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THE “WALDESRAUSCHEN”

Calendar

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THIS MONTH:

July 1 - 6

Clubhouse closed
(pool open every day)

July 5

Biergarten closed

July 11

Ratskeller Open / Sports
Meeting

July 12

Sister Merlin – live
at the Biergarten

July 19

Tuesday Night Special - live
at the Biergarten

July 26

Fitz Magee – live
at the Biergarten

July 27

Quarterly Membership
Meeting

July 28

Youth Soccer Camp Week

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 2

Blue Flame 6 - live
at the Biergarten

August 9

Little Red Rooster – live
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 2025

Dear Members of VE,

I want to thank everyone for supporting the Club during the first six months of this year. The next six months will be just as exciting with many planned events including our eagerly anticipated Oktoberfest celebration on September 6th. Our Board has been active in guiding the direction of the Club and I want to thank everyone who embraced our new membership platform which helps us streamline the process. The Biergarten is busy every Saturday night, the pool is a welcome break during the heat, and I look forward to seeing our members at the Club over the summer. Our soccer program is growing by leaps and bounds, and the Sports Committee will be sharing some exciting news over the summer; meanwhile we have teams doing well on all levels of play as well as having a team represent us in Europe. Please come out and enjoy our grounds, catch a soccer game, enjoy some of Chef Ed's awesome BBQ, or just stop by and say hello. Wishing everyone a Happy July 4th and hope to see you over the summer!

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

REMINDER: The VE Clubhouse is closed for the week beginning Monday, June 30th and will reopen on Tuesday, July 8th. The Pool will be open as usual during that week.

U18 Girls Trip to Europe

Since 1969, the Club has sent youth soccer teams to Europe to compete against other youth teams and this year the Sports Committee is happy to announce that VE is sending another team “over the pond”. Our U18 girls’ team is traveling overseas from June 25th until July 5th. This group will be representing the Club and staying in München, Vienna, and Prague with plenty of sightseeing and cultural activities planned. Games are scheduled against teams in each of these cities – three games in three different countries (Germany, Austria, and Czechia)! Best of luck girls and do the Club proud!

VE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

VE's new online membership renewal process has had a successful implementation and the Club's Board thanks all members who have used this platform to renew or send checks to the Club office. However, we still have a few unpaid renewals, and we kindly ask that all members renew as soon as possible. Membership dues help us continue to operate and make financial plans for the rest of the year. 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.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next scheduled Quarterly Membership Meeting shall be on Sunday, July 27th at 2:00pm. This meeting is open to all Active Members. We will have dinner available for purchase after the meeting in the Ratskeller.

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WHAT'S COOKING IN THE VE KITCHEN?

- **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 dinner specials every Friday night in the Ratskeller.

July 11 -	Pork Schnitzel with Spätzle and fresh vegetables	\$13.00
	Meat Lovers Pizza- Pepperoni, Sausage and Meatballs	\$15.00
July 18 -	Cowboy Burger with French Fries	\$13.00
	Margharita Pizza (Mozzarella and Fresh Basil)	\$13.00
July 25 -	Shrimp Creole over Rice	\$13.00
	Loaded Pepperoni Pizza	\$15.00
August 1 -	Brisket platter w / French Fries and Cole Slaw	\$15.00
	Mushroom, Peppers and Onion Pizza	\$13.00

Enjoy a taste of the Mediterranean summer, July's Drink Special is the refreshing — **Aperol Spritz!**

OKTOBERFEST / SPORTFEST 2025

The Oktoberfest Committee is actively preparing for this year's event which will be held on Saturday, September 6th. Beginning in August, tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8.00 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 call the Club office.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Live Music / Biergarten

Biergarten list of bands for July:

July 5th Biergarten Closed

July 12th Sister Merlin

July 19th Tuesday Night Special

July 26th Fitz McGee

And August:

August 2nd

August 9th

August 16th

Blue Flame 6

Little Red Rooster

Country Mile

Our Biergarten season with live music has been attracting large numbers every weekend enjoying excellent food, drink, music, and our VE Gemütlichkeit. The Biergarten opens at 5:00pm with the bands starting at 6:00pm. Our Round Bar is open on the above nights and great food is always available. Please look for our band schedule on the VE website or our Facebook page.

DID YOU KNOW?

Vogelschießen, also known as bird shooting, is an old shooting competition in which the aim is to shoot a wooden bird on a high pole with a firearm or crossbow. The bird, which consists partly of artistically painted wooden parts, is the target. The bird shooting is usually accompanied by a festival.

