



# 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  
April 19      May 10

**Sat., Mar. 1: 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](http://www.olympiaelks.org)  
Upcoming live music: 4/5 - Michael Crain Duo; 5/3 The Tropics Duo; 6/7 Magic Boyz Trio; 7/5 Michael Crain Duo

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



**Sun., Mar. 9, 2025: Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society, at Olympia Elks (2nd Sun.)**, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music: Market Street Jazz Band; Dance: 1-4pm**; Info: Peter Pease @ 360-280-5019 or [sixtyrso@comcast.net](mailto:sixtyrso@comcast.net)



**Sat., Mar. 15, 2025: Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks (3rd Sat.)**, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: Cha Cha 7-8pm; Music: Kregg Mattson; 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



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.

Elks.) Members and Guests: \$10.  
[www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)

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



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



**Sat., Apr. 19, 2025: 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 available through the Elks.) Members and Guests: \$10. [www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)



**Sat., Apr. 19, 2025: Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks (3rd Sat.),** 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson:** East Coast Swing 7-8pm; **Music: The Tropics;** **Dance: 8-10:30pm;** LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



## 2025 Washington Senior Games Dance Competition



**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

Doors open at 9am; Competition 10am – 5:50pm

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>

**Thurs., July 10-July 21: Dance Cruise to Alaska on the Queen Elizabeth for 11 days, returning July 21. Ports of call: Seattle, Ketchikan, Glacier Bay, Haines, Tracy Arm Fjord, Juneau, Sitka, Misty Fjord, Victoria (BC), and return to Seattle. (When booking, mention that you are travelling with Bill Barber.) Contact Bill Barber for more information at 253/224-8244. Your deposit will be refundable up to 3/11/25 – Hurry!**

## 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

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 – 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](http://www.olympiadancelessons.com)

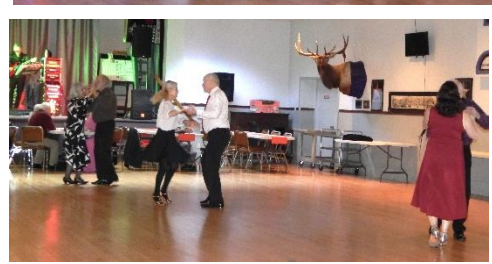
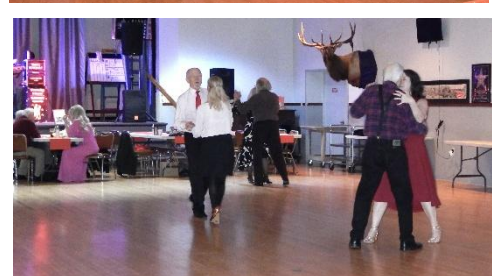
\* Marie Kiser – 360/880-5492, Centralia [mkiser1202@aol.com](mailto:mkiser1202@aol.com)



# News & Views

The next DCGH board meeting will be **Mon., Mar. 10, at 5:30 pm** at Mark Van Hemert's office. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

## Feb. 8 Dance Photos







I'm sorry about all the changing around for different Saturdays – we're happy to get to do our dances! We'll be sure to let you know the rest of the schedule when we have the dates!.

***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!*

*When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain  
place on the floor.  
It's to enjoy each step along the way.*

*~ Wayne Dyer ~*

**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:**

Daylight Saving Time starts 3/9, Pi Day is 3/14, and St. Patrick's Day is 3/17! Our March dance is on 3/22 at 7:30pm. To celebrate Pi Day (3.1415 and so on), our silent auction will have, yup, you guessed it, PIES! Mark will bring his famous fabulous apple pie (I think). Others of the dance club will be bringing other pies. Yes, quiche counts as a pie, and probably any other dessert that looks like a pie. If anyone else wants to donate a pie, please feel free to bring one!

Hoquiam Elks had the following dates available for our dances for 2025: 1/4/25 (1<sup>st</sup> Sat.), 2/8/25 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.), and 3/22/25 (4<sup>th</sup> Sat.). Other dates will be April 19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., the day before Easter), and May 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.).

