



SAN DIEGO
COUNTY
SWISS CLUB

72nd ANNUAL
SCHWINGFEST

June 18, 2022





**Congratulations on your
72nd Annual Schwingfest!
Max & Hedy Buchmann
and Family**

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Steve Egger, Debbie Morris, Olivia Theep, Roman Schwab, Andrea Nebel, Lilian Dreier, Sandy Leeman, Karen Odermatt, and Tony Odermatt.

Your Board of Directors at the Annual Appreciation Board Brunch on May 15, 2022

The Board of Directors of the San Diego County Swiss Club would like to welcome you to our 72nd Annual Schwingfest. Since 1950 the San Diego Swiss Club has been hosting the traditional Swiss wrestling, known as Schwingen.

We invite you to take part in the festivities today and enjoy the traditions, customs and Swiss heritage we are preserving here at our club. Your enthusiasm and active support of our Schwingfest and other club activities have permitted the San Diego Swiss Club to proudly continue the traditions of our Swiss heritage.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our families and our club members, we would like to thank you for attending and supporting the San Diego County Swiss Club.

**Gruenzi
and
Willkommen**



Come visit our Souvenir Booth



Best Wishes on a Successful Schwingfest!

From the Mathis Family:

Theresa & Cameron

Barbara & Mike Sevier

Mike & Kathy

Andrew & Danielle, Paige & Peyton

Kevin & Caroline, Jack & Ben

Patti & Bruce McMullen and Family



“ALL FOR ONE & ONE FOR ALL”



SD Swiss Club Annual Jass party

March 27, 2022



We had 16 players and fun was had by all. Whether you know how to play Jass or not, please consider joining us for our next one. We can teach you how to play!



Have a great Schwingfest San Diego
Good Luck to all Schwingers
Stay safe and have fun!!
Billy Leah & Tony Berchtold Family

**Good Luck to all
Schwingers today!
Be safe and have fun!!
Julie Chang**



*Greetings and best wishes
to our Schwingers and friends*



Steve & Carmela Egger and Family

Wishing you a
Successful Schwingfest!!

Swiss Club of Imperial Valley



Holtville, CA.

Email: swissclubofiv@gmail.com

Website: ivswissclub.org

**Join us October 9, 2022 for our Buebe Schwingfest
and
March, 2023 for our Regular Schwingfest**

2021 SD Swiss Club Wrestling Results

October 9, 2021

Age Group

Senior

Senior

Senior

Senior

Senior

Hometown

Switzerland

Chula Vista, CA

Ripon, CA

Frances, WA

Ripon, CA

Name

Zosso, Remo - 28

Galvan, Dawson - 17

Betschart, Andrew - 28

Richardson, Patrick - 34

Widmer, Steven - 30

ABOVE WITH CROWNS

Senior

Senior

Senior

Senior

French Camp, CA

San Diego, CA

Chula Vista, CA

Switzerland

Betchtold, Mike - 45

Magato, Sean - 15

Mitrovich, David - 16

Jud, Marco - 24

Age Group

A Youth - 12-13

A Youth - 12-13

Hometown

San Diego, CA

San Diego, CA

Name

Rogers, Noah - 12

Muther, Kevin - 13

Age Group

B Youth - 10-11

B Youth - 10-11

B Youth - 10-11

B Youth - 10-11

B Youth - 10-11

B Youth - 10-11

Hometown

Chula Vista, CA

San Diego, CA

San Diego, CA

Denver, CO

Coronado, CA

San Diego, CA

Name

Contreras, River - 11

Andermatt, Faiz - 11

Muther, Jason - 11

Baker, Trevan - 11

Theep, Nico - 10

Nebel, Aomi - 11

Age Group

C Youth - 5-8

C Youth - 5-8

C Youth - 5-8

C Youth - 5-8

C Youth - 5-8

C Youth - 5-8

C Youth - 5-8

Hometown

Bakersfield, CA

Bakersfield, CA

Coronado, CA

Denver, CO

China

San Diego, CA

San Diego, CA

Name

Souers, Ronan - 9

Souers, Grant - 7

Theep, Melia - 7

Baker, Caden - 8

Kalla, Ari - 7

Andermatt, Filza - 7

Kalia, Malia - 7



2021 Schwingfest – San Diego

October 9, 2021







Steinstossen Stone Throw

Steinstossen (stone throwing) is a centuries-old Swiss Alpine traditional sport. Competitors hurl a huge stone in three rounds into a designated area and the winner, being the one throwing his or her stone the longest distance.

