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THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

Calendar

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THIS MONTH:

August 2

Live at the Biergarten –
Blue Flame 6

August 9

Live at the Biergarten –
Little Red Rooster

August 12

Oktoberfest Meeting

August 16

Live at the Biergarten –
Country Mile

August 24/25

VE Youth
Soccer Tournament

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 1/2

Labor Day Weekend

September 3

Potato Peeling Party

September 4/5

Oktoberfest Setup Days

September 6

VE Oktoberfest

September 13

Live at the Biergarten –
Shameless

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 2025

Dear Members of VE,

Summer is moving along, and we can start thinking about the next few major Club activities, namely our annual Youth Soccer Tournament and the biggest day on the Club's calendar, Oktoberfest 2025! These events showcase our grounds, Clubhouse, German heritage, soccer program, and most importantly the hospitality of our membership. I am especially looking forward to hosting the group from Thalheim, Germany that will be visiting us Oktoberfest weekend. It's an honor for me to get to know our friends who come from where the Club's forefathers came from. Make sure if you meet them, use the traditional Erzgebirge greeting of Glück Auf!

Looking back into the Club's archives we found in the July 1990 *Waldesrauschen* that we sent a team to the former East Germany that summer, just several months prior to the full reunification of Germany. Not that long before such an exchange would have been impossible. Fast forward to today and having a team from that area coming to us is something to be celebrated.

I urge you all to enjoy everything the Club has to offer as the summer continues, if it's cooling off at the pool, listening to music on a Saturday night at the Biergarten, or having a Bratwurst at our newly renovated Smokehaus (which looks terrific!) you won't be disappointed.

Lastly, please consider helping for a few hours at Oktoberfest. Before, during, or after the event we could use all hands-on deck to ensure that we have another outstanding day.

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CLUB HOURS

The Club shall be closed from Saturday, August 30th through Monday, September 1st due to Labor Day; however, the pool shall be open that weekend.

THALHEIMERS KOMMEN

This year's Oktoberfest will be a special one for us because we will be having visitors from Thalheim, Sachsen, Germany (Thalheim is the town where our Club's founders originated from, and we have maintained our ties with them over the years through cultural exchanges and soccer games). A group of 37 people will be visiting us on Oktoberfest weekend as special guests of the Club and the Sports Committee. Their group includes the men's soccer team from SV Tanne Thalheim and they will be playing in an international friendly against our Majors team that day. With several activities planned that weekend we will roll out the red carpet and ensure a terrific time. If anyone is interested in housing a guest or two, please contact the Club office.

U18 GIRLS TRIP TO EUROPE RECAP

Last month we sent a group of players and adults to represent the Club on a European soccer tour. Visiting three countries during their whirlwind tour, the team played competitive soccer matches in Munich, Vienna, and Prague. Each city exposed the group to each stop's unique history, culture, beautiful scenery and architecture, and naturally terrific food! From what we hear, it was a trip of a lifetime for everyone. Photos of the trip can be found on VE Sports Facebook page.

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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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. Please come out and enjoy!

• **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.

• **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a special dinner every Friday night in the Ratskeller. Here's what we're offering in August:

8/1	Brisket platter with French Fries and Cole Slaw	\$15.00
	Or Mushroom, Peppers and Onion Pizza	\$13.00
8/8	Chicken schnitzel with Spätzle and fresh vegetables	\$13.00
	Or Loaded Pepperoni Pizza	\$15.00
8/15	Fried Shrimp and Clam Basket with French Fries and Cole Slaw	\$13.00
	Or Meat Lovers Pizza- Pepperoni, Sausage and Meatballs	\$15.00
8/22	Pork Schnitzel with Spätzle and fresh vegetables	\$13.00
	Or Margharita Pizza (Mozzarella and Fresh Basil)	\$13.00
8/29	Sloppy Joe sandwich with French Fries	\$10.00
	Or Buffalo Chicken Pizza	\$15.00

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 VEclub@verizon.net. Looking forward to working with you soon.

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

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.

Our next Oktoberfest Planning Meeting shall be on August 12th at 7:00pm. Please attend!

We will be setting up our grounds in preparation for Oktoberfest on September 4th and 5th – please come out and lend a hand! All help is greatly appreciated!!

Clean up day—Sunday, September 7th.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Live Music / Biergarten

Biergarten list of bands for August:

August 2nd Blue Flame 6
August 9th Little Red Rooster
August 16th Country Mile
August 23rd Biergarten Closed

(Soccer tournament weekend)

August 30th Biergarten Closed (Labor Day weekend)

September 6th Oktoberfest!
September 13th Shameless
September 20th Bad Influence

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.

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.

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that some animals eat their young, so actually, I think I'm doing okay.**BUNGALOWS**

Bungalow owners are asked to arrive at their Bungalows before 10:30am on Oktoberfest to access their Bungalow and use their parking privileges. After that time, the access road will be closed to all traffic for the duration of the Fest. Also, all owners must have an Oktoberfest ticket to enter the grounds, and the Club office requests names of all owners who are parking at their Bungalow in advance.

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VE LADIES AUXILIARY

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer and keeping cool. The Ladies Auxiliary will be peeling potatoes for our annual Oktoberfest. We will meet at the Club house on Wednesday, September 3rd at 9:30am. Anyone that can come and help peel potatoes please bring a paring knife with you.

