

March 2024

West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association NEWSLETTER

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The West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association announces a fun filled 2024 Schwingfest Season! This year you can participate or watch the following Schwingfests: Imperial Valley, Tillamook, OR, Ripon Spring, San Diego (Championship), Tacoma Spring, WA, Lewis Pacific-Frances Schwingfest, WA, Sierra Schwingfest-Truckee, Portland Schwingfest, OR, Tacoma Fall Schwingfest, WA, Aelpler Gruppe-Newark Schwingfest, SJVSC - Ripon Fall Schwingfest. That is a total of 11 West Coast Schwingfests this year.

Some exciting things happening at all of them this year! Take a bus trip from Pleasanton/Ripon to Imperial Valley, attend the 2nd Tillamook Schwingfest, Championship in San Diego this year! See the Calendar and Make your plans now!

2024 WEST COAST SCHWINGFEST



DATE	CLUB	LOCATION
April 13	Imperial Valley Swiss Club	Holtville, CA
April 27	Tillamook Swiss Club	Tillamook, OR
June 1	San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club	Ripon, CA
June 15	San Diego Swiss Club	San Diego, CA
	*CHAMPIONSHIP SCHWINGFEST	
June 29	Tacoma Swiss Club	Bonney Lake, WA
July 5-7	Lewis-Pacific Swiss Club	Frances, WA
July 20	Sierra Swiss Club	Truckee, CA
August 3	Portland Swiss Club	Portland, OR
August 10-11	Tacoma Swiss Club	Bonney Lake, WA
August 31	Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club	Newark, CA
Sept 7	San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club	Ripon, CA



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will put you on our email list.



Swiss Club of Imperial Valley

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2024 Schwingfest Schedule April 12 - 14, 2024

Friday - Welcome Party

6:00 p.m. Ronnie Leimgruber's Party

2075 Mets Rd., Holtville, CA.

Taco Cart & Country Western Dance

See next page for Bus info
from Northern California
to Imperial Valley

Saturday - Schwingfest

10:00 a.m. Swiss Club Gates Open (\$10 entrance fee) Wrestlers sign up

11:00 a.m. Wrestling Commences

12:00 p.m. BBQ Lunch served through 2:00 p.m.

Wrestling, Children's games and I.V. Swiss band entertain during the day

6:30 p.m. Outsider's Steak Dinner served through 7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Blaser-Faver Orchestra

9:00 p.m. (Approx.) Award of Prizes to Wrestlers

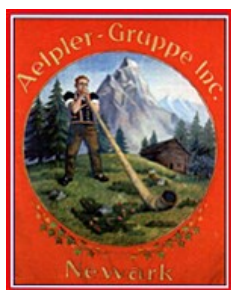
Sunday - Farm Tour & Dinner

1:00 p.m. Farm Tour

5:00 p.m. Mexican Dinner



Come celebrate with us "100 Years" as a Club and our 103th Schwingfest!!!



***Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club, Inc. and
Swiss Benevolent Society of San Francisco
Swiss Folklore Luncheon & Dance***

Honoring Dave & Margrith Reichmuth

Sunday, April 7, 2024 Noon - 3:00 pm

Newark Swiss Park 5911 Mowry Avenue, Newark, CA

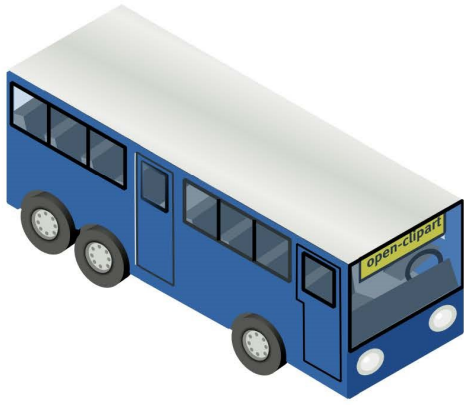
We would love to hear your wrestling stories about Dave for "the day" please contact Arnold
aambiel@ambiel.org or attend the event and share them in person.

