## West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association NEWSLETER

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<u>The 2025 Imperial Valley Schwingfest</u> hosted by the Swiss Club of Imperial Valley was held on April 5th. This was one of two Schwingfests that will select the remaining Schwingers to go to the Eldg. in Glarus in August.

For the last few years a Friday Night welcome dinner has been hosted by the Leimgrubers on their ranch. It's

the perfect place to catch up and get back into Schwingfest mode after a long winter. 50-75 people attended this year. And those that didn't make it to the Leimgrubers could be found at Hot Rods & Beer in Holtville.

The IVSC hall is located just north of Holtville on Worthington Road. The temps were great that day. Not too hot and the winds were tolerable. 19 Seniors from as far as Washington State and 17 youth showed up.

While three Schwingers were chosen by the WCSWA last fall to represent the USA; Grant Widmer, Brendan Spahr and Connor Treat, Grant recently declined due to personal reasons leaving 2 spots open to the remaining eligible Schwingers for Glarus 2025. Based on participation and results over the past three years those are Patrick Richardson, Peter Ming, Steven Widmer and Marshall Brockway, and all were represented in Imperial Valley.

With the large group of Schwingers and two spots at the Eidgenössisches Schwingfest in Glarnerland+ on the line, the wrestling was excellent. Much more aggressive than in past years. The Rangliste (see

over the winter.



**The Schwingen Chair was George Morris**. The judges were Ben Abatti, Joseph Muller, George Pacheco and Tom Muller. Ernie Ludwig and Ronnie Leimgruber were the referees. Tony Odermatt and Teddy Betschart did the pairings.

Karen Odermatt from San Diego did the results and made the Rangliste which included their tradition of listing the wins and losses by round using the Swiss standard; +, o, -. It makes for an interesting read. She also does them on a spreadsheet that makes the results and standings easy to share between rounds.

The new WCSWA guidelines were used for the first time by Schwingers and Judges alike in Holtville. They worked well and the lessons learned there are being shared with the Tillamook organizers for May. Thanks to Don Odermott and committee for putting this in place

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2025!

There was a good crowd in attendance with many visitors from Arizona and Northern California, Oregon and Washington. Imperial valley prides itself on its food and put the BBQ beef lunch on the coals Friday afternoon to have them ready for the excellent Schwingfest lunch. **Continued on page 2.** 

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#### **IMPERIAL VALLEY 104TH SCHWINGFEST**

#### APRIL 5, 2025 RANGLISTE

Seniors	(17-46)		
Place	Name	Hometown	Points W+/L 0 / T -
1	Ming, Peter	Elk Grove, CA	58.75 ++-++
2	Betschart, Andrew	Ripon, CA	57.75 + + - + + 0
3	Lujan, Morgan	Elk Grove, CA	56.50 ++-+0+
4	Toten, Michael	Holtville, CA	56.25  0+0+++
5	Macleod, Nathan	Tacoma, WA	55.00 + 0 + + 0 0
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6a	Brockway, Marshall	Frances, WA	54.75 -+-0-+
6b	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	54.75 0 - + +
7	Johnston, Donovan	Holtville, CA	54.50 + 0 + +
8a	Haug, Joshua	San Diego, CA	54.25 0 + - 0 + +
8b	Toten, Maddox	Holtville, CA	54.25 + 0 - + 0 +
8c	Bellavia, Joseph	San Diego, CA	54.25 + 0 - + 0 -
9	Widmer, Steven	Ripon, CA	54.00 - + 0
10a	Sagapolu, Josiah	Manteca, CA	53.00 000+-0
10b	Gonzalez, Issac	Holtville, CA	53.00 - 0.0 + 0.0
11	Vega, Augie	Menifee, CA	52.75 - 0 - 0
12	Rosas, Luis	Manteca, CA	52.25 - 0 - 0
13	Sebastian, Duarte	Holtville, CA	52.00 0 0
14	Taylor, Zachary	Brawley, CA	51.75 0 - 0 0
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Place	Name	Hometown	Points W+/L 0 / T -
1	Kellum, Drew	Holtville, CA	49.25 +++++
2	Collo, Nataly	Holtville, CA	46.25  0++0+
3	Williams, Beau	Holtville, CA	45.00 + 0.0 + 0
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Imperial Valley 104th König - Peter Ming

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The Club has also changed how it does the Schwingfest dinner. They have consolidated the Outsiders dinner into Saturday night. Now outsiders are guests paid for by the club member contributions. The steaks and Aelpler macaroni were very good and the new desserts disappeared quickly.

