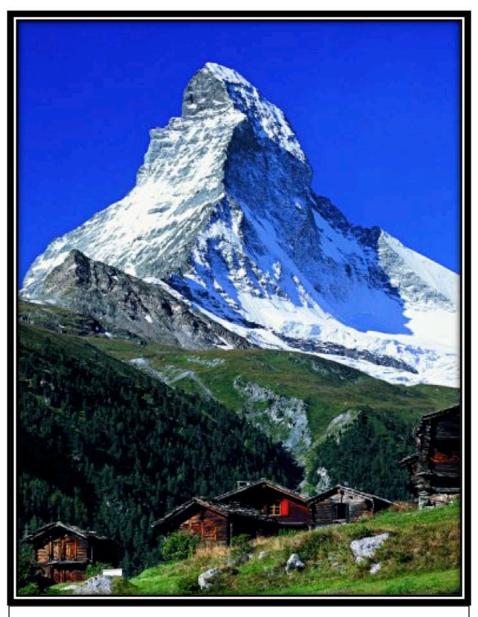
SAN DIEGO COUNTY SWISS CLUB JUNE 21, 2014



57TH WCSWA CHAMPIONSHIP 65TH ANNUAL SCHWINGFEST



Congratulations on your 65th Annual Schwingfest!
Max & Hedy Buchmann and Family

A Message from the Board





Fred Lehmann, Debbie Morris, Steve Egger, Tina Duenez, Tony Odermatt, Karen Odermatt, Daniel Vanetti, Margot Linback, and Ruedi Lusti

The Board of Directors of the San Diego County Swiss Club would like to welcome you to our 65th Annual Schwingfest. It is also the West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association 57th Annual Championship. It is with much pride that we are able to continue this wonderful tradition. We are forever grateful to our previous generations for having the forethought and ability to provide such a lovely setting. Many things have changed but the enthusiasm and traditions for Schwingen remain constant. We are so glad to have you here with us today.

Finally, I would like to welcome the Schwingers who come to showcase their skills and strengths in the sawdust ring. Schwingen exemplifies important values: Each match begins and ends with a handshake and the rules dictate that the winner must always brush the sawdust from the losers back.

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

From the front page - Schwinger on the left is Pete Brun; Schwinger on the right is Fritz Ambuel. Statue was carved from a solid piece of walnut which was commissioned by Paul Odermatt and carved by Margarito in 1972. It is currently on display at the home of Paul and Mary Odermatt

A Message from the President of the West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association

Tony Odermatt



As President of both the San Diego County Swiss Club and the West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association, it is my dual pleasure to welcome you to this annual wrestling event at my home club. As we enter the 57th year of the West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association, I would like to encourage everyone to keep this tradition an important part of our lives.

At each Swiss Club on the West Coast, it takes many people, and many hours, to make an event such as this happen. I would like to thank the volunteers that donate their time and the members that donate their money, as well as the wrestlers who have the love and dedication for the Swiss style wrestling.

The championship rotates between five clubs in the Association. It is the premier Schwingen event of the year and draws wrestlers and supporters from all over the West Coast. In 2014, it is my distinct pleasure that my home club – San Diego County Swiss Club – is hosting the Championship. The championship is a great way to meet old friends and make new ones.

This is also an excellent opportunity for me to express my gratitude to Joe Ming for maintaining the website for the West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association. When you get a moment, take some time to view the site at www.westcoastswiss.org. You will be impressed.

Again, thank you for attending and enjoy your day.

San Diego County Swiss Club History

The San Diego County Swiss Club officially formed as a group in 1939. The Club's original Board of Directors were:

President Paul Aeschliman
Vice President Robert Egger, Sr.
Treasurer Theodore Blatter
Recording Secretary Walter Suter
Corresponding Secretary Leo Arnold
Director John Kastlunger
Director John Christen

Although they are no longer with us, their spirit lives on today. It is in their descendants and the many Swiss who have immigrated to this country to pass Swiss tradition and heritage to future generations.

The site for the very first Schwingfest, held in 1949, was Eggers' Park. In 1953, the club purchased from Robert Egger, Sr., the land that our park currently sits upon. In 1957, pulling resources together, the club built a great hall

Due to the expansion of the freeway, it was necessary to build a new hall. The beautiful hall used today was built in 1970. Today, after six decades of club activities, the tradition lives on with many thanks and fond memories of our founding fathers.

Swiss Motto: "Einer Fur Alle und Alle Fur Einer" "One for all and all for one."



