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# West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association NEWSLETTER

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PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
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**SENIORS**

1	Andrew Betschart	Ripon, CA	58.50
2	Clint Schallberger	Stockton, CA	56.75
3A	Aaron Robinson	Ripon, CA	56.25
3B	Steven Widmer	Ripon, CA	56.25
4	Morgan Lujan	Elk Grove, CA	55.75
5	Patrick Richardson	Frances, WA	55.50

*Above with Crowns*

6	Nathan Werner	Frances, WA	55.25
7	Justin Durrer	Ripon, CA	54.50
8	Marcus Gonzales	Ripon, CA	54.25
9	Luis Amaral	Manteca, CA	53.50
10	Richard Waker	Ripon, CA	52.50
*	Matthew Gallego	Manteca, CA	27.25

**GROUP C 14-17**

1	Josh Hanson	Tacoma, WA	59.75
2	Angelo Palmer	Salida, CA	56.50
3	Barrett Silva	Modesto, CA	55.75

*Above with Medals*

4	Luis Rosas	Manteca, CA	54.50
5	Nicholas Johnson	Manteca, CA	52.75

**GROUP B 10-13**

1	Adam Elder	Frances, WA	58.25
2	Maximus Durrer	Ripon, CA	56.75

*Above with Medals*

3	James Johnson	Manteca, CA	55.75
4	Leonidas Garcia	Ripon, CA	52.50

**GROUP A 5-9**

1	James Marchy	Modesto, CA	59.50
2	Apollo Durrer	Ripon, CA	57.25
3	Titus Delatorre	Ripon, CA	56.75
4	Dominic Johnson	Manteca, CA	56.00

*Above with medals*

The SJWSC - Ripon Schwingfest finishing out the Schwingen year proved to draw Schwingers and spectators from up and down the West Coast. There were 29 Schwingers signing up for a rather cool day for Schwingen at Ripon. Don't remember the last Fall Schwingfest in the low 80's. It was refreshing and brought many more people out to visit with family and friends to enjoy a day of Schwingen, Food and Music. We always appreciate Marty Ulrich, Matthew Gallego and Barti Muller just getting on the stage in the middle of the day to entertain us. The Schlussgang was won by **Andrew Betschart** who wrestled **Aaron Robinson**. The youth Steinstossen had many participants with **Barrett Silva** throwing 20'6 and **Sofia Sandoval** 14'7 in the 12-14 year olds; **Adam Elder** 23'7 and **Maize Wood** 12'9 in the 9-10 year olds; **Dominic Johnson** 23'-9, **Bailey Truelock** in the 6-8 year olds and **Charlotte Collins** 6'8 and new to coming to the Swiss club to participate—**Jonah Omlin** with 11'-6" in the 5 and under.

**Group A Cont.**

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
5	Gunnar Haron	Modesto, CA	55.00
6	Charles Widmer	Manteca, CA	54.75
7	Gage Haron	Modesto, CA	54.50
8	Adrien Maendly	Davis, CA	52.50

**STEINSTOSSEN**

1	Andrew Betschart	13'9	MENS
2	Lucas Widmer	11'8	MENS
3	Romain Maendly	11'5	MENS
1	Jessica Truelock	12'	WOMENS
2	Ali Battig	11'3	WOMEN'S
3	Megan Ott	10'8	WOMENS



Check out the new roof!!!



SJWSC - RIPON—SEPTEMBER 2, 2023





# FRED BURRI

## DECEMBER 2, 1926 – MARCH 18, 2023



In March of 2023 Fred Burri, peacefully left us after a short illness. at the age of 96. A large void is felt by the many who have been touched by Fred through his friendship, music and love of everything Swiss.

Fred was born, December 2, 1926, in Portland, Oregon to Alfred Burri and Margrit Blatter Burri. Both had immigrated to Portland from Canton Bern, Switzerland. They met at a Swiss Schwingfest and dance in Portland and married soon after. Fred and his mother went to Switzerland while his dad and Uncle Sam built their home in Portland. Upon return, the family soon welcomed a second son, Jack. Swiss activities and friends were very important to the family and you could find Fred and Jack playing in a corner while their parents played Jass, danced, sang and partied at the Portland events. Fred spent memorable times fishing with his father and brother and was a Konig Schwinger, like his father. This set the foundation for a life filled with happiness.

Fred joined the US Navy Air-Corp after high school graduation. He served during WWII on the USS Princeton aircraft carrier and later on the Navy base in Saipan. Upon his return to Portland, he enrolled in Oregon State University where he joined the wrestling and football teams. It was at OSU where he met Walter Aepli and their combined talents for providing Swiss music at Mt Hood's Timberline Lodge began. Music in the bar at night provided ski tickets for the day!

Upon graduating OSU, Fred went to California. First to play football for the 49ers, but deciding that an offer from George Allen to coach football was a better career choice. That choice led him to completing his Master's degree at CSULA and his 35 years of coaching football and wrestling at Mt San Antonio College. Besides influencing the lives of many students, his talents were recognized by his induction to the National and State Wrestling Halls of Fame as well as the MtSAC Hall of Fame.