The **Blaser Faver Kapella** came from Washington to play. Their music is always excellent and a real treat to hear.

The two remaining spots for Glarus 2025 will now be decided in <u>Tillamook on May 17th.</u> Join us on this road to ESAF 2025.

#### **Festival Notes**

The Club found a new schwingfest hotel, The Cambria in Imperial this year. It's decorated in Agriculture themes from the Pioneers Museum down the road and is not far from the Imperial Airport. The rooms were reasonable and very comfortable. Their restaurant is very good, but not included with the room. Worth checking out next year. It's always great to catch up with the other Swiss visitors over breakfast. —Arnold Ambiel

#### THE TILLAMOOK SCHWINGFEST - MAY 17TH 2025

**The Tillamook Schwingfest** is extra special this year! The <u>West Coast Swiss Association</u> is sending 4 wrestlers to compete in Switzerland at the Eidgenössisches in August. While three Schwingers were selected, Grand Widmer has relinquished his spot and now 2 spots will be awarded based on the results from the Imperial Valley (April 5th) and the Tillamook Schwingfest (May17)! The top 2 finishers overall will receive these spots for the 2025 Eidgenössisches Schwing-und Alplerfest Glarnerland. *Yes, Tillamook's Schwingfest is a qualifier for the Eidgenössisches!* 

#### 2025 Spring Schwingfest & Swiss Dance

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

May 17, 2024 - Schedule of Events

10:30 am Doors Open & Wrestlers Sign In

11:30am Opening Ceremonies / Wrestling Starts

11:30am - 5:30pm Schwingfest & Steinstossen @ The Schwing Platz 50/50 Raffle | Swiss Whip demonstration | Blaser Kapelle

12pm - 10pm Food & Drink Sales (Taqueria Mendez Food Truck & Werner Brewing)

12pm - 6pm Kindergarten Area: Kids games, face painting, Sugar + Air Gourmet Cotton Candy & Iemonade sales

6pm Buebe Schwingers & Steinstossen Awards

6:30pm Little Swiss Court Performance

6:45pm Tillamook Swiss Society

6:50pm Tapping of the Festival Keg

7pm - 10pm Swiss Dance with Kapelle Blaser

9pm Crown Ceremony

#### Admissions:

Adults 18+ \$15 each / \$25 per couple | Kids (13-17) \$10 each | 12 & Under FREE Family 4 pack (2 Adults / 2 Kids) = \$35

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

Thank you to our Sponsors: Werner Gourmet Meat Snacks, Roots Event Management, Durrer-Lyon Family, Durrer Family, Tillamook School of Dance, Brett Hurliman, Tillamook PUD

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## Friday Night before the Schwingfest Meet and Greet

<u>Cost</u> \$10.00 for non-wrestlers. Come and Join us at the Pavillion for a wonderful chance to meet and greet and catch up!

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#### Tillamook-Portland

Mention "Swiss Event 2025"

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Swiss Clubs wrestling partice in the Durrer Dairy Barn in









West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association

### Josef L. Inderbitzin Perpetual Award



#### The WCSWA Josef Inderbitzen Perpetual Trophy Award

This Perpetual Trophy scoring help us to keep track of the Schwinger placings at the Schwingfests each year. Now we have included Portland, Tacoma and Frances into our point totals there are many Schwingfests that the Schwingers can attend to help achieve the best possible points. This is how it works:

#### WCSWA - JOSEF L INDERBITZEN PERPETUAL TROPHY

West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association – Josef L. Inderbitzen Perpetual Trophy is to be awarded to the best overall wrestler of the year. The criteria is based on the WCSWA Rules and Regulations paragraph 5 with the following