From Left to Right: L. Leu, R. Heimers, J. Hofer Cooking: J. Christen, Blanche Aeschlimann, Berta Suter



April 5 Holtville, CA.- Imperial Valley Swiss Club Contact: Susan Muller Omlin 760-356-5335

June 7 Newark, CA – Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club 5911 Mowry Ave., Newark, CA 94560 Contact: Kurt Clausen 650-996-0151

June 14 Ripon, CA - San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club Contact: Don Widmer 209-982-1512

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August 8-10 Tacoma, WA- Tacoma Swiss Sportsmen Club Saengerfest, Golf & Schwingfest Contact: Earl Gratzer 253-875-9679

August 23 Ripon, CA – San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club Contact: Don Widmer 209-982-1512

August 30 Newark, CA – Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Contact: Kurt Clausen 650-988-1161

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







Kurt and Linda Clausen
WISHING YOU A SUCCESSFUL
CHAMPIONSHIP SCHWINGFEST

The History of the Schwingfest

Swiss style wrestling (Schwingen) is one of the oldest known sports. Around A.D. 1300, cow herders in the Alps started the sport. They wore bells around their waists, and handkerchiefs around their knees. There have been Schwingfest (Swiss style wrestling matches) in Switzerland for hundreds of years, testing the strength and agility of the mountain farmers. Winners were determined to be the strongest of the group.

Soon after the first Swiss Style Wrestling instruction book was published in 1864, the Turners (Gymnasts) of the Swiss flat lands began to participate in the sport. These tough and limber wrestlers from the Gymnastic clubs soon became as good as the Senne (Farmers).

Historically Schwingfests are held today in locations such as Napf, Luedern, Rigi and Bruenig

The Schwinger

Today, we can recognize the Senne by their light blue mild shirt and dark grey trousers and the Turners by their dress of all white.

Besides the proper color of dress, a Schwinger (wrestler) needs a pair of short breeches made of heavy canvas call Schwinghosen. The object is to pick up your opponent by his breeches and toss him with a swing onto his back in a sawdust circle.

The high point of every Schwinger's career is to participate in the Federal Schwing Und Alper festival, which is held every three or four years.



The Game

The sport is organized by matching wrestlers according weight and size. Besides strength and agility as Schwinger needs knowledge of as many grips and tosses as possible. Points are added together for re-matching, and to determine the winners.

At the beginning of a match, each Schwinger will grasp his right hand on the belt and his left hand on the cuff of his opponent's shorts. Once the referee has determined that both wrestlers are in proper position, he announces "Gut" or "Wrestle" and the wrestling will begin.

A tournament consists of six matches lasting up to five minutes each. The object is to pin the opponent's shoulder blades to the ground while maintaining a grip on this belt or pants. An instant win with a clean pickup and flat pin scores 10.0 points. The winner of the match traditionally dusts off his opponent's backside, a sign of good sportsmanship.

The tournament winner is the one who has his backside dusted off least often. He is rewarded with a crown of laurel leaves, title of Schwingerkonig (King of the Swiss Schwing) and a kiss from a Kranzmeiteli (Crown Girl).

Terms to Know

Schwingen:

Swiss style wrestling

Schwingfest:

Swiss style wrestling match

Senne:

Farmers from the mountain valleys

Turners:

Gymnast from the flat lands

Schwinghosen:

Short breeches made from canvas

Schwingerkonig:

King of the Swiss Wrestlers

Kranzmeiteli:

Crown Girl

Stein Stossen:

Stone Throwing contest



SAN DIEGO COUNTY SWISS CLUB

2013 Schwingfest - June 22, 2013

Age Group	Hometown		Name	TOTAL
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Adult	Stockton, Ca	1	Schallberger, Logan	57.25
Adult	Modesto, CA	2A	Betschart, Andrew	56.50
Adult	Lodi, CA	2B	Schallberger, Jakob	56.50
Adult	Ripon, CA	2C	Widmer, Steven	56.50
Adult	San Diego, CA	3	Soltero, Daniel	56.00
Adult	Switzerland	4	Meltraux, Fabien	55.50
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Adult	San Diego, CA	5	Brownell, Ji	55.00
Adult	Santa Barbara, CA	6A	Hernandez, Paul	54.75
Adult	Chula Vista, CA	6B	Baez, Estaban	54.75
Adult	Chula Vista, CA	7	Paris, Samuel	52.75
Adult	Holtville, CA	-	Leimgruber, Paul	17.50
Adult	San Diego, CA	-	Ojeda, Luis	17.50
14-16	Holtville, CA		Merten, Jacob	38.50
14-16	Holtville, CA		Merten, Joshua	36.00
10 years	Brawley		Johnston, Derek	58.75
10 years	San Diego, CA		Leeman, Collin	56.00
10 years	Escondido, CA		Egger, Ethan	52.50
7 years	San Diego, CA		Magtoto, Sean	58.50
7 years	Escondido, CA		Egger, Noah	55.50
7 years	Holtville, CA		Britschgi, Colt	52.50