The custom originated in the Middle Ages in Central Europe, when large parts of the male population were still called up to defend the city as part of their compulsory military service and had to practice shooting. Socially Vogelschießen became popular in the early 19th century as a middle-class sport and leisure activity. Although there are variations in the process, the basic elements of games, prize giving, parade and dance are often still adhered to. After the shooting a victor is proclaimed, and they are decorated with medals, crowns and sashes.

The VE Club's Women's Auxiliary held an annual Vogelschießen during the summer from the early years of the club up until the 1970s. The event was held on the club grounds near the canteen. On a German soccer tour in 1983, team leaders Jerry Oesterreich, Bill Eisold, and Emil Feuchter took part in one of these events in Hamm. Luckily, they didn't finish off the Vogel, otherwise they would have been left with a bar tab for over 1,000 people!

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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. 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

SOCCER NEWS

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 a 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; due to uniform ordering, we are not accepting walk-ons! Spots fill up fast, so do not wait! Please, visit VESOCER.ORG to register.

Two youth teams did extremely well in EPYSA Cups this Spring. Our U18 boys Mountaineers won the EPA state title as well as winning their regional group play, securing a trip to Tampa and a chance at a National President's Cup title. Meanwhile, our U12 boys Aue team claimed the state title in the NCS Cup and will be competing in Virginia in regionals. Best of luck both teams and we can't wait to see how you do!

In other soccer news, our Men's Reserve team won the USL Men's II championship this year. The team went 7-0-1 and claimed a well-deserved title. Our Majors finished 2nd in their league. Great job guys!

Lastly, I am very proud to announce that we will be hosting the men's team from SV Tanne Thalheim from the Erzgebirge this September. They are bringing a group of over 40 "Erzgebirgers" to visit us and play our Majors at our Oktoberfest. We haven't hosted a German team in many years; this is a big deal for both Clubs due to our shared history. More information to follow about this.

Please follow all soccer action on our Facebook page or Instagram.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB

Welcome to Our Club!

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

Transfer to Active: Mark Senior

Passive: Patrick Basquill, Justin Budich, Rafael Carrero, John Casanover, Nicholas Cataldi, Michael Checkovage, Nicholas Ciminera, Heather Davis, Linda Dimitri, Kaitlin Downey, Damaris Duffey, Mona Dunlap, Amanda Durie, Ryan Ewald, Joseph Ewald, Robert Feusner, Jerry Goldstein, Thomas Herb, Nick Hope, Erica Jakimoski, Stephen Johnson, Colleen Kelty, Eric Killenbeck, Jose Larin, Marigrace Lavelle, Lauren Leith, Martin Lettinger, Suleyma Lopez-Yanes, John Manley, Steve McCaughey, Jacqueline McElroy, Tanya McNutt, Jonathon Meade, Harold Miller, Carrie Miller, Michelle North, Michael Patrizio, Jennifer Pfaff, Besiana Rushiti, Jeff Shouldis, Dawn Snyder, Alyson Stagg, Brian Stoudt, Tina Tai, Matthew Thieroff, Kristin Turner, Mark Volz, Glenn Wagner, Jaclyn Weisman, and Teresa Winslow.

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 families of the following members who left us:

Lorreta Durr, who passed away on June 7, 2025, joined VE in 1963, a 62-year member
Margaret Einkenkel, who passed away on May 21, 2024, joined VE in 1952, a 72-year member
Robert Sicilia, who passed away on March 13, 2025, joined VE in 2022, a 3-year member

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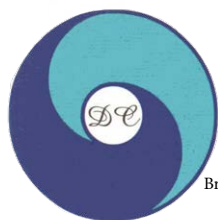


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POOL NEWS

Please bring your current VE Membership card (June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026) 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 1:00pm until 8:00pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00pm until 8:00pm.

A couple of reminders:

- No glass or alcohol permitted in the pool area.
- Pool phone number is (267) 454-0011 (during pool hours only).
- The VE Soccer Camp will be guests of the pool the week of July 28th after 3:00pm till 5:00pm.

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

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.

LOOKING FOR ADVERTISERS

Own a small business? Want to advertise something? We are actively looking to fill space in this calendar for advertising. Call the office for pricing and we can get you in the calendar as soon as next month!

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

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If interested in ordering a brick, please contact the Club office by phone or email.

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 govern 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 of our bartenders will be asking to see your Membership cards. Our membership year runs from June 1st to May 31st. Important Reminder: Alcohol consumption is limited to the Ratskeller and Back Patio. No alcohol is permitted at youth games.