

San Diego County Swiss Club 74th Annual Schwingfest



**West Coast Championship
June 15, 2024**



BEST WISHES ON THE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHWINGFEST



**Hedy Buchmann &
Family**

**In loving memory of
Max Buchmann**



**Good family ~ Good friends
Good music ~ Good wine
Good life!**



GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to San Diego County Swiss Club's 74th Annual Schwingfest and the West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association's 66th Championship. I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of our members and members from other clubs that support all Schwingfests in honor of our Swiss heritage. Your tireless efforts and commitment to making a positive impact in our community are truly inspiring.

Throughout the past year we have accomplished so much together – from volunteering at our many events to organizing, planning and attending these events. Your generosity, kindness, and enthusiasm are the driving force behind our club's success. Our volunteers are the heart of the San Diego County Swiss Club and I give each and every one of you my heartfelt thanks. Thank you for your unwavering support, your unrelenting energy and your unshakeable commitment to our shared values.

We have recently welcomed Oregon and Washington into the WCSWA. We are honored that some Schwinger's and club members are here today to represent those clubs. Should you ever have a chance to attend an event at the other clubs on the west coast please do so. My wife Karen and I attend many of the Schwingfests during the year and really enjoy meeting and spending time with old and new friends. I am sure you will enjoy the experience as much as we do.

Please join us this evening for dinner and an evening of dancing. Our music today and this evening is being provided by the Blaser-Faver Band.

Good luck to all the Schwingers. Have fun and be safe.

Tony Odermatt

President
San Diego County Swiss Club





Gruezi and Willkommen



Olivia, Lilian, Debbie, Ernie, Karen, Tony, Andrea, Steve and Sandi

The Board of Directors of the San Diego County Swiss Club would like to welcome you to our 74th Annual Schwingfest & West Coast Championship.

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

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

2024 Board Of Directors

President	Tony Odermatt
Vice President	Steve Egger
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Director	Ernie Ludwig
Director	Andrea Nebel
Director	Olivia Theep



Upcoming Events

For more information visit
www.sdswissclub.com



San Diego County Swiss Club

Swiss National Day	August 1
Fall Picnic	October 20
General Meeting	December 1
Christmas Party	December 15
Jass	3 rd Sunday*
Swiss Ladies	1 st Tuesday*

* Subject to change

San Diego Swiss Club History



The San Diego County Swiss Club was formed in 1939
by our founding Board of Directors: Paul Aeschlimann, Theodore Blatter,
Robert Egger Sr., Walter Suter, Leo Arnold, John Kastlunger & John Christian

From the start, the club was a success, the rest is history...

1949 - Egger's Park was the site for the very first Schwingfest

1953 - The club purchased the land where the Swiss Club currently resides

1957 - The first great hall was built

1970 - The present-day hall was built in 1970 after the freeway expansion

After 8 decades of club activities, the spirit of our founding Fathers lives on as our Swiss tradition and heritage continue to pass to future generations. We are thankful for our 200+ members who keep the dream alive!

Past Presidents of the San Diego County Swiss Club



Paul Aeschlimann 1939-1940

Paul Rollin 1941

John Kastlunger 1942-1945

Julius Hofer 1946



Paul Aeschlimann 1947

John Kastlunger 1948-1950

Ralph Widmer 1951



John Kastlunger 1952

Alois Stockalper 1953-1958

Paul Odermatt 1959

Alois Stockalper 1960



Joe Zumstein 1961-1964

Paul Odermatt 1965-1966

Franz Neff 1967



Alois Stockapler 1968-1970

Joe Zumstein 1971

James Belknap 1972

George Reber 1972-1974



Max Buchmann 1975-1976

George Reber 1977-1978

Max Wirth 1979-1983



Rudy Kastlunger 1984-1986

Mary Ann Looper 1987-1992

Paul Odermatt 1993-1995

Rudy Kastlunger 1996-1999



Al Hollenstein 2000

David Egger 2001-2008

Tony Odermatt 2009-Present



San Diego County Swiss Club

Honorary Members

There have been those who have made outstanding contributions to the San Diego County Swiss Club throughout the years. In appreciation, the following individuals are recognized as Honorary Lifetime Members.



Hedy Buchmann
Tina Duenez
Hans & Marie Therese Emmenegger
David Egger
Robert & Estela Egger
Steve & Carmela Egger
Walter Egger
Rudy Kastlunger
Margot Linback
George Reber



In remembrance and appreciation of our deceased Honorary Members

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Aeschlimann
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Blattler
Mrs. Bertha Braum
Mr. Max Buchmann
Mrs. Marianne Egger
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Lehmann
Mr. Emil Lehmann
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Egger, Sr.
Mrs. Ricki Groebli
Mrs. Rudolf Heimer
Mr. & Mrs. Julius Hofer, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Julius Hofer, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Al Hollenstein
Mr. & Mrs. John Kastlunger, Sr.
Ms. Mary Ann Looper

Mr. Ruedi Lusti
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Mathis
Mr. Frank Mettauert
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Odermatt
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pluss
Mrs. Betty Reber
Mr. Otto Rollin, Jr.
Mr. Hans Schoenbachler
Mrs. Rosalie Schwiekert
Ms. Helen Senn
Mr. & Mrs. Alois Stockalper
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Studer
Mr. Joseph Zumstein
Mr. & Mrs. Meinrad Zumstein
Mrs. Paula Zumstein



West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association

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15 June 2024

The West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association congratulates the San Diego County Swiss Club for hosting the 66th Annual WCSWA Championship Schwingfest. This is the 13th time that the club has hosted this event since 1959.

Good luck to all Schwingers today. Thank you to all the volunteers, judges and club members who are working tirelessly to put on today's events. It can't happen without you and we all appreciate it.

Congratulations to Brenden Spahr who won the 2023 Josef L. Inderbitzen Perpetual Trophy Award as the best Schwinger of 2023. He will receive that award today.

