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### THIS MONTH:

April 12

Pool Clean Up Day 1

April 13

Over 30 Men's Home Cup Game

April 16

Wednesday Night Dinner

April 19

Pool Clean Up Day 2

April 20

Easter Sunday Buffet (reservations only)

April 27

**Quarterly Membership Meeting** 

April 30

Ladies Auxiliary Card and Bingo

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 4

Franklinville-Schwarzwald
Männerchor Spring Concert

May 11

Mother's Day Brunch (reservations only)

May 18

Pfingsten (Official Opening of the Canteen)

BVV May Social

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VE Golf Outing

**May 31** 

Beer Garden Opens

# <u>WEEKLY UPDATES</u>

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 - April 2025

Dear Members of VE.

As you start reading this month's *Waldesrauschen*, you will see the many events scheduled to take place this month and well into May. This is the time of year when things start to ramp up – we have over 25 home soccer games every weekend, our clubhouse is busy serving Easter and Mother's Day dinners, plus plenty of activities in the Ratskeller and around the grounds. It's one of my favorite times of year.

I want to thank the group of volunteers who spent a recent Saturday cleaning up the grounds and making the Club look terrific. Maintaining 68 acres is a big chore and there is always work that needs to be done, especially since we have seen a significant increase in trees coming down throughout the property. If any member is interested in taking wood, please let us know. You are welcome to as much as you want!

Looking forward to seeing you at our Easter dinner and especially at the April Membership Meeting.

Glück Auf! Philip Gabel / President

### **EASTER SUNDAY BUFFET**

A Buffet Dinner will be offered on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 6:00pm. Reservations <u>ARE</u> required. Call our office at (215) 675-5380 to make a reservation. There's also our annual Easter egg hunt for our members' children that begins at 3:00pm. Come join your VE friends and family for this great day!

### **VE MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Our Membership Committee has been diligently working to create an online membership system to help us more efficiently process applications and streamline payments. We hope to have it operational by the beginning of April based on the information that we currently have. A notice will go out to the members once this happens. We realize that we do still have some members who do not use a computer, and they will still get their membership renewal forms in the mail. As you know, our membership year is June 1st through May 31st and we require membership renewals completed by May 31st. We appreciate your understanding during this transition and thank you for your continued membership of our beloved Club.

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Our next scheduled Quarterly Membership Meeting shall be on Sunday, April  $27^{th}$  at 2:00pm. The Scholarship Committee shall be honoring those students receiving scholarships at this meeting. The annual Pin Ceremony will be held during this meeting and is open to all Active and Passive members. Our honorees are:

50-Year Members: Janice Hoffmann, David Kivlin Sr., Janet Lynch, and Wayne Morrell 25-Year Members: Dennis Braig, William Guldin, Richard Price, Michael Skiffington, Richard Weicheld, Lynda Marie Falkenstein, Gregor Helmkamp, Stephen Jochum, Christine Kehan, Thomas Kehan Jr., Edward Long Jr., Jennifer Lynch, Phillip Lynch, Richard Meier, Joseph Wank, and Jay Young.

The office shall be mailing out letters to those who will be receiving pins. Please call the Club Office at (215) 675-5380 to let us know if you will attend.

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# 2025 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH Sunday, May 11th, 2024; 10am - 2pm

For Mother's Day on May  $11^{\text{th}}$ , please get your reservations in by Friday, May  $2^{\text{nd}}$ . 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.

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• <u>Wednesday Night Dinners</u>: We are offering Wednesday Night dinners on the third Wednesday of the month for the season. Please gather your friends and meet at the Club on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room.

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<ul> <li>Pork Schnitzel with 2 Sides</li> </ul>	\$13.00	\$16.00
<ul> <li>Chicken Marsala with 2 sides</li> </ul>	\$13.00	\$16.00
<ul> <li>Fried Shrimp with 2 sides</li> </ul>	\$13.00	\$16.00
<ul> <li>Chicken Fingers and Fries</li> </ul>	\$ 9.00	\$12.00

• <u>Friday Night Dinners</u>: In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a dinner special every Friday. Below are the April dinner specials. Food served in the Ratskeller. Friday Night dinner entrees served in the Ratskeller.

April 4th	Crabcake platter with French Fries and Cole Slaw \$15.00
April 11th	Soup & Sandwich-Tomato Bisque with Gourmet Grilled Cheese \$13.00
	Shrimp & Crab Pot Pie
-	Or Flatbread with Pepperoni & Hot Honey \$11.00
April 25th	French Dip sandwich w/Swiss cheese & caramelized onions
-	served with French Fries

Parties and events are booked out well into 2025. Please consider holding your events with us!

### **BUNGALOW NEWS**

Bungalows open on April 1st for the season. We ask that all owners take the time to perform a spring clean-up around their units and provide Peter Hansen with current insurance coverage documentation. Looking forward to another fun bungalow season.

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Calling all Volunteers!! We want to get a jump on our Pool cleanup and tidying up the pool area. Please plan on spending a few hours helping out. All help is greatly appreciated!

