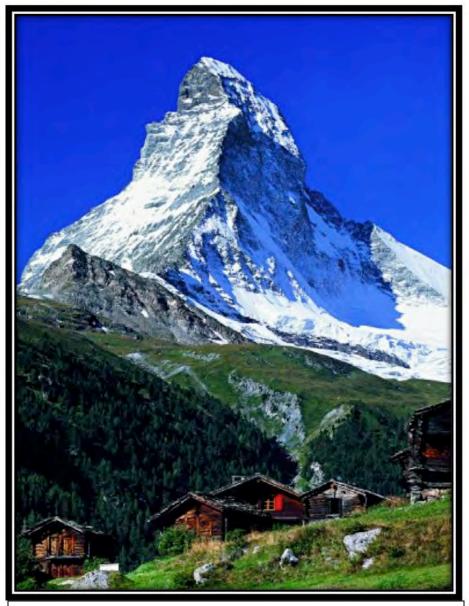


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Our Board of Directors (and their guests) at our Annual Director Appreciation luncheon held at Humphrey's on the Bay on Sunday, March 3, 2019. Missing was Olga Buhler

The Board of Directors of the San Diego County Swiss Club would like to welcome you to our 70<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Gruezi and Willkommen

# Stop by our Souvenir booth and see our many items from Switzerland







Long time members and volunteers Helen Senn, Tina Duenez, Debbie Morris and Margot Linback



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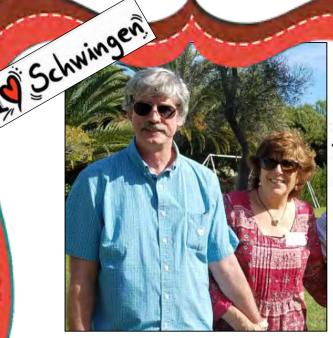
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# Good Luck to the Schwingers Richard and Pinkie Drew







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> Steve, Debbie, Donna, Kathy, David, Cindy and Diane



#### **2019 Schwingfest Dates**

6-Apr-2019 1-Jun-2019 8-Jun-2019 15-Jun-2019 5-Jul-2019 13-Jul-2019 20-Jul-2019 9/11-Aug-2019 24/25-Aug-2019 31-Aug-2019 7-Sep-2019 Imperial Valley\* San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club\* Swiss Sportsman Club\* San Diego Swiss Club\* WCSWA Championship Lewis Pacific Swiss Society Portland Swiss Club Sierra Swiss Club Swiss Sportsman Club Eidgenossisches Schwingfest San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club\* Holtville, CA Ripon, CA Tacoma, WA San Diego, CA Frances, WA Portland, OR Truckee, CA Tacoma, WA Zug, Switzerland Ripon, CA Newark, CA

#### \*Counts towards the WCSWA PERPETUAL TROPHY

Each year the Schwingers in the 6 WCSWA Schwingfests are tracked. Each Schwinger earn points depending upon their placings and the number of Schwingers participating. A trophy is given out to the Schwinger with the most points each year. These points help the West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association determine who to nominate for the Eidgenössische Schwingfest every three years.

We are fortunate in 2019 to send 4 Schwingers— Andrew Betschart, Jakob Schallberger, Dustin Gwerder and Steven Widmer to Zug. Wishing you a Successful Schwingfest!!

# Swiss Club of Imperial Valley



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# Greetings and Best Wishes to our Schwingers and Friends Steve & Carmela Egger and Family



