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THIS MONTH:

August 5 *Blue Flame 6*at the Biergarten

August 12
Sister Merlin
at the Biergarten

August 19
Shameless
at the Biergarten

August 26/27
Youth
Soccer Tournament

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 1
First Night of
Mighty Mites
September 2-4
Labor Day Weekend
September 9

Oktoberfest / Sportfest

President's Message - August 2023

Dear Members of VE,

As summer moves along, I want to thank everyone who has actively supported the Club during this time. Our Biergarten is rocking with live music every weekend and our pool is the best place to cool off after a hot day. In fact, the crowds we see grow from week to week. There is nothing better than enjoying our Club, listening to music, having a cool drink, and sitting with friends.

We have a busy several weeks coming up with all facets of the club running in high gear, including our Youth Soccer Tournament. Before you know it, our Oktoberfest is here, and we will show off the best we have to offer. Lots of work needed, but worth the reward. Hope to see everyone soon.

Glück Auf!
Philip Gabel / President

"TAG DER SACHSEN" IN AUE

Several VE Board Members shall be traveling to Germany in late August to represent the Club at the "Tag Der Sachsen" event in Aue. This is a three-day celebration of the traditions and people of the area where our Club's founders originated from. Highlights include a parade and reception by the mayor of Aue, who in fact, is also celebrating their 850th birthday during the event. This is a wonderful way to continue to maintain our bonds with the country of the club's forefathers.

Our U18 girls' team returned safely from an 11-day trip to Germany. This group represented the Club and competed in three games in Regensburg and München. They did plenty of sightseeing in Bavaria and made a side trip to Salzburg. It was the trip of a lifetime for these girls and their families; they left with many memories and thoroughly enjoyed their trip.

Thank you to all our members who have paid their 2023/2024 membership dues. Some of you may have received a June Calendar with a sticker that this will be your last calendar. If you wish to continue your membership, please pay your dues. If you no longer wish to be a member, please either call 215-675-5380 or email veclub@verizon.net the Club to let us know.





The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the family of the following member who left us: **Hilda Feuchter**, who passed away on July 2, 2023, joined VE in 1970, a 53-year member.

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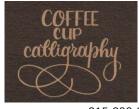


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What's Cooking in the VE Kitchen?

Feel free to join us on Thursday nights at Das Smokehaus, Friday nights in the Ratskeller (with food available until 8:30pm), or Saturday nights at the Biergarten. Das Smokehaus shall be serving food until August 31st.

WE ARE HIRING - Great opportunity for experienced staff or those willing to learn! The VE kitchen needs kitchen cooks, dishwashers, servers, and bussers. We are also looking for help with part-time Event Planning help as well as full-time office help. Office workers need to work M-F 9-5 and have OuickBooks experience. We are also looking for pool managers and lifeguards. Please call the office 215-675-5380, or email at veclubevents@gmail.com. Looking forward to working with you soon.

If you are not getting the weekly update email, please let the office know. This is the best way to keep you up to date about any last-minute updates to VE.

OKTOBERFEST / SPORTFEST 2023

The Oktoberfest Committee is actively preparing for this year's event which shall be held on Saturday, September 9th. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$7.00 or at the gate for \$10.00. We need help in organizing and running this important Club event. If you want to volunteer, please contact Steve Feuchter at SFeuchter67@yahoo.com or the Club office.

> **ENTERTAINMENT NEWS**

Live Music / Biergarten

Biergarten list of bands for August:

August 5 Blue Flame 6 Sister Merlin August 12 August 19 Shameless

August 26 Closed for a private event September 2 Closed for Labor Day weekend

Our Biergarten season with live music opened in May and has been attracting large numbers every weekend enjoying the excellent food, drink, music, and our VE Gemütlichkeit. The round bar is open on the above nights and food is always available. Please look for our band schedule on the VE website or our Facebook page.

Ratskeller

Join us Friday Nights in the Ratskeller. Every Friday from 5:00 to 8:30pm food and drinks are available for purchase, see our website or weekly newsletter for the most up to date menu options. The bar opens at 5:00pm until closing.

DID YOU KNOW?The *Reinheitsgebot* (literally "purity order") is a series of regulations limiting the ingredients in beer in Germany and the states of the former Holy Roman Empire. The best known version of the law was adopted in Bavaria in 1516 (by William IV), but similar regulations predate the Bavarian order, and modern regulations also significantly differ from the 1516 Bavarian version. Although today, the Reinheitsgebot is mentioned in various texts about the history of beer, historically it was only applied in the duchy of Bavaria and from 1906 in Germany as a whole, and it had little or no effect in other countries or regions.

According to the 1516 Bavarian law, the only ingredients that could be used in the production of beer were water, barley and hops. [2] The text does not mention yeast as an ingredient, although yeast was at the time knowingly used in the brewing process. It is likely that brewers of the time preferred to see yeast as a fixture of the brewing process. Yeast produced in one batch was commonly transferred to a subsequent batch, thus giving yeast a more permanent character in the brewing process. A full understanding of the chemical basis of yeast and the fermentation process did not come until much later. The 1516 Bavarian law set the price of beer (depending on the time of year and type of beer), limited the profits made by innkeepers, and made confiscation the penalty for making impure beer.



