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THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

Calendar

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THIS MONTH:

- July 1
Ratskeller - World Cup –
Round of 32 – USA vs Bosnia
- July 4th
Happy 250th Birthday America!
Clubhouse closed
- July 6
Tentative - World Cup – Round
of 16 – USA vs Bel./Sen.
- July 10
Sports Meeting
- July 11
Live at the Biergarten –
The Road Dogs
- July 18
Live at the Biergarten –
Blue Flame Six
- July 19
World Cup – Final
- July 25
Live at the Biergarten –
Country Mile
- July 26
Quarterly Membership Meeting
- July 27
Youth Soccer Camp Week

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 1
Live at the Biergarten –
Tuesday Night Special
- August 8
Live at the Biergarten –
Dirty Mac

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 – July 2026

Dear Members of VE,

I cannot remember a more exciting summer taking place. The USA has been hosting the World Cup and this July 4th we are going to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. At the Club we also have a lot to celebrate; the pool is open for fun, and the Biergarten is a great place to hang out at on a nice Saturday night with friends listening to great music and having a delicious meal. We've also hosted plenty of World Cup watch parties and all eyes are on the American team as they advance in the later rounds. Go USA!!

A sincere thank you to everyone supporting the Club this year. We still have plenty of exciting things coming up the rest of the year leading into Sportfest on September 12th. I also want to thank everyone who attended our turf dedication ceremony and listened to our speakers and marveled at the project the Sports Committee devoted their energies to make happen. Standing up on the field and looking around brings me a lot of pride in what we have.

Have a great summer and have a great 4th!

Glück Auf!
Philip Gabel / President

2026 FIFA WORLD CUP

The 2026 FIFA World Cup has been a tremendous success so far. VE is 'Ground Zero' for supporters of the USA and German Men's National Teams and we have had great turnouts to games in which these teams play. Both squads advanced to the knockout rounds, although Germany had a disastrous collapse falling to Paraguay in a shootout. As it stands, the USA will play Bosnia on July 1st, and if all goes well, will play in Seattle on July 6th (the Ratskeller will be open for those games). Please look for updates for Club viewing parties and food/drink specials. The Club encourages all members and their guests to come out to the Ratskeller and root on the boys in Red, White, and Blue. Why watch at home? Come to a soccer club with your friends and cheer your team on. It's always better with a crowd!

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.

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 at VE.

U18 Boys 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 overseas. Our U18 boys' team is traveling from July 8th until July 21st. This group will be representing the Club and staying in Berlin, Chemnitz, Prague, Salzburg, and München with plenty of sightseeing and games planned. Best of luck and have a great trip!

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WHAT'S COOKING IN THE VE KITCHEN?

• **Tuesday and Thursday Night Dinners:** We are offering dinners outside at our Smokehaus every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer. It's always nice sitting outside enjoying a meal on our patio. We will be offering BBQ Ribs, burgers, brats, etc. twice a week from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Please come out and enjoy!

• **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a dinner special every Friday. Below are the July dinner specials.

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

07/03/26	Pulled Pork Sandwich with French Fries	\$13.00
07/10/26	"Erzgebirge" Chicken with Spätzle and a Vegetable (chicken with caramelized onion, Gruyere cheese, in a Sherry cream sauce)	\$15.00
07/17/26	Chicken Parmesan with Vodka sauce and Penne Pasta	\$13.00
07/24/26	Leberkäse Sandwich with caramelized onions and fried egg on a Ciabatta Roll	\$13.00
07/31/26	Linguine Con Vongole (clams in white sauce) over Linguine with Garlic Bread	\$15.00

Please note, we will resume Wednesday night dinners in October.

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



OKTOBERFEST / SPORTFEST 2026

The Oktoberfest Committee is actively preparing for this year's event which will be held on Saturday, September 12th. 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 and August:

July 4 th	<u>Biergarten Closed</u>	August 1 st	Tuesday Night Special
July 11 th	The Road Dogs	August 8 th	Dirty Mac
July 18 th	Blue Flame Six	August 15 th	Kharmacists
July 25 th	Country Mile	August 22 nd	<u>Biergarten Closed</u>
		August 29 th	Side Hustle

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.



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.