Dustin Gwerder, Jakob Schallberger, Steven Widmer and Andrew Betschart

California Schwingers traveling to Switzerland to wrestle in the Eidgenössisches

## 2018 SD Swiss Club Wrestling Results

| Age Group   | Hometown        | Name                |    |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|----|
| Senior      | Modesto, CA     | Betschart, Andrew   | 1  |
| Senior      | Switzerland     | Gisler, Mike        | 2  |
| Senior      | Fresno CA       | Schallberger, Jakob | 3  |
| Senior      | Ripon, CA       | Widmer, Steven      | 4A |
| Senior      | Chula Vista, CA | Ojeda, Luis         | 4B |
| Senior      | Switzerland     | Waser, Patrick      | 5  |
| Senior      | San Ysidro, CA  | Arechiga, Alexander | 6  |
| Senior      | Scottsbluff, NE | Ramirez, Israel     | 7  |
| Senior      | San Diego, CA   | Quiroga, Ignacio    | 8  |
| Senior      | Ripon, CA       | Berchtold, Michael  | 9  |
| Senior      | San Ysidro, CA  | Bustos, Henry       | 10 |
|             |                 |                     |    |
| Junior      | San Ysidro, CA  | Robles, Angel       | 1A |
| Junior      | Los Angeles, CA | Egger, Noah         | 1B |
| Youth 10-12 | Coronado, CA    | Freeman, Parker     | 1  |
| Youth 10-12 | San Diego, CA   | Muther, Kevin       | 2  |
| Youth 10-12 | San Diego, CA   | Gravador, Damian    | 3  |
| Youth 10-12 | San Diego, CA   | Rogers, Noah        | 4  |
| Youth 10-12 | Texas           | Grover, Trace       | 5  |
|             |                 |                     |    |
| Youth - 7   | San Diego, CA   | Muther, Jason       | 1  |
| Youth - 7   | San Diego, CA   | Nebel, Aomi         | 2  |
| Youth - 7   | Coronado, CA    | Theep, Nico         | 3  |
| Youth - 7   | Holtville, CA   | Williams, Beau      | 4  |
| Youth - 7   | San Diego, CA   | Silvestra, Zoe      | 5  |
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### **California Schwinger's Heading to Switzerland**

This year four Schwinger's from the Ripon Schwinger Club have been chosen to attend and represent the Auslandschweizer from California USA at the Eidgenossisches Schwingfest in ZUG August 24-25, 2019. This is quite an honor for these young men. They are following in some very big footsteps. They are:









Andrew Betschart, 25. Betschart of Modesto has 24 Crowns, 4 which are West Coast Championship Crowns in which one of those is a Gold Crown. This will be Andrew's second trip to wrestle in Switzerland. He works at American Crane Rental. His parents are Ted and Marge Betschart.

Jakob Schallberger, 25. Jakob of Lodi has 25 Crowns, 3 which are West Coast Championship Crowns in which one of those is a Gold Crown. He has placed in 5 championship Schwingfests and was named the perpetual wrestler in 2016 and has 7 Schöneschwinger awards. Jakob graduated from Fresno State with a masters in Civil Engineering and currently works for BSK Associates as a Staff Engineer. His parents are Louie and Heidi Schallberger.

Dustin Gwerder, 26 from Truckee, CA has many crowns and 1 first place crown. He is a firefighter / paramedic. He loves being outdoors . . . hunting, fishing and hiking. Dustin is excited to compete in Switzerland, especially since it will be held in the "innerschwyz" close to where his Swiss relatives are from. His parents are Urs and Silvia Gwerder.

Steven Widmer, 27, from Manteca (Ripon) has 30 Crowns. Steven graduated from Cal-State Fullerton in 2015 with a bachelors in Kinesiology. He is currently a P.E. teacher and has been named the head wrestling coach at Franklin High School in Stockton, CA. This is Steven's first trip to Switzerland to wrestle. His parents are Joe Widmer and Tina Craig.





# 2018 Christmas Party in San Diego



# 2018 Schwingfest – San Diego



## 2018 – San Diego











Andrew Betchart from Ripon Swiss Club, our 2018 Champion.







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Paul Odermatt with great grandsons Travis LaRue and Dillon Paul.



#### Family & Swiss traditions!

Thank you "Pata" for showing us the way!

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#### Good luck to the Schwingers!

