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FIRST CLASS

THIS MONTH:

August 3

**The Handles at the
Biergarten**

August 10

**Side Hustle at the
Biergarten**

August 14

Oktoberfest Meeting

August 17

**Little Red Rooster at the
Biergarten**

August 24/25

**VE Youth Soccer
Tournament**

August 30

1st Night of Mighty Mites

NEXT MONTH:

August 31 - September 2

**Labor Day Weekend
Clubhouse Closed
Pool Open**

September 5-6

**Oktoberfest Setup Days
— Help Needed —**

September 7

VE Oktoberfest

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 – August 2024

Dear Members of VE,

Summer keeps moving along and the nice weather is a boom for the Club. The pool is attracting families every day to cool off and the outdoor Biergarten is seeing a very successful summer concert series. The Summer Bundesliga sees the field being packed with players who enjoy the Smokehaus at night. It's great for us and we have more activities planned this month including our soccer camp, our youth soccer tournament, and several more weeks at the Biergarten. I can't recall so much going on here in the summer and can't be more thankful.

Lastly, I'm happy to hear that our U18 boys had a successful trip to Germany, maintaining a long Club tradition, and keeping connected with German clubs which is very important to us. The group visited our hometown of Thalheim and were treated to a very special Erzgebirge evening. I can't wait to get my daughters' team over there in a few years.

Looking forward to seeing everyone around the Club this month!

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

Labor Day Weekend Hours

The Club shall be closed from Saturday August 31st through Monday September 2nd due to Labor Day; however, the pool shall be open that weekend.

HEINO Live at the Canstatter Volksfest Verein

Heino, the iconic German entertainer and singer, who has sold 55 million albums, will be coming to the Cannstatter on Friday, August 23. Tickets: \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door (*subject to availability*) Doors open at 6:00 PM, the concert will be from 7-9:00PM Contact the Canstatter Club for tickets!

U18 Boys Trip to Germany Recap

On July 10th we sent a group of 40 people (21 players and 19 adults) to represent the Club in Germany. Traveling by bus and based in Chemnitz, München, and Pforzheim, the group was busy playing competitive soccer matches, immersed in German culture, and wowed by the beautiful scenery and history of the country. With excellent weather the entire trip, the team won 5 of their 6 matches with the only loss coming against the academy team of FC Erzgebirge Aue. One of the highlights of the trip was the invitation to the 100th anniversary celebration at FV Öschelbronn. VE has a four-decade relationship with that club, and we were given the full VIP treatment there. Everyone enjoyed themselves and was sad to see the trip end. Plenty of new friends were made and a lot of old friends came out to watch our boys play. An all-around excellent adventure! Photos of the trip can be found on VE Sports Facebook page.

VE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Thank you to all our members who have paid their 2024/2025 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.

VE BLOOD DRIVE

Save the Date for our Blood Drive on October 22, 2024, 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! Please plan your donations using the Red Cross app. Any questions, call Beth McCullough at (215) 850-6709 or mibeth3@comcast.net.

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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 8:30 pm), or Saturday nights at the Biergarten. Food is also available in the Ratskeller on Tuesday nights.

- **Tuesday Night Dinners:** For the summer only, the Ratskeller will be offering Cheeseburgers/Hamburgers, chicken fingers, meatball parm sandwiches, and summer salads, 5:30-8:30pm.
- **Thursday Night Dinners:** We are offering Thursday Night dinners outside at our Smokehaus throughout the summer. It's always nice sitting outside enjoying a meal on our patio. We will be offering BBQ Ribs, burgers, brats, etc. every Thursday night from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Please come out and enjoy!
- **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a dinner special every Friday night in the Ratskeller. Look for our weekly specials listed on our weekly emails!

WE ARE HIRING – Great opportunity for experienced staff or those willing to learn! The VE kitchen needs dishwashers, servers, and bussers. 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 2024

The Oktoberfest Committee is actively preparing for this year's event which shall be held on Saturday, September 7th. Beginning in August, 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.

Our next Oktoberfest Planning Meeting shall be on August 14th at 7:00pm. Please attend! We will be setting up our grounds in preparation for Oktoberfest on September 5th and 6th – please come out and lend a hand! All help is greatly appreciated!!

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Live Music / Biergarten

Biergarten list of bands for July:

August 3rd The Handles

August 10th Side Hustle

August 17th Little Red Rooster

August 24th

August 31st

Biergarten Closed

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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.

KEEP VE BEAUTIFUL

You may have noticed all the improvements taking place on the grounds; it's a big undertaking, however, the Club has not looked this good in years. The Board wants to thank all the individuals who attend the grounds. If you notice anything that might need to be addressed, please contact the Club office and we can investigate.

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so I picked up the block and put it back in the toy box.

VE LADIES AUXILIARY

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer and keeping cool. Our Ladies Auxiliary will be peeling potatoes for our annual Oktoberfest to be held on Saturday, September 7th. We will meet at the Club house on Wednesday, September 4th at 9:30am. Anyone that can come and help peel potatoes please bring a paring knife with you. We are working on a new format for our Bingo Parties. Watch for the changes in our September calendar. Have a nice rest of the summer and we will see you on September 4th. Thank you.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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SOCCER NEWS

The 2024 UEFA European Championship wrapped up last month with Spain beating England in the final. Germany showed well and narrowly missed advancing deep in the tournament due to a questionable no call by a referee. All in all, a great tournament and us soccer fans are left with little to watch on tv now!

Our adult Summer Bundesliga is concluding this week, and teams are gearing up for August soccer tournaments and their fall schedules. Our fields will be packed with soccer talent now and we expect great things from our teams. Best of luck to all our players and coaches.

