



Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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2021 Dance Club Membership dues –
Still only \$0 per person!!!
That's right - \$0.00 for 2021!

Dance admission is \$10 per person!

Please make checks payable to
DANCE CLUB OF GRAYS HARBOR

Welcome to our New Members!

Dance Club of Grays Harbor **2021 TENTATIVE DANCE SCHEDULE**

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

October 16
November 20 December 18

Dance Club News

Sat., Sept. 11: USA Dance Tacoma, at Lakewood Elks, Lakewood Elks, 6313 75th St W, Lakewood; **Music:** DJ Travis; Lesson 7-8pm; **Dance:** 8-10 pm; USA Dance members \$8; Elks & Manhattan Club members \$10; guests \$12; Info: call 253-307-1499 or visit www.dancetacoma.org/ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/192216785186/>

Sat., Sept. 25: USA Dance Tacoma, at Lakewood Elks, Lakewood Elks, 6313 75th St W, Lakewood; SOCK HOP; DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE YET. **Music:** _____; Lesson 7-8pm; **Dance:** 8-10 pm; USA Dance members \$8; Elks & Manhattan Club members \$10; guests \$12; Info: call 253-588-2388 or visit www.dancetacoma.org/ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/192216785186/>

Sat., Oct. 16: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (3rd Sat.), **Hoquiam Elks**, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music:** Mark Van Hemert, DJ; **FREE Workshop Lesson: Beginning Salsa** 7-7:30 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: _____; www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com



Sat., Nov. 20: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (3rd Sat.), **Hoquiam Elks**, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music:** _____; **FREE Workshop Lesson: Beginning Salsa** 7-7:30 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

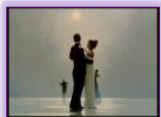


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Sat., Dec. 18: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (3rd Sat.), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; Music: _____; FREE Workshop Lesson: Beginning Salsa 7-7:30 and Intermediate Salsa 7:30-8pm; Workshop Lessons will possibly switch to Rumba for 3 months starting 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



Sat., Jan. 15, 2022: Dance Club of Grays Harbor 13th Anniversary Dance (2008-2021) (3rd 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



Sat., Feb. 19: Dance Club of Grays Harbor 13th Anniversary Dance (2008-2021) (3rd 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



Sat., Mar. 19: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (3rd 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: (360) _____; 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/ Vaccines and masks required.

Wednesdays: Pacific Ballroom Tea Dances, 1604 15TH St. SW, Auburn; 30 min. lesson, 90 min. social dancing; light refreshments provided. 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. 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; 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/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 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)

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 in Auburn (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; free lesson 6:30; dance: 7:30-10pm; \$7 members; \$10 everyone else; membership \$20; Info: 253/732-6664; www.manhattanclub.org Check with them before going as they've had to cancel a couple of dances.

Pacific Ballroom, 1604 – 15th 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 Look at their website. They have some interesting events coming up! (Since theirs is the only website that I have that has a schedule, I have added it to the end of our newsletter.)

Studio 6 Ballroom: 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., Sept. 13, 2021, at 6 p.m.** at the Simpson Ave. Bar & Grill, Hoquiam. Anyone interested in dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

Editor's Notes:

The Board has tentatively scheduled dances for Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18. We're still working on the ones for 2022. One of the dances (again tentatively), the February anniversary dance, will appropriately be dedicated to Arlene. We hope that by that time, we will be able to have a huge turn-out for that dance. Please make plans early to come help celebrate our amazing Arlene with us.



I've been getting behind and haven't gotten to the videos to get posted on Arlene 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. I will send a link to all of you when I have them all uploaded.

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 our website, on the Photos page, I also 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 needs updating, as the info on there right now is so out of date. I hope to get to that very soon! Please check it periodically to see what's new!

Dance! It's what we do!

Sharon Pleus

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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.

Videos of the previous Senior Games heats, exhibition, 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/.

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.



Pacific Ballroom Dance in Auburn

Shall We Dance Socials Schedule

Saturdays from 8:30-10:00 PM • \$10/Person

- September 4th @ American Tango
- September 11th @ American Foxtrot
- September 16th @ Hustle
- September 23rd @ American Rumba
- October 2nd – No Social (Seattle Star Ball)
- 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)

Latin Nights Schedule

Thursdays from 9:00-10:30 PM • \$10/Person

- September 2nd @ Samba
- September 9th @ Bolero
- September 16th @ American Rumba
- September 23rd @ Bachata
- September 30th – No Social (Seattle Star Ball)
- October 7th @ Cha Cha
- October 14th @ Merengue
- October 21st @ International Rumba
- October 28th @ Samba
- November 3rd @ Bolero
- November 10th @ American Rumba
- November 17th @ Bachata
- November 24th – No Social (Holiday Break)
- December 1st @ Cha Cha
- December 8th @ Merengue
- December 15th @ International Rumba
- December 22nd @ Samba
- December 29th – No Social (Holiday Break)