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FIRST CLASS

THIS MONTH:

September 1
First Night of
Mighty Mites

September 2-4 Labor Day Weekend

September 9
Oktoberfest / Sportfest
– gates open 11am

September 16
Biergarten Live Music:
Cher's Playgound

September 21
Pinochle League begins

September 23
Biergarten Live Music:
Y'all or Nothin'

September 30
Biergarten Live Music:
Cats

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 8
Brunch 10am to 2pm
October 29
Schlachtfest

President's Message - September 2023

Dear Members of VE,

Summers go by too quickly for me, I love the warm weather and sunshine, however, September means my kids go back to school (yeah!) and it's time for our Oktoberfest! This is the biggest day in our calendar and it's also our best day. Please get the word out and encourage all your friends and families to come out and enjoy a terrific event. We have a full day planned and I can't wait to see everyone.

But the fun doesn't end on September 9th. Looking ahead we have plenty of events planned through the fall that should appeal to everyone. Please take advantage of everything our Club has to offer and get involved. See you on the 9th!

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

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. Our next planning meeting shall be held on Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00pm. If you want to volunteer, please contact Steve Feuchter at SFeuchter67@yahoo.com or the Club office.

VE's Oktoberfest is the premier event of our club. Every year we provide excellent food, drink, and entertainment for our members and their guests. It takes a lot of effort to make this happen and we encourage all members to donate some time setting up and breaking down afterward. Please consider helping! Details will follow in our weekly email blasts regarding tasks and times.

"TAG DER SACHSEN" IN AUE

Several VE Board Members shall be traveling to Germany the first week September to represent the Club at the "Tag Der Sachsen" event in Aue. Aue is a town in the Erzgebirge that has established ties with our club. 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. More information can be found at tagdersachsen2023.de.

VE BLOOD DRIVE

Save the Date for our Blood Drive on November 1st, 2023, 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.

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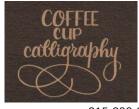


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WEEKLY UPDATES

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 including Club news, events, soccer games, dinner specials, and job opportunities.

Our fabulous Sunday brunches are back! Reservations required in advance.

Sundays - 10am - 2pm

October 8 · November 17 · December 17

Live Music / Biergarten

Biergarten list of bands for September:

September 2 <u>Closed</u> for Labor Day weekend September 16 <u>Cher's Playground</u> September 23 *Y'all or Nothin'* September 30 *Cats*

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. Our last night of Live Biergarten music is September 30th. A huge thank you to everyone who attended these live events. Looking forward to seeing every one in 2024 when it resumes.

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.

We are currently forming our Fall/Winter leagues for both Darts and Shuffleboard. If interested in joining, please reach out to: Darts-john.vedarts@gmail.com Shuffleboard-veindoor@yahoo.com

The 188th Oktoberfest is upon us as the first day begins on September 16th (we beat them by a week!). The German festival is now a worldwide phenomenon celebrating Bavarian culture and flowing pints of beer. Here's everything you need to know about the celebration.

Oktoberfest runs from September 16th until October 3rd this year, according to Munich's website. It normally runs for 16 days with the last day being the first Sunday in October. However, if that 16 day falls before October 3rd, it will last 17 or 18 days.

The Oktoberfest began as a wedding celebration more than 200 years ago when Bavaria's Crown Prince Ludwig married Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen on October 12th, 1810. The wedding was celebrated with multiple days of drinking, feasting and horse races. The celebration then became an annual event.

Oktoberfest celebrations can be found all over the world (including Warminster), but the main event is in Munich, Germany, where the first Oktoberfest was held. Oktoberfest is often associated with beer, but the festival's traditions go beyond that. While the beer tents, of course, provide drinks, they also play only traditional Bavarian music. The original six Munich breweries (these breweries—Augustiner, Hacker-Pschorr, Hofbräu, Löwenbräu, Paulaner, and Spaten—maintain a *strict* adherence to the Reinheitsgebot and are all located within the city limits of Munich) still provide beer. You can also catch people in traditional Bavarian clothing, Dirndls, and Lederhosen.

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Our Oktoberfest is right around the corner, and we are looking for POTATO PEELERS on Wednesday, September 6th and Thursday, September 7th starting at 9:00am in the kitchen. Bring your PARING KNIFE with you.

We are resuming our monthly CARD AND BINGO parties; mark your calendars! THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, beginning WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27th. The cost is \$7 per person, which includes coffee or tea and a pastry. Doors open at 11:00am. Card and Bingo begins at 12:30pm. All members and friends are invited to attend. Sandwiches are available for purchase at our self-service window. Please come out and support THE VE Ladies Auxiliary. 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 / PINOCHLE ABTEILUNG

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.

