

June, 2009

Greetings from your President,



Wow! It's almost summer and already time for our 60th annual Championship Schwingfest, save the date, Saturday, June 20th. Plan on spending a beautiful day at our Swiss Park. Please join us for a fun filled day of all of our traditional events, schwingen, bratwurst, game booths, and a jumper for the kids. Visit our souvenir booth and check out items from Switzerland.

We have great raffle prizes including a beautiful quilt hand made by Mary Odermatt, a large authentic Swiss Cow Bell from Switzerland, engraved with San Diego Swiss Club—a (\$300 value), and much more. Be sure to buy plenty of tickets. Our evening events our going to start off with a delicious Tri Tip Dinner, prepared by the Imperial Valley BBQ'ers, sign up at the front gate. There will be music for your dancing pleasure, and of course, the crowning of the wrestlers, and the anticipated raffle.

Don't forget to sign up Saturday at the front gate for Sunday brunch. All of these events are planned and scheduled, however, we are still looking for more volunteers. We need booth attendants, help with ticket sales and with set up and cleanup. In addition, we need Schwingers to carry on the tradition of schwingen. Those of you with boys please call me to meet for wrestling practice.

The success of our Schwingfest depends on your participation. I'm looking forward to seeing you all.

Your President,

Tony Odermatt



To All Parents— if you or your child is interested in schwingen at the Schwingfest, please contact Tony Odermatt at (619) 507-9754. Practices are Saturdays at 4:00 pm



News from the Park



The park is a great place for weddings, picnics, birthdays and celebrations for all ages. We can accommodate very large parties over 500 people. The park features a large covered seating area, picnic tables, large barbeque, basketball courts, volleyball, children's play area all surrounded by green grass.

Contact Marlene at 619-423-1036

Swiss Ladies



The Swiss Ladies send condolences to Mencie Klemm and her family for the loss of her husband, Ernst. Ernie joined our group for our lunches at the Swiss Club. He will be missed by all of us.

The Swiss Ladies met in May at the Viejas Casino in Alpine. Max & Hedy Buchmann, Walter & Hilde Buchmann, Paul & Mary Odermatt, Martha Morera, Pia Geiser, Elsbeth Yin & Mencie Klemm were there. Three members of the Imperial Valley Swiss Club joined them for lunch and a little fun at the slots.

Our annual Summer luncheon will be at the Swiss Club on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 12:00 noon. Ladies, please bring a dish to accompany a meat platter. Husbands & guests are invited to join us.

We will recess in July and August, and meet again on Tuesday, September 8th, 1:00 p.m. at the Swiss Club. Marianne Egger will be a hostess. We need another volunteer to host also. Please call *Marilyn* at 619-479-7693.

All ladies in the Swiss Club are welcome to join us. It is an opportunity to keep active your ties with the Switzerland, while enjoying the company of others with similar interests.

For more information call *Mary, Marilyn, or Marianne Egger* at 619-234-5214. In the north county, call *Elsbeth* at 858-792-2875.

The Fondue Party

The fondue party was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed Al's cheese fondue. Steve Egger did the cooking at the barbeque, and as usual Mary Ann Looper helped with the ticket sales. There is a fondue party every spring and fall so be sure to join us!

Swiss Shooters



On Saturday, June 13th, we will have our annual Freundschafts Schiessen with the Rifle Team from Los Angeles. The event takes place at the Dulzura Rifle Range. First Place is a Gold Cup, made in the USA.

Shooters with a score of 86 points and higher will be rewarded with a beautiful medal crafted in Switzerland.

If you are interested in joining the Swiss Shooters please contact me at 619-295-1749. *Ruedi Lusti*

Ernst Hugo Klemm

– entered into this world on March 21, 1931 and departed on April 16, 2009. He was 78 years old. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Mencie; children Ernie Jr. (Kris), Robert (LaDon) and Heidi (Mike); and grandchildren Brandon, Kyle, Ely, Jordan and Karlee.