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

## Franklinville-Schwarzwald Männerchor Spring Concert Sunday May 4th, 2:00pm

Our annual spring concert, with guest chorus Damenchor Wald-Echo. The best in Männerchor and Damenchor music, classical and popular works (in German & English), with lively introductions and translations! Directed by Jacqueline Smith, with pianist Barron Lacy. Dinner and refreshments available for purchase. A fun afternoon with dancing afterward, music by Don Bitterlich, accordion. Tickets, still only \$12—at the door or please reserve a seat or a table by calling Rudi Trickel, (215) 514-2483.

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The annual VE Golf Outing will be held on Monday, May 19th at the Bucks Club in Jamison. Sponsors and golfers are needed. Further information and forms for golfers and sponsors can be requested by contacting Eric Roby at <a href="mailto:ericmroby@gmail.com">ericmroby@gmail.com</a> or Mark Senior at <a href="massenior21@gmail.com">msenior21@gmail.com</a>. Proceeds from this event helps offset the cost of our U18 girls trip to Germany this summer.

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Der Struwwelpeter is an 1845 German children's book written and illustrated by Heinrich Hoffmann. It comprises ten illustrated and rhymed stories, mostly about children. Each cautionary tale has a clear moral lesson that demonstrates the disastrous consequences of misbehavior in an exaggerated way. The title of the first story provides the title of the whole book. *Der Struwwelpeter* is one of the earliest books for children that combines visual and verbal narratives in a book format, and is considered a precursor to comic books. The stories include:

- 2. Die Geschichte vom bösen Friederich ("The Story of Wicked Frederick")
- Die gar traurige Geschichte mit dem Feuerzeug ("The Very Sad Tale with the Matches")
- 4. Die Geschichte von den schwarzen Buben ("The Story of the Inky Boys")
- 5. Die Geschichte von dem wilden Jäger ("The Story of the Wild Huntsman")
- 6. *Die Geschichte vom Daumenlutscher* ("The Story of the Thumb-Sucker")
- 7. Die Geschichte vom Suppen-Kaspar ("The Story of Soup-Kaspar")
- 8. Die Geschichte vom Zappel-Philipp ("The Story of Fidgety Philip")
- 9. Die Geschichte von Hans Guck-in-die-Luft ("The Story of Johnny Look-In-The-Air")
- 10. Die Geschichte vom fliegenden Robert ("The Story of Flying Robert")

Of course, this book was most likely written to scare children to behave, and most people would not read this to their children now. It shows how things might have been taught in the 1800's.

## **VE LADIES AUXILIARY**

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Card and Bingo party will be on Wednesday, April 30th, 2025. Doors open at 11am, cost is \$7 for 12 games of bingo, Danish, coffee or tea. Sandwiches are always available at our self-service window. Bingo starts at 12:30pm with great prizes, gift cards and raffle. Our March St. Patrick's Bingo was a huge success with fun, fellowship, food and meeting new friends. Thank you to everyone for attending our Ladies Auxiliary Bingo as we keep this tradition going, which started in the late 1930's by our founding ladies from Erzgebirge. If you have any questions, please call me at (267) 408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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Welcome to our new members who recently joined our Club in March 2025. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.

Passive Kristin Hart, Mike Nolde, and Scott Hartman Jr.

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



## IN MEMORIAM



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the family of the following member who left us: Werner Ullrich, who passed away on February 15, 2025, joined VE in 1954, a 71-year member Walter Bitterlich, who passed away on March 22, 2025, joined VE in 1968, a 57-year member Franz Kautz, who passed away on March 25, 2025, joined VE in 1977, a 48-year member

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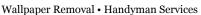
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### CORNER KICK SOCCER NEWS

The long winter break is over, our fields are finally open, and all our teams are starting their Spring seasons – competing in State Cups, spring leagues, and various tournaments. Hopefully the weather will cooperate, and we can get as many home games in as possible, as well as conducting tryouts over the next few weeks.

Our Over-30 squad recently 'three-peated' as State champions and will host Renegade SC of Northern VA on Sunday, April 13th. Kickoff is at 2:30pm. Please support our team that day! The Majors completed their Cup season with six wins and three losses. Unfortunately, West Chester United eliminated us from all three cup competitions including the EPSA Open Cup final this past Sunday. The Majors now shift focus to the USL where they sit at the top of the table heading into the Spring season. Still a lot to play for.

Our next Sports Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 11th at 7:00pm.

Please follow us on Facebook for all upcoming soccer announcements and news.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

### **POOL NEWS**

2025 Season Pass Pool Rates (Must be a VE Member) Season Passes will be issued after 2025/2026 Dues are paid (Dues are due by May 31, 2025)

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(can only be added with a family pass)
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(senior prices are for members that are 65 or older)

Special Rate for 2025 season pass members only: if you were a season pass holder in 2024 you can purchase a Season pass again this year and receive last year's 2024 prices. This offer is only available through April 15th, 2025.

When entering the pool **you MUST present your current membership card**. If you do not have it, you will not be permitted entrance to the pool. We may also ask for photo ID with

2025 Lifeguards 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 2025. If you are interested (and 15 years old or older) and planning on getting certified, please contact us early. If you are not yet certified and interested, we may be holding a class. Thank you!

The House Committee asks that parents monitor their children while in 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.

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. Nonmembers 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.