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Monday - 5-9pm Game on in the bar, crafting on the balcony (After Oktoberfest)

Tuesday - <u>9am</u> Willie's Volunteer Grounds Crew

5:30pm German Language Study Group (Starting in January 2023)

Wednesday - Weekly 6:00 KinderTanzGruppe (Kids Folk Dancing)

Thursday - Weekly Karneval Dance Practice @ 6:00 & Karneval Group Meeting 7:30pm

2nd and 4th Thursday 4:30 Advanced Skat Players

Friday - <u>6:30</u> Schützen Practice (Indoor shooting range)

Sunday - 10:00 BoogieTanzKabarett -Ballroom to Folk Dancing sessions

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Claudia Jensen, Editor

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Untergruppe : BoogieTanzKabarett

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Boogie will have a booth for Oktoberfest as a fundraiser as well as performing!

For more information and our upcoming schedule email boogietanzkabarett@gmail.com.



This year we are finally joining the Technology World. We have a new way of signing up, just follow the link and it will take you to the Oktoberfest in El Cajon Volunteer Sign-up! Each person fills out a form so we can sign you up.

Click this link to go to our easy sign up page:

Oktoberfest in El Cajon 2023 Volunteer Sign Up

Thank you so much for your volunteerism, as this is our own club fundraiser. Every one of you make a difference!

If anyone is having trouble filling out the form please let us know. We are here to help! Please email us at Volunteers@germansandiegoclub.org or text 619-302-0989 (Nicole).

Thank you,

Nicole King, Volunteer Coordinator

Llama, Assistant



Untergruppe: KinderTanzGruppe

Wow! Is it that time of the year again?! Getting these kids Oktoberfest-ready is where we are going! New Dirndls are on their way to us from Germany. The kids are learning a new dance and doing great brushing off those dancing skills tucked away for summer.

This season you will be able to see us at the House of Germany in Balboa Park performing for their lawn program on September 17th at 2pm as well as at our own Oktoberfest!

Then we get busy getting into the Karneval season as it is running right in on our heals in November!

If you have someone interested in Folk Dancing or Karneval dancing, we meet on **Wednesdays** at <u>6pm</u> at our Clubhouse.





If you have an interested child or grandchild (ages 5 and up) and want more information, contact either Tanja Sawicki (tmsawicki@gmail.com) or Claudia Jensen (gsrkool@cox.net).

The German Theater Group San Diego (GTG) enjoy performance on the weekend of April 22 and 23, 2023 surpassing 430, we found ourselves having to expand year's performance featured two acts and two hours funny and lighthearted skits and musical interludes a beloved German Friend "Uwe" took us on a trip through the had settled in his new American homeland. It interludes, we enjoyed the amazing performance of contractions of the settled in t



over the 2 evenings commodate everyone. This ment. Act 1 was comprised of ns of traveling. In Act 2 our ating, and married life with kids s part of our musical



In other activity, the group was able to take advantage of the club's "Bier, Brats, and a Band" evening on August 19th. The fundraising evening featured John Ford on the club's Biergarten stage, and despite the fear of incoming Hurricane Hillary, the evening turned out to be near perfect. Another heart-felt "Herzlichen Dank" goes to our tireless GTG volunteers who organized and served food. The event was a great fundraising success for both the club and the GTG, as well as generating interest in the group's next production. But most importantly, those attending as well as those who volunteered had tons of fun.

We are immensely grateful for the support of the cerman A terican Societies, notably the dedicated of the hall for nearly a month, and all the volunteers who helped with refreshments ushering and boffice.

After the completion of our successful production and some well-deserved breathing time, the graph in early June for their annual membership meeting, taking advantage of Peter Wahl's home and lover patio. Thanks, Peter!!! The afternoon began with coveraing Board elections followed by simply hanging out, exchanging ideas for activities and the next production, and enjoying each other's company. Congratulations to Claudia Lorenz who was elected to a 2- year term as Vice-president. Christina S, Barbara L, Larry P, and Manuela S will continue to serve in their previous Board positions. Thank you, Peggy Prabalini, for your service as the Vice President during the previous season.

And finally, the GTG group is planning a few additional performances during our season to entertain you at various GAS events. Stay tuned for more.

Christina Schaefer, GTG Board President

San Diego

Competition final

standings:

1st Place - San

Diego (255 pts)

2nd Place - Brea

(254 pts) 3rd Place - Las





We have had a busy season this year starting in May with a trip to Las Vegas for their Schützenfest. Our group placed second overall, but the top shot of the day was our very own Donna Charlesworth.