Steven, Christine, Travis and Dillon Bostrom



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## **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.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY SWISS CLUB ON THEIR 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCHWINGFEST

### **GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE SCHWINGERS**



### Walter Zumstein



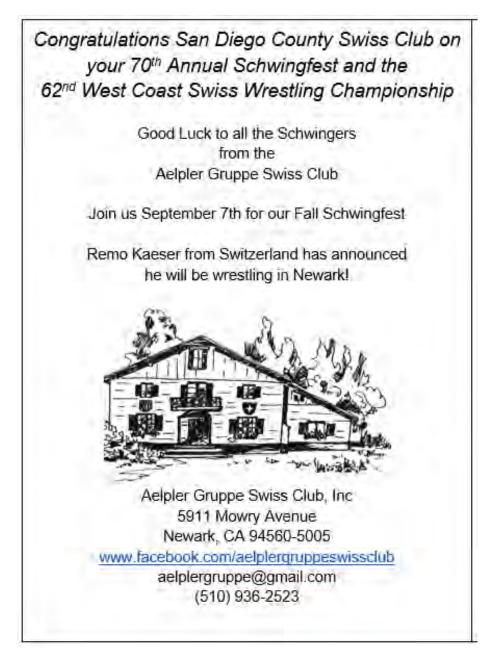


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# Fondue Picnic \* Swiss Explorers Day Swiss Alps Experience

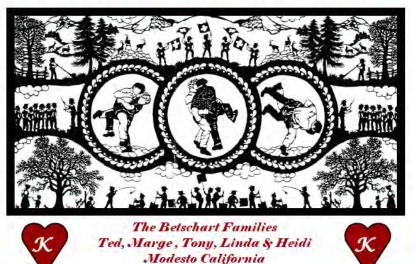
In the spirit of keeping our Swiss Heritage and traditions alive amongst our children; San Diego Swiss Club incorporated Swiss Explorers Day and Swiss Alps Experience with our Spring and Fall Fondue picnics. Children are encouraged to explore their heritage by participating in activities during the Fondue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

Events included; rock climbing wall, a junior zip line, Schwingen, rock throw, music, Swiss language, archery, and Bernese Mountain dogs. Crafts included making walking sticks, knapsacks, lampions bratzeli cookies and Swiss Canton shields. The children also learned to sing "Knapsack on my Back". After making lampions, the children paraded through the darkened hall with their handmade illuminated lampions. A fun time was 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.



### Congratulations & Best Wishes For a Great Championship Schwingfest





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# Fondue Picnic \* Swiss Explorers Day **Swiss Alps Experience**



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A big THANK YOU to the many years that Ruedi Lusti has served as a director of the SD Swiss Club and as the liaison with our Swiss Athletic Society. He has stepped down from the Board of Directors but still remains involved with the Club. With him is his lovely wife, Suzi Lusti.



Swiss Singing Society Harmonies will be entertaining us throughout the day. They are from Los Angeles.

# **70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCHWINGFEST**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Park Opens Wrestlers sign up National Anthem Wrestling Commences

Game booths, Souvenir booth, face painting (artist), balloon maker and jump for joys

12:00 to 3:00 Lunch served

### After wrestling, Steinstossen

6:00 to 8:00 Dinner 8:00 p.m. Schwinger Awards

Gander-Scheiber Swiss Orchestra will be playing from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. For your dancing and listening pleasure they will delight you with Landler, schottish, polkas and waltzes.



# SAN DIEGO COUNTY SWISS CLUB

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### Celebrate Swiss Independence Day

#### Thursday, August 1, 2019



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



#### **EVENT CALENDAR 2019**

SAN DIEGO COUNTY SWISS CLUB

June 15 Aug. 1st Oct. 20th Dec. 1st Dec. 15th Schwingfest Swiss National Day Fall Picnic General Meeting Christmas Party Thank you for your Swiss Club Memberships. Cards will be sent by request only. For questions contact Debbie Morris at (619) 922-4474 or email dmorris379@aol.com.





