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## THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

# Calendar

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### THIS MONTH:

- May 2**  
Pool Clean Up Day #1
- May 3**  
Franklinville-Schwarzwald  
Männerchor Spring Concert
- May 8**  
Sports Committee Meeting
- May 10**  
Mother's Day Brunch  
(Reservations Only)
- May 15**  
VE Golf Outing
- May 16**  
Pool Clean Up Day #2
- May 16**  
Biergarten – live music by Zendog
- May 17**  
Pfungsten (Official Opening  
of the Canteen)
- May 17**  
BVV May Social
- May 20**  
Wednesday Night Dinner
- May 23**  
Official Pool Opening Weekend
- May 27**  
Ladies Auxiliary Card and  
Bingo Party

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 6**  
Official Turf Field  
Dedication Ceremony
- June 6**  
Biergarten Open – live music  
by Tuesday Night Special

## 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 – May 2026

Dear Members of VE,

From the beginning of German poet Heinrich Heine's poem, "Gekommen ist der Maie" .....

*May has arrived; the flowers and trees are in bloom  
And through the sky's blue; the rosy clouds drift*

That sums up how I feel about the coming month that leads into summer with the Club having a lot in store for our members in the next weeks and months. The property looks terrific thanks to the help of our volunteers who maintain the grounds and we finally see completion of the new synthetic soccer fields, which is a proud moment in the Club's 95-year history. As soon as the last dump truck leaves our property, a work crew will start with a thorough replacement of the deteriorated driveway and address some of the water issues we have experienced along the way. **The entrance to the Club will be closed from Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> until Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** while the project is getting worked on. There will also be significant landscaping and tree replanting over the next few months.

Moving into May we have a lot of activities planned and I sincerely hope you can attend as many events as possible. The pool opens Memorial Day weekend, hopefully you get a chance to take a dip. If anyone is available to lend a few hours, we have two Saturdays set aside for pool clean-up days. You will also notice the menus for the month of May, including the reopening of Das Smokehaus and our first Beer Garden night, plus the Canteen opening on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

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. Please renew your Club membership as soon as possible, since the 2025/2026 membership year ends at the end of this month.

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

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As you know, our membership year is June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, and we require membership renewals completed by May 31<sup>st</sup>. 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. You should have received an email to help you begin the renewal process; for those who opted out of the online version, a renewal was mailed to you like last year. After you have renewed, 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.

NOTE: Due to the cost of postage, in lieu of mailing Club coupons this year, we will have prearranged dates/times for all paid members to pick up their Club coupons in the Club's Ratskeller. Dates/times are:

Wed. May 20 <sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)	Thur. May 21 <sup>st</sup> (6-8pm)	Fri. May 22 <sup>nd</sup> (6-8pm)	Sun. May 31 <sup>st</sup> (1-3pm)
Tue. June 2 <sup>nd</sup> (6-8pm)	Wed. June 3 <sup>rd</sup> (6-8pm)	Thur. June 4 <sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)	Fri. June 5 <sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)
Sun. June 7 <sup>th</sup> (1-3pm)	Fri. June 12 <sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)		

If you have any questions, please contact the Club office.

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## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to the recipients of the VE Memorial Scholarships that were presented at the April Membership meeting. Scholarships from the Kyle Quinn Memorial Scholarship were given to VE soccer players Ean Justice and Jordyn Werner. Ean is graduating from Cheltenham High School and will attend Penn State University. Jordyn is graduating from William Tennent High School and will attend West Virginia University. A scholarship donated in memory of Jeff Wachsmuth was given to Carly Scott who attends Central Bucks South High School and will continue her education at West Chester University. A scholarship donated in memory of Jay Bitterlich was given to Riley Burke who attends Council Rock South High School and will continue her education at West Chester University. A scholarship donated in memory of Helge and Leon Eisenschmid was presented to Brian Minster who attends Archbishop Wood High School and will continue his education at Penn State University. Congratulations to all the High School and University graduates of the VE family. Good luck and best wishes in your future endeavors!

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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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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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, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room.

	Members	Non-members
• Jägerschnitzel with 2 sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
• Chicken Cacciatore 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 May dinner specials. Food served in the Ratskeller.

Friday night dinner entrees served in the Ratskeller for the month of May:

- 5/01 Crabmeat Stuffed Flounder served with Rice Pilaf & Vegetable (\$13.00)
- 5/08 Cowboy Burger (Bacon, BBQ Sauce, Onion Ring) with French Fries (\$15.00)
- 5/15 Sliced Roast Pork with Spätzle & Vegetable (\$13.00)
- 5/22 Sloppy Joe with French Fries (\$13.00)
- 5/29 Leberkäse with Fried Egg and Caramelized Onions & Roasted Potatoes (\$15.00)

**Das Smokehaus** is back for the summer starting Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Check the weekly email for details as we get closer to opening.

