



# Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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2021 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 2021 TENTATIVE DANCE SCHEDULE

Hoquiam Elks, 624 K Street, Hoquiam

*Dance admission is only \$10 per person*

October 16 Halloween Dance (costumes optional)  
November 20

December 18 Christmas Ball (semiformal attire optional)

**Sat., Oct. 16: Dance Club of Grays Harbor, Halloween Dance** (costumes optional) (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.),  
**Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; Music: DJ Mark Van Hemert; FREE Workshop**

**Lessons: Beginning Salsa**

7-7:30pm; and **Intermediate**

**Salsa 7:30-8pm; Workshop**

Lessons will continue for the

November and December

dances; then in January, possibly

3 months of Rumba lessons

(beginning and intermediate); **Dance: 8-10:30 pm.**

Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction/ Raffle. (Food and

refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members:

\$10; Guests: \$10. Info: \_\_\_\_\_;

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

**Sat., Nov. 20: Dance Club of Grays Harbor**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.), **Hoquiam Elks, 624**

**K St., Hoquiam; Music:**

\_\_\_\_\_; **FREE**

**Workshop Lesson: Beginning**

**Salsa 7-7:30pm; and**

**Intermediate Salsa 7:30-8pm;**

Workshop Salsa Lessons will

continue through the December dance; then in January,

possibly 3 months of Rumba lessons (beginning and

intermediate); **Dance: 8-10:30 pm.** Mixers, Demos,

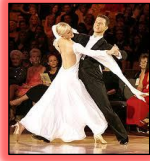
Silent Auction/ Raffle. (Food and refreshments are



available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10.  
Info: [www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)

**Sat., Dec. 18: Dance Club of Grays Harbor**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.), **Hoquiam Elks**, 624 K St., Hoquiam;  
**Music:** \_\_\_\_\_; **FREE**

**Workshop Lesson: Beginning Salsa** 7-7:30pm; and **Intermediate Salsa** 7:30-8pm; Workshop Lessons will possibly switch to Rumba for 3 months starting in January (beginning and intermediate); **Dance:** 8-10:30 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)



## New Years Eve!

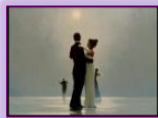
**Fri., Dec. 31: We'll have to wait to see if anyone is going to be able to have dances this year.**



**Sat., Jan. 15, 2022: Dance Club of Grays Harbor 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance (2008-2021)**

(3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.), **Hoquiam Elks**, 624 K St., Hoquiam;  
**Music:** \_\_\_\_\_; **FREE Workshop Lesson:**

**Beginning Rumba;** 7-7:30;  
**Intermediate Rumba** 7:30-8 pm;  
Workshop Lessons will be for the January, February and March dances;  
**Dance:** 8-10:30 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction/ Raffle. Special dance shoes raffle drawing! (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10.  
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**Sat., Feb. 19: Dance Club of Grays Harbor 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance (2008-2021)**

(3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.), **Hoquiam Elks**, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music:** \_\_\_\_\_; **FREE Workshop**

**Lesson: Beginning Rumba;** 7-7:30;  
**Intermediate Rumba** 7:30-8 pm;  
Workshop Lessons will be for the January, February and March dances;  
**Dance:** 8-10:30 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., Mar. 19: Dance Club of Grays Harbor**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.), **Hoquiam Elks**, 624 K

St., Hoquiam; **Music:**

\_\_\_\_\_; **FREE Workshop**

**Lesson: Beginning Rumba** 7-7:30  
and **Intermediate Rumba** 7:30-8pm;

Workshop Lessons will be for the January, February and March dances; **Dance:** 8-10:30 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)



## 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**, 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.

**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). 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/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

Steve Fisher reports 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:

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 in 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 reports 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 them yourselves to find out what's going on and when. *(Thanks for the update!)*

**Manhattan Club** at AmVets Hall, 5717 S Tyler St., Tacoma; every Wednesday; **DANCES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE due to recent outbreaks of Covid.** 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) Check with them before going as they've had to cancel a couple of dances.

**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) Look at their website. They have some interesting events coming up!

“Shall We Dance: Social Dance schedule (Sat. 8:30-10pm, \$10/person):  
October 9th @ American Waltz  
October 16th @ Single Time Swing  
October 23rd – No Social (Fall Showcase)  
October 30th @ Cha Cha  
November 6th @ American Foxtrot  
November 13th @ Hustle  
November 20th @ American Tango  
November 27th – No Social (Holiday Break)  
December 4th – No Social (Winter Concert)  
December 11th @ American Waltz  
December 18th – No Social (Adult Showcase)  
December 25th – No Social (Holiday Break)

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., Oct. 4, 2021, at 6 p.m.** at the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Alehouse, Hoquiam. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

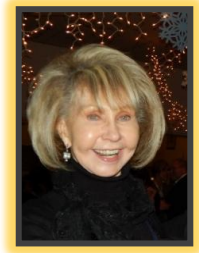
*Various bands/ DJs provide the music for dancing to ChaCha, East Coast Swing, Foxtrot, Mambo, Merengue, Rumba, Salsa, Samba, Tango, Argentine Tango, Waltz, and West Coast Swing, as well as some line dances like Cowboy ChaCha, Ten-Step, and Tush Push.*

### Editor's Note:

The Board has tentatively scheduled dances for October 16 (Halloween Dance – *costumes optional*), November 20, and December 18 (Christmas Ball – *semi-formal attire optional*).

We're still working on the ones for 2022. One of the dances (again tentatively), the February anniversary

dance, will appropriately be dedicated to our founder, Arlene Hoiland. We hope that by that time, we will be able to have a huge turn-out for that dance. Please make plans early to help us celebrate our amazing Arlene in February 2022!



Sorry, but I'm still not caught up enough to get those videos posted on Arlene's and Mark's lessons. They made a whole bunch of teaching videos last summer 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, anyone will be able to access them, and you won't have to have a Facebook account to do that.

On the Photos page of our website, I posted a spreadsheet 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 is updated again. Whew! There are still lots of links to previous dances, and the photos from our last dance in Feb. or Mar. of 2019. 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).

Videos of the previous Senior Games heats, exhibition, 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!*