He grew up in Switzerland. He liked to play practical jokes and pranks – so much so that when he was 9 years old, his mother sent him to go work for his uncle. He worked there until he was 19 years old, receiving only food and clothing as payment.

In 1950, his Uncle Carl Locker from Imperial Valley sponsored him to come to this country. He went to work for the Zumstein's in Palm City. He enjoyed gathering with his Swiss friends at the Swiss Club in Palm City – where he met his future wife Mencie. After a few years working with the Zumstein's, he was invited on a European tour at the expense of the US Army.

When Ernie was released from the Army, he returned to Palm City, and Mencie. They were married in October, 1956. While living in Palm City, they had two sons, Ernie and Robert. In 1960, they moved to Ramona where Ernie took a job on a goat dairy owned by Warren Thomas.

In 1962, Ernie's dream came true and he was able to purchase a chicken ranch in Ramona. This is where their daughter, Heidi was born.

Ernie worked hard but he knew how to enjoy life. His motto was the three F's – Family, Friends, and Fishing. His heart was in two places – he was proud to be an American but also proud of his Swiss heritage. Whenever there was a Swiss function, you could be sure Ernie was wearing his Appen-Zeller – his regional Swiss red jacket.

A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, May 30th at the Bonham Brothers-Stewart Mortuary in Ramona, CA. The celebration was followed by a luncheon at the SD Country Estates Country Club where Ernie's prized Appen-Zeller jacket was on display.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations to The Elizabeth Hospice, 150 W. Crest Street, Escondido, CA 92025 or www.elizabethhospice.org

In conclusion, Ernie valued his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all. I am sure St. Peter is waiting with open arms – welcoming a good and faithful servant home.



San Diego County Swiss Club

60th Annual Schwingfest

52nd West Coast Swiss Wrestling Assn.

Championship

Saturday June 20, 2009



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

~ **Saturday, June 20, 2009** ~

- 10:00 am Park Opens
- 10:30 am Meeting for Wrestlers & Judges
- 11:00 am National Anthem
Wrestling Begins
- 12:30 pm BBQ Lunch/Desserts
Game Booths, Souvenir Stand,
Raffle tickets on sale all day
- 5:00 pm Stein Stossen (stone throwing)

*Music during the day performed
by The Imperial Valley Swiss Band*

~ **Evening Events** ~

- 5:30 pm Hall Opens
- 6:00 pm *Tri Tip Dinner prepared by
The Imperial Valley BBQ'ers*
- 8:00 pm Dancing
- 9:00 pm Schwinger Awards
Raffle to follow
More Dancing
- 1:00 am Hall Closes

~ **Sunday, June 21, 2009** ~

- 9:00 am Sunday Brunch
Sign up on Saturday at the Entrance Gate.
Out of town guests are free • Locals \$ 8.00

ADMISSIONS

~ **Day and Evening events** ~
members & non-members

Adults, all Saturday Events \$ 5.00
Children 12 and under are free

Adult Lunch

Bratwurst, Roll & Salad \$ 7.00
Bratwurst and Roll \$ 5.00

Kid's Lunch

Hot Dog, Chips, and Drink \$ 3.00
Desserts (available)
Landjager (available)

~ **Tri Tip Dinner** ~

Adults \$15.00
Schwingers 13 and over \$10.00
Children 12 & under \$ 5.00

*We are looking for volunteers
please call:*

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Swiss Club*



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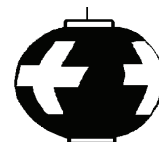
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Celebrate Swiss Independence Day

Saturday, August 1, 2009



Food ♦ Old Fashion Races ♦ Singing
Music ♦ Lampion Parade ♦ Bonfire



EVENT CALENDAR 2009

SAN DIEGO COUNTY SWISS CLUB

June 20 & 21	Schwingfest
August 1	Swiss National Day
October TBA	Picnic
December 6	General Meeting
December 20	Christmas Party



We would like to hear from you! Please send all stories and/or events in so they can be shared with the Swiss Community.

Thank you.

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