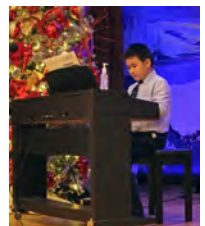
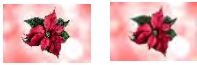
Stones used at festivals in Switzerland are of varying sizes and weights, but usually are not much over 100 pounds. The largest stone used is the famed Unspunnen stone weighing 184 pounds which is only used every three years at the Eidgenössisches and every six years at the Unspunnen Festivals.



2021 Christmas Party in San Diego

December 12, 2021

Christmas is always a special time at the San Diego County Swiss Club. Our event normally is at full capacity. Children 12 and under receive gifts delivered by Santa and picked out individually for each child.



2021 Christmas Party in San Diego

December 12, 2021



*Congratulations San Diego County Swiss Club on
your 72nd Annual Schwingfest*

Good Luck to all the Schwingers
From the
Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club

Join us September 2nd-3rd for our Fall Schwingfest Weekend

7 Schwingers from Switzerland are wrestling
Find more Info on our Website and on Facebook



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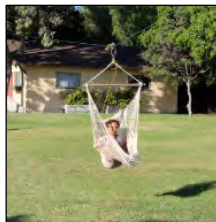


Swiss Explorers Day Swiss Alps Experience

In the spirit of keeping our Swiss Heritage and traditions alive amongst our children; San Diego Swiss Club incorporated Swiss Explorers Day and Swiss Alps Experience with our Spring and Fall picnics. Children are encouraged to explore their heritage by participating in activities during the Fondue picnics. We enjoyed a great turn out!

Events have included rock climbing wall, a junior zip line, Schwingen, rock throw, music, Swiss language, archery, and Bernese Mountain dogs. Crafts include making walking sticks, knapsacks, lampions, rock painting, bratzeli cookies and Swiss Canton shields. The children also learned to sing “Knapsack on my Back”. A fun time is always had by all. A number of older members commented on how wonderful it is to see all the young ones eager to learn and experience their heritage.

A big THANK YOU to Anne Odermatt and all the volunteers who continue to make these events a children’s favorite and a huge success.



Fondue Picnic * Swiss ALPS Experience November 7, 2021



Raclette Picnic * Swiss Explorer Days

April 24, 2022



Best wishes to the Schwingers!



*Debbie, Ashley & Cody Morris
Dylan, Brooke, Lee & Remy Laskowsky*



Good Luck Schwingers!



David & Peggy Egger and Family



Paul and Marilyn Pluss

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Dylan, Ryan and Cassie**

**Paul and Debbie Pluss
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San Diego Swiss Club 72nd Annual Schwingfest Saturday June 18, 2022

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Come join us for our Annual Schwingfest. SCHWINGEN (from German *schwingen* "to swing"), also known as

SWISS WRESTLING, is a style of folk wrestling native to Switzerland. Wrestlers wear Schwinghosen with belts that are used for taking holds. Throws and trips are common because the first person to pin his opponent's shoulders to the ground wins the bout.

STEINSTOSSEN is the Swiss variant of stone put, a competition in throwing a heavy stone. Practiced among the alpine population since prehistoric times, it is recorded to have taken place in Basel in the 13th century.

EVENTS

- 10:00 Park Opens
 10:30 Meeting with Wrestlers & Judges
 11:00 Schwingen will begin
 11:00 Game booths, Souvenir booth, and kids
 free games with prizes and candy
 along with a bounce house for the kids.

12:00 LUNCH
 Served until approx. 4:00 pm



- Bratwurst or Barbeque Beef Plate \$15.00
 (includes fruit & potato salad)
 Veggie Burgers available
 Brat or Barbeque Beef with (roll only) \$10.00

CHILDREN'S LUNCH

- Hot Dog, Chips, & Fruit \$ 5.00
 Desserts & more (available)
 Landjäger (at souvenir booth)

12:00 face painter & balloon artist will arrive

AFTER SCHWINGEN

Steinstossen (stone put) - for men, women, and children.