At the 1960 Squaw Valley Olympics, Walt Disney heard Fred singing in the bar (another place he entertained for ski tickets!). The Matterhorn at Disneyland was just opening and Walt Disney personally asked Fred to entertain there. That led to 17 years of summer work/fun for Fred as the Disneyland Yodeler. And it also led Fred to have opportunities to entertain and share his love and talents for Swiss music all over the world, including his beloved Switzerland. He made three record albums in Switzerland, one in Canada and had a role in the movie, A Walk in the Clouds and the movie Magic Matterhorn, produced in Switzerland. One can also hear his music still played at the Disneyland Matterhorn. Fred shared willingly of his talents at family and friend's celebrations and was a member of many Swiss clubs within California and Oregon where you could find him with an impromptu performance.



Fred met Margie in 1969 and a long courtship began. Fred said the Berners were langsam! They were married in 1983 at the Madonna Inn in a beautiful garden ceremony followed by dinner and dancing. Soon after their marriage, the Burri home in Long Beach became known as the Burri Haus Hotel where they welcomed and were blessed with so many guests over their 40 years together there. They also traveled extensively enjoying so much of the world as well as their annual trips to Switzerland, and not to forget the season tickets to OSU football!

Fred leaves behind so, so many friends and family in the US and Switzerland. Immediate family include his brother's three children, Michael and Josie Burri, Scott Burri, and Karen and Gary Preston along with Margie's sister's sons Brent and Mari Jensen and Brian and Janelle Jensen and all of their children and grandchildren, as well as cousins in Switzerland.

There are so many others in his extended family who call him Dad, Grandpa, Uncle Freddie and Coach. And he has left the love of his life, Margie.

# The West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association

is proud to present

## BRENDEN SPAHR

PORTLAND, OR

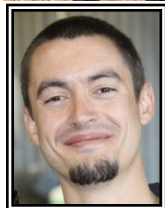
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## JOSEF LINDERBITZEN PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNER

The final standings for the Perpetual Trophy have been computed and we had a total of 51 Schwingers total competing from the West Coast Clubs this year. That is because we have included Frances, Tacoma and Portland in our overall standings. We have started with the Trophy again 12 years ago, winners have included Andrew Betschart (6x), Logan Schallberger, Frank Kaech (2x) Jakob Schallberger and Grant Widmer.

For the first time in the past 12 years the Perpetual Trophy will not go to a wrestler from the Ripon Schwinger Club, in fact for the first time ever it will go to a Schwinger from the Portland Schwinger Club - our 2023 Josef L. Inderbitzen Perpetual Trophy goes to - Brenden Spahr. Brenden also won the Pacific Northwest Schwinger Award, which is given out to the Schwinger with the top combined scores on the Tacoma, Portland and Frances Schwingfests. Congratulations to Brenden Spahr! Looking forward to a 2024 Competitive Season.

Brenden will be awarded the Perpetual Trophy at the San Diego Championship Schwingfest in 2024.



### ANNUAL GEORGE E. MORRIS MEMORIAL SCHWINGER AWARD

George E. Morris (11/25/1993-10/31/19)

The George E Morris Memorial Award for 2023 was won by *Patrick Richardson, Marcus Gonzales* and *Steven Widmer*. Patrick competed in Imperial, San Diego, Frances, Truckee, Portland, Tacoma, Newark and Ripon Schwingfests - all 8 Crown Schwingfests, and Marcus Gonzales and Steven Widmer competed at Imperial Valley, Frances, Truckee, Portland, Tacoma, Newark and Ripon Schwingfests - 7 of the 8. All three also competed in George E. Morris, home Schwingen club Imperial Valley which garnered them each an additional \$100.00. The 3 men split the pot of \$2,500.00 for 2023. This was an impressive showing all up and down the West Coast. Thank you to George Morris for perpetuating the Memorial Award in memory of his son.

