



# Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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## Officers

President:	Mark Van Hemert
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Vice President:	Steve Raheer
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Margaret Sherwood	Tim Van Houten
Linda Park	Sharon Pleus
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Dance Coordinator:	(vacant)
Past Dance Coordinator:	Arlene Hoiland
Hospitality:	Resa Hoiland and others
Music Coordinator:	Mark Van Hemert
Memorial:	Tim Van Houten
Newsletter/Web Site/Membership:	Sharon Pleus
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Videos:	Ron Eckardt & Sharon Pleus

## 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*

Jan. 15; Feb. 19 (14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball and  
Special Memorial for Arlene);  
Mar. 19; Apr. 16; May 21

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

**Sat., Jan. 15, 2022: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: DJ Mark Van Hemert; FREE Workshop Lesson: Rumba** 7-8 pm; **Dance:** 8-10pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction/ Raffle. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10. [www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)**



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.*

*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.*

**Sat., Jan. 29 : Aberdeen Elks, New Years Eve Party; 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; enter with donation; hors d'oeuvres, party favors; \$10 donation for music and food; **Dancing** 7pm- ??; **Music: The Randy Band**; photos taken for a remembrance of your night; Info: (360) 532-2211**



**Sat., Feb. 12: Olympia Elks, 1818 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Olympia; **130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**; **Music:** Black Satin Quintet; **Dance:** 5pm-?? pm \$35. Info: (360) 753-0186. [www.facebook.com/OlympiaElks](http://www.facebook.com/OlympiaElks) (see below)**



**2/12/2022** 5:00pm Rescheduled 130<sup>th</sup> Gala same menu, same musical group "Black Satin". If you deferred your ticket from the first date, you're all set. If you wish to attend, call the lodge secretary, or visit the lodge during lodge events, meetings, or Queen of Hearts to purchase a ticket before the cutoff of **2/07/2022**. Tickets remain \$35.00 and no tickets will be available on the night of the dance. There will be dance only options for \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 a couple, but those too must be purchased in advance.

**Sat., Feb. 19, 2022: Dance Club of Grays Harbor Tribute to Arlene and 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance (2008-2022)** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.),

**Hoquiam Elks**, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: Randy Litch; FREE Workshop Lesson: Rumba** 7-8 pm; **Dance:** 8-10 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., 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; **Dance:** 8-10 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, 4<sup>th</sup> & 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). **STILL 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/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. (His email newsletter is posted on our website.)

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

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 and when.

**Manhattan Club** at AmVets Hall, 5717 S Tyler St., Tacoma; every Wednesday; **DANCES ARE STILL CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE due to outbreaks of Covid.** Free lesson 6:30; dance: 7:30-10pm; \$7 members; \$10 everyone else; membership \$20; Info: 253/732-6664; check with them before going as they've had to cancel some dances.  
[www.manhattanclub.org](http://www.manhattanclub.org)

**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) Must provide proof of vac or negative test. Look at their website. They have some interesting events coming up! "Shall We Dance: Social Dance schedule (Sat. 8:30-10pm, \$10/person):

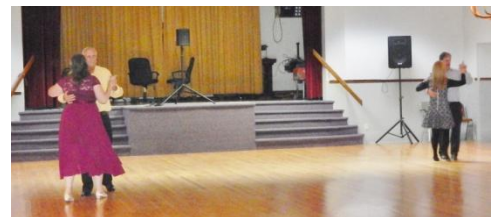
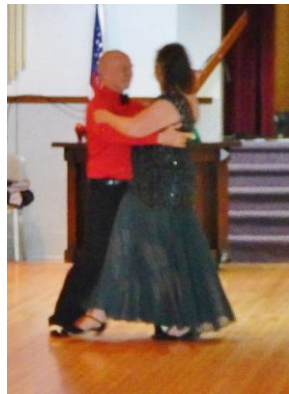
Studio 6 Ballroom: [www.Studio6Ballroom.com/](http://www.Studio6Ballroom.com/). Note: **\*Dances currently suspended due to health mandates.**

**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., Feb. 7, 2022, 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.

DCGH Dance on 12/18/21





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 will be updated soon, with more information and with the photos from our December dance. There are links to previous dances and demonstrations on the Photos page. Please check our website periodically to see what's new!



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

Sharon Pleus

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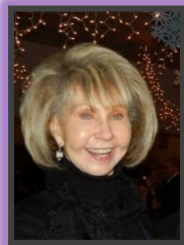
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**Editor's Notes:**

**The Board has tentatively scheduled 2022 dances for January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, and May 21.**

One of the dances (again tentatively), the February anniversary dance on the 19th, will appropriately be dedicated to our founder, teacher, dancer, family, friend Arlene Hoiland. Randy Litch will provide live music. 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 Feb. 2022!



Sorry, still working on getting those dance videos posted on Arlene's and Mark's lessons. They made a whole bunch of teaching videos 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 (each one takes about 45 min. to upload), 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

**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).

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)

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