Lunch will Bratwurst or Roasted Vegetables over Polenta Cost \$25.00

****Free for over 70 and under 15**

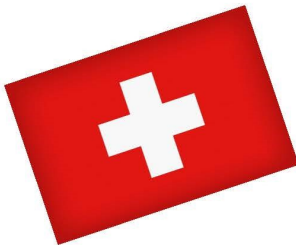
More info: Reservations and more info: 510-936-2523 or aelplergruppe@gmail.com

Flyer: <https://www.aelplergruppe.com/>



BUS TRIP TO IMPERIAL VALLEY SCHWINGFEST

We need more people to sign up to keep this bus rolling on down the road! Please call Arnold Ambiel if you are interested by March 10th. We have 22 people currently and need 50 to fill the bus without the price going up!



April 12th to April 15th, 2024

Departs Friday April 12th from Pleasanton/Ripon area at 8:00 am

Arrive at Fairfield Inn in El Centro by 6 pm

Stay Overnight for three nights at the Fairfield Inn for \$169/night

*taxes and resort fee may apply



FAIRFIELD INN
IMPERIAL VALLEY MALL
503 E DANENBERG DR
EL CENTRO, CA 92243



Bus to and from Imperial Valley Swiss Club and
Return Monday, April 15th leave 8:00 am to Ple

Cost \$180.00 per person *Bus on
(if we can fill the bus - 50 people)

Restroom and Comfy seats!

If interested email Arnold at aambiel@ambiel.org

Or 1-408-691-6446 so we can get a total count no later than

March 10th

Calling on other clubs that would like to make Bus Trips happen! There has been interest in a Northern California Bus to San Diego - let us know if that interests you - and organizers in those areas need to help us plan something in your area so it's a 2-3 day of some entertainment doesn't need to be at the club - tours etc is great, also helping us arrange for accommodations in those areas. Contact Arnold Ambiel aambiel@ambiel.org or call 408-691-6446.

2024 Spring Schwingfest & Swiss Stomp

4H Pavilion @ Tillamook Fairgrounds 4603 3rd St Tillamook OR

April 27, 2024 - Schedule of Events

11am Doors Open - Wrestlers Sign In

12pm Opening Ceremonies

12pm - 5pm Schwingfest & Steinstossen @ The Schwing Platz

12pm - 11pm Static Cultural Heritage Displays

12pm - 6pm Kindergarten Area

1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm, 5:30pm Volkswalk

4pm - 7pm Schnitzel Dinner by Caribaldi Portside Bistro

Tickets by Pre-Sale Only

6pm Buebe Schwingers & Steinstossen Awards

6:30pm Little Swiss Court Performance

6:35pm Swiss Dance Lessons

6:50pm Tillamook Swiss Society

7pm Tapping of the Festival Keg

7pm - 11pm Swiss Stomp with The Polkatones

9pm Crown Ceremony

Admissions:

Adults 18+ \$12 each / \$20 per couple | Kids (6-17) \$8 each | 5 & Under FREE

Family 4 pack (2 Adults / 2 Kids) = \$30

**Food / Beverages / Merchandise Available to Purchase Onsite.
Cash Only.**

Thank you to our Title Sponsor: Werner Gourmet Meat Snacks
Presenting Sponsors: Roots Event Management,
Burden's Muffler & Towing, Brian Werner Concrete & Construction,
Obrist Family / Fairview Acres

Times and information subject to change
For more info: tillamookswishall@gmail.com

 <https://www.facebook.com/TillamookSwissSociety>

Supported by a Tillamook County Cultural Trust Grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust



Delicious Dinner from 4-7

Prepaid only

Pork or Chicken Schnitzel

Mash Potatoes & Gravy

Bread & Vegetable Dinner

\$28.00 pre-paid—Contact



Lodging Partner Shoutout!

