ Raffle. Special dance shoes raffle drawing! (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10. [www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)



**Sat., May 14: Olympia Elks**, 1818 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., **Olympia; 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala;** (*This was postponed from December, then postponed from February!*) **Music: Black Satin Quintet; Dance:** 5pm-?? pm \$35. Info:-(360) 753-0186. [www.facebook.com/OlympiaElks](http://www.facebook.com/OlympiaElks) 130<sup>th</sup> Gala same menu, same musical group "Black Satin". If you deferred your ticket from the first date, you're all set. If you wish to attend, call the lodge secretary, or visit the lodge during lodge events, meetings, or Queen of Hearts to purchase a ticket before the cutoff of ~~2/07/2022~~. Tickets remain \$35.00 and no tickets will be available on the night of the dance. There will be dance only options for \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 a couple, but those too must be purchased in advance.

## 2022 Washington Senior Games Dance Competition



**Saturday, July 9, 2022**

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!

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

**Tuesdays: OLY Swing**, at **Olympia Eagles**, 4<sup>th</sup> & 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.

**Wednesdays: Pacific Ballroom Tea Dances**, 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); 253/939-6524

**Wednesdays: Manhattan Club**, at AmVets Hall, 5717 S Tyler St., Tacoma; every Wednesday; free lesson 6:30; dance: 7:30-10pm; \$7 members; \$10 everyone else; membership \$20; Info: 253/732-6664; [www.manhattanclub.org](http://www.manhattanclub.org). STILL CANCELLED FOR NOW.

**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

*Steve Fisher reported that most of the other venues that are starting to hold dances are requiring proof of vaccination, and some are not, but check with the venue as places and rules are opening up. (His email newsletter is posted on our website.)*

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

Sunday – NW Dancesport Dance in Auburn

*W. Rosa reported that there are several regular dances around, just none close to Aberdeen and Hoquiam. He lists Bremerton Elks, with biweekly dances; Gig Harbor Eagles; Port Orchard Eagles; Pacific Ballroom; Lakewood Elks; South Bay Grange in Olympia. You'll need to check with those venues yourselves to find out what and when.*

**Manhattan Club** at AmVets Hall, 5717 S Tyler St., Tacoma; every Wednesday; **DANCES ARE STILL CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE due to outbreaks of Covid.** Free lesson 6:30; dance: 7:30-10pm; \$7 members; \$10 everyone else; membership \$20; Info: 253/732-6664; check with them before going as they've had to cancel some dances. [www.manhattanclub.org](http://www.manhattanclub.org)

**Pacific Ballroom**, 1604 – 15<sup>th</sup> St. SW #109, Auburn; Wed., Thurs., Sat., and Sun. DJ dances (some with live bands). Info: 253/939-6524; calendar available at [www.pacificballroom.org](http://www.pacificballroom.org) Must provide proof of vac or negative test. Look at their website. They have some interesting events coming up! "Shall We Dance: Social Dance schedule (Sat. 8:30-10pm, \$10/person):

Studio 6 Ballroom: [www.Studio6Ballroom.com/](http://www.Studio6Ballroom.com/). Note: **\*Dances currently suspended due to health mandates.**



No word yet from the Love To Dance Club, Olympia Elks, Tacoma Elks, Absolutely Ballroom, SRC, USA Dance Tacoma, Aberdeen Elks, or any of the casinos.

## News & Views

The next DCGH board meeting will be **Mon., Mar. 7, 2022, at 6 p.m.** at Hoquiam Chiropractic (Mark Van Hemert's office), 320 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Hoquiam. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

### DCGH Dance on 2/19/22









Mark Van Hemert & Margaret Sherwood  
Foxtrot demo



Mark Swanson & Jeannie Cornell  
East Coast Swing demo



Arlene Nissen  
Hula demo



David & Anita Blair  
Waltz (their 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

## Editor's Notes:

Thanks to everyone who came to help us celebrate our 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to join us with our Tribute to Arlene. It was great to see people we hadn't seen for awhile.

Mark Van Hemert started the evening talking about Arlene and what it has meant to us, the Dance Club and individuals. He brought in a lot of memorabilia which was beautifully displayed on the tables at the back of the room: dancing photos, medals, articles, and even some of Arlene's dance shoes!

I brought the video compilation of Arlene's dances that I made for the memorial last March. Larry Davidson brought his projector so that we could show it continuously on the wall where everyone could see it, along with Mark's display of memorabilia.

Sara Macht coordinated pretty much everything, from helping Mark with lessons, to reception, to helping with tables! ☺ Anne Redford made the whole hall look festive, putting pink (Arlene's favorite color) runners and flower vases on the tables. Jeannie, Linda, Steve and others (who I forgot to write down) "personed" the reception desk. There were many donations to our silent auction, including Arlene's personal boom box. Thank you all for your willingness to volunteer and donate. What a great bunch of people!!!

We were honored to have Randy Litch play the live music for this dance. Near the end of the dance, Randy played a lovely and moving hymn that brought tears of the eyes of many of us. So sweet! Thank you so much, Randy!

Other dances scheduled for 2022 are March 19, April 16, and May 21.

While I'm still working on getting those dance videos posted on Arlene's and Mark's lessons, I have worked on a few of them already. They made a whole bunch of teaching videos and posted them to Facebook. I was able to get most of those videos downloaded to my computer so that I can post them to YouTube. The videos they made are Foxtrot, Merengue, East Coast Swing, Cha-Cha, Samba, Tush Push, Tango, West Coast Swing, Ten-Step, Salsa, American Waltz, and Rumba. When I get them uploaded to YouTube (each one takes about 45 min. to upload), anyone will be able to access them, and you won't have to have a Facebook account to do that.





(Okay, I just really like these photos, so I'm leaving them in the newsletter again this month!)



demonstrations on the Photos page. Please check our website periodically to see what's new!

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

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### **Links for DCGH website, and other links for 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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/danceclubofgraysharbor)

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

There is a spreadsheet link posted on the Photos page of our website with of all the demos and general dancing. It's saved in PDF format so that any of you can access the videos that have been posted to YouTube by Ron Eckardt and by me. Just click on the links (or copy and past them to the YouTube website) and it should go right to the dance. Ron has posted hundreds of videos from our dances, from general dancing to events to an awards ceremony, and there are many more demonstration dances than are listed on the website. I hope you enjoy all of these.

Our DCGH website will be updated soon, with more information and with the photos from our February dance. There are links to previous dances and

