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FIRST CLASS

THIS MONTH:

- July 1-8
Clubhouse closed (pool open)
- July 6
Biergarten closed
- July 9
Ratskeller Open / Sports Meeting
- July 10
U18 Boys leave for Germany
- July 13
TF Squared at the Biergarten
- July 20
The Dirty Mac at the Biergarten
- July 27
Shameless at the Biergarten
- July 28
Quarterly Membership Meeting
- July 29
Youth Soccer Academy Week

NEXT MONTH:

- August 3
The Handles at the Biergarten

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 – July 2024

Dear Members of VE,

Here we are, July. In a few days we will be celebrating the birthday of our nation. Despite what the calendar shows, The Fourth of July always feels like the mid-summer point. And it's downhill from there. Or is it? If you haven't noticed, the Club is hopping with more activities than I can remember. Almost every night our fields are packed with soccer games and spectators, the pool is enjoying a great summer, Das Smokehaus is serving hungry members and guests, and the Biergarten is rocking every Saturday night with live bands and our special serving of VE Gemütlichkeit! Not to mention a busy summer with bookings in the clubhouse. The Club is thriving, and I want to thank all our members who keep supporting us, our staff who serve us and our guests, and the board of directors for their help and vision of maintaining our Club. This truly is an exciting time for us. Wishing everyone a Happy July 4th and hope to see you around the Club.

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

REMINDER: The VE Clubhouse is closed for the week beginning Monday, July 1st and will reopen on Tuesday, July 9th. The Pool will be open as usual during that week.

U18 Boys Trip to Germany

Since 1969, the Club has sent soccer teams to Germany to compete against German clubs and this year the Sports Committee is happy to announce that VE is sending another youth team to Germany this summer. Fresh off their Presidents Cup title, the U18 boys' team is traveling overseas from July 10th until July 22nd. This group will be representing the Club and staying in Chemnitz, München, and Pforzheim with plenty of sightseeing and cultural activities planned. Games are scheduled against these clubs: SV Tanne Thalheim, FC Erzgebirge Aue, SG Bergkirchen/Schwabhausen, FC Phönix München, JFV Straubenhardt, and FV Öschelbronn. Best of luck boys and do the Club proud!

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.

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next scheduled Quarterly Membership Meeting shall be on Sunday, July 28th at 2:00pm. This meeting is open to all Active Members.



IN MEMORIAM



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the families of the following members who left us:

- Hargis Knoechel** who passed away on June 25, 2024, joined VE in 1972, a 52-year member
- Edward Hagman** who passed away on June 27, 2024, joined VE in 1992, a 32-year member

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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. Starting Tuesday, July 16th food will also be available in the Ratskeller.

- **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.

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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.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Live Music / Biergarten

Biergarten list of bands for July:

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| July 6 th | Biergarten Closed | July 27 th | Shameless |
| July 13 th | TF Squared | August 3 rd | The Handles |
| July 20 th | The Dirty Mac | | |

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.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Bratwurst is a type of German sausage made from pork or, less commonly, beef or veal. The name is derived from the Old High German *Brätwurst*, from *brät-*, finely chopped meat, and *Wurst*, sausage, although in modern German it is often associated with the verb *braten*, to pan fry or roast.^[1] Beef and veal are usually incorporated amongst a blend often including pork. The first documented evidence of the Bratwurst in Germany dates to 1313 in the Franconian city of Nuremberg, which is still internationally renowned for the production of grilling sausages.

Recipes for the sausage vary by region and even locality; some sources list over 40 different varieties of German bratwurst, many of the best known originating in Franconia (today for the most part situated in northern Bavaria, but still culturally quite distinct), its northern neighbor Thuringia and adjacent areas. How the sausages are served is also locally different, but most commonly they are regarded as a simple snack served with or in a white bread roll made from wheat flour and eaten with mustard. As a pub dish, it is often accompanied by sauerkraut or potato salad and sometimes served with dark, crusty country bread made predominantly from rye flour, less commonly with a *Brezel* (pretzel). It is a very popular form of fast food in German-speaking countries, often cooked and sold by street vendors from small stands, and is also traditionally popular with fans at soccer games.

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VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our Ladies Auxiliary is on summer break for July and August. We hope you are enjoying your summer and coming to our VE pool and Biergarten during the summer. Remember to save any books for our free book exchange table in September. Anyone wishing to help with our Ladies Auxiliary in the coming months please call Janet at (267) 408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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SOCCER NEWS

Germany have participated in thirteen European Championships, five of which were as West Germany and eight of which were as (unified) Germany. They are also participating in the ongoing 2024 tournament as hosts. By doing so, the nation holds the record of most participations in the competition's history. Germany are holders of three European titles, won in 1972 in Belgium, in 1980 in Italy, and in 1996 in England. The team have finished out of the top eight on only three occasions, in the 2000, 2004 and 2020 tournaments. They have reached at least the semi-finals on nine occasions, an unparalleled record in the competition. Can they capture another title this month?

Our adult Summer Bundesliga is in action every Tuesday and Thursday night as well as our Over 40 league on the turf field; plus, we have youth summer league during the week as well. You can always catch a decent game at the Club.

The annual Summer Soccer Academy 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 VESOCCER.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 June 2024. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.

Active: Bonnie Baker, Andrew Feuchter, Christopher Feuchter, and Kylie Weiss

Passive: Megan Abbott, Anthony Auletto, Etai Aviton, Jason Beaver, Matthew Benkert, Daniel H. Bittner Jr., Edward Brosz, Colleen Canamucio, Francesco Carafu, Erin Cole, John Cox, Roman Darmohray, Antonio Donato, Lisa Downey, Kristin Ebert, Chris Egan, Mark Fairchild, Jenna Feingold, Michael Formento, Kenneth Fox, Lou Galasso, Vince Garonski, Colleen Gavaghan, Tom Hamill, Jen Holstein, John Kinsky, Faina Klyuzman, Anna Krishtul, Lisa Maddox, Thomas MacDonald, Ian Mason, Kevin McDaniels, Jacqueline McElroy, Jessica McGee, Tiffany McKeanry, Ryan McKenna, Trisha McNamara, Michael Murnane, Kelly Newhouse, Jeri Newman, Michael Nonnemacher, Meghan O'Brian, Dawn O'Connor, Colleen Orlick, Jennifer Pansi, Anthony Pratico, Michelle Rebstock, Irene Reznik, Benjamin Rosenthal, Robert Scott, Christie Shaw / Matthew Netterville, Jason Smith, Amanda Spear, William Stanton, Thomas Mueller / Jennifer Stoddard, James Suevo, Kate Thompson, Tom Trimback, Robert Utz, Tom Welke, Robert Wilkinson, Matthew J. Wilson, Jackie Zizwarek, and Chris Zorawski

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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

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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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Thanks to generous donations from our Club members, we are moving forward with this project. Currently getting project design ideas and bids. Stay tuned.

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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.