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

## **GEORGE & BETTY REBER AND FAMILY**



# 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

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

#### Thank you all for keeping Swiss traditions alive!



**The Abajian's** Margaret, Catherine, William and Olivia



Debbie Morris with grandson Lee

## Best wishes to the Schwingers!

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





It is always fun to attend other clubs' Schwingfests. Tony (President of San Diego and Karen Odermatt with Ben Abatti Jr and his wife Judy in Holtville for the Imperial Valley Schwingfest on April 1, 2019.











Imperial Valley Swiss Club Champion of the day was Jakob Schallberger

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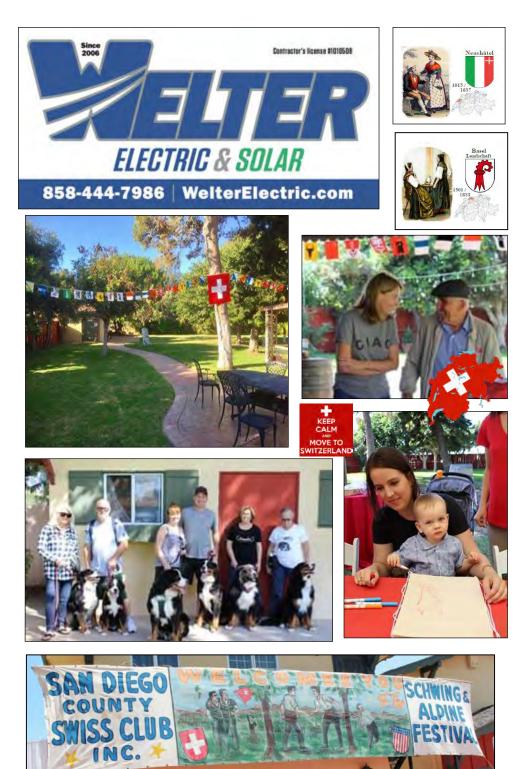
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#### August 1<sup>st</sup> – SWISS INDEPENDENCE DAY

The San Diego County Swiss Club <u>always</u> celebrates Swiss Independence Day on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please come and join us on this very special day. August 1, 2019 will be on Thursday so bring your family out and join us for a bratwurst dinner, games and the traditional bonfire, lampions and authentic Swiss music.







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

Robert & Estela Egger Walter & Marianne Egger David Egger Steve & Carmela Egger Al Hollenstein Rudy Kastlunger Max and Hedy Buchmann Emil Lehmann Margot Linback Ruedi Lusti Paul J. Odermatt Paul & Marilyn Pluss George & Betty Reber Paula Zumstein

#### *In remembrance and appreciation of our deceased Honorary Members*

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#### San Diego Swiss Club February Event

A cozy and fun afternoon playing the Swiss Traditional Card Game of "Jass"



Hello Members,

We are trying to gather enough members to play "Jass". If there is enough interest we will meet Sunday, February 24th, from 1-4pm at the Swiss Park. An email will go out later with an update.

Lessons will be provided for players new to the game and for those who would like a refresher course. Please contact Lilian Dreier at (858) 228-0813 or <u>lsdreier@hotmail.com</u> for questions or if interested in playing.





We had our first Jass party on Sunday, February 24, 2019. A great time was had by all.



A Big **THANK YOU** Bob and Estela Egger have donated the Swiss wood carved chair which has been given to the Champion Schwinger of the Day for over 30 years.











Rosanna Phillips aged 82, passed away on September 27, 2018. She was born in Imperial CA, the daughter of Adolf and Hilda Odermatt. She was preceded in death by her husband Brandt Phillips.

She is survived by her three siblings, Hilda Ambiel (Heidi), Walter Britschgi and Betty Britschgi; 9 nieces and nephews and 14 grand nieces and nephews.