Schwinger Awards will be presented in the Swiss Club Hall.

ADMISSION into the Park \$10.00

Children 12 and under
 and Schwingers are free

WRESTLING PRACTICE

Parents bring your boys & girls out to the Swiss Park! Wrestling practice will be Saturday, June 11th, at 10:30am. If you are new, you must have one practice in order to wrestle at the Schwingfest.



Please RSVP to Tony Odermatt at (619) 507-9754.

VOLUNTEERS

In order to make our day a success we need volunteers in our various booths from 11:00 to 5:00 or come early to help set up and clean up at the end of the day.



If you can help for 2 hours your lunch will be free.

Call Debbie Morris (619) 922-4474 or
 e-mail: dmorris379@aol.com if you can help in any way.

Thank you!



Welcome to
 San Diego County Swiss Club



SAN DIEGO COUNTY SWISS CLUB

2022 SCHWINGFEST COMMITTEE

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BBQ/Bratwurst Lunch

Gate

Program

Volunteer Coordinator

Meal Tickets

Ernie Ludwig

Rudy Kastlunger
and family

Margaret Abajian

Karen Odermatt

Debbie Morris

Carmela Egger

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Director

Director

Tony Odermatt

Steve Egger

Karen Odermatt

Sandra Leeman

Debbie Morris

Lilian Dreier

Roman Schwab

Andrea Nebel

Olivia Theep



August 1st – SWISS INDEPENDENCE DAY

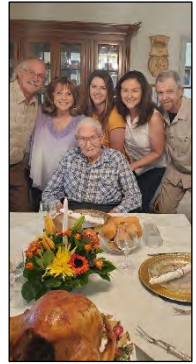
The San Diego County Swiss Club **always** celebrates Swiss Independence Day on August 1st. Please be sure to put it on your calendar and join us in 2022.

In 1984, when the Olympics were held in Los Angeles, CA, a fundraiser was held that permitted funds to be raised for local non-profits. The Olympic Flame would proudly be run through Imperial Beach in kilometers. Mary and Paul Odermatt purchased two kilometers. It is rather fitting during the 2021 Olympics in Tokyo, we bring back the pride and history we have with this Olympic Flame. Rick Odermatt ran the kilometer in 1984.

On August 1, 2021 Switzerland celebrated 730 years of independence. As is traditional in Switzerland, a bonfire is lite. The Olympic Torch that ran through Imperial Beach in 1984 was once again brought to life by Rick Odermatt. In 2021, Rick again carried the torch to light the annual bonfire celebrating Swiss National Day at the Swiss Park.







Best of luck to all the Schwingers and participants of today's Schwingfest.

Paul Odermatt and Family



Proud to call
Paul Odermatt
"Our Pata!"



Family & Swiss
traditions!



*Good luck to the
Schwingers!*



Christmas Party 2021

Steven, Christine,
Travis, Dillon & Evelyn
Bostrom

MUCH LUCK TO ALL THE WRESTLERS
AND
BEST GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

GEORGE & BETTY REBER AND FAMILY

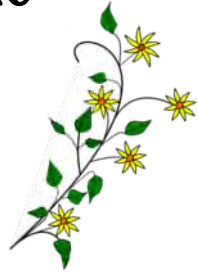


BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL 72nd. SCHWINGFEST



*Jim, Betty (Hofer) Sandoval
Jennifer, Chris, Presley, Evan & Jacob Toledo
Kelly, Kyle & Kenzo Brown*

Best Wishes for the 72nd Annual Schwingfest



**Mike and Susan Omlin
Joe Omlin**



Congratulations & Best Wishes For a Great Schwingfest



*The Betschart Families
Ted, Marge, Tony, Linda & Heidi
Modesto California*



2022 Imperial Valley Schwingfest

March 26, 2022



Wir wünschen viel Spass am San Diego Schwingfest 2022



Planning a trip to the Swiss Alps? Come stay in our cozy studio.

