



# Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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## Dances & Dancing

### Dance Club of Grays Harbor

Hoquiam Elks, 624 K Street, Hoquiam  
Dance admission is only \$10 per person  
Dance is from 7:30pm to 10pm

### 2025 DANCE SCHEDULE

May 10	June 14	Sept. 13
Oct. 25	Nov. 15	

**Fri., May 2: Aberdeen Elks;** 1712 S.  
Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 7-9pm;  
**Music: Dukes of Swing;** Info: (360)  
532-2211



**Sat., May 3: Olympia Elks,** 1818 4th Ave. E.,  
Olympia; **Lesson: Argentine Tango 7-8pm;**  
**Music: Tropics Duo; Dance: 8-10:30pm;** \$10 entry  
Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186;  
[www.olympiaelks.org](http://www.olympiaelks.org) Upcoming live music: 5/3 The Tropics  
Duo; 6/7 Magic Boyz Trio; 7/5 Michael Crain Duo

**Sat., May 10, 2025: Dance Club of Grays  
Harbor (2nd Sat.), Hoquiam Elks,** 624 K St.,  
Hoquiam; **Music: Randy Litch;**  
**Dance:** 7:30-10 pm. Mixers, Demos,  
Silent Auction. (Food and refreshments  
available through the Elks.) Members  
and Guests: \$10. [www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)



**Sat., May 17, 2025: Love to Dance Club Dance, at  
Olympia Elks (3rd Sat.),** 1818 4th Ave. E.,  
Olympia; **Lesson: Waltz 7-8pm; Music:**  
**Michael Crain; Dance: 8-10:30pm;** LTD  
and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info:  
(360) 701-0600



**Sun., May 18, 2025: Greater Olympia  
Dixieland Jazz Society, at Olympia  
Elks (3rd Sun.),** 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia;  
**Music: Bellingham All Stars; Dance:**  
1-4pm; FREE!; Info: Peter Pease @ 360-  
280-5019 or [sixtyrso@comcast.net](mailto:sixtyrso@comcast.net)



2025 Dance Club Membership dues –  
\$0.00 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, live 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 Cupid  
Shuffle, Cowboy Cha-Cha, and Electric Slide.

**Fri., May 23: Aberdeen Elks;** 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 6:30-??pm; **Music: 593 Singers;** Info: (360) 532-2211



**Sat., May 31: Aberdeen Elks;** 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Music: The Randy Band;** **Dance:** 7pm-??; Info: (360) 532-2211



## 2025 Washington Senior Games Dance Competition



**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

Doors open at 9am; Competition 10am – 5:50pm

The Olympia Center

222 Columbia St. NW, Olympia, WA 98501

360-586-6181

(Click on link below for more info, registration forms, and deadlines for entering)

<http://www.washingtonstateseniorgames.com/DanceInfo.htm>

**Sat., June 7: Olympia Elks,** 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: Hustle 7-8pm; Music: Magic Boyz Trio; Dance: 8-10:30pm;** \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186; [www.olympiaelks.org](http://www.olympiaelks.org) Upcoming live music: 6/7 Magic Boyz Trio; 7/5 Michael Crain Duo

**Sun., June 8: Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society, at Olympia Elks (2nd Sun.),** 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Dance:** 1-4pm; FREE!; Info: Peter Pease @ 360-280-5019 or [sixtyrso@comcast.net](mailto:sixtyrso@comcast.net)



**Sat., June 14, 2025: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (2nd Sat.),** Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: DJ Dr. Mark;** **Dance:** 7:30-10 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction. (Food and refreshments available through the Elks.) Members and Guests: \$10. [www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)



**Sat., June 21, 2025: Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks (3rd Sat.),** 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson:** \_\_\_\_\_ **7-8pm; Music:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Dance: 8-10:30pm;** LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



**Sat., July 5: Olympia Elks,** 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: Foxtrot 7-8pm; Music: Michael Crain; Dance: 8-10:30pm;** \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186; [www.olympiaelks.org](http://www.olympiaelks.org) Upcoming live music: 6/7 Magic Boyz Trio; 7/5 Michael Crain Duo

**July 10-July 21:**

### Dance Cruise to Alaska

on the Queen Elizabeth for 11 days, returning July 21. Ports of call: Seattle, Ketchikan, Glacier Bay, Haines, Tracy Arm Fjord, Juneau, Sitka, Misty Fjord, Victoria (BC), and return to Seattle. (When booking, mention that you are travelling with Bill Barber.) Contact Bill Barber for more information at 253/224-8244. Your deposit will be refundable up to 3/11/25. **Hurry!**

**Sat., Sept. 13, 2025: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (2nd Sat.),** Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: DJ Dr. Mark;** **Dance:** 7:30-10 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction. (Food and refreshments available through the Elks.) Members and 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/](http://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; \$10 members; \$13 everyone else; membership \$25; [www.manhattanclub.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](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

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

Ballroom dance classes are being offered through the Tenino Parks & Rec; call 808/212-4597 for info.

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Tuesday – Swing at the OLY Eagles

Wednesday – Manhattan Dance Club at AmVets Hall  
in Tacoma [www.manhattandanceclub.org](http://www.manhattandanceclub.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

Saturday – 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays: **Aberdeen Elks**

Randy Band 2025 Schedule:

Saturdays: 1/25, 2/15, 3/29, 4/26, 5/31, 6/28,  
7/26, 8/30, 9/27, 10/25, 11/29, 12/20;  
and Wed., 12/31/25 for New Year's Eve

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

[mkiser1202@aol.com](mailto:mkiser1202@aol.com)



## News & Views

The next DCGH board meeting will be

**Mon., June 2, at 5:30 pm**

at Mark Van Hemert's office. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

### 4/19/25 Dance Photos







Our dance for May is on Saturday, **May 10**, from 7:30 to 10pm. Hoquiam Elks had the following dates available for our dances for 2025:

6/14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.)  
9/13 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.)  
10/25, (4<sup>th</sup> Sat.)  
11/15 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.)

I'm sorry about all the changing around for different Saturdays – we're happy to get to hold our dances! Hope you're all able to join us!

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

Sharon Pleus

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*Arlene Hoiland, our founder, instructor,  
inspiration, family, friend,  
and so much more!*



*We miss you so much!*

*Put a little fun in your life. Try dancing!*

*~ Kathryn Murray ~*

**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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/danceclubofgraysharbor)

### **Editor's Notes:**

I'm sorry I missed getting out the newsletter for the beginning of the month. Why I thought I had already done it, I don't know, but there you have it. The newsletter has the May, June and July dances, as far as I know of them, plus some past those dates.

**Don't forget the Washington State Senior Games Dance Competition on Saturday, June 7, 2025.** See the info in the newsletter above. It's a fantastic competition! And it's **FREE** for spectators! Come watch the amazing dancers.

