



Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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2023 Dance Club Membership dues –
only \$0 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, various 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
Cowboy ChaCha, Ten-Step, and Tush Push.

Dances & Dancing

Dance Club of Grays Harbor

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

2023 DANCE SCHEDULE

Sept. 23	Oct. 28
Nov. 25	Dec. 23?

Sat., Sept. 9: 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., Sept. 10: Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz
Society, at Olympia Elks** (2nd Sun.), 1818
4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music: Jacob
Zimmerman Group**; **Dance:** 1-4pm;
admission \$14, or \$10 for members. Info:
charlottedickison@comcast.net; (360) 943-9123



**Sat., Sept. 16: Love to Dance Club Dance, at
Olympia Elks** (3rd Sat.), 1818 4th Ave. E.,
Olympia; **Lesson: Salsa**; **Music: Chris
Anderson**; **Dance:** 8-10:30pm; LTD and
Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360)
701-0600



**Sat., Sept. 23: Dance Club of
Grays Harbor (now 4th Sat.)**, at
Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **no
dance lesson, dance starts at 7:30!**
Music: DJ Dr. Mark Van Hemert;
Dance: 7:30-10 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent
Auction/ Raffle. (Food and refreshments are
available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests:
\$10. www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com



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

Sat., Oct. 7: Olympia Elks, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music: The Tropics Duo** (from Seattle); **Dance:** 7-10pm; \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186; www.olympiaelks.org

Sat., Oct. 28: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (now 4th Sat.), at Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **combination Hoquiam Elks Halloween Party and DCGH**

Dance; Music: _____ (???); **Dance: 7:30-10 pm.** Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction/ Raffle. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.)

Members: \$10; Guests: \$10.

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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; \$9 members; \$12 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 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/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

Fridays: Olympia Eagles, 4th & Plum: Salsa Fridays; 7:30 lesson; 9-12 salsa social dance; \$10

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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

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  
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## News & Views

The next DCGH board meeting will be **Mon., September 11, 2023, at 6 p.m.** at Hoquiam Chiropractic (Mark Van Hemert's office), 320 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Hoquiam. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

### 5/13/2023 Dance







## Editor's Notes:

New, starting in September, our dances will be on the **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday** of the month, so this month's dance is on September 23. As a reminder, the dances now are from 7:30 to 10pm, with no lesson beforehand because not many people came for them. *(But that's subject to change, depending on how it goes.)* (Mark did teach some lessons at the April dance as a few people were interested.)



DJ Dr. Mark Van Hemert will be playing music according to the 'theme' of the evening. The 'theme' will change each month, so the September dance could be anything! Let us know what you think!

It's going to get complicated starting in October. The Hoquiam Elks is having their Halloween Party that night and they have graciously said we could have our dance that night along with them! Wow! That should be a hoot! I bet we see lots of costumes, too. I'll let you know who will be playing.

November's dance is right after Thanksgiving, so we should be able to dance off a lot of that turkey and dressing!

December's dance is just before Christmas, so we'll have a discussion about the upcoming dances at our board meeting on 9/11.

We really appreciate it that you keep coming to our dances, and that you keep dancing and keep our Dance Club going year after year! What a great bunch of people!

***Dance! It's what we do!***

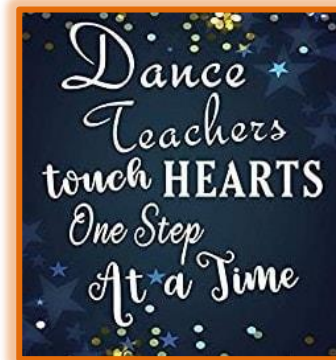
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*Arlene Hoiland, our founder, instructor,  
 inspiration, family, friend,  
 And so much more!  
 We miss you!*



*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)

