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## THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

# Calendar

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### THIS MONTH:

- May 3**  
Pool Clean Up Day
- May 4**  
Franklinville-Schwarzwald  
Männerchor Spring Concert
- May 9**  
Sports Committee Meeting
- May 11**  
Mother's Day Brunch  
(reservations only)
- May 17**  
Wednesday Night Dinner
- May 18**  
Pfungsten (Official Opening  
of the Canteen)
- May 18**  
BVV May Social
- May 19**  
VE Golf Outing
- May 24**  
Official Pool Opening
- May 31**  
Beer Garden Opens

### President's Message – May 2025

Dear Members of VE,

While other organizations struggle to maintain membership and financial health, we are thriving. Our bookings are up, the summer months look busy, every weekend sees events, and our membership and soccer program have recorded unprecedented growth.

As usual we have a lot of things going on at the Club, going into warm weather mode and looking forward to the upcoming months. Within the next few weeks, we will be opening the beer garden, canteen, and swimming pool. This is a popular time for us, and we welcome all our members and guests to enjoy what we have to offer.

Our recent spring clean-up day exceeded my expectations of membership involvement; we had a lot of help in making the whole process easy and efficient. We got a lot done and the grounds look great. Special thanks to Scott and Sean Rieber, Eric Schoeler and his son Eric, Andy Harrin, and Pete Zimmermann for spending a Friday spreading the mulch in front of the Clubhouse. The pool clean-up day was also well attended and we're one step closer to filling the pool up with water. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered their time at the pool. I also want to thank Janet Lynch and the Ladies Auxiliary for their generous gift that will go towards new dining room curtains. And finally, a big shout out to Eric Roby and the team of individuals who spent many hours coordinating this new online membership process. Painful at times, yet we expect a big benefit for us going forward.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who celebrated Easter Sunday at the Club. Our dining room was packed with families having a terrific dining experience. The turnout was exceptional and the Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our members was a lot of fun.

I want to wish all moms a Happy Mother's Day! Enjoy your day!

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

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### VE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As you know our Vereinigung Erzgebirge membership has been growing at a fast pace over the past few years. We now have almost 1400 Club members! We have decided to move our membership files from a manual process to an online platform starting with our new fiscal year. The online platform runs through a membership management company called Join It. Expect an email within the next week or so helping you begin the renewal process.

We realize there are some members who do not have access to a computer or prefer to receive their renewal in the mail. We have mailed some of the renewals in the mail already for those that have requested us to do so. If you are someone that would like us to mail out the renewal, please reach out to the office during the week.

Members, your current VE membership will expire on May 31, 2025. You can now renew your membership by clicking on the Renew Membership link you will be receiving. Your email address is your User Name, you will need to create a password for your account. Your membership details have already been added into the new system. Please check the details and update if necessary. Once your account is created, you can pay for your membership renewal and retrieve your digital membership card! Your digital membership card can be downloaded to your Apple or Google Wallet. Payment via cash or check can still be mailed to the Club at 130 Davisville Rd., Warminster, PA 18974. Donations can be made online, or by cash or check which are greatly appreciated and help us with our many improvement projects.

For this year, as we are transitioning to this new system, we will be mailing paper membership cards in addition to the digital cards. If you have any questions, please call the office (215) 675-5380 for assistance.

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### SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to the recipients of the VE Memorial Scholarships that were presented at the April Membership meeting. Scholarships in memory of Kyle Quinn were given to soccer players Marcello DiPrinzio and Cecelia Felmei. Marcello is graduating from Central Bucks South High School and will attend Misericordia University. Cecelia is graduating from William Tennent High School and will attend Gwynedd Mercy University. A scholarship donated in memory of Jeff Wachsmuth was given to Gavin Bochnak who also attends William Tennent High School and will continue his education at Vermont State University Castleton. A scholarship donated in memory of Jay Bitterlich was given to Rob Eppinger who attends Germantown Academy and will continue his education at William & Mary University. A VE Scholarship was also presented to Keira Huber who attends Lower Moreland High School and will continue her education at West Virginia University. Congratulations to all the High School and University graduates of the VE family. Good luck and best wishes in your future endeavors.

### 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.

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### 2025 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025; 10am - 2pm**

For Mother's Day on May 11<sup>th</sup>, please get your reservations in by Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have a maximum number of reservations and cannot take last-minute reservations or walk-ins. Reservations are filling up fast! 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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### WHAT'S COOKING IN THE VE KITCHEN?

• **Wednesday Night Dinners:** 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, Mat 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room.

Member

Non-member

- Chicken Schnitzel with 2 sides \$13.00 \$16.00
- Broiled Salmon with 2 sides \$13.00 \$16.00
- Fried Shrimp with 2 sides \$13.00 \$16.00
- 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 May dinner specials. Food served in the Ratskeller.

Friday Night dinner entrees served in the Ratskeller for the month of May. All entrees are priced at \$13.00.

- 5/02 Two Chicken Tacos served with Mexican Rice
- 5/09 Pork Schnitzel with Spätzle and vegetable
- 5/16 Chicken Marsala w/ mashed potatoes and vegetables
- 5/23 Pulled Pork Sandwich w/ French Fries and Cole slaw
- 5/30 Shrimp & Sausage Skewers over rice and Cole slaw

Parties and events are booked out into 2026. Please consider holding your events with us!

