



# Schwaben Athletic Club

## NEWS



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From the President.....Willy Schaeffer



Summer is over, fall is here and we are preparing for our 81st annual Schwaben AC Stiftungsfest (Anniversary) on November 3, 2007. We are planning for a smaller affair in the club room, with family style dinner of Schnitzel, Chicken and Pepper Steak, two bottles of wine per table all for \$25 per person. There will be a cash bar for beer and mixed drinks. Seating is limited so please call Anni Schaeffer asap for your reservations (847-735-0904).

The fall season is in full swing and we would like to see regular reports in the newsletter from our teams. The youngsters would enjoy seeing their names and accomplishments in print.

Our First Team is struggling a little with direction and progress, but Tony and Rocky are going forward and strengthening the team as needed. Come out to the Center and enjoy the games and the Brats, you'll have good company and good times!

We just had to replace the pump for the well, an unexpected expense, that's where some of the money from the German-American Fest will be going. Our outdoor electrical system ("B" field lighting etc.) needs overhaul and replacement in the near future as well.

The German-American Fest was a huge success for the AC with record sales and hopefully record profits, we have a separate report inside the Newsletter.

Our best wishes go to Paul McCool who is battling a serious illness, get well and we hope to see you at the Center soon. Please support your teams and your club through the season and the year.

German-American Fest 2007..... Willy Schaeffer

At the German-American Fest in Chicago we had beautiful weather and unbelievable crowds on Friday and Saturday, which makes for great sales in the bar and kitchen.

The support and volunteers from the Club and the teams was generally good with a few exceptions. My biggest disappointment was the women's team with no volunteers and the Over-30 team with only two volunteers. These are two teams we could always count on in the past, what happened?

We need a certain number of people per shift and with fewer volunteers others have to jump in with longer shifts. Yet, everyone wants their team to get that special treatment from the Club: re-scheduling games, extra tournaments, travel expenses for cup games, etc.

We need everyone's help; you are part of an organization not a separate entity!

Following are some details from the Fest:

	Bar	Kitchen
Friday sales:	\$ 27,642	\$ 7,702
Saturday sales:	\$ 74,315	\$ 31,335
Sunday sales:	\$ 28,992	\$ 15,824

We sold 275 half barrels of beer

We sold approx. 9100 meals in the kitchen

We sold approx. 2300 slices of cake

We sold 2400 pretzels

We had approx. 120 volunteers working over the weekend between the AC and the Verein.

After all our expenses and the German Day Association expenses and share of profits, both Schwaben AC and Schwaben Verein will make a handsome profit for the weekend.

Thanks' to all the weekend volunteers from both clubs, Thursdays' set-up crew and Sundays' tear down crew, especially our two long distance volunteers Siggie Brandl and Bill Gappert, all of you made this event a success.



FROM THE TREASURER .....Rudy Frank

All three tournaments have been completed for this year and in all three we have done better than last year. Thank you all for your hard work. At the present time the June Youth Tournament shows a profit of \$5,751.18, Senior Tournament (July) shows a profit of \$6,708.83 and the August Youth Tournament shows a profit of \$3,560.72. These proceeds will offset field maintenance and utilities.

I also want to again thank the people that helped me with selling tickets.

There is no report on German Day, the ticket counting will be completed on October 8, 2007.



*Schwaben Athletic Club*

*81st Anniversary Party*

*Saturday, November 3, 2007*

*in*

*Schwaben Center Club Room*

*301 N. Weiland Road*

*Buffalo Grove, IL*

*Cocktails: 6 P.M.*

*Dinner: 7 P.M.*

*Cost: \$25.00 per person*

*Dressy Casual*

*Soup & Salad*

*Schnitzel - Chicken - Pepper Steak*

*Vegetables, Potatoes, Spatzle*

*Dessert provided by the Schwaben Ladies*

*Wine on the Table*

*Cash Bar*

*For Reservations Call A.S.A.P.:*

*Ann Schaeffer 847-735-0904*

*Okay to leave message on answering machine*

**From the First Team** .....Blake Hughes – Alternate Captain

Hope this finds everyone in good standing. The First Team has had an altogether eventful start to the fall season. There have been multiple signings and releases as the Club tries to bring long time junior players once removed back to the club while adding some likeminded players along the way.

It has not been the easiest of journeys as the Club has chosen to take the road less traveled upon in not providing monetary compensation for any of its players this year. We got off to a good start against Maroons on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, winning the first match of the season by a score of 4 to 1. The victory was a much needed three points to a season predetermined to be one of rebuilding.

Unfortunately the success of the first match was short lived as, after a bye week, the team traveled to newly promoted Green White who had their own ideas in mind. Playing on a second-rate pitch and down a man after 20 minutes, we eventually conceded a goal late in the second half of the match and lost by a score of 1 to 0.