0.16	Spahr, Brenden	1.00
0.19	Schallberger, Clint	2.00
0.32	Widmer, Steven	3.00
0.33	Richardson, Patrick	4.00
0.38	Macleod, Nathan	5.00
0.77	Gonzalez, Marcus	6.00
1.87	Betschart, Andrew	7.00
2.11	Leimgruber, Paul	8.00
2.13	Robinson, Aaron	9.00
2.50	Brockway, Marshall	10.00
2.60	Baroni, Andrew	11.00
3.60	Lujan, Morgan	12.00
3.61	Widmer, Grant	13.00
3.74	Peterson, David	14.00
3.74	Berchtold, Mike	14.00
3.79	Amaral, Louis	16.00
3.87	Roberts, Ryan	17.00
3.88	Walker, Richard	18.00
3.88	Hanson, Josh	18.00
3.90	Kaech, Cody	20.00
4.15	Werner, Josh	21.00
4.25	Gwerder, Dustin	22.00
4.27	Merten, Jacob	23.00
4.27	Ascencio, David	23.00
4.45	Ledesman, Daniel	25.00
4.50	Galvan, Dawson	26.00
4.50	Tamez, Austin	26.00
4.50	Silva, Barrett	26.00
4.55	Cortero, Issack	29.00
4.57	Roat, Colt	30.00
4.58	Werner, Nathan	31.00
4.63	Ott, Edward	32.00
4.64	Betschart, Teddy	33.00
4.65	Spahr, Shelby	34.00
4.65	Pearson, Darrin	34.00
4.67	Schmidig, Jaydn	36.00
4.67	Bellavia, Joseph	36.00
4.67	Durrer, Justin	38.00
4.70	Pierson, Austin	39.00
4.73	Ross, Code	40.00
4.78	Meixueiro, Eddie	41.00
4.89	Bigalk, Luke	42.00
4.91	Curry, Kyle	43.00
5.00	Cook, Marty	44.00
5.00	Gwerder, Romeo	44.00
5.00	Bush, Wyatt	44.00
5.00	Espinoza, Jonas	44.00
5.00	King, Alexander	44.00
5.00	Durrer, George	44.00
5.00	Kuttel, Alex	44.00
5.00	Gallego, Matthew	44.00



## AELPLER GRUPPE NEWARK SCHWINGFEST

Newark has officially hosted the oldest competing wrestler we believe in California Schwingfest history. Edward Ott decided after seeing the field of wrestlers and awards, that he could probably be competitive. So he signed up and put on his Schwinger hosen at the age of 60! Special note his wife Michelle didn't know he was going to compete that day and it was also their wedding anniversary! The Junior group ended up competing with the Seniors giving a total of 9 wrestlers and 3 in the smaller group. We had one Swiss wrestler Richard Tschanz compete from Eriz, Switzerland. A beautiful bell was donated from the Aelpler Gruppe Club and in Memory of Walt Haslemann a beautiful plaque with many bells, saw blades and prizes galore for the wrestlers. The Schlussgang had one of the youngest Schwingers Barrett Silva from Modesto vs Brenden Spahr from Portland, Or. Brenden took home the 1st place Konig title and the Bell. Ed Ott was awarded the Swiss Plaque in memory of Walt Haslemann, which knowing my uncle Walt—he was smiling down as he and Ed were close friends. A little note - John Ming senior was in the audience watching his two granddaughters, Millie and Hedy Ming competing for the first time, another round of Ming's just hit the sawdust - watch out boys!



### NEWARK SCHWINGFEST - AUGUST 20TH 2023

#### RANGLISTE

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Spahr, Brenden	Portland, OR	57.00
2	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	56.00
3	Widmer, Steven	Ripon, CA	55.75
4	Tschanz, Richard	Eriz, CH	55.50
<i>Above with Crowns</i>			
5	Silva, Barrett	Modesto, CA	55.25
6	Ott, Edward	Newark, CA	55.00
7a	Amaral, Louis	Ripon, CA	54.75
7b	Gonzales, Marcus	Ripon, CA	54.75
8	Kuttel, Alex	Sacramento, CA	53.00
<b>GROUP A</b>			
1	Millie Ming	Elk Grove, CA	57.50
2	Maendley, Adrien	Davis, CA	56.50
3	Ming, Hedy	Elk Grove, CA	52.50



Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in the Newark Schwingfest. Update on Alex Küttel who was injured in the last round with Richard Tschanz, he broke his arm, luckily he doesn't need surgery. We wish Alex a speedy and healthy recovery.



**PACIFIC NORTHWEST SCHWINGER AWARD** Congratulations to **Brenden Spahr** on the 2023 Pacific Northwest Schwinger Championship Award. Brenden placed 2nd in the Spring Tacoma Schwingfest (although this one isn't included in this award) and in Frances, after Swiss Wrestler Dominic Hess, and 3B in the Portland Schwingfest, while tying with Steven Widmer, and placing after Swiss Wrestlers, Stefan Etlin and Pascal Rothlin. He finished 5B in the Tacoma Schwingfest again tying with Steven Widmer.

This award is given to the top wrestler based on points from the Portland, Frances and Tacoma (Fall) Schwingfests. Brenden had finished 2nd - 5 times over the past 7 years. This year it also came down to the last two rounds between Brenden and Steven Widmer. He is the 1st Portland Swiss Club wrestler to win the award. He received this beautiful hand painted sawblade by Allyson Leonhard, who is the daughter-in-law of Anna Leonhard who painted sawblades and wood plaques for the North West clubs for many years.



The Pilatus Today had an article about Stefan Ettlin and Pascal Rothlin attending the Portland Schwingfest. I google translated - the full version is below in Swiss.

## Schwingers in the States "Victory!": Obwaldner dominate the wrestling festival in Portland Saturday was the big day. The wrestling festival in Portland was on the program for the two wrestlers from Obwalden, Stefan Ettlin and Pascal R  thlin. The pressure from home was there – they could easily withstand it. The two stood together in the final round.