The Tillamook Inn

2515 B Main Ave Tillamook OR 97141
(Formerly the Shilo Inn)

Tell them you are with the "Swiss Event Group"

When You Call Direct @

503-842-7971

to make your reservation!

**Offering a discounted block rate exclusive to the
2024 Spring Schwingfest & Swiss Stomp attendees!**

Prost!



What does the Sierra Swiss Club do when it is not Schwingen Season?

They ring home MARCO ODERMATT to his 3rd consecutive World Cup overall title on Saturday, February 24th at Palisades Tahoe, as he claimed a 10th giant slalom victory in a row.



Members and friends of the Sierra Swiss Club and even those from the Swiss Consulate, Balz Abplanalp, Beat Henzen and Oliver Guggisberg, cheered on the skiers with their Swiss Flags and Treicheln and Glocken Schwingen Bells! Friday they paraded down the Palisades Village with their flags and Ringing Bells! Saturday and Sunday were early

mornings to get the first row spots in the stands to ring home the skiers as they approached the finish line. It was a wonderful day under a bright sun and blue sky with the temperature approaching 50 F. While rooting for all of the skiers and especially the Americans (3rd place River Radamus, 20th Tommy Ford, 24th Patrick Kenny) - the highlight was ringing home the 1st place finisher **Marco Odermatt** and the other top Swiss skiers (4th Thomas Tumler, 5th Gino Caviezel, 6th Loic Meillard, 12th Justin Murisier and 14th Livio Simonet). The group even got a spot light on KCRA Chanel 3 News! I can tell you doing this all day long - you can tell how out of shape your arms are the next day!

The 26-year-old from Switzerland has been so dominant this season that he is assured of taking home the crystal globe for having the most points in the standings even though there are still 10 of 38 races remaining on the schedule.



Odermatt's win at the Palisades Tahoe resort boosted his total to 1,702 points, a whopping 1,001 ahead of Manuel Feller's 701. Each victory is worth 100 points, so there is no way Odermatt can be caught. Odermatt completed two runs Saturday in a combined time of 2min 11.69sec. That allowed him to finish 0.12sec ahead of Norway's Henrik Kristoffersen, who earned his first podium placing of the season. [Odermatt is the reigning Olympic gold medalist](#) and world champion in the giant slalom and has gone 9-0 in that race this season, adding onto the three in a row he picked up to end last season. He finished the two legs Saturday along the Strawpile slope in Aspen in 2 minutes, 3.20 seconds, with winds reaching 25 mph (40 kph)

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE SCHLUSSGANG PAGES IN SWITZERLAND:

(from the Schlussgang.ch)



Want to follow some other Schwingers in Switzerland this year? **How about Twin brothers Tim & Jan Roth.** They are going to both participate in 8 Crown Schwingfests this year.

The Roth twin brothers, mind you, are only in their 20s, and have both already taken part in the final round of active wrestling festivals. Jan Roth most recently at the Börzberg-Schwinget 2021, where he is scheduled to take part again this year, Tim most recently at the Aargau Cantonal Wrestling Festival

last season. Tenth wreath in the 2024 season? The Roth brothers could celebrate winning their 10th crown this season before their 20th birthday. Jan is still missing four, Tim is missing three.

Here is where they will or hope to compete as the * they need to be selected to compete.

May 5th Solothurn Cantonal Wrestling Festival Kestenholz

May 9th Baselstadt Wrestling Festival Basel

May 20th Bözberg-Schwinget

June 2nd Aargau Cantonal Wrestling Festival Bad Zurzach

June 9th Stoos-Schwinget

June 16th Northwestern Swiss Wrestling Festival Lausen

June 29th Fricktaler Abendschwinget Schupfart

July 14th Rigi-Schwinget

July 20th Weissenstein-Schwinget

August 17th Basel Landscape Cantonal Wrestling Festival Pratteln

September 8th Anniversary Wrestling Festival 125 years
of ESV Appenzell *Selection Required

September 15th Homberg-Schwinget ob Reinach

Note that the Anniversary Wrestling Festival 125 years of ESV Appenzell only takes place every 25 years, so whom ever makes it into this Schwingfest it would be amazing to watch!