The rebuilding efforts continued into the following week as we had different faces playing in new places when we were guests on our own turf as Sockers F.C.

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On the 23<sup>rd</sup> Wings came and flew away score of 2 to 0. featured the losing side. We held the of the match but was unable to find the back of the net. Wings, however, were a bit luckier as their first goal was well earned on their only opportunity of the first half and their second goal, in the second half, was an unbelievably well struck half-volley from 18 yards out.

Hoping to forget the loss of the week prior, we traveled to Round Lake Park to play in Connections' back yard (no pun intended). With a few more new faces and again in different combination, we ended the first half up 1-0. A few halftime adjustments and fatigued legs later we walked off the field losers 3-1. This was an effort of confusion as the rebuilding ideal reared its ugly head; it was evident that players had not been together on the field for long as each person headed in a different direction at their own pace every time a play combination was needed.

We are continuing to pave our own path as we head into the final four (and toughest) games of the fall session. Come out to the Center, enjoy the surroundings, have some food and a drink, and support your First Team. It would be greatly appreciated and is much needed!



**DEUTSCH – AMERIKANISCHER TAG  
GERMAN – AMERICAN DAY**

Ever since October 6 was first proclaimed German – American Day the organizations of German-American heritage have celebrated with a posting of their club colors at St. Benedict Church, 2215 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. This year the commemoration was held on October 7, 2007 at 2:30 P.M.

The afternoon was begun with the different organizations marching in with their flags and that were posted in the front by the altar. Honorary President, Horst Lichtenberger and Treasurer, Rudy Frank carried our Schwaben Athletic Club flag. There were a total of 25 flags posted.

A very nice service followed the singing of both the National Anthems of the United States and Germany with the Men's Choir singing three songs, the children's choir singing several songs. The guest speaker, Dr. Raymond Arthur Lohne spoke of the German contributions to American history from the time of Abe Lincoln and the part they played at that time to the political scene. A trumpet solo and the Ladies Choir singing two selections followed this.

The Consul General, Federal Republic of Germany spoke next of the health of the German American Organizations across the United States. He implored the people to continue to try and retain the bilingual teachings with children so their pride and heritage is not lost.

The service was closed with the Mixed Choir singing three numbers and the audience singing the hymn "Great God, we love you!"

The whole service was very meaningful and inspiring of German American pride.

**SCHWABEN ATHLETIC CLUB  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
FOR 2007**

**November 3, 2007      81st Anniversary Party**  
**Schwaben Center Club Room - see ad in this**  
**Newsletter**  
December 9, 2007      Children's Christmas Party

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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

### METROPOLITAN SOCCER LEAGUE MAJOR DIVISION SCHEDULE – FIRST TEAM REMAINING GAMES

#### **Sunday, October 14, 2007**

Wings vs Vikings  
Sockers vs United Serbs  
Schwaben vs Polonia  
Green – White vs Connection  
Maroons vs Eagles

#### **Sunday, October 21, 2007**

Eagles vs Schwaben  
Wings vs United Serbs  
Connection vs Vikings  
Green - White vs Sockers  
Maroons vs Polonia

#### **Sunday, October 28, 2007**

Polonia vs Green – White  
United Serbs vs Eagles  
Wings vs Maroons  
Schwaben vs Vikings  
Sockers vs Connection

All Reserve Team games are played at 1:00 P.M. and First Team games are played at 3:00 P.M. First team listed indicates home team.

### MEMBER NEWS

Our condolences to **Erika Amling** on the passing of her mother, Theresia Frauenhoffer on September 24, 2007 at the age of 83. Our deepest sympathies are with you.

We want to send Get Well wishes to Mr. Paul McCool and Mr. Bill Siegel and wish them both a very speedy recovery! Both Paul and Bill have been hospitalized recently.

Referee **Richard Giebner**, has blown his final whistle. He died in his sleep Friday, October 5, 2007 at age 96. Dick enjoyed good health until quite suddenly (within a week) he developed full renal failure and was placed in a hospice.

Throughout his long career in soccer, Dick entertained those who knew with numerous stories. We enjoyed his offerings and know he is now with his love Heidi. He did not take his cards but has a remote to watch us and countless more TV games from Heaven. He will be cremated per his wishes, and his ashes will be scattered on some soccer field later on. He wanted no fuss over his death and left no instructions about memorials or donations. His address was 2524 E. Mabel Street, Tucson, AZ 85716. His daughter Mitzy still resides in Tucson.

Dick was the chapter founder of the Greater Chicago Chapter, National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association, referee assignor and clinician until 1977 when he retired at age 67 to Tucson. Dick was also a FIFA referee for 9 years, held various positions with Illinois State Soccer Association over a period of about 35 years: secretary, treasurer, Cup commissioner, referee training, etc. In the last 30 years Arizona referees, administrators and players benefited from Dick's help and guidance.

I have lost a dear friend, mentor and father figure.

Ed Braun