In the morning it was still comfortable at first. Your tour guide, Joe Ming, was keen to show you a real American diner. So they drove off to have breakfast there. 'How long are we staying? The wrestling festival starts in half an hour,' the two ask themselves. 'It's a little different here guys. If two of the 15 or so competitors are missing, you just wait, »replies Ming calmly. The two have treated themselves to a somewhat hearty breakfast. So keep enjoying your breakfast. As it turns out, this was a bit hearty. When warming up, the stomach is heavy. 'It'll work,' says Ettlin. And how it went. The two 26-year-olds got off to a brilliant start and won the first two rounds before the lunch break without any major problems. 'Don't put your swing pants on properly' It quickly becomes clear that the level of the two from Obwalden is a lot higher than that of the other wrestlers. 'You notice it as soon as you put it together. The others don't put their swinging pants on properly,' says R  thlin. So he could be happy, he had to compete in the 4<sup>th</sup> round (after both had also won third) against his Obwalden colleague Ettlin. They put up an exciting fight, but stopped after five minutes of walking. Everyone is impressed by the Obwaldners The fight was clearly enjoyed by the few hundred spectators. 'It's so great to watch the two of them,' says a viewer, for example. The other wrestlers from the USA are also impressed: 'I've just decided that I want to come to Switzerland next year and train with them. They really have it, »says a wrestler from Los Angeles. The Obwaldner impress here. But the general mood is relaxed. During the breaks, there's 'Geisleklappt' and yodelling. A band on a wagon plays L  ndler music all the time. In terms of ambience, it could definitely be a small wrestling festival in Switzerland. Final round: Switzerland against Switzerland. But back to the sporty side: Ettlin and R  thlin were also able to ground their opponents in fifth round and so they were together in the final round for the Schlussgang in the middle of the afternoon. 'Now we're not taking it easy anymore, now we're going full throttle,' said the two shortly before the fight. This is opened with a strong round of applause from the audience. R  thlin launches an attack and puts Ettlin in distress. However, he knows how to defend himself and R  thlin is already lying on his back. The winner of the Portland Schwingfest 2023 is Stefan Ettlin from Kerns. 'I'm very happy to be able to win here,' said Ettlin with a broad grin. R  thlin doesn't have to stick his head in the sawdust at all. He finishes second, so he gets a wreath too. This is traditionally handed over to the wrestlers by a specially chosen lady of honor. Did one of them choose our reporter as maid of honor? 'Yes, I was allowed to crown Stefan Ettlin,' says our reporter Anita von Rotz. So she's now a maid of honor, or in her words: 'I'm now 'Crown Girl Number 1' from Portland Oregon in 2023 and I can feel honored,' she says and smiles. This is toasted! swingers in the States You love wrestling. The two from Obwalden, Stefan Ettlin and Pascal R  thlin. Now they have a unique opportunity to show their skills in the USA. The two 26-year-olds were invited to a wrestling festival in Portland, Oregon by the West Coast Swiss Association. Our reporter Anita von Rotz accompanies you exclusively on your adventure for a week. We report daily on PilatusToday, Radio Pilatus and Tele 1 what the two wrestlers are experiencing in America. You can find all posts here.



Check out the full-story here: [https://www.pilatustoday.ch/zentralschweiz/obwalden/sieg-obwaldner-dominieren-das-schwingfest-in-portland-152846620?utm\\_source=shared-email&utm\\_medium=shared&utm\\_campaign=Social%20Media](https://www.pilatustoday.ch/zentralschweiz/obwalden/sieg-obwaldner-dominieren-das-schwingfest-in-portland-152846620?utm_source=shared-email&utm_medium=shared&utm_campaign=Social%20Media)





## FAVORITES VICTORIOUS AT FIVE REGIONAL FESTIVALS

Favorite victories at five regional festivals In hot late summer temperatures, the favored Schwingers **Damian Ott, Matthias Aeschbacher, Pirmin Reichmuth and Joel Strebel**, were able to prevail at the regional festivals. In Péry, **Matthieu and Etienne Burger** achieved the feat of a brotherly co-victory.

Two weeks after the highlight of the season, several top wrestlers were in action at regional festivals. The Swiss secured the day's victory on all occasions, but no one managed to achieve six victories. A total of five regional festivals and six young wrestling days took

place on the weekend of September 9th and 10th.

**Allweg-Schwinget Ennetmoos** The only thing **Pirmin Reichmuth** couldn't win was first round on the all-way swing set: he couldn't get past defending champion Sven Schurtenberger. As a result, four wins, three of them with maximum marks, were enough to make it to the final tournament. Mike Müllestein emerged as an opponent. Among other things, he qualified for the final round with victories over the two Zug favorites Marcel Bieri and Noe van Messel. The third Zuger was one too many: After just 16 seconds, after a short move on Reichmuth's part, the decision was made, Müllestein remained in second place.



Homburg-Schwinget above Reinach, there was an internal club duel between two Freiamt Schwingers in the final round: **Joel Strebel** and Andreas Döbeli were able to decide on the day's victory. Döbeli, who was still unbeaten up to this point, would have been able to win the day if he had been placed. But after just over two minutes, Joel Strebel Kurz found the winning move, Döbeli remained in second place, shared with Oliver Hermann.