We held our Schützenfest Event in June and enjoyed the company and competition of the Phoenix Schützengesellschaft and the Las Vegas Schützen group. On Saturday we announced our König for the year, Scott Charlesworth, as well as our 1st and 2nd



Ritters, Donna Charlesworth and Renato Fogliano Our Jung-Schützen group member Mike Battaglia was the top shot of our weekend! We will be shooting soon for our competition team for the Brea Phoenix Clubs Schützenfest being held in

November.

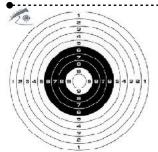
Vegas (185 pts) Right now, we are preparing for our open range during Oktoberfest, which is our fundraiser that

helps pay for our groups supplies and our Schützenfest event held every June. If anyone is interested in what we do, please stop by during Oktoberfest, or during one of our Friday range nights.

We have our range open **most every Friday** from <u>6:30-8:30pm</u>, unless the club has an event on a Friday or the following Saturday. We post our range closed details on Facebook and on our page on the website. Please feel free to check those out or email us at sdgasschuetzenverein@gmail.com for more information. Open range nights the bar is open, and most nights we have an inexpensive dinner available as well.

Sarah Rothwell, secretary

Leadership



Range Masters: Joel Contreras Chair: Dean Ganzer

Equipment Custodian: Scott Charlesworth Vice Chair: Peter Battaglia

Youth Chair: Peter Battaglia Aux. Vice Chair: Niki Battaglia Flag Bearer: Renato Fogliano Secretary: Sarah Rothwell

Treasurer: Debbie Sandvig

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Untergruppe: SHS: Jung-Schützen

St. Hubertus Schützenverein San Diego

The Jung-schützen or youth shooting sports team of San Diego is growing and is open to youth club members ages approx. 10 (depending on height and ability) to 17.

The Youth Group has monthly meetings at the indoor air rifle and air pistol shooting range at the German American Societies of San Diego on the first Sunday of the month. The program will have a hiatus from mid-September through October for Oktoberfest.

Schützer vivor

Our current youth members were recognized at the San Diego Schützenfest in June. For the first time in club history our Youth members competed alongside the adult groups from Anaheim, Las Vegas and San

Diego. Our youth team stepped up to the challenge and they took home the Junior top shot award even scoring higher than every adult competitor.





The youth shooting sports program is monitored by instructors/coaches and Range personnel. Our focus is on weapon and range safety, technical shooting, sports skills, and sports discipline.

Participants may use the club provided equipment which are classified as Competition or Match Grade. Youth may also provide their own rifle or pistol only in .177 caliber pellets (no BB-guns) with velocity less than 620 FPS. Competition guns typically fire in the 450-600 FPS range.

Come visit us at the clubhouse at our youth events from $\underline{1pm - 4pm}$ on **September 10th**, **November 5th**, and **December 3**rd.

Youth members are also welcome at our weekly adult group range nights every Friday at 6:30pm. Coach Peter Battaglia can be reached via email at pbattaglia619@gmail.com with any questions.

Peter Battaglia, Youth Chairperson

What are the 5 German seasons? At least one part of our club knows the answer to that...

Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall, but we like Karneval best of all!

So, here it is September and much like the rest of the club, Karnevalisten are preparing for Oktoberfest.

As we have for the past several decades, Karneval will be serving Kartoffelpuffer (potato pancakes) to a hungry Oktoberfest crowd. Serving an estimated 5,000 of these favorites over 2 weekends has made this an important part of fundraising for Karneval and helps us with uniforms, decorations, and trips to other clubs. Come by, say hi to our cooks laboring over the grills and try one of our Kartoffelpuffer with apple sauce. Similarly, the PrinzenGarde will be looking to raise funds for boots, skirts, and hats with their Tombola.

Of course, every bit as important as these activities, Karneval members, like other club members, are also signing up with Nicole to help cover the club's many, many Oktoberfest jobs that are so important to a successful event.

But even with this club-wide focus on preparations for another Oktoberfest, Kanevalisten are already looking beyond this – looking towards their favorite session – Karneval Season. August marks the start of the group's year when planning begins in earnest and key roles are established. While the club's membership will need to wait until 11/11 to hear the actual names, now we can say that at the season's mid-August opening meeting, royalty for the coming season have been designated, a new Elferrat-Präsident was elected and other key roles including our Hofmarschall and Zeremonienmeister were filled. Even earlier than August, our PrinzenGarde have been working on their routine for the coming year.

Without giving anything away, I can say that beyond the many familiar faces, there are some real surprises in store. You don't want to miss Karneval Opening on Saturday evening, 18 November.

But let's take a moment to go back to the last many months and the last issue of the newsletter.