Our rental is located in Bönigen near Interlaken,
in the picturesque Bernese Oberland. We welcome fellow
Swiss Americans and hope to hear from you soon! Check us out online -
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GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE SCHWINGERS!



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Come Join Us For Our Upcoming Events

July 30th—Members' BBQ/Buebe-Meitli Schwingfest/1st of Augustfeier

Sept 10th—Championship Schwingfest

Oct 1st— Octoberfest

Oct 15th—Swiss Echoes 75th Anniversary Concert

Nov 13th—Fall Jass Party

Dec 11th—Children's Christmas Party

Feb 2023—Fasnacht

Wishing You a Successful Schwingfest

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY SWISS CLUB

The San Diego County Swiss Club Board of Directors hopes to see you at all of our upcoming events. Your active participation helps to preserve the Swiss culture and traditions in our community. When you become a member, you will join a group of people interested in preserving our Swiss heritage for all future generations. For more information, please contact Debbie Morris at sdswissclub@gmail.com or at (619) 922-4474.



Individual Annual Membership \$20

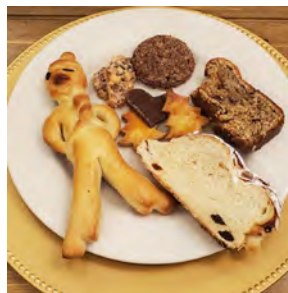
Family Annual Membership \$40



Canvas donated by Paul Odermatt, painting provided by Van Sokol, Circa 1965



Best Wishes for a Successful 72nd Schwingfest San Diego Swiss Ladies Society



Founded in 1962, the Swiss Ladies continue to meet monthly for friendship and camaraderie. We visit many different restaurants for lunch throughout San Diego County. Above left was our November, 2021 Thanksgiving buffet lunch at the Swiss Park. On the right was our Christmas buffet at the Swiss Park. We always have wonderful time together. In December we celebrate our traditional Swiss Clausen hock and all the members bring their favorite baked goods.

Gatherings are typically on the first Tuesday of each month. Husbands and friends are always welcome! Please join in the fun. Please send an email to sdswissclub@gmail.com or visit the club webpage at www.sdswissclub.com.

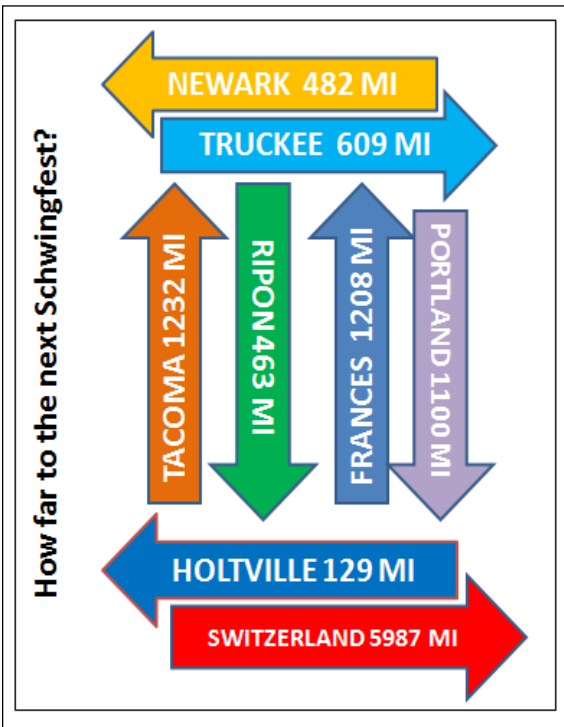
We wish all the Schwingers and their families best of luck during San Diego Swiss Club 72nd Annual Schwingfest.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE SCHWINGERS!



Vanessa Granzow, Layla Granzow, Geoffrey Granzow, Karen Odermatt, Ava Granzow, Megan Granzow and Tony Odermatt with our newest addition, Geoffrey Liam Granzow

Tony and Karen Odermatt and family



GONE – BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Rudolf "Rudi" Lusti
10/26/1936 – 02/16/2022

Rudi was a talented musician. He was a great husband, father, grandfather and friend. Rudi was President of the Swiss Athletic Society for the SD Swiss Club. He was an honorary lifetime member of the SD Swiss Club and a past director.