**Lueg-Schwinget Kaltacker** **Matthias Aeschbacher** and Mario Schneider duelled twice on the Lueg swing set. The pairing ended in the second round, with the judges deciding in favor of Aeschbacher. Since the two otherwise had four wins each, there was a repeat in the final round. Matthias Aesch-

bacher won this after 5.30 minutes with an inside hook. Mario Schneider fell back to fourth place, while his brother Domenic secured the place of honor.

**Autumn Swing Gelterkinden** **Damian Ott** remained undefeated at the end of the Thurgau season. He moved into the final with five wins, four of them with maximum marks. Marcel Räbsamen was waiting there; after an initial four victories, he was in fifth round with Sascha Streich. As a result, Ott's final pass was enough for him to win the day alone. Räbsamen remained in honor of

Jonas Odermatt.

**Péry regional wrestling festival** **Matthieu Burger** and his younger brother, wreath swinger **Etienne**, shared the day's victory at the Péry regional wrestling festival. They benefited from the final exchange between Elias Pirkheim and Alex Schär. With 32 wrestlers in the field, an unusually low 57.00 points were enough to win the event. After six courses, the Burger brothers each had two runners-up and four wins. The two shared three names on their sheet music: They both duelled with Flurin Eymann, Elias Pirkheim and Jan Klopfenstein.

**Google translated from [www.schlussgang.ch](http://www.schlussgang.ch)**

## UPDATES FROM SWITZERLAND

**2025 Eidgenössischen** Schwing- und Älplerfests in Glarnerland+ Website [www.esaf2025.ch](http://www.esaf2025.ch)

**ESV**

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/luttesuisse/>



# RANGLIS



AUGUST 15TH  
TACOMA, WA

## SENIORS

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Rothlin, Pascal	Sashsein, OW	58.75
2A	Ettlin, Stefan	Kerns, OW	57.00
2B	Tschanz, Richard	Bern, BO	57.00
3	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	56.75
4	Werner, Joshua	Frances, WA	56.00
	Above with Crowns		
5A	Widmer, Steven	Ripon, CA	55.75
5B	Spahr, Brendon	Portland, OR	55.75
6A	Schallberger, Clint	Ripon, CA	55.50
6B	Schoub, Reto	Switzerland	55.50
7	McLeod, Nathan	Tacoma, WA	55.25
8A	Brockway, Marshall	Frances, WA	54.75
8B	Regenass, Reto	Switzerland	54.75
9A	Spahr, Shelby	Frances, WA	54.50
9B	Pearson, Darrin	Frances, WA	54.50
10	Peterson, David	Tacoma, WA	54.25
11	Roberts, Ryan	Frances, WA	53.75
12	Gonzales, Marcus	Ripon, CA	52.25
*	Kaech, Cody	Tacoma, WA	Unfall

## JUNIORS

1	Lisherues, Luke	Tacoma, WA	58.25
2	Isom, Hunter	Frances, WA	57.25
3	Portman, Tyson	Frances, WA	57.00
	Above with Zwieg		
4A	Hanson, Josh	Tacoma, WA	56.00
4B	Brockway, Kyle	Frances, WA	56.00
5	Kaech, Koltin	Frances, WA	55.75
6	DeJong, Charles	Tacoma, WA	55.50
7	Gwerder, Romeo	Tacoma, WA	54.50
8	Isom, Austin	Frances, WA	53.25
9	Silva, Barrett	Ripon, CA	52.25
*	Mark, Jameson	Tacoma, WA	Unfall

## PORTLAND 105TH ANNUAL SCHWINGFEST

AUGUST 5TH 2023



## SENIORS

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Etlin, Stefan	Kerns, Obwalden	58.25
2	Rothlin, Pascal	Sachseln, Obwalden	57.25
3A	Widmer, Steven	Ripon, CA	56.25
3B	Spahr, Brenden	Portland, OR	56.25
	Above with Crowns		
4A	Brockway, Marshall	Frances, WA	56.00
4B	Leimbruber, Paul	Imperial Valley, CA	56.00
5	Tamez, Austin	Tacoma, WA	55.75
6	Macleod, Nathan	Tacoma, WA	55.50
7A	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	55.00
7B	Gonzales, Marcus	Ripon, CA	55.00
8	Petersen, David	Tacoma, WA	54.50
9	Durrer, George	Tillamook, OR	52.50

## JUNIORS

1	Hanson, Josh	Tacoma, WA	59.75
2	Brockway, Kyle	Frances, WA	56.00
3	Isom, Austin	Frances, WA	52.50

## 9-12 Year Olds

1	Elder, Adam	Tacoma, WA	59.50
2	Arichbald, Cohen	Portland, OR	55.25
3	Hobbs, Dexter	Portland, OR	55.00
4	Rodriguez, Enrique	Tacoma, WA	52.50