The WCSWA was founded in 1957 to unite the efforts of Swiss Wrestling clubs on the West Coast; to advance the fundamentals and techniques of Swiss Wrestling; to foster and encourage new wrestling clubs and to aid in the welfare of its clubs. We support good sportsmanship, fellowship, and education.

With all the clubs now united on the West Coast our Schwingfests have better attendance, our Schwingers numbers have grown and they are gaining more international experience. Thank you to the board for all you do. And thank you to all of our supporters who fund annual awards and Schwingers for the benefit of the sport they love.

Look for today's WCSWA newsletter for all the results and schedules. You are all invited to the 67th Championship Schwingfest on Sept 13, 2025 in Newark.

Here's to today's Champion,

Arnold Ambiel
President

Upcoming 2024 Schwingfests

Tacoma Swiss	June 29
Lewis-Pacific	July 5-7
Sierra Swiss	July 20
Portland Swiss	August 3
Tacoma Swiss	August 10-11
Aelpler Gruppe	August 31
San Joaquin Valley	September 7

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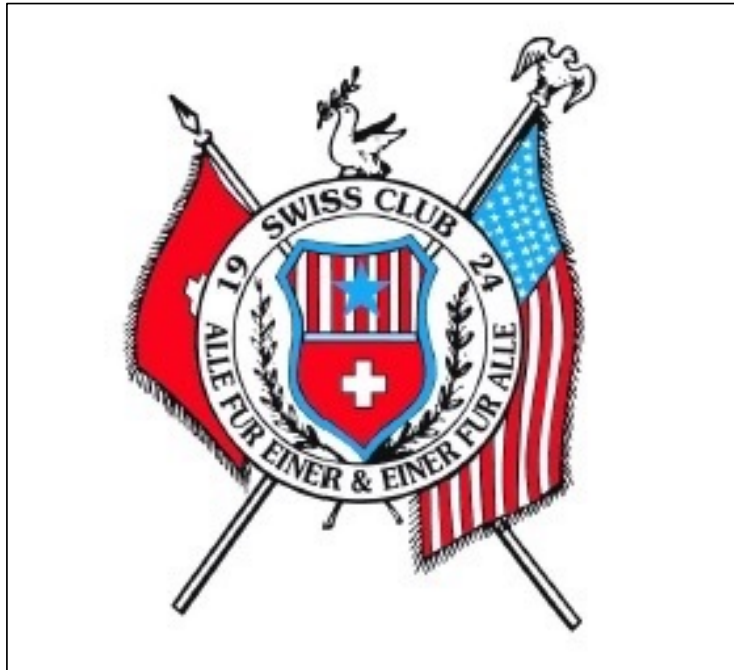
West Coast Champions

2023

Paul Kiser	Lodi, CA	1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1965
Ernest Dobler	Santa Clara, CA	1959
Alois Peter	Sacramento, CA	1964
Fritz Ambuehl	Los Angeles, CA	1964, 1967
David Reichmuth	Newark, CA	1966, 1973
Hans Zurfluh	Switzerland	1968
John Ming	Elk Grove, CA	1969, 1978
Don Widmer	Lathrop, CA	1970, 1971, 1972, 1976, 1977, 1980
Al Ming	Ripon, CA	1974
Paul Bachmann	Switzerland	1975
Hansueli Muehlethaler	Switzerland	1979
Frank Beeler	Ripon, CA	1980, 1983, 1993
Leo Betschart	Switzerland	1981
Rene Zehnder	Switzerland	1982
David Egger	San Diego, CA	1984, 1986, 1992
Franz Schuler	Switzerland	1985
Urs Sutter	Switzerland	1987
Joe Ming	Elk Grove, CA	1988, 1995, 1996, 1998
Frank Imhof	Fremont, CA	1989
Urs Gwerder	Truckee, CA	1990, 1994
Eugen Hasler	Switzerland	1991
John Schallberger	Stockton, CA	1994, 1999
Ady Ming	Elk Grove, CA	1997, 2011
Adrian Kaeser	Switzerland	2000
Jerry Holdener	Tacoma, WA	2001
Stefan Struby	Switzerland	2002
Ruedi Odermatt	Switzerland	2003
Wes Lujan	Elk Grove, CA	2004, 2005, 2006
Shane Richman	Tacoma, WA	2007
Nathan Aufdemauer	Ripon, CA	2008
Hubi Pazeller	Switzerland	2009
Melk Britschgi	Switzerland	2010
Frank Kaech	Escalon, CA	2009, 2013, 2014
Christian Gwerder	Switzerland	2012
Andrew Betschart	Modesto, CA	2015, 2019, 2021
Jakob Schallberger	Lodi, CA	2016
Alex Schuler	Switzerland	2017
Benno Kaeslin	Switzerland	2018
Koni Gut	Switzerland	2018
Pirmin Suter	Switzerland	2022
Dominik Hess	Switzerland	2023



