



Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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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

October 15 November 12 December 10

(Nov. and Dec. dances are on the 2nd Sat.)

Sun., Sept. 11: Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz

Society, at Olympia Elks (2nd Sun.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music:** Ray Skelbred & Group; **Dance:** 1-4pm; summer rates \$5.

Info: charlottedickison@comcast.net; 360/943-9123



Sat., Sept. 17: Olympia Elks, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; Membership Drive; **Music: Been There Done That;** **Dance:** 8-11:30pm; \$10 entry; Info: (360) 753-0186; www.olympiaelks.org

Sat., Sept. 24: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 7-??pm; **Music: The Randy Band;** Info: (360) 532-2211



Sat., Sept. 24: Love to Dance Club, at Olympia Elks, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson:** Swing with Dave Lynch; **Music: Kregg Mattson;** **Dance:** 8-10:30pm; LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



Thurs., Sept. 29: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 7-9pm; **Music: Dukes of Swing;** Info: (360) 532-2211



Sat., Oct. 1: Olympia Elks, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music:** _____; **Dance:** 7-10pm; \$10 Elks members; \$12 all others; Info: (360) 753-0186; www.olympiaelks.org (mask mandate is in effect)

Sat., Oct. 15: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (3rd Sat.), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: DJ Mark;** **FREE dance lesson:** 7-8 pm; **Dance:** 8-



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.



10 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction/ Raffle. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10. www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com

Sat., Oct. 15: Love to Dance Club, at Olympia Elks, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson:** Swing with Dave Lynch; **Music: Paul Barber Duo;** **Dance:** 8-10:30pm; LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



Sat., Nov. 12: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (2nd Sat.), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: DJ Mark; FREE dance lesson:** 7-8 pm; **Dance:** 8-10 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction/ Raffle. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10. www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com



Sat., Nov. 19: Love to Dance Club, at Olympia Elks, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson:** Swing with Dave Lynch; **Music: Chris Anderson;** **Dance:** 8-10:30pm; LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



Sat., Dec. 10: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (2nd Sat.), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: DJ Mark; FREE dance lesson:** 7-8 pm; **Dance:** 8-10 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction/ Raffle. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10. www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com



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

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

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., Oct. 3, 2022, at 6 p.m. at Hoquiam Chiropractic (Mark Van Hemert's office), 320 23rd St., Hoquiam. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

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; \$7 members; \$10 everyone else; membership \$20; 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 Must provide proof of vac or negative test. Look at their website. They have some 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

From the Daily World 7/27/2022



Members of the Dance Club of Grays Harbor participated in the Washington State Senior Games Dance Competition in Olympia on July 9, 2022, and brought home several medals. From left are Maryl Metheny, who received eight gold medals; Mark Van Hemert, winner of 12 gold medals and Sara Macht, winner of four gold medals. Van Hemert was also awarded the Washington State Senior Games top amateur trophy. —The Daily World

2022 Washington Senior Games Dance Competition



Saturday, July 9, 2022 at the Olympia Center
<http://www.washingtonstateseniorgames.com/DanceInfo.htm>

Congratulations to DCGH dancers Mark Van Hemert and Sara Macht, and dancer Maryl Metheany. These three dancers won a total of 24 Gold Medals for their dances at the 2022 Senior Games Dance Competition! Way to go!

Mark also was awarded the Washington State Senior Games Top Amateur trophy! Awesome!

Congratulations to all the dancers in this amazing competition!



Mark Van Hemert and Maryl Metheany practicing before Senior Games Dance Competition



Mark Van Hemert and Sara Macht practicing before Senior Games Dance Competition

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.

Editor's Notes:

Our October dance will be on the usual 3rd Sat. (10/15/22). The November and December dances will be on the 2nd Saturdays (11/12 and 12/10).

Watch for videos to be posted on YouTube and Facebook of the Senior Games dances! It's slow going, what with the rest of the things going on, but I'll get them done.



Have you seen the PDF spreadsheet link posted on the Photos page of our website? It has all the DCGH demos and general dancing 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). 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 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



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