2013 Stein Stossen

Senior Senior	Jose Baez Andrew Betschart Daniel Soltero	134 128 116
Women	Ellen Esch Angelina Wallier Theresa Egger	121 120 113













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



GEORGE & BETTY REBER AND FAMILIES





Our Best Wishes For A Successful Schwingfest



Jim, Betty (Hofer) and Kelly Sandoval Chris, Jennifer, Presley and Evan Toledo

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 dmorris379@aol.com or at (619) 922-4474

Individual Annual Membership \$15

Family Annual Membership \$30



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

HAPPENINGS AT THE SWISS PARK



10/12/13 – Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Bayshore Bikeway Path. Pictured are County Supervisor Greg Cox, Interim Mayor of San Diego Todd Gloria and club president, Tony Odermatt











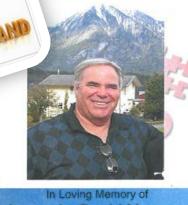












Joseph Carl Wagner
1960-2013



Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club and Newark Swiss Park congratulate

San Diego County Swiss Club

on hosting the Championship Schwingfest

Wishing all wrestlers and guests a day filled with great sportsmanship, camaraderie, and the renewal of friendships

Please <u>save these dates</u> and plan to join us at the following events:

Spring Schwingfest, Saturday, June 13, 2015

Championship Schwingfest and Musikfest



Saturday - Sunday, September 5 - 6, 2015



For more information, please contact Margrith Reichmuth @ marfeb01@aol.com



Best Wishes for a Successful 65th Annual Schwingfest

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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.

Max and Hedy Buchmann Robert & Estela Egger Walter & Marianne Egger Steve & Carmela Egger Rudy Kastlunger Alfred & Thelma Lehmann Emil Lehmann David Egger Margot Linback Ruedi Lusti Paul & Mary Odermatt Paul & Marilyn Pluss George & Betty Reber Otto Rollin, Jr. Paula Zumstein

In remembrance and appreciation of our deceased Honorary Members

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Aeschlimann

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Blattler

Mrs. Bertha Braum

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Egger, Sr.

Mrs. Ricki Groebli

Mrs. Rudolf Heimer

Mr. & Mrs. Julius Hofer, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. Julius Hofer, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. John Kastlunger, Sr.

Ms. Mary Ann Looper

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Mr. Frank Mettauer

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY SWISS CLUB

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65TH ANNUAL SCHWINGFEST

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 a.m. Park Opens

10:30 a.m. Wrestlers sign up

11:00 a.m. National Anthem

Wrestling Commences

Entertainment begins

Game booths, Souvenir booth, face painting artists, balloon maker and jump for joys

12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Lunch served

After wrestling, Stein Stossen

06:30 p.m. Dinner served

08:00 p.m. Dancing

09:00 p.m. Schwinger Awards

Music being provided by **Big Band Entertainers**

JOIN US AUGUST 1st at the SD County Swiss Park for SWISS INDEPENDENCE DAY



FROM THE FIRST GENERATION TO NOW OUR TRADITIONS WILL LIVE ON



Paul and Mary Odermatt and great-grandson, Travis LaRue Bostrom

GOOD LUCK TO THE SCHWINGERS
ON OUR 65TH ANNUAL SCHWINGFEST
AND OUR 57TH WCSWA CHAMPIONSHIP
PAUL AND MARY ODERMATT & FAMILY

Custom made Apparel & Uniforms





A Big **THANK YOU** to Bob and
Estela Egger
For the donation
of the
Konig Schwing –
Grand Prize Chair

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013



The children singing traditional songs in Swiss and English led by Sandi Leeman and Tina Duenez

Tony Odermatt and Ernie Ludwig





Anne Odermatt and George Rodgers in front of our beautiful Christmas tree





Imperial Valley Schwingfest - 2014



Our next generation of Schwinger's Elijah Egger (4) and River Contreras (4) with River's grandpa – David Egger







Come join us for practice the 4 weeks preceding the Schwingfest. Call Tony Odermatt at (619) 507-9754 for information.