Marianne Egger
04/24/1940 – 05/22/2022

Marianne was an incredible, warm and giving mother and she was loved by all. She was passionate about gardening and loved to sing and dance with her husband Walter. She also sang several years with the San Diego Swiss Singers. Marianne was very involved with summer Swiss Camp in the LA mountains. She was an honorary lifetime member of the SD Swiss Club and served many roles - including Director, Secretary of the Swiss Ladies and member of the Sunshine Club.



Walter Linback

Walter was born in Germany and grew up in Sweden. He immigrated to the USA when was 18 and joined the US army a year later and was shipped to the Korean War. After that he moved to San Diego and opened his dental business. He retired at 77 and enjoyed the last year's traveling with his family. He passed away on April 23, 2021.

Walter was the husband of Margot Linback, an honorary lifetime member of the SD Swiss Club and a past director



Honorary members Walter and Marianne Egger and Suzie and Rudi Lusti



The San Diego County Swiss Club offers our heart felt condolences to the families of our members who have passed - "*Ruhe in Frieden!*"

GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL!

Walter Egger and family



Marianne Egger passed peacefully on May 22, 2022. We miss her very much.

Obwalden



Zurich



2022 Schwingfest – San Joaquin Valley June 4, 2022



**Best Wishes for the 72nd
Annual Schwingfest**

**Julius and Sandy
Hofer
and Family**



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**From our family
to yours. Wishing
all the Schwingers
a fantastic
wrestling day.**

**Tom, Collin and
Sandi Leeman**



**Best Wishes to all the Schwingers
at the San Diego Swiss Club
72nd Annual Schwingfest**

Joe Ming and Family

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A special THANK YOU to our volunteers
They are a valued part of our day!



George Morris and Ronnie Leimgruber from Imperial Valley Swiss Club and Robert Egger were our judges for the day.

Please remember
email your pictures to
sdswissclub@gmail.com



A big THANK YOU to Robert and Estela Egger who have provided
the champion's chair for the past 31 years.



San Diego Swiss Athletic Society



Best Wishes for a Successful 72nd Schwingfest!

The San Diego Swiss Athletic Society was established in 1984 under the leadership of Walter Niederberger. David Egger and Mike Odermatt are currently leading this club. The Los Angeles Rifle Team was kind enough to give us 3 Karabieners (rifles) to get us started. A few years later we were able to acquire several more rifles from the Swiss Government along with ammunition. We compete once a month at the Dulzura Shooting Range with two competitions in Los Angeles

Carl and Joette Berner manning booth at August 1, 2021



2022 Schwingfest Supporters

For more than 50 years, the San Diego County Swiss Club has relied on the generosity of its members and friends. We appreciate everyone who comes forward with support, making it possible to share our Swiss customs and traditions with our community.

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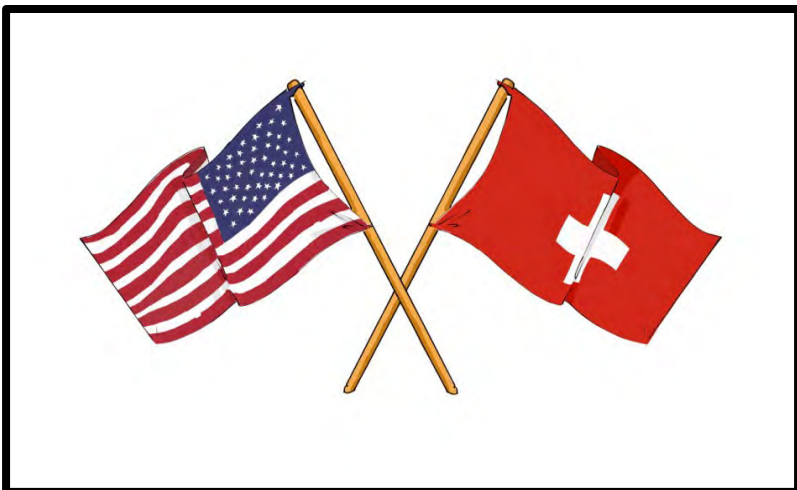
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Bob and Estela Egger
and Families

