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FIRST CLASS

THIS MONTH:

February 2

Youth Soccer Banquet

February 3

Music Bingo

February 11

Sunday Brunch

February 17

**Beer or Wine Pairing
Dinner**

February 18

**Bayern Valentine's
Dance**

February 28

**Ladies Card and
Bingo Party**

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2

ChiliFest

March 3

Schlachtfest

March 16

St. Patty's Day Party

March 31

Easter Buffet

WEEKLY UPDATES

If you are not getting the weekly update email, please let the Club 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.

President's Message – February 2024

Dear Members of VE,

A sincere thank you to the Active members who attended the Election meeting on Sunday, January 28th. The meeting was very positive and informative; it's important for our membership to know the efforts our Board undertakes to see our Club thrive. Maintaining the grounds and the clubhouse is a difficult task and I am proud to be working with a strong group of men and women who put a lot of love and hard work into the Club. We have done a lot in the past year and have more improvements planned. Please continue to support our Club through using our dining room, Ratskeller, or making a monetary donation. Everything helps to assure the longevity of VE.

Philip Gabel / President

ELECTION RESULTS FOR 2024:

President. Phil Gabel
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DID YOU KNOW?

Glühwein (roughly translated as "smouldering-wine", from the temperature the wine is heated to) is popular in German-speaking countries and in the Alsace region of France. It is a traditional beverage offered during the Christmas holidays. In Alsace Christmas markets, it is traditionally the only alcoholic beverage served.

Glühwein is usually prepared from red wine, heated and spiced with cinnamon sticks, cloves, star aniseed, orange, sugar and at times vanilla pods. It is sometimes drunk *mit Schuss* (with a shot), which means that rum or some other liquor has been added. Fruit wines, such as blueberry wine and cherry wine, are occasionally used instead of grape wine in some parts of Germany. A variation of *Glühwein* is made with white wine, but it is less popular than its red counterpart. For children, the non-alcoholic *Kinderpunsch* is offered on Christmas markets, which is a punch with similar spices.

Another popular variant of *Glühwein* in Germany is *Feuerzangenbowle*. It shares the same recipe, but for this drink a rum-soaked sugarloaf is set on fire and allowed to drip into the wine.

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2024 BRUNCH SCHEDULE
Sunday – February 11th, 2024 – 10am - 2pm

Our fabulous Sunday brunches continue! For Brunch on February 11th, please get your reservations in by Friday, February 9th. We have a maximum number of reservations and cannot take last-minute reservations or walk-ins. Please call the Club office Monday through Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm to make your reservations at (215) 675-5380.

2024 Brunch Dates: April 14th and May 12th (Mother's Day)

Easter Sunday Buffet
 Easter Dinner Buffet is Sunday, March 31st from noon to 6:00pm.
 We are taking reservations now. Do not wait since seating is limited. We cannot accept walk-ins.

SCHLACHTFEST
Sunday, March 3rd, 2024, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Advanced Reservations Required!

Our traditional Schlachtfest is back! Chef Ed is offering a typical German Schlachtplatte with all the fine Wursts and Roast Pork, as well as Roast Beef. Make sure to reserve your Pigs Knuckles early this year! Enjoy a nice afternoon with us and please consider attending this event.

BAYERN VALENTINE DANCE
 Come by the Club on February 18th from 2:00 to 6:00pm for music and dancing! Food and beverages available and Willi Aust will be the musical guest that day!

RATSKELLER WINTER HOURS

The winter months are typically a slow time in the Ratskeller, essentially due to the lack of home soccer games. To control costs, while maintaining essential services to our membership, the House Committee has affected the following Saturday Ratskeller hours during January, February, and March (unless there is a special event and until soccer starts up again).

Saturday Ratskeller Winter Hours: 3:00pm to closing.

BEER or WINE PAIRING DINNER – LIMITED AVAILABILITY
 Join us for four courses paired with a complimentary beer or wine. February 17th at 6:00pm. Choose between Diver Scallops or Colorado Rack of Lamb as the main course! Reservations and prepayment required for this exclusive evening. Call the Club office by February 12th to reserve your place. \$75.00 per member / \$85.00 per non-member

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

In addition to a lot of Club-wide events, the Entertainment Committee is actively organizing events on a frequent basis. Please stop by the Club and enjoy the company of friends and family and have some fun. These events are set for February and food is available at each event.

Music Bingo (with DJ George Ropers)
 Saturday, February 3rd, we will be hosting a Music Bingo Event in the Ratskeller (**Food will be available for purchase**). Kicking off at 7:00pm, this event will allow you to test your music knowledge in a fun setting. Get your Satisfaction at the Club—get your wig on straight, can't be late...
What is Music Bingo? Music Bingo is simple and fun for everyone – enjoy your favorite songs from the last 50 years while you mark off the titles you see on your card – the first person to line up five in a row wins!

ChiliFest
 ChiliFest is back!! Mark your calendars! Saturday March 2nd from 5:00 to 9:00pm. If you think you make a great Chili, prove it!! Enter the Chili Contest – Prizes for the Best! If interested, please contact Jamie @ jamiiepfrommer@aol.com by February 23rd.