If you are not getting the weekly email blast, please let the office know. This is the best way to keep you up to date with any last-minute updates to VE.

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### ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

#### Park and Canteen Opening

Continuing with an old Club tradition, we invite all our members to join us for "Frühshoppen" on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for a free beer and a sandwich from 11:00am until 1:00pm at our Canteen.

#### Live Music / Beer Garden

Our Beer Garden Season with live music will be opening on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> running through the month of September. The local band, Shameless, will be opening our concert season, the event runs from 5:00 to 10:00pm; music starting at 6:00pm. Please look for our band schedule on the VE website or our Facebook page.

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### POOL CLEAN UP DAY

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, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am**

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### Franklinville-Schwarzwald Männerchor Spring Concert

**Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 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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### DID YOU KNOW?

The Erzgebirge is considered to be the "cradle of the German hosiery industry", whose history goes back to the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Even then, German hosiery was exported all over the world as a special product and enjoyed great popularity. In fact, the founders of our Club were mostly involved in the hosiery industry in Germany as well as in Pennsylvania.

With the end of World War II, the supply region forcibly shifted towards the USSR, to which the majority of the stockings produced had to be delivered as reparations. At that time, despite the domestic production, stockings were even in short supply and were barely enough for their own German population.

In the 1950s, German sock production once again experienced a rapid upswing, this time due to the introduction of the so-called circular knitting technology. This new technology represented a technological quantum leap and made it possible from then on to produce many times the output of its predecessors. However, with the fall of the Iron Curtain and the disappearance of the Soviet Union as the main customer, the flourishing economic construct of the German sock industry collapsed and is a much smaller industry in eastern Germany today.

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### VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Card and Bingo Party will be on Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup>. This party is dedicated to Irmgard Gravel who was our treasurer for over 25 years. Doors open at 11am with Bingo starting at 12:30pm. Our May Bingo will be a celebration of Irmgard and Memorial Day. For \$7 you receive a Bingo card with 12 games, Danish and coffee or tea.

This is our last Bingo till September and will be a picnic, with hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries and sandwiches available for purchase from our self-service window. Our April post-Easter Bingo was a huge success, let's keep this tradition going, invite your friends the last Wednesday of each month for fun and friendship. We look forward to seeing everyone. If you have any questions, please call 267-408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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### ANNUAL VE GOLF OUTING - BENEFITS U18 GIRLS TRIP TO GERMANY

The annual VE Golf Outing will be held on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 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 [ericmroby@gmail.com](mailto:ericmroby@gmail.com) or Mark Senior at [msenior21@gmail.com](mailto:msenior21@gmail.com). Proceeds from this event helps offset the cost of our U18 girls trip to Europe this summer.

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### HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB

### Welcome to Our Club!

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

**Active:** Sean Rieber

**Passive:** Anthony Broe, Jim Green, Erwin Koch, William Logan Sr., Donna Quinn-Martin, Jonathan P. McSurdy, Wayne Mish, Lawrence Roach, Mike Scollon, Ed Staudenmayer, and Michael A. Stieber Jr.

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 families of the following members who left us:

**Walter Fettinger**, passed on 1/13/25 member since 7/17/1967 58 year member  
**Eleanor Parichuk**, passed on 4/1/2025 member since 7/20/1946 79 year member  
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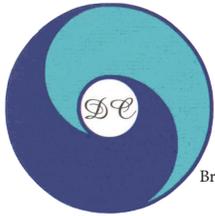
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**CORNER KICK SOCCER NEWS**

Our spring season is very active with dozens of home games scheduled every weekend. Several teams are still active in State Cup competitions advancing through group play and entering the knockout rounds. Wishing all those teams the best of luck; hoping we can see some more state champions celebrating in the Ratskeller soon.

The senior men's teams (Majors and Reserves) continue to battle for league dominance. With a few games remaining, both teams are in the hunt for USL titles. Please make sure you attend their remaining home matches and cheer our guys on.

Recently the Club was presented with an official match jersey from our friends in Germany. This FC Erzgebirge Aue jersey will be framed and hanging in the Ratskeller soon. Thanks Jens!!

Lastly, congratulations to VE U19 Coach John Lavelle for his induction into the 2025 Southeastern Pennsylvania Soccer Hall of Fame. John's been involved in VE Soccer as an Over 40 adult player and a successful youth coach, winning the EPYSA Challenge and Presidents Cup and as a finalist in the NCS Cup. Anyone interested in attending the May 10<sup>th</sup> banquet, please contact the Club office for tickets (sepasoccerhall.com).

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)

Family with Children under 18 . . . . .	\$475
Adult Children 18-24 living in same household . . . . .	\$95
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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 membership card.

**2025 Lifeguards needed!** Anyone interested in being a lifeguard at the VE this summer please contact us at [veclub@verizon.net](mailto: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.

The pool opens for business on Memorial Day weekend – Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 12:00pm to 6:00pm each day. Please come out and take a dip!



**VE BLOOD DRIVE**

Save the Date for our Blood Drive on October 21, 2025, 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 [micbeth3@comcast.net](mailto:micbeth3@comcast.net).



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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 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.



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