IN MEMORIAM



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

Ingrid Steinmetz, who passed away on May 16, 2026, joined VE in 1974, a 52-year member
Magdelene Bauer, who passed away on July 21, 2025, joined VE in 1943, an 82-year member
Craig Wm. Fisher, who passed away on January 19, 2026, joined VE in 1971, a 55-year member
Margaret Groff, who passed away in September 2024, joined VE in 1963, a 61-year member

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only so long as it is "the home of the brave."

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

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Declaration of Independence was formally adopted by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776. In the days that followed, it was reprinted in newspapers so word could trickle out to the rest of the 13 colonies.

Although the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* is generally regarded as the first publication to do so, on July 6, it's possible a German-language newspaper from Philadelphia beat them to it. At the time, about a third of Pennsylvanians spoke German. If the earlier date is correct, it would make the *Staatsbote* the first news organization in the colonies to publish the complete declaration.

The *Staatsbote* was run by Heinrich Miller, who immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1741 and found work at Benjamin Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette*, which would become a key voice for colonial dissent in the run-up to the Revolutionary War. Miller was among the tens of thousands of German-speaking immigrants who arrived at the Port of Philadelphia in the colonial era to escape religious persecution or find a better life. By 1755, German speakers were estimated to constitute just under half of Pennsylvania's population and one-tenth of the entire 13 colonies.

Many settled in the countryside of Southeast Pennsylvania, where the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect of German is still spoken by Amish people to this day, but others remained in Philadelphia County and settled in locales like Germantown.

The *Staatsbote* was also the first foreign-language newspaper to publish the declaration in its full edition on July 9. This is because Miller or one of his co-workers was likely at Independence Hall on July 8 to hear the first public reading of the document.

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QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next scheduled Quarterly Membership Meeting shall be on Sunday, July 26th 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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HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB

Welcome to Our Club!

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

Transfer to Active: Sean Bethel, Gary Geiger, James Kohlmeier, and John Rafa

Passive: Hans Abendroth, Brittni Alvarez, Matthew Aulett, Jeff Aungst, Marissa Beatrice, Matthew Becker, Brad Borek, Estelle Caldwell, Christopher Clauss, Joseph Czop, Mike Dallas, Lorianne Davis, Jay Decker, Anne Dranikov, Ediola Duka, Gabe Dwyer, Brennan Flanagan, Christopher Germani, Diane Gilson, Theresa Goodwin, Karen Gorski, Pascal Halkidis, Joanna Hampton, Jacki Higginson, Stephanie Keller, Hans Kloehn, Jason Kochersperger, Marc Lamberti, Sarah Leonetti, Ross Levine, Bill Lomas, Amber LoPiccolo, Jakob Lutz, John Lynch, Kevin Mackenzie, Kevin Marzucco, Jessica McCullough, Sean Meehan, Julie Messina, Kevin O'Regan, Karen Pellegrino, Chris Pregler, Ghenadie Reabei, Vanessa Rhoades, Kathryn Rivera, Laura Rodriguez, Eugene Rose, Kyle Rrapi, Christine Ruffo, Jason Schilling, Matthew Smith, Thomas Smith, Timothy Sykes, Gina Tohanczyn, Vince Tupas, Melissa Tupas, Rosh Varughese, Jason Weiss, Katherine Werts, Andrew Whetham, Mackenzie Wilson, and Jessica Zinn

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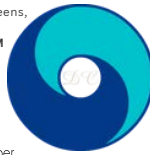
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SOCCER NEWS

We hope everyone is enjoying this summer's World Cup. There have been plenty of excellent games and with the knockout rounds taking place now things really heat up. Let's see how far the USMNT goes this year. Can they make a deep run? Can they make the final in home soil? We shall see.

Our adult Summer Bundesliga is in action every Tuesday and Thursday night as well as our Over 40 league on the small 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 250 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 VESOCCER.ORG to register.

The Sports Committee wants to thank everyone who attended the opening ceremony of our new turf fields. It was great seeing our supporters, and we look forward to entering a new phase in our soccer history.

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

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman



POOL NEWS

Please bring your current VE Membership card (June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027) 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 few 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!



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.



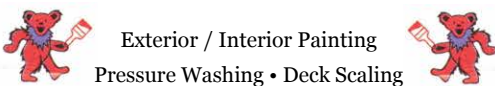
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