## 6-8 Year Olds

1	Zock, Jackson	Frances, WA	57.50
2	Nussbaumer, Slate	Helvetia, OR	57.25
3	Nussbaumer, Cedar	Helvetia, OR	56.50
4	Cooper, Dustin	Helvetia, OR	55.50
5	Portmann, Matthias	Tacoma, WA	55.00
6	Macleod, Cameron	Tacoma, WA	53.50



# CHAMPIONSHIP SCHWINGFEST!



## SENIORS

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Hess, Dominik*	Engelbergh CH	58.50
2A	Betschart, Andrew	Ripon, CA	57.50
2B	Robinson, Aaron	Ripon, CA	57.50
3	Leimgruber, Paul	Holtville, CA	57.25
4	Schallberger, Clint	Stockton, CA	56.50
5	Gwerder, Dustin	Truckee, CA	56.25
	Above with Crowns		
6	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	55.75
7A	Baroni, Andrew	Ripon, CA	55.50
7B	Widmer, Steven	Ripon, CA	55.50
8	Berchtold, Mike	French Camp, CA	55.25
9	Schmidig, Jaydn	Reno, NV	54.50
10	Ross, Code	Reno, NV	54.50
11A	Gonzales, Marcus	Ripon, CA	54.00
11B	Walker, Richard	Stockton, CA	54.00
*	Widmer, Grant	Ripon, CA	Unfall
*	Cook, Marty	Stockton, CA	Unfall



## GROUP A

1	Kuttel, Alex	Sacramento, CA	57.75
2	Barrett, Silva	Modesto, CA	56.75
	Above w/Zweig		
3	Schmidig, Tanner	Truckee, CA	52.50

## GROUP B

1	Wipfli, Revell	Pleasanton, CA	58.75
2	Lyhne, Barrett	Floriston, CA	56.25
3	Lyhne, Aylah	Floriston, CA	56.00
	Above w/Zweig		
4	Lyhne, Gunther	Floriston	55.25
5	Gwerder, Brooke	Carson City, NV	54.50
6	Lyhne, Areli	Floriston, CA	52.50





# RAAGLISTE

LEWIS-PACIFIC SWISS SOCIETY - SCHWINGFEST JUNE 30TH - JULY 2ND 2023

## SENIORS

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Hess, Dominik*	Engelbergh CH	58.50
2	Spahr, Brenden	Portland, OR	56.75
3	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	56.25
	<i>Above with Crowns</i>		
4	Gonzales, Marcus	Ripon, CA	56.00
5A	Widmer, Steven	Ripon, CA	55.75
5B	Macleod	Tacoma, WA	55.75
6	Brockway, Marshall	Frances, WA	55.50
7	Pierson, Austin	Frances, WA	54.75
8	Kaech, Cody	Frances, WA	54.50
9	Roberts, Ryan	Frances, WA	52.75
Umfall	Bush, Wyatt	Frances, WA	

## JUNIORS 15-17

1	Price, Jacob	Frances, WA	58.00
2	Isom, Hunter	Frances, WA	57.00
	<i>Above with Bells</i>		
3A	Kaech, Koltin	Frances, WA	55.50
3B	Brockway, Kyle	Frances, WA	56.00
4	Gwerder, Romeo	Tacoma, WA	56.00
Umfall	Porter, Chase	Tacoma, WA	52.50

## 12-13-14 Year Olds

1	Harris, Hunter	Frances, WA	57.50
2	Isom, Austin	Frances, WA	57.00
3	Rovito, Owen	Frances, WA	52.50

## Above with Bells

## 9-10-11 Year Olds

1	Elder, Adam	Frances, WA	59.25
2	Markee, Talton	Frances, WA	57.50
3	Muller, TJ	Frances, WA	56.50
	<i>Above with Bells</i>		
4	Richter, Jacob	Frances, WA	55.75
5	Elliot, Luke	Tacoma, WA	53.75



## 6-7-8 Year Olds

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Grant, John	Frances, WA	58.50
2	Kaech, Barron	Frances, WA	57.00
3	Blaser, Fletcher	Tacoma, WA	56.75
	<i>Above with Bells</i>		
4A	Zock, Jackson	Frances, WA	56.00
4B	Annibal, Miles	Tacoma, WA	56.00
4C	Elliot, Nate	Tacoma, WA	56.00
5	Hodel, Brent	Frances, WA	55.00
6	Aust, Tristan	Frances, WA	53.75

## 4-5 Year Olds

1A	Kaech, Angus	Frances, WA	57.50
1B	Macloed, Kameron	Tacoma, WA	57.50
	<i>Above with Bells</i>		
2	Annibal, Daivs	Tacoma, WA	57.00
3	Spahr, Brantley	Frances, WA	54.75
4	Blaser, Toby	Tacoma, WA	54.50
5	Aust, Harper	Frances, WA	52.50

# RAAGLISTE

*San Diego Swiss Club*  
**73rd Annual Schwingfest**  
**Saturday, June 17, 2023**