The annual Summer Soccer Academy kicks off this week and Mighty Mites are registering players now. Mighty Mites registration is capped at 225 kids this year, so register ASAP; we are not accepting walk-ons! Spots fill up fast, so do not wait! Please, visit VESOCCEER.ORG to register.

Please follow all soccer action on our Facebook page.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

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HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB

Welcome to Our Club!

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

Active: Christopher Muessig, Dr. Mark Roesch, Kevin Smolyn, and Sean Smolyn

Passive: Alexis Allman, Lauren Amodi, William Anderson III, Amy Benner, Benjamin Bernhard, Virginia Campbell, Leyla Capitelli, Jireh Chao, Adriano Ciocca, Nick Colacicco, Kristin Connelly, Paul E. Decker, Colleen Demusz, Daniel J. Dolan Jr., Elizabeth Egan, Nicolas Franzen, Ryan Gara, Krista Grau, Nicholas Haidl, Casey Haney, Joe Hanley, Tom Hofmann, Samantha Horton, Michael Howald, Timothy Jarmon, Thomas Joseph, Annie Joshua, Jeff Jumper, Glen J. Karpowich, Tina Katsos, Nick Keenan, Tiffany Kiker, Kyle Kranzley, Kevin Kurik, Ken LaGuerre, Melissa Longosky, Christa M. Lutz, Kevin Lynch, Katie MacConnell, Heather MacClay, Ralph Mantone, Phyllis Maria Marks, James Mason, Donna Mayer, Alyssa McGarvey, Matt McGovern, Danielle Messina, April Montabana, Colleen Moser, Michael Myslinski, Melissa Oblea, Andrew Peterson, David Phillips, Adam Porter, Gary Rabinovich, Stefania Raker, Michael Ritchie, Jaclyn Rose Quinn, Chris Rossi, Chris Ryan, Joe Sailman, Jennifer Sarcewicz, John Scheck, Brian Schmidt, James J. Schrack, Jon Scherneck, Keary Sellers, Bryan Siegfried, William Simolike, Shane Slivinski, Nicole Smith, Dalina Soto, Sean Supplee, David Taylor, Michael Taylor, Colleen Torphy, Amy Tracey, Elizabeth Vellucci, Lorenzo Vizza, Jill Wallen, Andrew Weinlein, Islam Yusuf, Alexander Zastavny, Mike Donahue, Jeff Gregg, Joe Loggia, Fred Rohrer, Charles R. Scally Jr., Eric Till, Delores Breitigan, Ilan Immerman, and Joseph Mulholland

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

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IN MEMORIAM



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the family of the following member who left us:

Lottie Kranz who passed away on March 9, 2024, joined VE in 1962, a 62-year member

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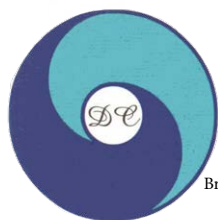


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POOL NEWS

Please bring your current VE Membership card (June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025) 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 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

A couple reminders:

- No glass or alcohol permitted in the pool area.
- Pool phone number is (267) 454-0011 (during pool hours only).

Also, due to Camp Rad during the week and the safety of the children and staff, cars are not permitted to access the pool area. Pool staff can bring individuals to the pool with our golf cart if necessary to transport individuals. You can call the pool at the number listed above.

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

The VE Pool Committee

DID YOU KNOW?

The Autobahn weaves through the picturesque German landscape, connecting cities and regions with a network of well-maintained and often, speed-limit-free highways. Germany, renowned for its autobahn system, has over 13,000 miles of these high-speed roads. Major cities like Berlin, Munich, Frankfurt, and Cologne are all interconnected by this impressive road network.

One of the most famous stretches of the Autobahn is the A7 and A9, which traverses the country from the Danish border in the north to the Austrian border in the south. Another notable route is the A8, running from the French border in the west to the Czech Republic in the east. These highways are not only engineering marvels but also an automotive enthusiast's dream.

The German Autobahn network is not just an outstanding example of efficient transportation links; it's a passionate homage to technological prowess and the sensation of boundless freedom on the road. Foremost among them, the A7 stretches majestically from the northern border with Denmark to the southern tip near Austria, embodying the unparalleled centerpiece of German highways with its endless kilometers. The A1, in turn, weaves the connection between Hamburg and Saarbrücken, traversing breathtaking landscapes, while the A9 romantically links Berlin and Munich, as if representing a historic journey through time.

Yet, the emotions stirred by the Autobahns extend beyond their geographical significance. The A5, for example, creates a tapestry of solidarity by connecting Frankfurt and Basel in Switzerland, forging a cultural and economic bridge between nations. However, the true essence of the Autobahns lies in the freedom they offer. On many stretches, there are no speed limits, leading to a truly exhilarating driving experience. The Autobahns are not just roads; they are paths to adventure, to encounters, and to personal moments of triumph. In the freedom of the Autobahn, the essence of German engineering and the yearning for infinite horizons are reflected. Experience for yourself the fascination of the German Autobahns—where each drive is not just a journey but also an emotional adventure on the road of life.

As a reminder, we are a Membership Club, and it is your responsibility to validate your membership when ordering/purchasing alcoholic beverages—even if you have been a long-time member. This practice is not to be an annoyance to you but is a requirement of the PA Liquor Control Board who governs our private Club status. If you are bringing guests in, you may purchase the alcohol for them (anyone 21 and over) after you show your membership card. Non-members are not permitted to purchase any alcohol from our bartenders unless they are attending a contracted event. Food purchase is open to members and non-members. All our bartenders will be asking to see your Membership cards. Our membership year runs from June 1st to May 31st.