



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

2024 DANCE SCHEDULE

May 18 October 5 November 2

Fri., May 3: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 7-9pm; **Music: Dukes of Swing**; Info: (360) 532-2211 **Note: The Dukes will have a June dance, then be off until the fall.**



Sat., May 4: 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

Sun., May 5: Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society, at Olympia Elks (2nd Sun.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music:** _____; **Dance: 1-4pm; Free for this dance;** admission \$14, or \$10 for members. Info: Peter Pease @ 360-280-5019 or sixtyrso@comcast.net



Sat., May 18: 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. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10. www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com
Our next dance won't be until October 5. Note the change in our schedule to the 1st Sat. each month beginning in October. No dance in December. Dances resume in January 2025 on the 1st Sat. each month.



Sat., May 18: Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks (3rd Sat.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: Waltz**; **Music: Chris Anderson**; **Dance: 8-10:30pm**; LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



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, 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 ChaCha, and Electric Slide.

Sun., May 19: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 1-4pm; **Music: 593 Singers**; Info:(360) 532-2211

Sat., May 25: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 7-?pm; **Music: Randy Band**; Info:(360) 532-2211

Sat., June 1: 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

Fri., June 7: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 7-9pm; **Music: Dukes of Swing**; Info: (360) 532-2211 **Note: This will be the last Dukes dance until the fall.**



Sun., June 9: 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: mccravydavid@hotmail.com (360) 943-9123 **No dance in July or August**



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



Sat., June 15: 88th Annual Strawberry Festival, 3918 Sleater Kinney Road, Olympia (South Bay Grange); 10am-3pm; music, food, entertainment. See Facebook page for more info.

Sat., July 6: Olympia Elks, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music: _____**; **Dance: 7-10pm**; \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186; www.olympiaelks.org

NEW! Fri. and Sat., July 12 & 13: Toledo Cheese Days Festival, downtown Toledo in front of Donna's Place; Friday night street dance, 9pm-midnight, **Chris Guenther and the Honky Tonk Drifters** (www.chrisguenthermusic.com/); Saturday night street dance, **Pat Murphy and Straitshot** will be playing (more later on this).

Sat., Oct. 5: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (1st Sat.), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: DJ Dr. Mark**; **Dance: 7:30-10 pm**. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members and Guests: \$10. www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com **Note the change in our schedule to the 1st Sat. each month. No dance in December. Dances resume in January 2025 on the 1st Sat. each month.**



Sat., Nov. 2: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (1st 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.



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Senior Games Competition For Athletes 50 and Better—Games Information = 360-413-0148

July 13 14th Annual Ballroom Dance Competition
Saturday ~~June 29~~, 2024 Doors Open 10:00 am • Competition Begins at 11:00am, ends by 4:30pm
Olympia Center • 222 Columbia Street NW • Olympia, WA
Spectators FREE - AND - Lots of General Dancing during the competition

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360-280-9038 Administrative/Volunteer questions

Co-Commissioners
Melissa Johnson mjohnson@olympiawed.com
888-345-4000 Dance and Program related questions

Top Teacher Award \$200 - Trophy for Top 5th and Top Student Trophy with most entries newly named "The Diane and Dave Forbes Trophy"

How to Enter
WashingtonStateSeniorGames.com - click on page 7 for Dance entries

Entry Fees
Registration = \$35 (early birds \$25 if postmarked May 31 - FINAL DEADLINE May 31)
Event Fee = \$10 per event - \$20 maximum for 5 or more events

2024 Washington Senior Games Dance Competition



Saturday, July 13, 2024

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

(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

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/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

Randy Band schedule:

5/18	Oakville REC	7-10pm
5/25	Aberdeen Elks	7-10pm
6/1	Elma Eagles	7-10pm
6/8	Olympia Eagles	8pm-12am
6/15	Aberdeen Elks	7-10pm



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 (The Randy Band usually plays on the 4th Sat. each month)

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., (not yet scheduled), at 6pm** at Mark Van Hemert's office. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.



4/20/2024 Dance





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



We miss you so much!

Editor's Notes:

I'm sure that the small crowd (all 7 of us) that came to our dance on 4/20 was due to the changes we've had to make in our schedules. Unfortunately, there are more coming. I'm sorry about all the changes of dates. We're trying to see what works here to keep our dance club going.

The next DCGH dance will be May 18. After this dance, we will be off (due to scheduling) until the first Sat. in October, which is October 5. November 2 is next, but there will not be a dance in December for us again this year. Dances in January 2025 through May 2025 will be on the first Saturdays each month.



Cost is still only \$10 per person. Dance is from 7:30 to 10pm. Randy Litch will be playing the music for the May dance.

Hey, all you people who come out and dance with us – WAY TO GO!!! You are awesome!

Dance! It's what we do!

Sharon Pleus

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*To dance is to be out of yourself,
larger, more powerful, more beautiful.
This is power, it is glory on earth and
it is yours for the taking.*

~ Agnes de Mille ~



**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/sjpleusphotos/albums/

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