2001 Main St., Chula Vista, CA 91911

## SENIORS

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Hess, Dominik*	Engelbergh CH	59.50
2	Macleod, Nathan	Tacoma, WA	56.75
3	Leimgruber, Paul	Holtville, CA	56.50
4	Schallberger, Clint	Stockton, CA	56.25
<i>Above with Crowns</i>			
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
9A	Bigalk, Luke	Chula Vista, CA	53.75
9B	King, Alexander	Chula Vista, CA	53.75

## JUNIORS 12-16

1	Toscaro, Luxus	Imperial Beach CA	57.50
2	Contreras, River	San Deigo, CA	57.00
3	Muther, Kevin	San Diego. CA	56.75
<i>Above with Bells</i>			
4	Nebel, Aomi	San Diego, CA	57.75
5A	Lowery, Benjamin	San Deigo, CA	54.50
5B	Ortiz, Lucas	San Diego, CA	54.50
6	Theep, Nico	Coronado, CA	53.50

## GROUP B 8-10

1	Bostrom, Travis	Escondido, CA	57.75
2	Ortiz, David	San Diego, CA	56.50
3	Ortiz, Ellis	San Diego, CA	55.75
<i>Above with Bells</i>			
4	Hyde Matthew	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 4-7 YEARS

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Bostrom, Dillon	Escondido, CA	56.75
2	Lowery, Joseh	Chula Vista, CA	56.50
3	Keshka, Sloan	San Diego, CA	55.75
<i>Above with Bells</i>			
4	Macleod, Kameron	Tacoma, WA	55.50
5	Keshka, Logan	San Diego, CA	54.75
6	Hyde, Mason	Imperial Beach, CA	52.50



## SENIORS

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Hess, Dominik*	Engelbergh CH	58.00
2	Spahr, Brenden	Portland, OR	56.75
3	Macleod, Nathan	Tacoma, WA	56.50
<i>Above with Crowns</i>			
4	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	56.25
5	Roat, Colt	Frances, WA	55.75
6	Peterson, David	Tacoma, WA	55.50
7	Hanson, Josh	Tacoma, WA	54.75
8	Gwerder, Romeo	Tacoma, WA	52.50



# RAAGLISTE



**IMPERIAL VALLEY SWISS CLUB**  
**HOLTVILLE, CA MARCH 25, 2023**  
**11 Seniors and 6 Youth**



**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SWISS CLUB**  
**RIPON, CA JUNE 3, 2023**

## SENIORS

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Widmer, Steven	Ripon, CA	58.00
2A	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	57.00
2B	Merten, Jacob	Holtville, CA	57.00
2C	Ascencio, David	Holtville, CA	57.00

*Above with Crowns*

3	Ledesman, Daniel	Holtville, CA	55.75
4	Cortero, Issack	El Centro, CA	55.50
5	Betschart, Teddy	Modesto, CA	55.25
6	Gonzales, Marcus	Ripon, CA	55.00
7	Baroni, Andrew	Ripon, CA	54.75
8	Curry, Kyle	Holtville, CA	54.50
9	Espinoza, Jonas	El Centro, CA	52.50

## YOUTH

1	Kellum, Drew	Holtville, CA	59.00
2	Johnson, Conner	Brawley, CA	55.75

*Above with Trophies*

3A	Navariete, Emilio	Holtville, CA	55.50
3B	Sutter, Toby	Holtville, CA	55.50
3C	Williams, Beau	Holtville, CA	55.50
4	Leimgruber, Mattias	Holtville, CA	53.50

## Steinstossen

Men	Leimbrugger, Paul	116"
Men	Abatti, Braden	111"
Woman	Britschgi, Stacey	164"

## Steinstossen - Ripon June 3rd

### SENIORS

Men	Women
1 Grant Widmer 14'6	Alessandra Battig 11'4
2 Lucas Widmer 13'9	Meagan Battig 9'6
3 Andrew Betschart 13'3	Kylie Snyder 9'3
YOUTH BOYS	Girls
5 Under Will Hodgson 9'	Samantha Berchtold 8.4
6-8 Dominic Johnson 21.8	Maiya Lujan 14.5
9-11 Owen Lewis 15'	Madyln Albert 13.5
12-14 Barrett Silva 19.5	Grace Beglinger 16.1
15-17 Levi Cook 16.4	Belle Beglinger 8.1

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Hess, Dominik	Engelberg, CH	58.75
2	Betschart, Andrew	Ripon, CA	57.00
3A	Widmer, Grant	Ripon, CA	56.25
3B	Schallberger, Clint	Lodi, CA	56.25
4A	Widmer, Steven	Manteca, CA	55.75
4B	Baroni, Andrew	Ripon, CA	55.75

*Above with Medals*

5	Robinson, Aaron	Stockton	55.25
6	Lujan, Morgan	Elk Grove, CA	54.75
7	Berchtold, Mike	French Camp, CA	53.75
8	Gonzales, Marcus	Manteca, CA	52.50