*Best Wishes on your
Championship
Schwingfest!*



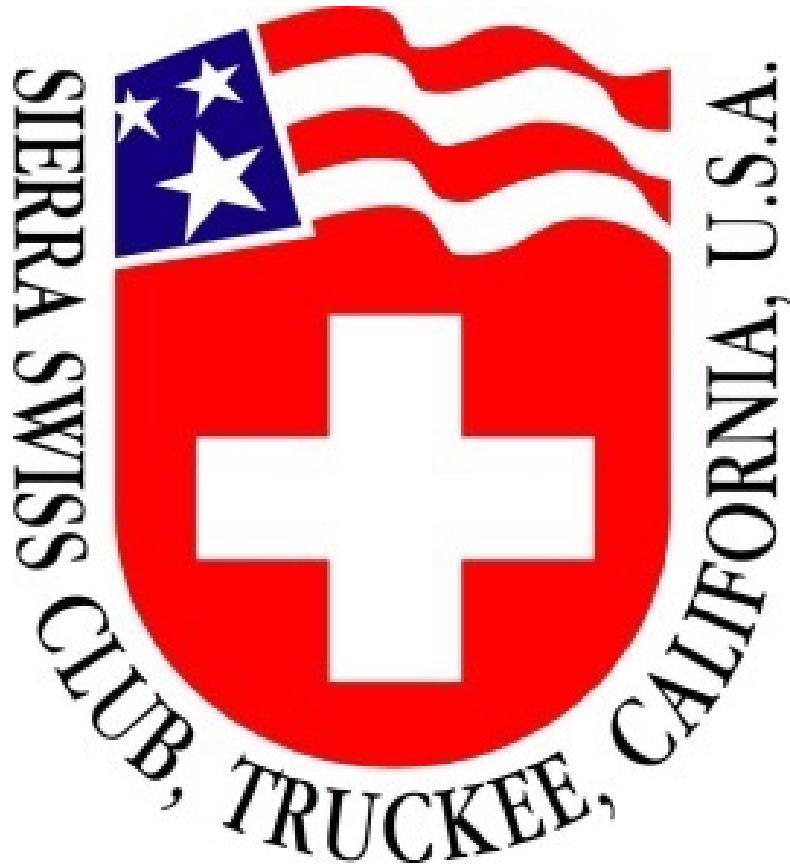
Please join us for our events!

Buebe Schwingfest – October 20, 2024
104th Spring Schwingfest – Spring 2024

Swiss Club of Imperial Valley

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Best Wishes Schwinger's



Sierra Schwingfest
July 20, 2024
10328 Columbine Road
Truckee, CA 96161

**San Joaquin Valley
Swiss Club**

110 N. Manley Road - Ripon, CA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1 - Spring Schwingfest

June 29 - Kids Swiss Camp

July 27 - Members BBQ/Buebe
Meitli Schwingfest & August 1st
Celebration

Sept 7 - Fall Schwingfest

Oct 5 - Oktoberfest

Nov 2 - Swiss Echoes Fall

Concert

Nov 10 - Fall Jass Party

Dec 8 - Kid's Christmas Party

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CONGRATULATIONS

San Diego Swiss Club

on your

*Championship
Schwingfest*

Good Luck to all the Schwingers!

From the San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club



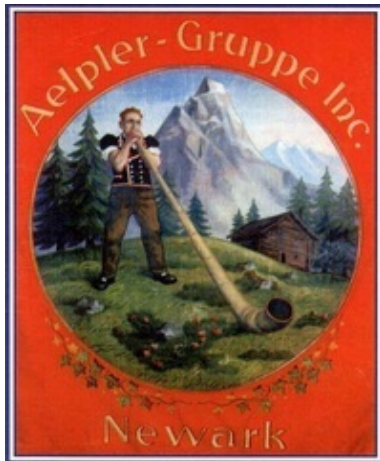
*See you in Ripon on
June 1st & September 7th!*



**Congratulations and best wishes to the
San Diego County Swiss Club on
hosting the Championship Schwingfest**

Best of luck to all the Schwingers!

Please join us for the following:



Fall Schwingfest

Saturday, August 31

Music by Kapelle
Gander Scheiber

Jass Tournament

Sunday, October 27

Metzgete

Saturday, November 9

Featuring the Gruber
Family Band

**We look forward
to seeing you!**



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Aelplergruppe.com

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Lewis-Pacific Swiss Society

Invites You to Our

61st Annual Schwingfest

Join Us!

July 5th-6th-7th, 2024
Swiss Park – Frances, WA

Join Us!



Friday, July 5th

Join us for Dinner then dance the night away to our wonderful

Kapelle Blaser-Faver

and guest band:

The Six – featuring our very own Julie Blaser-Smaciarz



Saturday, July 6th

SCHWINGEN – Seniors & Juniors

10:00am – Sign-ups

11:00am – Start

STEINSTOSSEN – after wrestling

DINNER, DANCE & AWARDS

Sunday, July 7th

Catholic Mass – TBD

BUEBESCHWINGEN

11:30am – Sign-ups

12:00pm – Start

DANCE & AWARDS

55th Annual Oktoberfest
Saturday, October 5th, 2024

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Society.org](http://www.LewisPacificSwissSociety.org)

The Swiss Sportmen's Club of Tacoma



*Wishes San Diego County Swiss Club a
Successful West Coast Championship Schwingfest*



*Come Join Us For Our 96th Anniversary Schwingfest
August 10th & 11th, 2024*



PORTLAND SCHWINGFEST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd, 2024

10 am – Midnight

Friday August 2nd Outsider's Party 7:00 – 10:00 pm

10308 NW Helvetia Road, Hillsboro, Oregon
In Nussbaumer Orchard Across from Helvetia Tavern

The train trestle is **10'10"** Over-height Vehicles must detour

Swiss Alpine Wrestling ('Schwingen') Sign Up at 10:30 AM
Wrestling Starts at 11:00

Lunch Served Noon to 4:00

Dinner Served 6:00 – 7:30

Crowns at 9:00 pm Swiss Dance 7:00 pm - Midnight

Buebe Awards following Schwingen and Steinstossen

Steinstossen Kids and Adult Age Groups

Kid's Activities: Bouncy House, Corn Hole

Admission: \$12 Day and Dance (\$6 12-yr to 18-yr Old)

Cash ONLY at the Schwingfest - ATM at Helvetia Tavern

Burgers - Sausage - Beer - Wine - Soda - Water for Sale

Swiss souvenirs, Pastries, Bergkase (Cheese) for Sale

RVs Allowed - Limited RV hookups (Call to Reserve)

INFO: Joanne Odermott, PSI Secretary

jojoodermott@gmail.com 503-799-5263

No Fires or Smoking Allowed - Service dogs only



PORTLANDSWISS



Wishing you a successful
West Coast Championship
Schwingfest



Good luck to all the Schwingers
From your friends at the
Tillamook Swiss Society

SEE YOU IN TILLAMOOK IN 2025!



Special thanks to the Ruegg Family for their donation of this beautiful lithograph depicting the Swiss Army in the 1890's.