PERPETUAL TROPHY 2025		IMPERIA	IMPERIAL VALLEY 4/5/25			YEAR	YEAR END TOTAL		
		PLACII	NG PTS		PTS	PERPE	TUAL TROPHY		ROUNDS
NAME	FROM:	rangliste	19	wrestlers T	E.W.				
Ming, Peter	Elk Grove, CA	1	1	1	0.05	7.05	Ming, Peter	1.00	++-++
Betschart, Andrew	Ripon, CA	2	2	2	0.11	7.11	Betschart, Andrew	2.00	++-++0
Lujan, Morgan	Elk Grove, CA	3	3	3	0.16	7.16	Lujan, Morgan	3.00	++-+0+
Toten, Michael	Holtville, CA	4	4	4	0.21	7.21	Toten, Michael	4.00	0+0+++
Macleod, Nathan	Tacoma, WA	5	5	5	0.26	7.26	Macleod, Nathan	5.00	+ 0 + + 0 0
Brockway, Marshall	Frances, WA	6a	6	6.5 T	0.34	7.34	Brockway, Marshall	6.00	-+-0-+
Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	6b	7	6.5 T	0.34	7.34	Richardson, Patrick	6.00	0-++
Johnston, Donovan	Holtville, CA	7	8	8	0.42	7.42	Johnston, Donovan	8.00	+ 0 ++
Haug, Joshua	San Diego, CA	8a	9	10 T	0.53	7.53	Haug, Joshua	9.00	0 + - 0 + 0
Toten, Maddox	Holtville, CA	8b	10	10 T	0.53	7.53	Toten, Maddox	9.00	+0-+0+
Bellavia, Joseph	San Diego, CA	8c	11	10 T	0.53	7.53	Bellavia, Joseph	9.00	+0-+0-
Widmer, Steven	Ripon, CA	9	12	12	0.63	7.63	Widmer, Steven	12.00	-+0
Sagapolu, Josiah	Manteca, CA	10a	13	13.5 T	0.71	7.71	Sagapolu, Josiah	13.00	0 0 0 + - 0
Gonzalez, Issac	Holtville, CA	10b	14	13.5 T	0.71	7.71	Gonzalez, Issac	13.00	-00+00
Vega, Augie	Menifee, CA	11	15	15	0.79	7.79	Vega, Augie	15.00	- 0 - 0
Rosas, Luis	Manteca, CA	12	16	16	0.84	7.84	Rosas, Luis	16.00	- 0 - 0
Sebastian, Duarte	Holtville, CA	13	17	17	0.89	7.89	Sebastian, Duarte	17.00	0 0
Taylor, Zachary	Brawley, CA	14	18	18	0.95	7.95	Taylor, Zachary	18.00	0 - 0 0
Freeman, Alexander	Holtville, CA	15	19	19	1.00	8.00	Freeman, Alexander	19.00	+ 0 + 0



## ANNUAL GEORGE E. MORRIS MEMORIAL SCHWINGER AWARD

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

The Annual George E Morris Memorial Schwinger Award for 2025 has begun. With a total of 19 Schwingers participating in this Schwingfest, just keep it going and participate in 8 of the 9 Crown Schwingfests. Up next is Tillamook, then San Diego, Frances, Sierra Swiss Club (Truckee), Portland, Tacoma, Ripon and then the Championship in Newark. The total prize money for 2025 is \$2,000.00 to be divided by those who earn the participation. If you are wrestling in Switzerland there will be an exception. A bonus of \$300.00 for attending Imperial Valley as one of those Schwingfests and an addition of \$200 to all those competing at all 9 Crown Schwingfests.

Thank you George Morris for making this available to the Schwingers in memory of your son, George E. Morris.

#### **SCHWINGFEST CALENDAR FOR 2025**

Date	Event	Club	Location
5/17/2025	Crown Schwingfest	Tillamook Swiss Club	Tillamook, OR
6/7/20245	Spring Schwingfest	San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club	Ripon CA
6/21/2025	Crown Schwingfest	San Diego County Swiss Club	Chula Vista, CA
6/28/2025	Spring Schwingfest	Tacoma Swiss Club	Bonney Lake, WA
7/4-6/2025	Crown Schwingfest Weekend	Lewis Pacific Swiss Club	Frances, WA
7/19/2025	Crown Schwingfest	Sierra Swiss Club	Truckee, CA
8/2/2025	Crown Schwingfest	Portland Swiss Club	Portland, OR
8/9/2025	Crown Schwingfest Weekend	Tacoma Swiss Club	Bonney Lake, WA
9/6/2025	Fall Crown Schwingfest	San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club	Ripon CA
9/13/2025	Crown Schwingfest WCSWA Championship	Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club	Newark, CA







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JUNE 7TH, 2025

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## 2025 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHWINGFEST AELPLER GRUPPE - NEWARK, CA

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## WEST COAST SWISS WRESTLING ASSOCIATION SCHWINGEN RULES UPDATE (MARCH 2025)

#### Purpose Statement for WCSWA Schwingen Rules Update March 2025

During Winter 2025 a subcommittee of all WCSWA clubs participated in a rules review for all WCSWA Schwingfests. The goal was to standardize the rules for every Schwingfest so that schwingers, judges, spectators and Swiss visitors know how the matches will be judged. The rules were also updated to include the current judging standards in Switzerland. This is a living document and will be reviewed at the end of each season.