"Viele Hande machen bald eine Ende" (Many hands make a fast end)

Our next Bingo party will resume on Wednesday, September 24th. Our Bingo and Card parties are always held on the last Wednesday of the month. If anyone is interested in helping with our Bingo parties, please call 267-408-4439. Have a great rest of the summer!

Janet Welsch Lynch, President Ladies Auxiliary

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SOCCER NEWS

The 2025 Gold Cup, the FIFA Club World Cup, and the UEFA European Women's Championships wrapped up last month with plenty of exciting games, in fact, some of the FIFA games were even played in Philadelphia and served as a preview of next summer's World Cup. Now it is a bit of a breather before our program ramps up with pre-season soccer in August and jumping into full action in September.

Recently our U18 boys Mountaineers made it to the USYS President's Cup National Finals in Tampa. The team did very well by advancing to the semi-finals; unfortunately losing a tough one 2-0 to the eventual winners from Illinois. Excellent work players and coaches; we were pulling for you all the way!

Our U23 men's team made it to the championship game of the CASA U23 Men's Premier League but ended up losing 2-1 to North Union United SC from upstate. It was a good run for these guys.

We held a reunion recently celebrating the 25th anniversary of the only adult team in Club history to win a National Championship. The "old" Over 30 men's team came out to the Biergarten, it was great seeing old friends and reminiscing over that special time in 2000 when VE claimed the title after beating Data Graphics (GA) 4-2 at the UGH Club. Thanks to Scott Rieber for organizing.

The annual Summer Soccer Academy was held during the last week of July with over 300 campers, and our Mighty Mites program is registering players now. Mighty Mites registration is capped at 225 kids this year. Register ASAP so that uniforms can be ordered on time; we are not accepting walk-ons! Spots fill up fast, do not wait! To register, visit VESOCCECER.ORG.

Finally, our annual Youth Summer Splash tournament will take place on the weekend of August 23rd and 24th. We have the most teams ever registered that weekend and look forward to a great few days of soccer on our fields, showcasing the program and the Club.

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

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

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HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB**Welcome to Our Club!**

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

Transfer to Active: John Getty, Joyce Moriarty, and Mattias Van't Hoenderdaal

Active: Kimberly Kelly

Passive: Brad Adams, Brian Laurinaitis, Andreea Ambrus, Regina Litovsky, Caitlin Bley, Joseph Loncosky, Jadene Butler, Vincent Long, Joanne Campbell, Alice Lubrano Weiss, Lauren Cirino, Matthew Mault, Nastassja Dales, Andrea Maxwell, Himanshu Desai, Maegen Mihok, Shaan Desai, Joseph Mirabile, Brian Donelan, Michael Mitchell, Michael Fitzpatrick, Sarah Maizel, Timothy Fleisch, Michael Montone, Gheorghe Girlea, Kimberly Murnane, James Graham, Kathryn Nelson, Andrea Guinan, Josephine Palommella, Nicholas Gummel, Patrick Palommella, Michelle Hall, Vaishali Palommella, Mary Harkin, Alix Paul, David Hendri, Jocelyn Homka, Brianne Reed, Christopher Jennings, Jennifer Schaeffer, Nicole Johnson, Michael Schaffer, Wade Kates, Ronald Scherneck, Carolyn Kline, Kim Seese, Rachel Kornblau, Mitchell Steinberg, Joe Kowalski, Meerim Ulanbek, and Colleen Vail-White.

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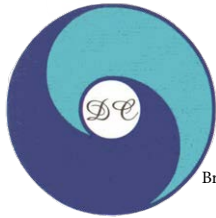
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Please bring your current VE Membership card (June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026) with you to show at the booth when you come to the pool. If you are not in possession of a current card, you will not be able to use the pool this season until your dues are 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) 406-9661 (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 Miners' Parade is a parade traditionally held in places in Germany where ore was mined and is a public event held by a community who is linked to mining and smelting. It is known in German as a *Bergparade* (lit. "Mine Parade"), but also as a *Berg- und Hüttenparade* (lit. "Mine and Smeltworks Parade"). It takes place as one of the highlights of a festival. The Miner's Parade is a special form of procession which is organized to march past important dignitaries, or which is organized for high-ranking individuals.

This tradition originated in the Erzgebirge and has been performed in various ways over the centuries. The original miners' and smelters' costumes (*Tracht*) were superseded by a miner's habit (*Berghabit*) which frequently changed. After 1768, with the introduction of ranks, district colors and other regulations, the dress of Saxon miners and smelters metallurgy developed a uniform-like character and was actually called a uniform from that time. The format, sequence and occasion for the parades, as well as the number of participants are variable, with between 100 and 3,000 participants being recruited from the mining or smelting works. The format was never standard and the number of participating overseers (*Steiger*) and officials (*Offizianten*), hewers (*Hauer*) or smelters (*Schmelzer*) depended on the importance of the parade. The size of the detachments, the number of flags carried, and the number and type of mining and smelting tools carried on parade and the officers participating on horseback were variable.



IN MEMORIAM



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

Marc Willard who passed away on July 18, 2024, joined VE in 2021, a 3-year member

Margaret Schubert who passed away on June 7, 2025, joined VE in 1947, a 78-year member

Ellen Roeder who passed away on June 10, 2025, joined VE in 1946, a 79-year member

Phillip Zyniewski who passed away on June 20, 2025, joined VE in 1972, a 53-year member

Eleanor Roscher who passed away on July 5, 2025, joined VE in 1950, a 75-year member

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