## JUNIOR 14-17

1	Cook, Levi	Turlock, CA	59.00
2	Walker, Richard	Stockton, CA	56.00

*Above with Medals*

3	Knockum, Zamari	Ripon, CA	54.00
4	Martinez, Dulcy	Ripon, CA	53.00

## GROUP B 11-13

1	Kuttel, Alex	Sacramento, CA	58.00
2	Silva, Barrett	Modesto, CA	57.75

*Above with Medals*

3A	Lewis, Levi	Turlock, CA	55.00
3B	Noonkester, Wyatt	Manteca, CA	55.00
3C	Schmidig, Tanner	Truckee, CA	55.00
4	Lewis, Owen	Turlock, CA	52.75
5	Martinez, Leona	Oakdale, CA	56.00
Unfell	Garcia, Leonidas	Ripon, CA	

## GROUP A 5-9

1	Marchy, James	Modesto, CA	58.75
2	Widmer, Charles	Manteca, CA	57.00

*Above with Medals*

3	Haron, Gunner	Modesto, CA	56.00
4	Lewis, Jacob	Turlock, CA	54.50
5	Haron, Gage	Modesto, CA	52.50



**WOMEN IN SCHWINGEN: An Article in the AFP talks about Women in Swiss Wrestling:** Here we have had a few young ladies that have been competing in the Schwingfests. These are some of the tough girls coming out to compete and show their skills. Looks like the next generation of *Mings* are starting in the arena coming up. Watch out boys!

**Women wrestlers battle for equality with Swiss 'schwinger kings'** Romanel-sur-Lausanne (Switzerland) (AFP) – Traditional Swiss wrestling, known as "schwingen" in German, has been a male preserve for centuries -- the ultimate test of manhood for Alpine alpha males. But a growing number of women are trying to muscle their

way into Switzerland's top homegrown sport despite opposition from some men. While around 6,000 men are registered with schwingen clubs, only 200 women and girls are formally involved in the sport. Faced with entrenched male opposition, the women created their own federation in 1992 and went their own way. But such is the level of overlap -- with men and women using the same judges and venues -- some feel a merger is only a matter of time. Anne Cardinaux, head of the organising committee of the Romandy wrestling festival in the hills above Lausanne, told AFP that women wrestlers "are still not accepted among the men, not in the same federation. "But they'll try to get there one day."

**'King of the schwingers'** While a few thousand spectators were expected for the men's festival in Romanel-sur-Lausanne, several hundred watched the women's events the day before. "We are showing off the sport. People who are unaware of it are discovering it," said Brigitte Foulk, spokeswoman for the Romandy Women's Swiss Wrestling Association. Proudly rural, the amateur sport's heartland is in the German-speaking cantons. But the original handful of women wrestlers in Romandy in the French-speaking west has now swelled to 34. "It's growing bit-by-bit by word of mouth. Sisters see their brothers wrestling and want to give it a go," Foulk said.

**Fair play spirit** And the prizes are similarly old school. The top one for men is typically a bull. At Romanel, in a gesture of equality, the women's champion won a pregnant heifer. "Normally we have lesser prizes. Five years ago we won a jar of honey and everyone was happy," said competitor Franziska Ruch, president of the Federal Women's Wrestling Association. The Romanel women's festival played out to up-tempo accordion music, occasionally interspersed with live yodeling. Following bouts, competitors gasped for air in the 32-degree-Celsius (90-degree-Fahrenheit) heat, then dunked their heads in a water trough. Competitors face six opponents throughout the day. The five-minute contests take place in a 12-metre wide sawdust ring, scored by three judges, with points totaled up at the end of six bouts to determine who goes through to the finals.

**Changing mentalities** "It's high concentration and it's also mental. You must prepare," said 18-year-old Antonia Bucher, her face covered in sawdust. Schwingen is very much a family affair, the apprentice carpenter told AFP. Most women wrestlers "have schwingen family, brothers, fathers or friends who also do this and then they kind of slide into this. "My friends did it and now I'm doing it," she added. She acknowledged though that "not everyone accepts" women joining the wrestling ranks. "The older men think women (should) stay in the kitchen. Not all the time, but often." Bob Blanchette, one of the senior festival judges, said talks were underway about the national men's federation sharing resources and opportunities with the women. "There's no reason that women can't participate in it and that the men can't help them to promote the sport," he said. "It's been a lot of work to change the mentality," he added.





# West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association

The West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association now officially recognizes Portland Swiss Club, Lewis Pacific Swiss Society and Tacoma Sportsman Club as members of the West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association, joining Imperial Valley Swiss Club, San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club, San Diego County Swiss Club, Sierra Swiss Club and Aelppler Gruppe Swiss Clubs. This has been years in formulating all of the West Coast together and we are excited that we are all united. What this means for our Schwingers? This offers you more points in the Perpetual Trophy sweepstakes and more completion in the final tallies.

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**LOOK, LOOK, ROAD TRIP TO TILLAMOOK !  
TILLAMOOK, OR IS PLANNING A SCHWINGFEST  
APRIL 27th 2024.**

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**JUNE 15TH 2024 - SAN DIEGO - CHAMPIONSHIP**  
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