At each Schwingfest following the initial pairing of wrestlers, the referee and scoring judges shall call all wrestlers into the wrestling ring for instructions. The following rules shall be reviewed with the wrestlers at that time.

<u>Discretionary Scoring:</u> A loss shall earn a score of 8.50 and a tie shall earn a score of 8.75. Discretion may be exercised by the two scoring judges plus the referee on each match and for each wrestler to award an extra 0.25 points for exceptional wrestling.

What is a 10?: If off a standing throw, 10 is awarded for a flat or a roll-through pin.

Judge Representation: Every club should nominate a list of potential judges to

WCSWA including their contact information. Consider asking wrestlers participating from clubs/regions to be able to nominate a judge to represent their club/region.

<u>Discretionary Pairings:</u> Judges shall exercise discretion in pairing wrestlers for each round with equal points being a consideration but not mandatory.

<u>Method of alerting wrestlers of 3-second vertical bridge count:</u> Referee shall count out loud and use hand signals for crowd awareness.

<u>Schwinghosen fit and pant legs rolled up:</u> The referee shall check belt tension and tightness of pants for each match. A wrestler may ask the referee to check tension and fit of wrestler's pants at any stoppage of wrestling during a match.

<u>Confirm loser of Schlussgang is assured a crown:</u> The loser of a Schlussgang shall be assured of winning a crown.

<u>Percentage of crowns awarded:</u> The number of crowns awarded shall be at the discretion of the host club but should target 30% with the exception of when scores result in a tie with the score of the loser of the Schlussgang.

<u>Time clock:</u> The clock should be kept on the table and the time keeper should be sitting next to the announcer.

<u>Wrestlers checking on scoring results:</u> Wrestlers may view only their score at the end of each full round. Any complaining may result in a consensus of the judges issuing a 0.25 deduction to the wrestler's score.

<u>Criteria for Calling Break at edge of platz while wrestling on the ground:</u> The wrestlers shall be returned to the center of the ring when any part of a wrestler's torso, defined as from the belt of the Schwinghosen to the top of the head and from the shoulder- to-shoulder, passes outside of the wrestling ring.

<u>What constitutes a pin:</u> When 2/3rds of a wrestler's back is in contact with the sawdust, a pin shall be called

When time is called mid-throw (Standing throw/wrestling on ground): For a pin to be called, the loser's shoulders must be in contact with the shavings when time is called. The timekeeper should count down audibly at the table with 5-4-3-2-1-Time (Time called on mic)

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Who makes the call away from the table or towards the table: The referee shall make the decision on a throw when the throw goes away from the table; the table makes the call when a throw is made towards the table. In the event a throw is made towards the table, the referee shall defer to the table. The table shall make the call timely and announce that call over the microphone.

<u>Wrestler's "timeout" in the event of minor injury:</u> In the event a wrestler is injured, the Judges may use their judgement to grant a "timeout" of any duration deemed appropriate to protect the health of the injured wrestler.

<u>Scoring for wrestler when opponent Unfall occurs:</u> In the event a wrestler is injured and unable to continue and no pin has occurred, the Judges will request a volunteer with approximately the same score to wrestle with the un-injured wrestler. That selected wrestler's score will count as their next round; If this occurs in the 6th round, a wrestler shall be selected to wrestle a 7th round and that wrestler shall receive an extra 0.25 point if they win.

<u>Wrestlers who do not finish:</u> Wrestlers who stop without injury are not eligible for prizes or money. <u>New wrestlers without normal 2-3 prior practices:</u> Participation of new wrestlers, defined as having participated in less than 2 prior practices in their Swiss wrestling career, shall be a discretionary decision of the majority of the judges.

<u>Timing for lunch break (what round):</u> The decision to hold a break for lunch and the timing of said break is at the discretion of the host club. The duration of lunch break may also vary depending upon the needs of the club. Schwingers and judges should be allowed to proceed to the front of the food line.