Visit our Souvenir Booth



Landjäger and Swiss Cheese available at the souvenir booth



Schwingfest History



Schwingen stems back to the middle ages. The first nationally organized Schwingfest was in 1805, “the Unspunnenfest.” It was located in the Bernese Alps and is still held every 6 years there to this day. The National Championships, “Eidgenössisches Schwingfest” is held every 3 years in a different city.



The National Schwing Association was founded in 1895. Since then, wrestling has been officially considered a Swiss national sport. Schwingen had increasingly found its way from the Alps to the cities. The alpine farmers or “Sennenschwinger” traditionally from rural areas - wear dark pants with the iconic edelweiss shirt. The “Gymnasts” originating from the cities - wear white pants and shirts.

The wrestlers wear “Schwinghosen” or canvas shorts. The belt is used to take a good grip and the wrestler has to have a hold of the shorts with at least one hand throughout the match. The first person to pin his opponent’s back to the ground wins the match.

There are over 120 combinations of grips and moves. The most practiced are... ->

The 4 Judges give a score at the end of each match. A flat throw with your opponent landing on at least 2/3 of his back gives you 10.00 pts. A normal win gives 9.75. An undecided match gives 8.75 but can increase to 9.00 if you have been very active and have wrestled well. A loss will give 8.50 pts but can go up to 8.75.

Schwingen has been around for over 800 years and still continues to boom! In the last few decades, the sport has become increasingly popular, especially with the younger crowds.

There are official traditions followed at every Schwingfest: Before the start of each match, the opponents shake hands as a sign of fairness and respect. The winner then wipes the sawdust off the shoulders & back of his opponent. After 6 rounds of matches, the top two wrestlers compete in the final match, the “Schlussgang.” The Champion of the day is then lifted on the shoulders of his teammates to celebrate with the crowd.





California Schwingers of the Past





Schwingfest

June 2023





SAN DIEGO COUNTY SWISS CLUB

73RD ANNUAL SCHWINGFEST RESULTS

JUNE 17, 2023

RANK	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
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SENIORS

1	Hess, Dominik	Engelberg, CH	59.50
2	Macleod, Nathan	Tacoma, WA	56.75
3	Leimgruber, Paul	Holtville, CA	56.50
4	Shallberger, Clinton	Stockton, CA	56.25

ABOVE WITH CROWNS

5A	Galvan, Dawson	Chula Vista, CA	56.00
5B	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	56.00
6	Bellavia, Joseph	San Diego, CA	55.25
7	Chavez, Christopher	Tijuana, MX	55.00
8	Meixueiro, Eddie	San Diego, CA	54.75
9	Bigalk, Luke	Chula Vista, CA	53.75
10	King, Alexander	Chula Vista, CA	53.75

JUNIORS - 12 to 16 Years

1	Toscaro, Lexus	Imperial Beach, CA	57.50
2	Contreras, River	San Diego, CA	57.00
3	Muther, Kevin	San Diego, CA	56.75

ABOVE WITH BELLS

4	Nebel, Aomi	San Diego, CA	54.75
5A	Muther, Jason	San Diego, CA	54.50
5B	Ortiz, Lucas	San Diego, CA	54.50
6	Theep, Nico	Coronado, CA	53.50
	Caron, Cody	San Diego, CA	18.75

GROUP B - 8 to 10 Years

1	Bostrom, Travis	Escondido, CA	57.75
2	Ortiz, David	San Diego, CA	56.50
3	Ortiz, Ellis	San Diego, CA	55.75

ABOVE WITH BELLS

4	Hyde, Mathew	Imperial Beach, CA	55.50
5A	Lowery, Benjamin	Chula Vista, CA	54.75
5B	Theep, Melia	Coronado, CA	54.75
6	Andermatt, Filza	San Diego, CA	52.50

GROUP C - 4 to 7 Years

1	Bostrom, Dillon	Escondido, CA	56.75
2	Lowery, Joseph	Chula Vista, CA	56.50
3	Keshka, Sloan	San Diego, CA	55.75

ABOVE WITH BELLS

4	Macleod, Kameron	Tacoma, WA	55.50
5	Keshka, Logan	San Diego, CA	54.75
6	Hyde, Mason	Imperial Beach, CA	52.50



Schwingfest Crown Ceremony





Steinstossen 2023

Swiss Traditional Rock Throw



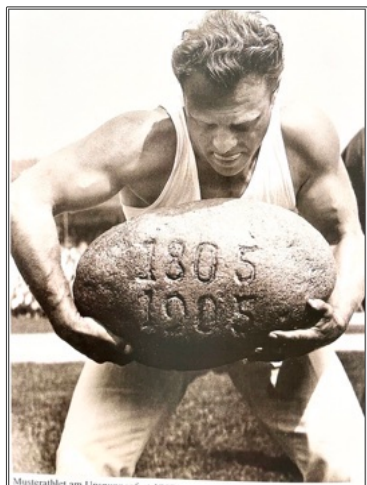
San Diego 2023 Winners

Men

- 1st - 144" Grant Widmer
- 2nd - 122" Billy Marchans

Women

- 1st - 156" Stacy Britschgi
- 2nd - 140" Nadine Sutter



“Steinstossen”, stone throwing is a centuries-old Swiss Alpine traditional sport. Competitors hurl a huge stone into a designated area. The winner, being the one throwing the stone the longest distance in the best of 3 rounds. Stones used at festivals are of varying weights. The largest stone used is the famed “Unspunnenstein” weighing 184 pounds which is only used every three years at the “Eidgenössisches” Schwingfest and every six years at the “Unspunnenfest”.

Schwinger Fans

2023



San Diego Members out and about



The Cinema Society invited our members to the viewing of the film "Die Herbstzeitlosen." Guest of honor, the San Francisco Swiss Consulate General, Balz Abplanalp.