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LADIES AUXILIARY

This is a reminder that the VE Ladies Auxiliary will resume their monthly CARD and BINGO on Wednesday, September 27th. All members and friends are invited for an afternoon of warm and friendly atmosphere. Come early for coffee and Danish. Doors open at 11:00am and a donation of \$7 per person is requested. Sandwiches are available for purchase at the self-service window. The Card Party begins at 12:30pm. See you then!

Vi Taubenberger, VE Ladies Auxiliary

BOURBON AND CIGAR NIGHT

Join us at the VE Canteen for an Evening of Bourbon Tasting and Cigars Friday, November 10th, 2023, from 7:00pm to 11:00pm / Limited space available \$55 per person (VE member) / \$60 per person (non-member). Paid Admission includes a Tasting of Four Exquisite Bourbons, Two Complimentary Premium Cigars, and Light Fare.

Additional drinks, premium beer, and cigars can be purchased separately. Call the Club at 215-675-5380 or email Jessica at veclubevents@gmail.com to reserve your ticket today!

SKAT ABTEILUNG

Skat Club

Do you play Skat? Ever play, want to learn, or want to play again? Come on Fridays to the VE Club Ratskeller to learn or join the Skat Club. The Skat Club is looking for new players. No experience necessary. Come and see the two guys both named Klaus. Friday nights from 7:00 – 10:00pm.

Skat Abteilung

Spielst Du Skat? Hast mal Skat gespielt? Whilst Du wieder anfangen? Wilst Du Lernen? Komme Freitag zum VE Klub 7:00 bis 10:00 Uhr im Ratskeller.

SOCCER NEWS

Soccer never sleeps and we've been active all summer. Our adult Summer Bundesliga is in action every Tuesday and Thursday night as well as our Over 40 league on the turf field; not to mention our kids 4v4 league. These leagues complete their seasons within a few weeks. The FIFA Woman's World Cup is running from July 20th until August 20th. Watch out for the schedules of games – let's go USA! The annual Summer Soccer Academy was an outstanding success with over 260 attendees. It was an excellent opportunity for our players to improve their skills while being taught by our current and former Majors players.

Mighty Mites are registering players now. Mighty Mites registration is capped at 250 kids this year, so register ASAP; we are not accepting walk-ons! Spots fill up fast, so do not wait! Please, visit VESOCCER.ORG to register.

Hot off the wire: Germany to face Mexico at the Linc on October 17th. VE intends on getting a bus and group tickets. More information to follow in September calendar. Please follow all soccer action on our Facebook page.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman



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POOL NEWS

Pool passes are still available! Discount books can be purchased at the pool booth ONLY, please do not send money to the Club office for these.

Please bring your current VE Membership card (June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024) with you to show at the booth when you come to the pool. If you are not in possession of a current card, you will not be able to use the pool this season until your dues are paid.

We are currently open with our full summer schedule: Monday through Friday from 1:00pm until 8:00pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00pm until 8:00pm.

- No glass or alcohol permitted in the pool area.
- Pool hours for beginning weekends are noon to 6:00.
- Parking at the pool is for handicap only.

The pool committee hopes to see you enjoying the pool this summer!

The VE Pool Committee

HERZLICH WILIKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB Welcome to Our Club!

Welcome to our new members who recently joined our Club in July 2023. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.

Active: Blaise Patraig Kearney and Eileen Carey

Passive: Tammy Bauerle, Ashleigh Morales, Raymond Benene, Jessica Morency, Bernadette Bush, Leslie Frescatore-Mueller, Brian T. Collins, Jill Mullican, Joseph Cozzone Jr., Stela Nurka, Kymberly Diglia, Kevin Noble, Brian Fox, Denise Pohar, Kristen Gentile, John Regan, Amy Gordon, Denine Titano, Ed Hamlet, Michael Harvey, John W. Kauffman, Jim Kelly, Antoine El Khoury, Oliver J. Larmi, and Michael Madden

We are always looking to increase our VE Club membership. Please refer friends and family to join our Club.

VE BLOOD DRIVE

Save the Date for our Blood Drive on November 1st, 2023, (new date), from 2:00 to 7:00pm in the large dining room. The Club is sponsoring this event and is asking our members to Donate a Pint! More information to follow in the coming months.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Volunteer Committees are looking to grow. If you have time to give to the club and want to help with grounds, entertainment, membership, etc. please email veclubevents@gmail.com or call the Club office at 215-675-5380 with what you can help out with so we can contact you when we need help directly. With your name, email, and phone number as well as areas you wish to help the Club with. We appreciate our members and volunteers. We also have opportunities for students looking to collect Community Service hours as well.