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THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

Calendar

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THIS MONTH:

- April 5
Easter Sunday at the Club
- April 10
Sports Committee Meeting
- April 11
Trivia Night in the Ratskeller
- April 15
Wednesday Night Dinner
- April 19
BVV Spring Dance
- April 26
Quarterly Membership Meeting
- April 29
Ladies Auxiliary
Card and Bingo

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 2
Pool Clean Up Day #1
- May 3
Franklinville-Schwarzwald
Männerchor Spring Concert
- May 10
Mother's Day Brunch
(Reservations Only)
- May 15
VE Golf Outing
- May 16
Pool Clean Up Day #2
- May 17
Pfungsten (Official Opening
of the Canteen)

WEEKLY UPDATES

If you are not getting the weekly update email, please let the Club office know. You can also click on our link "subscribe" at the upper corner of our website. 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, Club closings and job opportunities.

President's Message – April 2026

Dear Members of VE,

As I write this, warmer weather is looking promising with record temperatures forecasted this week. Just what we need to get outside and enjoy the Club! As you can see from this month's *Waldesrauschen*, the Club has a multitude of events scheduled for the next several weeks and encourages everyone to come out and spend time with us.

Some of the recent activities of note are our recently launched, updated website, our first Glühwein event held outside, and the well-attended indoor Biergarten concerts held the past three months. I also want to thank the group of 30+ volunteers who spent a recent Saturday cleaning up the grounds and making the Club look terrific. Maintaining 68 acres is a big undertaking and there is always work that needs to be done.

The turf field construction is moving toward completion. With the dryer weather the contactors have made up for lost time and are progressing. Last week the concrete curb was added, and we expect to lay the turf itself in the middle of April. Once completed, expect a big ribbon cutting ceremony! After the fields are done the driveway will be repaired and we will address the water that accumulates along that stretch. This was an unforeseen result of the construction, and the Sports Committee is handling the repair.

I am looking forward to seeing our members at our Easter dinner and especially at the April Membership Meeting.

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

EASTER SUNDAY AT THE CLUB

A Buffet Dinner will be offered on Easter Sunday, April 5th, from noon to 6:00pm. We are totally booked that day — reservations are no longer being accepted. There's also our annual Easter Egg Hunt for our members' children that begins promptly at 3:00pm. Come join your VE friends and family for this great day! We want to thank Monika Bernhardt who volunteered her time organizing the Egg Hunt for 30 years. Monika is now retiring from her position and is looking for a new volunteer to continue with this wonderful VE tradition. Please reach out to Monika or the office if you have an interest. Danke Monika!

WE ARE HIRING

The Club is actively seeking wait staff and bussers at present. If interested, please contact the Club office for an interview. Immediate openings are available.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As you know, our membership year is June 1st through May 31st, and we require membership renewals completed by May 31st. Our membership numbers have grown significantly over the past few years and now we have over 1400 Club members! Last year we successfully migrated our membership files from a manual process to an online platform. The online platform runs through a membership management company called Join It. Expect an email shortly to help you begin the renewal process; for those who opted out of the online version, a renewal will be mailed to you like last year. If you have any questions, please contact the Club office.

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next Quarterly Membership Meeting shall be on Sunday, April 26th at 2:00pm.

The Scholarship Committee shall be honoring those students receiving scholarships at this meeting. Our annual Pin Ceremony will be held during this meeting and is open to all Active and Passive members. Our honorees this year are:
50-Year Members: Maura Hook, Robert Waraksa, Marlene Buckhalter, Franz Kirchner, Debra and Steven Lawson, Liliane Davis, and William Hartman
25-Year Members: Richard Aust, Ralph Pennington, Ken Haug, John McNichol III, Joseph DeBellis, Rosalie and Harvey Swartz, and Michael McCorrey

We would also like to honor several members whose length of membership extends even further.

70-Year Member: Henry Yauré

60-Year Members: Ronald Rice, Sr., Gese Kiefer, Nile and Helen Linn, and Sonja Groeber

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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2026 Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 10th, 2026 10am - 2pm

Our Mother's Day brunch will be on Sunday, May 10th, please make your reservations by Friday, May 1st. 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.

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, April 15th. 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room.

	Members	Non-members
• Roast Pork with 2 Sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
• Eggplant Parmesan with 2 sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
• Fried Shrimp with 2 sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
• Chicken Fingers and Fries	\$12.00	\$15.00

* 6% sales tax will be added to all orders

• **Friday Night Dinners:** 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 entrees priced at \$13.00 each (or \$15.00 as a take-out item)

April 3rd Spaghetti Con Vongole (Clams in a white sauce over spaghetti) with garlic bread

April 10th Leberkase Sandwich (Leberkase served on a Kaiser roll with Caramelized Onions) Served with Potato Salad

April 17th Sausage and Seafood Gumbo

April 24th Black Forest Smoked Sausages served with Potato Salad and a Green Salad

May 1st Flounder stuffed with Crabmeat served with Rice Pilaf and Seasonable Vegetable

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

Franklinville-Schwarzwald Männerchor Spring Concert

Sunday May 3rd, 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 are for \$15 and available either at the door or please reserve a seat or a table by calling Rudi Trickel, (215) 514-2483. <https://www.fsmaennerchor.com/event/spring-concert-2026/>

BAYERN VV SPRING DANCE

Come to the Club on April 19th from 2:00 to 6:00pm for music and dancing! Food and beverages available and John & Maria will be our musical guests that day!