The past year will long be remembered for the group's trip to join in for the 200th Anniversary of Karneval in Köln. Speaking from experience, visiting Köln during the peak of their Karneval is something that cannot help but leave you with memories for years to come. Doing this visit as part of a visiting American club with our Prinzenpaar, our Kinder-Prinzenpaar and the GAMGA (North American) Prinzenpaar made for an incomparable experience as the visiting American contingent were recognized, welcomed, and given royal treatment. Not surprisingly, many of our Kölner hosts were pleasantly surprised to learn that their special form of celebrating Karneval (Mardi Gras) is



enthusiastically imitated across the US and Canada. This reaction was seen in the several instances of press coverage San Diego received.

Meanwhile, those unable to make the trip and remaining in San Diego were left the task of closing out the season here. On Veilchendienstag (Fat Tuesday), following the Elferrat-Präsident surrendering his chain and bell, the Karneval Nubbel was brought out to account for the various missteps, miscues, gaffs and hangovers during the preceding season. "Who is to blame? The Nubbel is to blame!" And so, with ample blame heaped on the Nubbel, he was duly taken out to the Oktoberfest grill and burned.

While Karneval has its clearly delineated end each year, the club's Karnevalisten manage to stretch out the festivities. In July, our Prinzenpaare and a small group traveled to Milwaukee for Germanfest. Interestingly, we were featured on German TV coverage of this event. In August, outgoing Prinz Joel and Prinzessin Sarah expressed thanks to their loyal subjects by hosting a pool party and barbeque evening for all Karnevalisten.

So here we are – preparing for Oktoberfest but looking forward to Karneval 2023 – 2024.

Hallo - Hello Danke - Thank You Nein - No la - Yes Lecker - Delicious Woche - week Heute - today Morgen - tomorrow Gestern - yesterday Machen - do Gehen - go Kommen - come Lachen - laugh Good - gut Schön - beautiful Kaffee - coffee Bier - beer Tee - tea Wein - wine Wasser - water



Lamm - lamb

Beginner Language Study Group

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Tuesdays at 5:00-7:30 pm

Runs for 16 weeks with the next session beginning in January 9th, 2024

The course follows a college-level textbook and is intended for adult level learning.

This Study Group is free to members of GAS. Check us out for a couple sessions to see if it suits your needs - then join to continue!

Our goal in these 16 weeks is to give you basic German language knowledge, its pronunciation and structure from the alphabet to a few verb conjugations.

Located at the GAS clubhouse: 1017 South Mollison Avenue in El Cajon

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Nett - nice

Sauber - clean

Fein - fine

Lieb - dear

Liebe - love

Komisch - funny

Klasse - great

Hoch - high

Prima - fantastic

Stark - Strong

Lang - long

Hell - bright

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From the dirt lot to the parking lot, from inside the house and out . . . much maintenance needs to be done on a regular basis!

For more info - just show up!

Membership Renewal 2023-24

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Autumn-Report --- Dear members & friends,

It has been a while since our last newsletter and many things have happened during this time at our club.

Looking at membership numbers can be deceiving. The membership year runs from each April until the following March 31st and when people get around to renewing can vary. As a result, we see membership fall precipitously on 1 April and then build throughout the year as memberships are finally renewed and new people join. Membership then is best viewed from year-end to year-end. On that basis, last year was a good year for membership with more than 1,100 members, making it the largest count in many years.



Since March we've seen the conclusion of another Karneval season, a major production by our German Theater Group, weekly marksmanship matches, this year's Schützenfest, continued Skat matches, an Ostern (Easter) Breakfast and egg hunt, weekly German language study group gatherings, Maifest, our 58th year Anniversary Ball, and several free concert evenings in our Biergarten. We have seen the formation of a Jung-Schützen group, a folk & ballroom dance group (Boogie Tanz Kabarett) and we continue to see enthusiasm in the youth for the KinderTanzGruppe. It's unfortunate that we have lost our Germania Choir after 52 years, but ties with the House of Germany Choir (formerly Heimatklang) give us a nearby German language choral group.

We've also seen several significant maintenance and improvement projects undertaken such as lighting and shade cloth over the turf area, restoration of the Oktoberfest stage, improving wastewater drainage on the east side of the hall, and the beginning of a stage improvement within the hall.

And in the way of changes, I'm certain that many of our members noticed the change in family membership dues from \$60 to \$70. Not a big increase but I know several of us might be inclined to groan about one more inflationary price increase. But in all fairness, can we really complain? How many of us can remember any membership cost adjustment before this. The \$60 family cost had been in place for more than 2 decades and during that time the club's tax, insurance, utilities, and overall costs have increased by nearly 1.7 times. That means, had membership cost just kept pace with inflation since 2000, a family membership would now be just over \$100 (102) but it's not.