If a wrestler "lays down" granting for their opponent, how is it scored: In the event the Judges deem that a wrestler has intentionally allowed themselves to be pinned, the Judges may award the winner an 8.75 and the loser an 8.50. Host clubs shall inform all wrestlers at the initial wrestler's instructions of this rule to promote good sportsmanship and competition on behalf of all wrestlers.

#### Rules Committee: Chair - Don Odermott

**Committee:** Don Odermott (Portland, Tillamook), Don Widmer (Ripon), Dom Reichmuth (Newark), George Morris (Imperial Valley), Urs Gwerder (Sierra), Joe Baur and Bob Holdener (Tacoma), Tony Odermott (San Diego), Patrick Richardson (Frances)



**EIDG 2022** 

GRANT WIDMER, ANDREW BETSCHART, CONNOR TREAT AND STEVEN WIDMER WITH URS GWERDER

(AS SEEN ON TV!)



#### FOLLOWING SCHWINGERS COMING IN SEPTEMBER ....

Check out the Video of **Marcel Räbsamen** at the Rapperswiller Verbandsschwngertag in Goldingen on April 6th. <a href="https://www.schlussgang.ch/aktuell/schlussgang-video-vom-rapperswiler-goldingen-marcel-raebsamen-bezwingt-christian-bernold">https://www.schlussgang.ch/aktuell/schlussgang-video-vom-rapperswiler-goldingen-marcel-raebsamen-bezwingt-christian-bernold</a>



Fun Fact: Back in 2016 **Jakob Schallberger** competed at the Eidg. In Zug. His first round he had none other than **Marcel Räbsamen**. They ended up with a tie. Jakob finished 28f overall 53.75 and Marcel 38g with 35.25. 3 years later at the Pratteln Eidg. Marcel competed once again, this time finished 8h with 75.00 points - **and took an Eidg. Crown!** 

Until the start of the Kranzfest on May 4, the top wrestlers will continue to announce their season plans for 2025. The big ticker for the 2025 season will regularly update the wrestling festivals at which the top wrestling events will take place this year. We have highlighted those Schwingers that are planning to come to Newark in September.

Schwarzsee-Schwinget, June 22 • Damian Ott, Marcel Räbsamen

Last Year - Werner Schlegel was the Crown Sieger. Approx 90 Schwingers participate

Rigi-Schwinget, July 13 • Damian Ott, Werner Schlegel

Last Year—Fabian Staundemann was the Crown Sieger - Approx 90 Schwingers participate Weissenstein-Schwinget, July 19 • Werner Schlegel, Marcel Räbsamen

Last year—Armon Orlik was the Crown Sieger—approx. 90 Schwingers participate

Brünig-Schwinget, July 27 • Damian Ott, Marcel Räbsamen, Werner Schlegel

Last year—Pirmin Reichmuth was the Crown Sieger—approx. 120 Schwingers participate

Schwägalp Schwinget, Aug 17th Damian Ott, Marcel Räbsamen, Werner Schlegel

Last year - 1a Samuel Giger, 1b Fabian Staudenmann - approx. 90 Schwingers participate

Get the Schlussgang App—follow www.schlussgang.ch for the Agenda and Results of all of the Schwingfests—and where to watch them live.



Jakob Schallberger and Marcel Räbsamen at the 2019 Eidg. Zug

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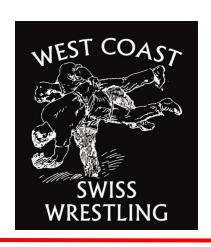
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#### STEPPING UP TO THE BOARD:

Logan Schallberger is our youngest officer on the WCSWA Board as acting Treasurer. Logan is 32 years old, lives in Lodi, CA with his wife Jacqueline. Logan started Swiss wrestling at the age of 5/6 and with the Schallberger tribe of wrestlers there was always someone to wrestle against. Logan also competed in wrestling and Track in High School. In 2016 Logan along with cousin, Zack Schallberger, Andrew Betschart and Frank Kaech competed in the Eidg. In Estavayer. Unfortunately Logan injured his knee before going and reinjured it in the final round at the

Eidg. Logan is a CPA and is employed in Stockton at Croce, Sanguinetti and Vander Veen. Don Widmer has passed off his torch to Logan. Join us in welcoming him to the WCSWA Board.