Ripon Schwingfest



Imperial Valley Schwingfest





San Diego Swiss Ladies

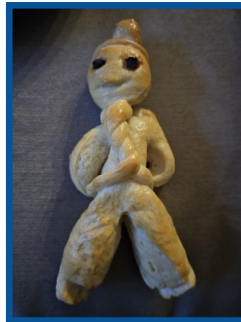
Founded in 1962, the Swiss Ladies continue to meet monthly for friendship and camaraderie. This year we have experienced great dining, along with outings to interesting locations.



We visited Olympic Café-Greek, Veranda at RB, Peohe's-Seafood, Picero Mio-Italian, Bella Vista Social Club & Caffé, El Sueno-Mexican and Julian Grill. Our annual Thanksgiving buffet lunch was a wonderful get together, as always. The December gathering Samiklaus, members made their favorite homemade Swiss baked goodies. We end our calendar year with our June potluck. All three of these events are held at the Swiss Club. We take a break for July and August. Gatherings are typically on the first Tuesday of each month. Husbands and friends are always welcomed. Most of the group members speak Swiss German and we have a great time.

We would love to invite all ladies to be part of our Ladies Group.

lsdreier@gmail.com



SAN DIEGO SWISS ATHLETIC CLUB

The San Diego Swiss Rifle Team was established in 1984 under the leadership of Walter Niederberger. The Los Angeles Rifle Team was kind enough to give us three Karabiners to get us started. Later we were able to get six more rifles from the Swiss Government. Currently, the team meets the second Saturday of every month. The ten ring is 2.25" in diameter and we shoot from 200 yards with open sights. If you are interested in joining us, you can reach Mike Odermatt (619) 857-3963.



Here is an example of our fine shooting!





San Diego Swiss Club Jass



Jass is a popular card game in Switzerland and has made its way across Europe & the United States. Since 2019 the San Diego Swiss Club has hosted games for the experienced players and newcomers. It's a day of fun for all, filled with trick taking and strategy playing!

Come join us for a day of fun. We typically play every 3rd Sunday of the month at the Swiss Club from 1-4pm.



Please RSVP: Lilian Dreier lsdreier@gmail.com
or Andrea Nebel andrea.nebel@hotmail.com



Thank You Bob & Estela Egger for generously donating the beautiful wood carved chair for 2024 Champion Schwinger.

2024 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.

- ★ Rudy & Doris Kastlunger
- ★ Coralie Zumstein
- ★ Mark & Mary Pum
- ★ George Reber
- ★ Theresa Mathis
- ★ Conrad & Karen Grass
- Louis & Esther Pierotti
- Steven & Alissa Mashburn
- Peter & Jackie Zuger



The Artist Behind the Beautiful Paintings in our Hall

Richard Bamattre (1893-1964) Born in Basel, Switzerland painted the four paintings hanging in our Swiss Hall, which were originally painted for the Hofer family. Mr. & Mrs. Julius Hofer Sr. generously donated the paintings to our club many years ago, bringing Switzerland into our hall. Richard loved to paint Swiss scenes – the Alps, mountains, lake sceneries, animals and chateaus.



Richard married Martha Fenner in Switzerland and moved to San Francisco. There, Richard worked as foreman of a decorating company. He was transferred to Los Angeles in 1924, working primarily on churches and theaters. His paintings could be seen in the Warner Brothers Theater, old Los Angeles Theater, the Million Dollar Theater and the Paramount Theater. His paintings grace St. Vincent Church and the Seminary in Montebello, CA. He also did backdrop paintings for movie sets where his wife, Martha, had small acting parts in movies with Gene Kelly and Laurel & Hardy.

Richard and Martha were very active in the Swiss organizations. He was asked to do paintings for the Swiss Halls up and down the state.

His paintings are also on display in the Newark and Ripon Swiss Halls. Another of his works, of the St Bernard Pass, can be found at the St Bernard Lodge in Mill Creek, CA (near Lake Almanor.)



To Richard Bamattre, Thank you for your talent that adorns our hall.
To the Hofer Family, Thank you for the donation of a gift that keeps giving.



Fall Picnic 2023

Swiss Alps Experience



Swiss Explorer Day





San Diego County Swiss Club

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DAY EVENTS

10:00 am	Park Opens
10:30 am	Wrestler Sign up Meeting with Judges
11:00 am	Wrestling Begins Souvenir & Game Booths
12:00 - 3:30 pm	Lunch served Steinstossen following "Schlussgang"

EVENING EVENTS

5:00 pm	Hall Opens
6:30-8:00 pm	Dinner served
8:30 pm	Schwinger Awards Music and Dancing with The Blaser - Faver Band

2024 SCHWINGFEST COMMITTEE

Fest President	Ernie Ludwig
Referee	David Egger
Wrestling Stats	Karen Odermatt
Food Sales	Carmela Egger
BBQ/Lunch	Steve Egger & Kastlunger Family
Souvenirs/Volunteers	Debbie Morris
Games	Sandi Leeman
Park Set Up	Tony Odermatt & Anne Odermatt
Program	Mühlemann, Morris, Odermatt & Abajian

San Diego County Swiss Club

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MEET THE SWISS BAND “KAPELLE BLASER-FAVER”



Julie



John



Joe

The Kapelle Blaser-Faver Band, first formed in 1952, hails from Washington State. While the band began as a family effort, friends have joined over the years, and today these talented musicians perform in various combinations. Rooted in Swiss Music (Ländlermusik), Kapelle Blaser-Faver specializes in waltzes, polkas, ländlers, schottisches, and foxtrots, as well as other dance-friendly music. They are also well-versed in jodeling and alphorn, with a deep understanding of their cultural history. The San Diego Swiss Club is excited to have Kapelle Blaser-Faver as part of our event. Please extend your warmest welcome!

For more information please visit www.joeblasermusic.com

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our members, businesses advertisers and fellow Swiss Clubs for supporting our Championship Schwingfest! We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our members who make invaluable contributions throughout the year. Your dedication, time, and effort are the driving forces behind the success of our events. Whether it's organizing, setting up, coordinating, or simply lending a helping hand, your commitment does not go unnoticed.