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#### Franklinville-Schwarzwald Männerchor Spring Concert

Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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/>

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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 17<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 hold a special opening on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, with the local Grateful Dead tribute band, **Zendog**, the event runs from 5:00 to 10:00pm; music starts at 6:00pm. The official concert season starts Saturday, June 6, 2026, with **Tuesday Night Special** and will continue every Saturday until October. Please look for our band schedule on the VE website or our Facebook page.

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#### BAYERN VV SPRING DANCE

Come to the Club on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 6:00pm for music and dancing! Food and beverages available and Emil Schanta will be our musical guest that day!

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#### VE BLOOD DRIVE

Save the Date for our Blood Drive on Thursday, October 29, 2026, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm 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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### POOL CLEAN UP DAYS

Calling all Volunteers!! We want to get a jump on our Pool cleanup and tidying up the pool area. All help is greatly appreciated! Great way for high school students to get volunteer hours needed for school. Please plan on spending a few hours helping out on the following days.

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am and Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<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 Corey Snyder at [csnyder1519@gmail.com](mailto:csnyder1519@gmail.com). Proceeds from this event help offset the cost of our U18 boys trip to Germany this summer which includes a stop in Thalheim.

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### VE TURF FIELD NEWS

In 2007 the disused tennis courts were converted into a small turf training area. That field has been in constant use since then and started the conversation regarding the conversion of some of our larger grass fields into synthetic fields. In 2018 an exploratory meeting was held looking into that possibility and it's taken eight years to finally see the project through. With a dramatic increase in the number of teams and players, the lack of training space, and the condition of our grass fields, the Club decided to move ahead with the project. Despite the expected regulatory red tape and unexpected, horrible winter weather, the contactors are finally cleaning up and handing us the keys to two of the most outstanding soccer fields in the area. We have created soccer grounds that rival professional grounds; in fact, the Philadelphia Union and teams in Germany have commented on what we have accomplished. In celebration of this major Club achievement, a dedication ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at the fields, followed by the United States playing Germany in a friendly match at 2:30pm (to be shown in the Ratskeller). This is open to all members. Please come out and attend this event.

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### VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Party will be held on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. This party is dedicated to Irmgard Gravel who was our Treasurer for over 25 years. Doors open at 10:30am with Bingo starting at 12 noon. Our May Bingo Party will be a celebration of Irmgard and Memorial Day. For just \$7 you receive a Bingo card with 12 games, Danish, coffee, tea or soda. 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. Last month's Bingo was a huge success; let's keep this tradition going, invite your friends on 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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## HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB

### Welcome to Our Club!

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

**Active:** Rudi Trickel

**Passive:** Dave Baker, Daniel Brockman, Chuck Caliendo, Zhiliang Cheng, Allison DeFortuna, Kevin Dick, Stephanie Gallagher, Mike Howald, Erik Hugel, Martin Leith, Joan MacGregor, Rich Maley, Kevin McDaniels, Danielle Meyer-Kelly, Julia Mish, George Moebius, Donna Quinn-Martin, Lindsey Reinheimer, Alex Reitze, Jon Scherneck, Joe Stawarzyck, Nick Stemler, Kelly Thern, and Alfred Werner

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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. Additionally, our Majors, Over-30 team, and Over-50 team are all still active in USASA Regional Cup play with each team playing in regional semifinals. Games are expected to be played on May 17<sup>th</sup> and hope that we are assigned a home triple-header that day. Please make sure you attend their remaining home matches and cheer our guys on.

Also, congratulations to former VE youth and adult player Anthony Daniele for his induction into the 2026 Southeastern Pennsylvania Soccer Hall of Fame. Anthony was a goal scoring machine at VE for many, many years! If anyone is interested in attending the May 9<sup>th</sup> banquet, please contact the Club office for tickets (sepasoccerhall.com).

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

Our next Sports Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman



**POOL NEWS**

Season Passes will be issued after 2026 / 2027 Dues are paid (Dues are due by May 31, 2026)

**2026 Season Pass Pool Rates**  
(Must be a VE Member)

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(senior prices are for members that are 65 or older)	

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](mailto: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!

The pool opens for business on Memorial Day weekend (May 23 thru May 25) – Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from **12:00pm to 6:00pm** each day. The pool will be open every weekend until after Father's Day weekend when it will be opened daily. Please come out and take a dip!



**IN MEMORIAM**



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the families of the following members who left us:  
**Diana Beyer**, passed away March 26, 2026, joined 1987, a 39-year member  
**Violet Taubenberger**, passed away April 6, 2026, joined 1991, a 35-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 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>, so the renewal information will be coming out shortly.