"Best Wishes for a successful Schwingfest.

Many thanks to the Schwingers for a great day!"

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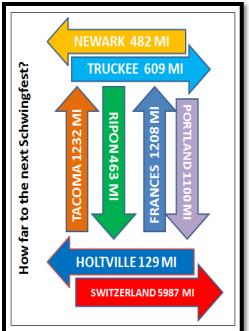




Wishing all the
Schwingers a
Successful
Schwingfest!
Ernie Ludwig, Kris
and family









Our VP Daniel Vanetti and his wife Glenda



August 1st - SWISS INDEPENDENCE DAY

The San Diego County Swiss Club <u>always</u> celebrates Swiss Independence Day on August 1st. Please come and join us on this very special day. August 1, 2014 will be on a Friday so bring your family out and join us for a bratwurst dinner, games and the traditional bonfire, lampions and authentic Swiss music.

















Best Wishes for a Successful Schwingfest San Diego Swiss Ladies Society







Founded in 1962, the Swiss Ladies continue to meet monthly for friendship and camaraderie. This year, they have experienced great dining, along with numerous outings, to interesting locations. They visited the Barona Casino, Peohe's in Coronado and Belle Fleur in Del Mar. Our annual Thanksgiving buffet lunch is always a wonderful get together at the SD County Swiss Park.

Gatherings are typically on the first Tuesday of each month. Husbands and other gentlemen are always welcome! Please join in the fun. You may contact Martha Morera at mmorera@san.rr.com or Christina Zeller at czellerdesign@aol.com.

Tony and Karen Odermatt and family











GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL!

Walter and Marianne Egger

Glenn & Rory

Jordan, Joshua, Christianne Theresa, Ethan, Noah & Elijah

John & Simone

Sabelle & Colton

Bruce & Crystal

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Wishing you a successful 57th West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association Championship Schwingfest

Join us November 2nd, 2014 for our Buebe Schwingfest and March 28, 2015 to celebrate our 94th Annual Schwingfest

> Swiss Club of Imperial Valley 1585 E. Worthington Rd Holtville, CA 92250





Best Wishes for the 65th Annual Schwingfest

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Good Luck Schwingers! The Egger Family

David and Peggy
Natalie, Marco, River and Harper
Jordan, Nathan
Greg & Anne
Zach



We wish to extend our support to all the Schwingers at the 65th Annual San Diego Schwingfest.

Good Luck to All of You! Tom, Sandi and Collin Leeman





Bob Egger, Mike Johnston, Ronnie Leimgruber A Special THANK YOU to our judges They are a valued part of our day





Paul Aeschlimann



Paul Rollin



John Kastlunge



Julius Hofe, Sr



Ralph Widmer



Alois Stockalper



Paul Odermatt

Past Presidents of the San Diego County Swiss Club

1939-1940

1942-1945

1948-1950

1953-1958

1961-1964

1965-1966

1968-1970

1972-1974

1975-1976

1977-1978

1979-1983

1984-1986

1987-1992

1993-1995

1996-1999

2001-2008

2009-current

David Egger

2000

1941

1946

1947

1951

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1967

1971

1972





Mary Ann Looper



Al Hollenstein



Franz Neff



Joe Zumstein



James Helknap



George Reber



Max Buchmann



Max Wirth



Rudy Kastlunger

The San Diego Swiss Rifle Team Best Wishes for a successful 65th Schwingfest!





The San Diego Swiss Rifle Team was established in 1984 under the leadership of Walter Niederberger. The Los Angeles Swiss 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 Rifle Team meets the second Saturday of every month. Please contact Ruedi Lusti at (619) 295-1749 or at lustiis@att.net for more information.

Join the fun at our booths!

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Each year, the San Diego County Swiss Club hosts a spring (April) and fall (October) fondue. thank you to Al Hollenstein and his son Alfonso for providing a wonderful fondue. Please join us in October for our next fondue. You will not regret it!







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.

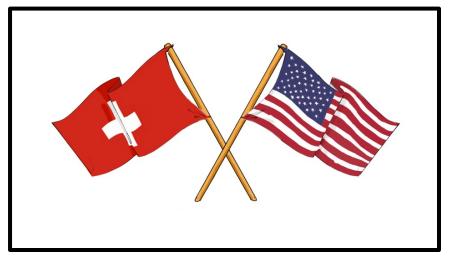
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