August 1, 2023

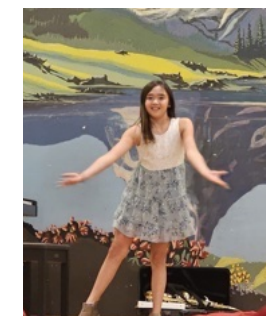
Swiss Independence Day

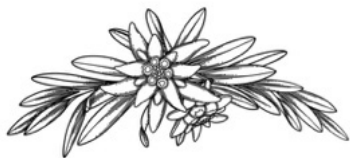




Celebrating Christmas

2023





In Remembrance



Max Buchmann (94yrs) - March 20, 1929 ~ June 21, 2024.



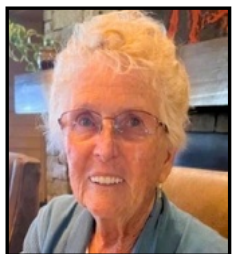
Max was born in Mettmerstetten, Zurich, Switzerland and immigrated to the U.S. in 1952. When Max first came to San Diego he worked for Julius Hofer and then, worked on the Dairy Farm for Robert Egger, Sr., a time in which he always spoke fondly. Max was a big supporter of the Swiss Community and President of the San Diego Swiss Club in 1975 and 1976 and was also an Honorary Member of the Club. Max participated in the Pacific Coast Swiss Singing Festivals and was Sangervater when the Pacific Coast Swiss Festival was held in San Diego in 1991. Max always had a smile on his face and is so missed by his family and friends.

Ernie Hofer (71yrs) - Feb 21, 1952 ~ October 19, 2023.

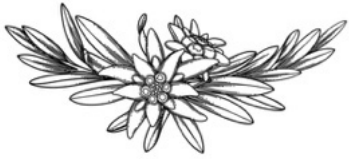


Ernie was born in Chula Vista, California. He was a committed, supportive and loving dad and grandfather who enjoyed bringing people together. He started his successful trucking company at the young age of 18. His family and Swiss heritage were very important to him. He served on the San Diego Swiss Club Board in 1987 as a Director. Ernie leaves behind a daughter Stacey, sons Eric and Scott (Dahlia), grandkids Levi, Ashley and Vanessa, siblings Julius (Sandy) and Betty (Jim). Aunt Corky Zumstein and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He is predeceased by his parents Julius and Marge (Zumstein) Hofer, grandson Anthony and sister Gloria (Chuck). Ernie was one of a kind, loving, funny, opinionated and generous. He was truly loved and is deeply missed.

Helen Senn (93yrs) - April 4, 1930 ~ Jan. 17, 2024.



Helen was born in Basel, Switzerland to Wilhelm and Clara Näegelin. She was an only child and grew up with many cousins, family gatherings were common. She met her lifetime love Hans at a dance, they married in 1952. She worked as a secretary in Switzerland. Hans had seen pictures of San Diego and they both decided to immigrate to the U.S. in 1957. She leaves behind son Mike, daughters Maya and Heidi, along with her grandchildren. Helen was a long standing member of the Swiss Club, on the Board of Directors 1990, 1992 - 1995, active in the Swiss Choir, Ladies Group and an Honorary Member. Even in her 90's you could find her helping in the Souvenir Booth. Helen was amazing. She will be remembered for her kindness, sweetness, and her great big smile.

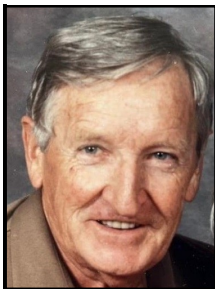


Paul Odermatt (96yrs) - Oct. 17, 1926 ~ July 10, 2023.



Born in Alpnach, Switzerland in 1926, the eldest of 12 siblings. Paul had a profound appreciation for family and community and was always regarded as a hard worker. Paul received sponsorship from his uncle Kamil Omlin to immigrate to the U.S. in 1949, where he further cultivated his craft and embraced the language and culture of his newly adopted country. Eventually settling in San Diego, establishing himself as a skilled and trusted builder. He met Mary Egger while building Robert Egger's home and in 1956, they married. They had five children to whom they passed their values of Swiss tradition and community involvement. Paul was an active member of St. Charles Church, the Boys & Girls Club of Imperial Beach, Swiss Singers and President of the San Diego Swiss Club from 1965-66, 1993-1995. He passed away peacefully in the home he built with his sons. Paul is preceded in death by Mary, wife of 58 years; survived by his children, Tony (Karen), Michael (Melinda), Margaret, Anne (George), Richard (Kat) and many adored grandchildren and great grandchildren. Paul was an inspiration and will be greatly missed.

Max Wirth (97yrs) – Sept 7, 1927 ~ Nov 15, 2023.



