



Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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Dances & Dancing

*“So Long, Farewell, Auf Weidersehen,
GoodBye!”*

“Save the Last Dance for me!”

Editor’s Note:

It’s time. We’ve had a great run since the Dance Club started in 2008. Arlene taught us, soothed us, loved us, and gave us many awesome reasons to keep dancing. We miss her.

We’ve had many great times, fantastic demos, super dancers, good competitions, fun lessons, amazing bands, and yet, here we are. People have volunteered their time and efforts and funds to keep us dancing as long as we have been.

Our final dance will be on **March 14, 2026**. Since it’s our final dance, some of us will be dressed semi-formally, possibly even tuxes and long gowns. It’s not mandatory, but for one last dance, it seemed like the thing to do.

In case you didn’t know it, that day is also Pi Day. So, for Pi Day, the silent auction will be pies. If any of you wants to donate a pie to the auction, please bring it with you to the dance.

Another thing, this dance is FREE. We have a little bit on money to use up after we pay the band and the hall, so everyone gets in free. Cost

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.

to dance with us this last time is nada, zilch, nil, zero-zero, and yes, **free**.

Randy Litch, who has been with us through thick and thin, will be playing live music for the dance. And because we're expecting a ton of you to show up for our farewell, we're starting the dance at 7pm (instead of 7:30), and ending at 10pm, or whenever we get done saying our goodbyes and taking photos.

Mark has some of Arlene's things to give away, and a bunch of photos from over the years to put on display at the Elks. I will bring what's left of the decorations to anyone who wants them. We'll have the silent auction, which will bring in some more money, so if there is any money left after paying our bills, we're thinking about having a drawing for what's left afterward. (We'll let you know about that when the decision is made, or if there is any money left.)

I'll be updating the website in the next few days, and I'll get out another newsletter or two before the March 14 dance. I also plan to inundate your email boxes with weekly reminders, which hopefully won't be too annoying, but we really do want you to come to our last dance. The website will stay active until it's time to renew it late in the summer, then Larry Davidson, who owns the website, will be letting it lapse.

Mark your calendars so you don't forget to come join us for this event. **MARCH 14, 2026 AT 7PM AT THE HOQUIAM ELKS.**

It's been my honor to be able to write the Newsletter for all these years, to update the website and publish the photos and videos. It's also been my honor and privilege to get to know so many of you over the years. I'll miss you all and hope to see you at other dance venues.

Dance! It's what we do!

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Dance Club of Grays Harbor

Hoquiam Elks, 624 K Street, Hoquiam
Dance admission is only \$10 per person
Dance is from 7pm to 10pm
(note the time change)

2026 DANCE SCHEDULE

March 14, 2026

Sat., March 14, 2026: LAST DANCE FOR
Dance Club of Grays Harbor (2nd Sat.),

Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St.,
Hoquiam; **Music: Randy Litch;**
Dance: 7-10 pm. Mixers, Demos,
Silent Auction. (Food and
refreshments available through the
Elks.) Members and Guests: **\$0.**
www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com



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



We miss you so much!

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; \$10 members; \$13 everyone else; membership \$25;
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!

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

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 Avalon Ballroom in Tacoma; every Thursday; lesson 8pm; dance 8:30-11:30pm; <https://www.facebook.com/tacomawingdance/>. Masks and proof of vaccination required.



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.manhattanclub.org](http://www.manhattanclub.org)

Wednesday – Salsa Dance Social in OLY

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 – Rockin' Horse Dance Barn in Renton

Saturday – Pacific Ballroom in Auburn

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

Randy Band 2025 Schedule:

Saturdays: 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

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## News & Views

The next DCGH board meeting to be announced later will be at Mark Van Hemert's office. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

### 11/8/25 Dance Photos





**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)



*Wishing each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!*