TRIVIA NIGHT IN THE RATSKELLER

Come to the Club on Saturday, April 11th at 7:00pm to test your trivia knowledge. This event is open to all Club members and their guests. Food available from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Prizes for top teams!

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 at the April 15th Bungalow Meeting held in the small dining room at TBDv. Looking forward to another fun Bungalow season.

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POOL CLEAN UP DAYS

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 on the following days. All help is greatly appreciated! Great way for high school students to get volunteer hours needed for school.

Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00am and Saturday, May 16th at 10:00am

If you would like to volunteer but can't make these dates, please email or call the Club and we can set up another time for you to help.

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ANNUAL VE GOLF OUTING

BENEFITS U18 BOYS TRIP TO GERMANY

The annual VE Golf Outing will be held on Friday, May 15th at the Bucks Club in Jamison. Sponsors and golfers are needed. Further information and forms for golfers and sponsors can be requested by contacting Corey Snyder at csnyder1519@gmail.com. Proceeds from this event help offset the cost of our U18 boys trip to Germany this summer.

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DID YOU KNOW?

March to May is the time when the German-speaking countries go from moody winter blues to a full-blown spring fling. As winter reluctantly lets go, these countries open their arms to the magical hug of spring. Imagine a makeover for the landscape, turning it into a lively canvas of cherry blossoms and other flowers, throwing a wild party to celebrate nature's big comeback after some dark winter days. March kicks off the spring gossip with a noticeable change in the vibe. As temperatures start their slow dance upwards, you can practically feel the positivity in the air. Naked tree branches decide it's time to sprout, and the once dull winter scene bursts into splashy color. German spring is like an old Disney movie, complete with colorful flowers, birdsong and new awakenings. Time to have your first beer in the Biergarten!

Here are some words and phrases you can use to talk about the spring in German: *Blumen* (flowers); *Es wird warmer* (It's getting warmer); *Die Temperatur ist angenehm* (The temperature is pleasant); *Ein neuer Start* (A new start); *Gartenarbeit* (gardening); *Ostern* (Easter); and *Ostereier* (Easter eggs)

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VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next Bingo will be held on Wednesday, April 29th with Spring as our theme. Thank you to everyone that attended our March St. Patrick's Bingo and a special thank you to all my helpers that came on Tuesday to set up and help on Wednesday. For just \$7 you get 12 games of bingo, Danish, coffee, tea or soda. There are prizes and great raffles planned for this event. Our service window is always open for sandwiches. Please note our new starting time; doors open at 10:30am with Bingo starting at 12 noon.

Please join us on the last Wednesday of each month for fun, friendship and meeting new friends. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please call (267) 408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB Welcome to Our Club!

Welcome to our new members who joined our Club in March 2026. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.

Passive: Amy Bosch, Kevin Fisher, Brendan Johns, Endrit Kulari, Jaclyn McCreesh, Vince Menniti, Christine Stoklosa, and Kathleen Ulrich

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



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CORNER KICK SOCCER NEWS

Back in 1980/1981 the Sports Committee and an army of volunteers cleared the wooded area to the right of the driveway and established our Woods Field. That project was a big event in our timeline and eventually allowed the growth of our program from less than a dozen teams to the 50+ teams we have today. With the exponential growth in youth soccer, we recognized the need to accommodate more players and teams, and we took the initiative to go ahead with the conversion of two grass fields into large synthetic turf fields. This program is in process now and is expected to be completed by the end of April. This is major news in the local soccer scene, and we position ourselves as the “premier” independent, volunteer soccer program in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Our grass fields are finally re-opening, 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. Once the turf fields are complete, the practice and game bottlenecks will be a thing of the past.

Calling all former players, coaches, and soccer families!! We are making an active push for donations to help cover some of the costs of this work. If anyone is interested in becoming a sponsor (levels include Jersey sponsor, Scoreboard sponsor, Field Sponsor, Sponsor, or Supporter), please contact the Sports Board member Dan Pfeiffer at dpfeiffer14@gmail.com. Any donation will be gladly appreciated by our players and the entire program.

Our next Sports Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 10th at 7:00pm.

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

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman



POOL NEWS

2026 Season Pass Pool Rates (Must be a VE Member)
Season Passes will be issued after 2026/2027 Dues are paid
(Dues are due by May 31, 2026)

Family with Children under 18	.....	\$495
Adult Children 18-24 living in same household	.....	\$100
(can only be added with a family pass)		
Adult Couple	.....	\$365
Adult Single	.....	\$200
Youth Single	.....	\$145
Nanny Pass	.....	\$200
Senior Single	.....	\$145
Senior Couple	.....	\$280
(senior prices are for members that are 65 or older)		

Special Rate for 2026 Season Pass members only! If you were a **Season Pass holder in 2025**, you can purchase a Season Pass again this year and receive last year’s 2025 prices. **This offer is only available through April 15th, 2026.**

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.

2026 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 2026. 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!



IN MEMORIAM



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the family of the following member who left us:
Ralph Schaefer, who passed away on March 24, 2026, joined VE in 1977, a 49-year member
Ruhe in Frieden



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. 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, so the renewal information will be coming out shortly.