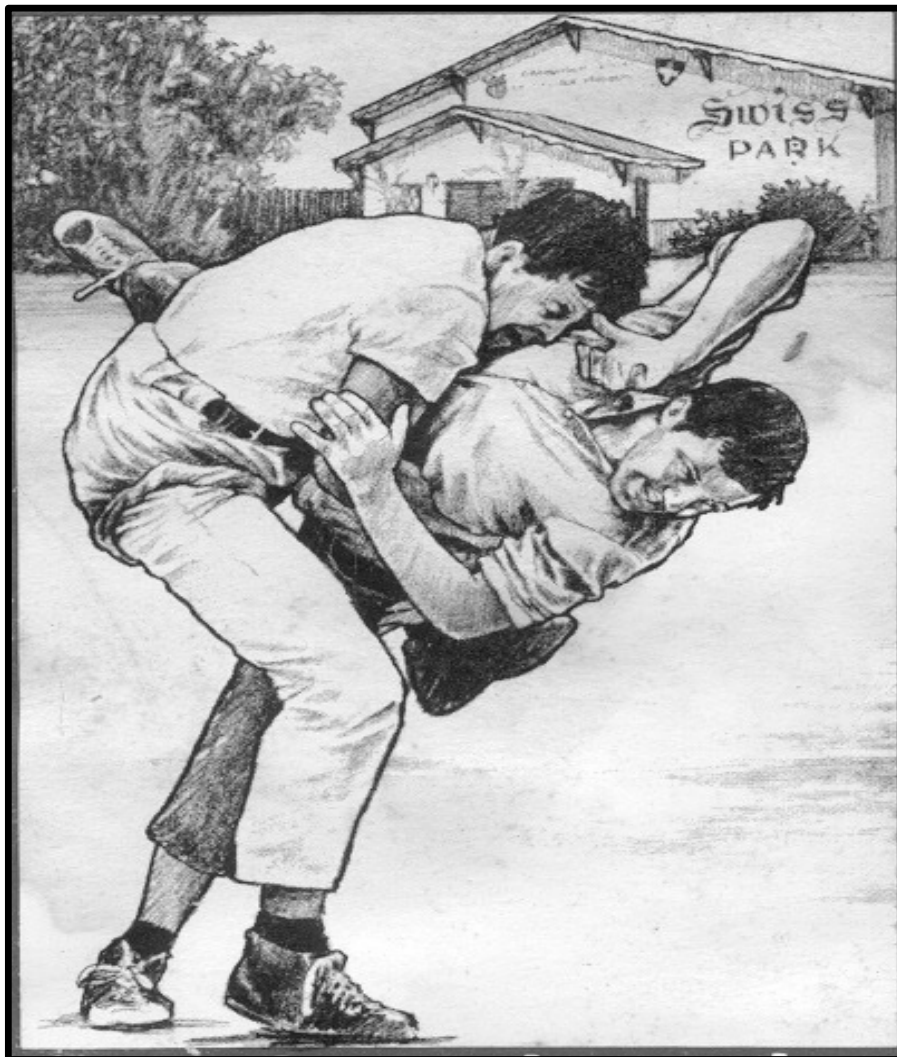
Max was born in Lucerne, Switzerland. He followed in his dad's footsteps and became a baker. He traveled the world with his baking skills and met his wife Colette in Canada. They then moved to Miami and had Coco. After several years he returned to Switzerland to help run his dad's bakery. His dad passed so Max sold the bakery and returned again to the U.S. and settled in Pacific Beach. He became a member of the San Diego Swiss Club where he presided as President from 1979 to 1983. He also started the Swiss Wrestling Club "Schwingen" and Swiss Singers Choir. Max was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Colette Lafontaine. He is survived by his daughter, Coco, and many other family members. On one final point, Max was Swiss to the core. His house was filled with Swiss artifacts and flags and his car had the Swiss license plate "Pilatus" the mountain overlooking Lucerne. In keeping with this spirit, his ashes were spread on the Lake of Lucerne in Switzerland.

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condolences to the families of our members who have passed.
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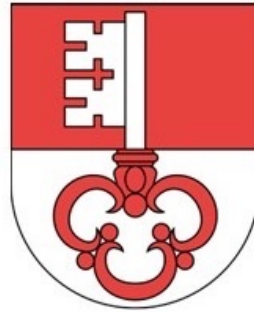
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On behalf of your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, we thank you for this wonderful heritage and tradition you were both so very much a part of and help build.

We love and miss you dearly,
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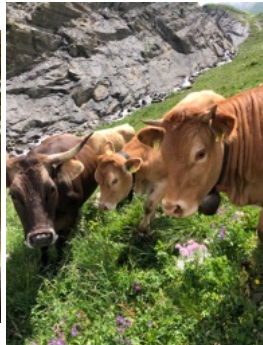
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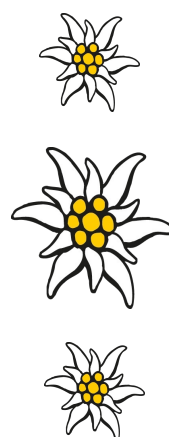


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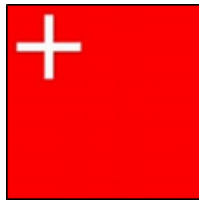


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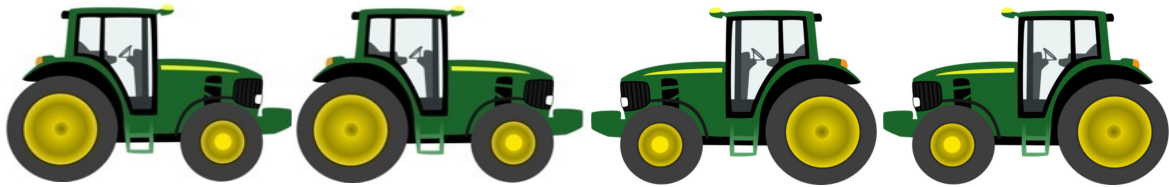


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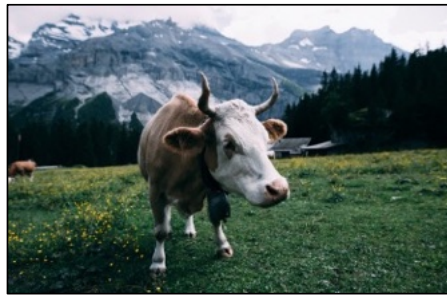
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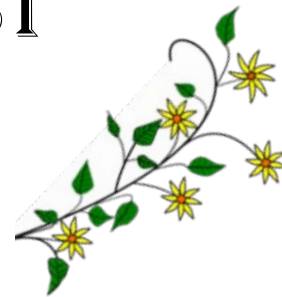
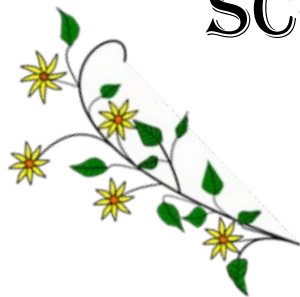
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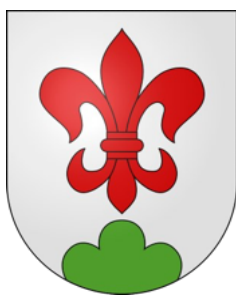