More info at: 125 Jahr-Jubiläum des (ESV) <https://appenzell2024.ch/>

Interesting Facts on Jan & Tim Roth:

Born 11/2/2004 - 19 years old

Jan is 255 lbs (116 kg) 5'9 (182 cm)

Hobbies: Skiing and Ice Hockey

Crowns: 6

Tim is 264 lbs (120 kg) 6'-0" (183 cm)

Hobbies: Motocross, good times with
friends and helping on father's farm

Crowns: 7

Next Schwingfest upcoming is the Hallenschwinget Sarnen

Check out their website www.schwinger-sarnen.ch/

The 2024 wrestling season with the highlight of the Swiss Anniversary Wrestling Festival in Appenzell will once again be launched in an exciting way. After a lot of positive feedback from wrestlers and visitors, the 48th Large Hallenschwimmt Sarnen will be held in a similar form to 2023. What is already certain is that, in addition to Jonas Burch, Stalden, the registered participants also include the other Schwingers Pirmin Reichmuth, Mike Müllestein, Michael Gwerder and Marcel Bieri.

The traditional Sarner indoor swing is considered one of the most important indicators for the start of the wrestling season. The beautiful cow Amira, bred by Dominik Kathriner, Obermargi 2, Stalden, is available for the festival winner. The second and third place winners will also win a beautiful cow calf.



The West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association

Congratulates 2023 Josef L Inderbitzen Perpetual Trophy Winner

BRENDEN SPAHR

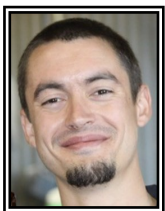
PORTLAND, OR

We had a total of 51 Schwingers competing in 2023 from the West Coast in the overall standings for the Perpetual Trophy. We have started with the Trophy again 13 years ago, winners have included Andrew Betschart (6x), Logan Schallberger, Frank Kaech (2x) Jakob Schallberger and Grant Widmer and now Brenden Spahr, which is our first out of California Wrestler to win the Trophy.

In fact for first time in the past 12 years the Perpetual Trophy did 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. 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! We hear that is is planning a trip to Switzerland to compete in some early summer Schwingfests. We can't wait to get more information so we can follow him.

We once again start our 2024 Perpetual Trophy starting at the Imperial Valley Schwingfest. Note that all of the Schwingfests count toward the Perpetual Trophy standings. More in the next newsletter.

Brenden will be awarded the Perpetual Trophy at the San Diego Championship Schwingfest on June 15th 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.

We will have more on the Annual George E Morris Memorial Schwinger Award in the next Newsletter for the 2024 Season.

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.

MEET THE BOARD:

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San Diego is where the Championship will be this year - June 15th - have never been? Make plans for to attend! More info to follow.

SCHLUSSGANG.CH Schwingerzeitung SCHLUSSGANG (on facebook)

The season review of the newcomers: 21 Schwingers won the Eidgenössis wreath for the first time at the ESAF 2022 in Pratteln. One season later, the newcomers give us information about how their first year with the third star behind their name went! Each one are interviewed which is interesting in itself. Read the article but some of the take a ways were how persistently they were dogged by bad luck with injuries in the 2023 season; half of all of them had to at least participate from the sawdust sidelines part of the season. Overall this group secured an average of just 4.33 wreaths which is one less than the previous year of 5.38. Find your favorite new Schwinger and follow their journey in 2024.

UPDATES FROM SWITZERLAND

2024 125 Jahr-Jubiläum Appenzell

<https://appenzell2024.ch>

2025 Eidgenössischen Schwing- und Älplerfests in Glarnerland+ Website www.esaf2025.ch

ESV

Eidgenössischer Schwingerverband is the organizing group for Swiss Wrestling. <https://esv.ch/>

Schlussgang

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