She was a long time member of the San Diego Swiss Club and will be greatly missed.



| ADMISSION PRICES  |         |
|---|---------|
| <b>Park Entrance</b><br>Children 12 and under are free<br>Schwingers are free   | \$10.00 |
| Adult Lunch<br>Bratwurst or BBQ Beef Plate<br>Includes fruit & potato salad<br>(veggie burgers & veggie dogs available) | \$12.00 |
| <b>Child Lunch</b><br>Hot Dog, Chips, & Fruit   | \$5.00  |
| DINNER  |         |
| Adults  | \$20.00 |
| Schwingers  | Free    |
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#### Best Wishes for a Successful 70<sup>th</sup> Schwingfest San Diego Swiss Ladies Society



Founded in 1962, the Swiss Ladies continue to meet monthly for friendship and camaraderie. We visit many different locations – one each month. Above was our November, 2018 meeting held at the Swiss Park for our annual Thanksgiving buffet lunch which is always a wonderful time together. At our December meeting, we celebrate with a Chlausenhook.

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 <u>sdswissclub@gmail.com</u> or visit the club webpage at <u>www.sdswissclub.com</u>.

We wish all the Schwingers and their families best of luck during San Diego County Swiss Club 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Schwingfest. Tony and Karen Odermatt

Geoffrey, Vanessa, Layla & Ava Granzow





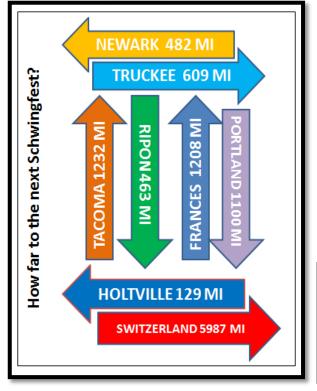
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Megan Granzow

Good luck to all the Schwingers













### **GONE – BUT NOT FORGOTTEN**

**Rosanna Phillips** November 10, 1935 – September 27, 2018 She was born in Imperial CA and was the daughter of Adolf and Hilda Odermatt



Margarite Rose Hollenstein August 23, 1934 – November 4, 2018 Loving mother of four and grandmother of two, Margarite passed away at age 84. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Alfons Hollenstein. She was an active member of the



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

San Diego Swiss Club.





Left to right, Anita Aikin, Marge Hofer, Paula Zumstein, and Ella Sulzer.





OLD HALL, 1959 Schwingfest. Albert Spack (LA), Hans Sigrist.

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From our family to yours. Wishing all the Schwingers a fantastic wrestling day. Tom, Collin and Sandi Leeman



Good Luck Schwingers! David and Peggy Egger and family



## A Big Thank You

Cindy Mühlemann (Egger), living in Switzerland, has provided our Club with Schwinger prizes and souvenirs for decades. We appreciate all of her time and energy to keep our Swiss traditions alive here at the San Diego Swiss Club.



























Ben Abatti, Jr President at Imperial Valley Swiss Club, Ron Leimgruber, Past President of IV Swiss Club and Bob Egger, Long time member of SD Swiss Club





Remember – email your pictures to sdswissclub@gmail.com

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







## San Diego Swiss Athletic Society



## Best Wishes for a Successful 70<sup>th</sup> Schwingfest!

The San Diego Swiss Athletic Society was established in 1984 under the leadership of Walter Niederberger. Ruedi Luesti is currently leading the team. 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



Join the fun at our booths! Toss a ring to



quench your thirst Spin the wheel for Cheese Shop for Swiss items Try the ever popular LANDJAGERS!

## 2019 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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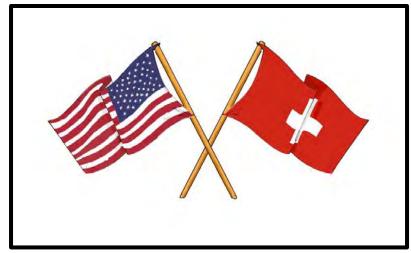
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