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Good Luck to all Schwingers
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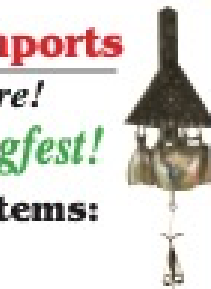
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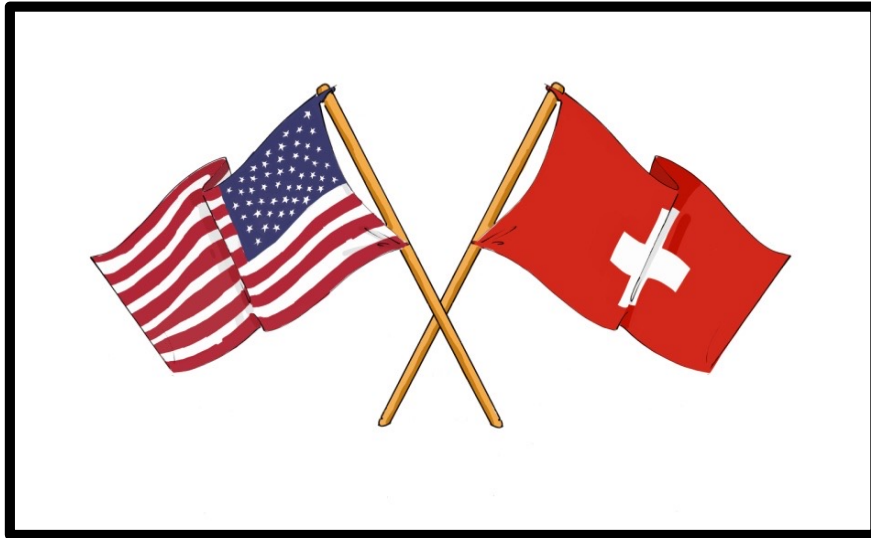
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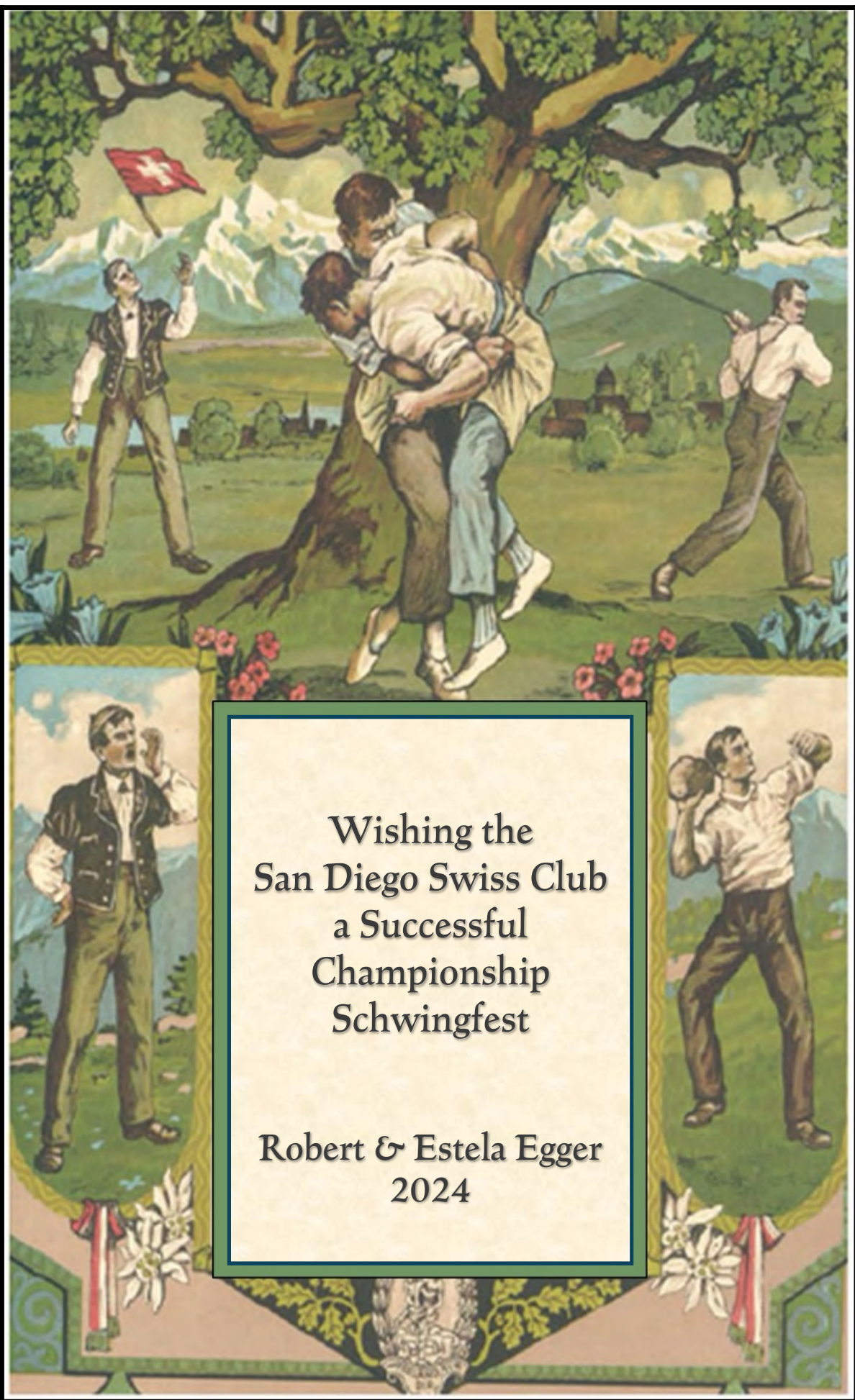
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