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July 2020 President's Message

These past four months have been a roller coaster for VE. The COVID-19 virus and quarantine has changed our daily lives. The shut-down has been extremely hard for VE financially. Thankfully, the re-opening of clubs in Bucks County has been timely. This provides VE with the opportunity to mobilize our staff and schedule events which generate revenue. The Yellow Phase and pending Green Phase conditions do not mean we are "out of the woods". We need member support. There needs to be support to prep for events. We also must restock the depleted kitchen inventory.

We still need your donations, and if your personal finances are tight, we really need you to volunteer time to work at the Club, and your support at the VE events with your attendance and spending. Fortunately, the Yellow Phase has allowed us to open the Biergarten, and our first Biergarten was open only for members and friends and we had 200 in attendance. This past Friday we had 125 in attendance. Please support us!

The re-opening of the Biergarten was a challenge. Additionally, the Canteen required cleaning and maintenance for Camp RAD. The preparation of the grounds was spearheaded by our maintenance and grounds committee which is chaired by Scott Logan and Jim McCullough. Another Director, Scott Rieber, has been cutting the grass in segments almost daily to avoid added expenditures. Dale Caya, power washing, and Klaus and Gisela Bernhardt washing the dining room curtains, and many others chasing various projects, helped to avoid major expenses to the Club. The passion for VE is alive, and we are grateful to our members, and their contributions financially and selflessly giving their time and energy.

The Pool was on course to open June 22nd, until we encountered the storm 2 weeks ago. We lost several trees, but more impactful was the tree on the Pool driveway taking down the power lines to the pool and crushing a new soccer goal on the Clubhouse Field. Lining up the cleanup for the trees and restoration of power to the pool were priorities. This postponed completing the electrical certification and equipment startup at the pool further postponing the power washing and painting. All of the work, scheduling, recruitment of support labor, and the new Covid-19 regulations and approvals from the Bucks County Health Department are under our Pool Chairman, Dan Ryan. Dan also suffered heavy

damage to his home from the storm. Dan and so many others really have earned my respect and sincere thanks for their determination and selfless contribution to our VE.

The pool opening suffered another setback last week. We were notified by the Warminster Water Authority of a possible underground water leak. After 3 days of anxious inspections and tracking, the leak was located underground between the valve box near the Clubhouse drive and the Pool house. The painting was completed this weekend, and we have started filling the pool. However, we have no water service to the Pool house. We are planning a temporary bypass to get service to the pool for opening. The permanent replacement will require donations.

We are looking ahead to entering the Green Phase, which will allow re-opening the clubhouse, and patio. This is terrific news, but presents added challenges such as dealing with Covid-19 protocols in use of our spaces, and staffing and training. These new protocols also add expense to the operations and overhead. The added Green protocol needs to be developed for our facilities, planned, set up, training of employees and communicated to members and patrons.

Keep in mind that VE is a 68 acre property along with the Clubhouse, Canteen and Pool facilities. The maintenance is constant. We have many members making terrific contributions. If you are motivated to come over to the club, on a scheduled work day, or whenever you can, simply contact the club office. Verna will get you in touch with the Committee Chairperson and you can help make an improvement to suit your time and skill set.

We will be adding the directory of the VE Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons to the VE Calendar. This will provide the membership with the opportunity to communicate directly.

If you have friends interested in membership at VE, we now have a printable application form on our website.

Looking forward to sharing the Gemütlichkeit with one another at our VE soon!

Grüss Gott!

Don Bitterlich, President, Vereinigung Erzgebirge



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POOL NEWS

Vereinigung Erzgebirge Pool Rules for COVID-19

2020 Safe Health Procedures for Members & Guests

To open the Club for this season we are required to follow Bucks County Health Department Guidelines. As the saying goes, "we are all in this together" and we can only be successful by members taking personal responsibility for themselves, their families and guests to follow the procedures which fall into two basic categories: social distancing and sanitation.

Wearing a face mask/cloth covering when entering/leaving pool, walking to bathroom or walking up to cashier's box is **mandatory**.

Patrons not feeling good or showing symptoms are asked to refrain from coming the pool/Club, please stay home. This is for your safety as well as that of our members and guests.

Remember to wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer.

Social Distance – When entering the pool, please maintain 6 feet between families while checking in at the cashier's booth. Maintain social distancing – six feet of separation between family units.

We do **STRONGLY** suggest carrying some chairs in your car that can be used in the grassy areas on busy days when available tables could be in short supply.

On grassy areas place your chairs and belongings 6ft apart to maintain safe social distancing from the next household group.

Sanitation – Bathrooms & Changing Rooms will be sanitized at opening and frequently throughout the day as well as out of water common touch areas such as counters, knobs, etc. All tables and chairs will be sanitized before opening each day and throughout the day as needed when the tables become vacant. As members, we also suggest that you take responsibility for sanitizing the chairs & table that you use on a particular visit as an extra precaution. Please bring the sanitizer of your choice.

Pool Water Sanitation – According to the CDC, "There is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water in pools, hot tubs, spas, or water play areas. Proper operation and maintenance (including disinfection with chlorine and bromine) of these facilities should inactivate the virus in the water." To assure the sanitary quality of the water during this time, in accordance with BCDH guidelines, chlorine levels will be maintained at higher than normal levels and will be checked and adjusted, when necessary, hourly.

There can be no large gatherings within the facility and, for now, this means no birthday parties, large events. Hopefully, this changes as the summer progresses.

We need all members to work with us and work together to comply with the guidelines given us by the health department. Please take the time to read and understand what you need to do while visiting the club and also to work with other members who are trying to comply with the guidelines.

As stated in the beginning, and we hear over and over again, "**we are all in this together**". So, please take personal responsibility, follow these guidelines, use common sense and be courteous to one another.

COVID Compliance Costs – The club is incurring unplanned costs to comply with the above requirements. These costs include materials, signage and labor and these costs do require member participation. That is why we haven't decreased the cost of season passes due to the late opening of the pool. As a thank you to our season pass members we have included 2 complimentary passes for you to use.

Thank you, VE Pool Staff

PARADE NEWS

The Upper Southampton July 4th parade has been cancelled this year. The next parade the Club will participate in will be the 50th Annual German-American Parade in Rockledge on Sunday, September 27th. More details to come next month.

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As the Covid-19 pandemic continues VE Soccer is currently on hold and we eagerly await word from Harrisburg on when we can look forward to getting our teams outside once again. At this time, we are prohibited from training and competing in anyway. We are obligated to follow the rules and guidelines in place by our soccer governing bodies (EPYSA and EPSA). Until that time we will continue to hold board meetings and prepare for our return to active competition. Announcements will be forthcoming regarding our summer camp and Summer Splash tournament. For latest soccer news, please follow us on our Facebook page.

Steve Feuchter / VESC

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Have you been getting any of our emails?? If you have not, would you please email us at veclub@verizon.net? This way we will have a good email address to help keep you informed and updated with information that comes in after the calendar has been sent out. This will especially be helpful with all the constantly changing data due to the Covid-19 situation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Panzer Fest Summer Classic Car Show

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