Family memberships are not \$100 because of you, the membership, and how so many of you make it possible to operate our club with volunteer help. Thanks go out to all of you. You are what makes this club what it is! In addition to being able to hold down membership prices, our volunteer-based operation has also allowed us to offer reduced entry prices for members at club events and especially at Oktoberfest. On this note, we encourage every member or friend who is capable of volunteering for a few hours to please contact Nicole King – call/text (619) 302-0989.

Unfortunately, during this time we also lost a few longtime club members. In June: Doris Schloh; in August: Greg Quillin; in September: Heinz Reiter and Ralph Purves. Our heartfelt condolences to all the families for their loss.

Birthday greetings to all members who over these past months were able to celebrate another year with their loved ones.

We wish every club member good health, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.



Herbstbericht – Liebe Clubmitglieder und Freunde:

Es ist schon eine Weile her seit unserem letzten Newsletter und in dieser Zeit ist in unserem Club viel passiert. Der Blick auf die Mitgliederzahlen kann täuschen. Das Mitgliedschaftsjahr dauert jeweils von April bis zum darauffolgenden 31. März. Der Zeitpunkt der Verlängerung kann unterschiedlich sein. Infolgedessen beobachten wir, dass die Mitgliederzahl am 1. April steil abnimmt und dann im Laufe des Jahres zunimmt, wenn die Mitgliedschaft schließlich erneuert wird und neue Leute hinzukommen. Die Mitgliedschaft ist dann am besten von Jahresende zu Jahresende sichtbar. Auf dieser Grundlage war das letzte Jahr ein gutes Jahr für die Mitgliedschaft mit mehr als 1.100 zahlenden Mitgliedern, der größten Zahl seit sehr

vielen Jahren.

Seit März erlebten wir den Abschluss einer weiteren Karnevalssaison, eine große Produktion unserer deutschen Theatergruppe, wöchentliche Treffsicherheitsspiele, das diesjährige Schützenfest, fortgesetzte Skatspiele, ein Osterfrühstück und eine Eiersuche sowie wöchentliche Deutsch-Lerngruppentreffen . Maifest, unser 58. Jubiläumsball und mehrere kostenlose Konzertabende in unserem Biergarten. Wir haben die Gründung einer Jung-Schützen-Gruppe, einer Volks- und Gesellschaftstanzgruppe (Boogie Tanz Kabarett) erlebt und beobachten weiterhin die Begeisterung der Jugend für die KinderTanzGruppe. Es ist bedauerlich, dass wir unseren Germania-Chor nach so vielen Jahren verloren haben, aber durch die Verbindung zum House of Germany Choir (ehemals Heimatklang) haben wir eine deutschsprachige Chorgruppe in unserer Nähe.

Wir haben auch mehrere bedeutende Wartungs- und Verbesserungsprojekte gesehen, die durchgeführt wurden, wie z. B. Beleuchtung und Schattennetze über dem Rasenbereich, die Restaurierung der Oktoberfestbühne, die Verbesserung der Abwasserentsorgung auf der Ostseite der Halle und den Beginn einer Bühnenverbesserung innerhalb der Halle.

Leider haben wir auch kürzlich langjährige Vereinsmitglieder verloren. Im Juni: Doris Schloh; im August: Greg Quillin; im September: Heinz Reiter und Ralph Purves. Unser tief empfundenes Beileid gilt allen Familien zu ihrem Verlust.

Herzliche Geburtstagsgrüße an alle Mitglieder, die ein weiteres Jahr im Kreise ihrer Lieben feiern konnten.

Wir wünschen allen Vereinsmitgliedern viel Gesundheit und freuen uns, Sie bald wieder bei uns begrüßen zu dürfen.

Viele Herbstgrüße an euch alle,

Monika Parme - Clubmitgliedschaftsbeauftragte

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Liebe Grüsse,

Dagmar Purves,

Chairperson

Dear friends of the Damenkreis & GAS

As usually our Damenkreis get together happens the first Wednesday of the month, at noon, in our Clubhouse, in El Cajon. Five designated hostesses prepare a delicious lunch for us. We enjoy each others company and speak in our native German language.

Below see some pictures of our lunch, the picnic on the bay in August and a Bingo event.

Should you be interested in meeting new people and having fun, PLEASE join our group. You can be a guest and enjoy a lunch for a small donation of 7\$. RSVP as a guest and E-mail: Karisumm@aol.com















Wie auch letztes Jahr hat unser Picknick an der Bay wieder ganz viel Spass gemacht. Irene und ihr Sohn Renato haben sich sehr viel Mühe gegeben und an alles gedacht. Unter dem Gazebo waren die Tische gedeckt und auf den Steinbänken lagen sogar weiche Kissen. Es gab Hühnerschenkel als Hauptmahlzeit und alle Teilnehmer brachten ganz leckere Nebenspeisen mit. Liebe Irene, wir danken Dir und Renato ganz herzlich.



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