The Entertainment Committee hosted a German Winter Tradition (Feuerzangenbowle) recently and we had a terrific crowd attend. Everyone had a great evening, and we want to offer a very special "thank you" to Gregor Helmkamp for his expertise in the fine art of making this exceptional cocktail!

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KITCHEN OFFERINGS

- **Thursday Night Dinners:** We are offering Thursday Night dinners on the third Thursday of the month for the winter season. Please gather your friends and meet at the Club on Thursday, February 15th. 5:00 - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room.

Menu:

	Member	Non-Member
Rouladen with Spätzle and Red Cabbage	\$13.00	\$16.00
Lemon Crusted Tilapia with 2 sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
Cheese Tortellini Alfredo and peas with 2 sides	\$12.00	\$15.00
Chicken Fingers and Fries	\$9.00	\$12.00

- **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a dinner special every Friday. Below are the February dinner specials. Food served in the Ratskeller. Friday night dinner entrees served in the Ratskeller are priced at \$13.00.

2/2/24	NO FOOD	Youth Soccer Banquet in entire Clubhouse
2/9/24	Pork Schnitzel with Spätzle and Sauerkraut	
2/16/24	Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Broccoli	
	Fried Shrimp with French Fries and Cole Slaw	
2/23/24	Mussels in Red or White Sauce with Garlic Bread	
	Fried Shrimp with French Fries and Cole Slaw	

- **Wing Night Tuesday & Wednesday Nights:** We have now added Tuesday nights as well. Come out and enjoy a Pizza, Wings, and a cold beer or two. Pizza and Wings served in the Ratskeller from 5:30pm - 8:00pm.

Choices are:

12" pizza - Plain, Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushroom, Margarita, or White with Crispy Chicken and Broccoli. Prices range from \$10.00-\$15.00.

8-piece Jumbo Wings \$9.00. Choose from: Buffalo, Honey BBQ, Garlic Parmesan, Teriyaki or BBQ Dry Rub. Served with celery and blue cheese.

Parties and events are booked out into 2024 already. Please consider holding your events with us!

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VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Card and Bingo Party on Wednesday, February 28th (weather permitting - if schools close, we do not have our party). We are excited to introduce a new bingo format. We are always looking for more pinocle players to join us. The cost is \$7 per person which includes coffee, tea, and a pastry plus one bingo card. Doors open at 11:00am. Sandwiches are available for purchase at our self-service window. Come early to enjoy lunch, chat with friends, and meet new friends. Bingo begins at 12:30pm. Many new prizes. Please come out and support the Ladies Auxiliary (men are always welcome too!). Any questions please call Janet (267) 408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President.

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SOCCER NEWS

The Sports Committee is hosting our Annual Youth Soccer Banquet—this year promises to be the largest in Club history! The big event shall be held on Friday, February 2nd from 6:00 to 10:00pm. This year's guest speaker is former NASL Portland Timber player Tim Murphy. Reservations are required and can be obtained through any U8 through U12 coach.

Meanwhile our Majors are eagerly awaiting word of their next opponent in the Lamar Hunt US Open Cup. Hopefully it's a home game; hopefully it's against the Philadelphia Union. Fingers crossed!

If this mild winter continues, we can get our teams back outdoors and prepare for their spring seasons and cup competitions. Please follow all up to date VE soccer news on our website and Facebook page.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman



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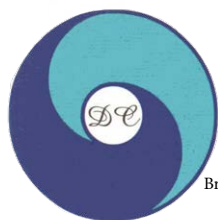


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Welcome to Our Club!

Welcome to our new members who joined our Club in January 2024. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.

Passive: Henry Schweizer III

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

VE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS — Application Deadline 3/1/24

The VE Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to offer scholarships this year to high school seniors who will continue their education at a college, university, or technical school. Parents or legal guardians of the applicant must be current members. Requests for the scholarship application should be emailed to veclub@verizon.net. The deadline for submitting completed applications is March 1st, 2024. Scholarships will be awarded at the April Quarterly Membership meeting.

Anyone wishing to donate to the scholarship fund honoring someone special, a special occasion or in memory of a loved one is asked to note that the donation is for the "VE Scholarship Fund" and the name of the person honored when sent to the Club office. Donations will ensure the future of the program for many years.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEETING

Any VE member is welcome to join the Volunteer Committee. The Volunteer Committee is any member looking to help organize groups of people to help as needed with different in-house events, clean-up crews, or community service around the Club. To find out more information or to help join us at our next meeting February 28th at 6:30pm in the Boardroom.

OPPORTUNITIES

Hiring Staff: The VE Club is looking for an event shift leader. We also need a daytime dishwasher and daytime availability server with experience.

POOL NEWS

Updated 2024 Pool Pricing will be provided next month, along with a an early bird special if purchased by April 15, 2024.

2024 Lifeguards and Managers needed! Anyone interested in being a lifeguard at the VE this summer please contact us at veclub@verizon.net. All Lifeguards must be certified by May 2024. If you are interested and planning on getting certified, please contact us early. Thank you!

The Board asks that members and their guests refrain from leaving food for the deer who roam our grounds. This supplemental feeding is harmful to the animals as well as not permitted by the PA Game Commission.

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