Pinochle League

Our Thursday night Pinochle League begins play on Thursday, September 21st. We are looking to expand the number of teams and this league is open to all members and their friends. If interested in joining, please contact Monika at monikab301@aol.com.

SOCCER NEWS

Our Soccer Program had a very busy and exciting summer and now we can focus on our upcoming fall season where all the preparation comes together in tournament and league play. Our adult Summer Bundesliga recently wrapped up in the Open and Over 40 divisions. All these players worked hard in the summer heat and enjoyed the Ratskeller and Patio afterward. The same for our first-year youth 4v4 league. We also fielded a U23 team which was active all summer; this age group allows many former VE youth players to stay active as players. It was great seeing so much soccer action around the Club, which years ago was relatively quiet.

The annual Summer Soccer Academy was an outstanding success with over 275 attendees. It was an excellent opportunity for our players to improve their skills while being taught by our current and former Majors players. Our Youth Soccer Tournament, the Summer Splash, saw us register over 110 teams to play on our fields. This late August tournament is for the youngest teams up to and including the U12 age group. It's a real pleasure watching these players compete and work hard for their coaches and parents.

Mighty Mites season begins on Friday, September 1st and runs through November. We registered 250 kids this year and unfortunately cannot accept walk-ons. This is our Grass Roots program that gets young boys and girls interested in the game and creates a starting point for our travel program.

Oktoberfest on September 9th is the kickoff for our Majors and Reserve teams, plus the reintroduction of our Senior Women's team. Please take the time to come out and support our teams and catch some great local soccer!

Please follow all soccer action on our Facebook page.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman



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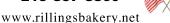
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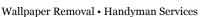
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POOL NEWS

As we wrap up another hot summer, we want to thank all our members for spending time with us at the pool. We had a terrific year and are thankful for all the great families that enjoyed their time with us. It's a pleasure watching kids return every year and watch them grow and become better swimmers. Special thanks to all the managers and lifeguards who kept the pool clean, organized, and safe over the summer. Best of luck to these young men and woman who are continuing their studies in high school and college.

The Pool Committee hopes to see everyone returning to the pool next summer!

The VE Pool Committee

Interested Christkindlmarkt Small Business Vendors: can start reaching out Monday, September 18th via email veclubevents@gmail.com to inquire to be a vendor for Christkindlmarkt (Saturday November 25, 2023, 10 - 4pm). Please provide your small business name and information as well as links to your websites or social media pages. Please provide samples of your work as well to be considered as a vendor. We like to help our vendors be successful at this event, so we take a limited number of vendors with similar items. In the past we have had several candle, jewelry and soap vendors and are maxed out with those types of vendors. We are open to reviewing anyone interested in participating. Please do not email prior to September 18th. Thank you, Events Team.

Volunteer Hours Needed: The Club is run mostly by member volunteers and every hour counts. If you are interested in being added to our contact list for volunteer opportunities the Volunteer Committee is looking to know what you can help with and when. Please email <u>veclubevents@gmail.com</u> to be added to our email/phone contact list. Thank you in advance. Also, Oktoberfest is the largest event at the Club. If you are available the week of Oktoberfest to help set up and break down the day after, please email veclubevents@gmail.com so we can let you know how you can help. Thank you.

Hiring Staff: The VE Club is looking for a full-time office worker who has Quickbooks experience as well as an event shift leader. We also need a daytime dishwasher and daytime availability server with experience.

The House Committee asks that parents monitor their children while visiting the kid's playroom in the Ratskeller and would appreciate it if the room was cleaned up and free of trash after being used. Thank you.

HERZLICH WILIKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB Welcome to Our Club!

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

Passive: Judith Anders, Amy Lawson, Michelle Anderson, Kaitlin Maits, Natalia Bayborodova, Jeff McGeary, Christy Brady, Raymond Meinhart, Kevin Ferko, Mike Mooney, Sarah Ferris, Andrew Myers, Priyanka Koul-Gadinski, Jaclyn O'Brien, Christopher Osmain, Michael Galdo, Kristin Passalacana, Samantha Gorrell, Douglas S. Pfeil, Gabrielle Hackenberg, David Phillips, Natassia Hare, Christina Pozesky, Jackie Quinn, William J. Huber Jr., Robert Race III, Jennifer Hubler, William Rive', Frank Iannucci, Edward Slater, Kelly Jankiewicz, Matthew Smyth, Jeff Kaye, Paul Vidas, Phillip Kees, and Mariano Vilca

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