



# WEST COAST SWISS WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

**MAY  
2026.1**

**WCSWA CALENDAR 2026**

May 16	Tillamook Swiss Club Tillamook, OR
June 6	SJVSC - Ripon, CA *Non Crown
June 20	San Diego County Swiss Club Chula Vista, CA
June 28	Tacoma Spring, Bonney Lake WA *Non Crown (Sunday)
July 4-5	Frances Schwingfest Frances, WA
July 18	Sierra Swiss Club Truckee, CA
Aug 1	Portland Schwingfest Portland, OR
Aug 8/9	Tacoma Fall Schwingfest Bonney Lake, WA
Aug 29	Aelpler Gruppe Schwingfest Newark CA
Sept 4-6	SJVSC - RIPON - 100 YEARS WCSWA CHAMPIONSHIP RIPON, CA



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**IMPERIAL VALLEY  
SWISS CLUB  
April 18, 2026**

The Imperial Valley Swiss club hosted the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Schwingfest on April 18<sup>th</sup> with a total of 10 Seniors and 19 Buebe participating. It was a nice spring day and all who attended enjoyed the festivities.

The Schlussgang paired Steven Widmer of Ripon, CA with Nathan McCloud of Tacoma, WA. Both entered the round with 3 wins and 3 ties. Steven was victorious and was crowned Konig in the first of the West Coast Swiss Wrestling Schwinger season. Rangliste Pg. 3

**AELPLER GRUPPE SWISS CLUB 100 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIP**

On September 13, 2025, the Newark-Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Park was filled with more than Swiss Wrestling. It became a gathering place for Swiss families celebrating the traditions started by early immigrants who worked to keep Swiss heritage alive in California. The 100-year celebration featured a Country Western dance on Friday, Schwingen on Saturday that was also broadcast in Switzerland, and a Sunday concert featuring music by Kapelle Grimm-Suter. Families from across the coast, Switzerland, and Canada came together for a memorable weekend. Rangliste Pg 2.



AELPLER GRUPPE 100<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION - CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING  
 See a highlight video of the day - <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1319939982847222>



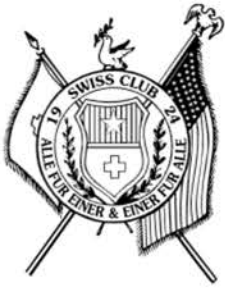
**Schlussrangliste**

Fall Schwingfest Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club  
 Newark, CA, 13.09.2025

Rang	Punkte	Resultat	Name Vorname	Wohnort	Schwingklub	Status
1	59.75	S+++++	Ott Damian, S ***	Dreien	SG Wil	Auszeichnung
2a	57.25	S+++o+	Räbsamen Marcel, S ***	Müselbach	SG Wil	Auszeichnung
2b	57.25	+o++-	Feldmann Patrik, T **	Riedern	GL Glarus-Mittelland	Auszeichnung
3a	57.00	++o-++	Rotach Lars, S **	Ganterschwil	SG Wattwil	Auszeichnung
3b	57.00	o++o++	Betschart Andrew Stephen, T	Ripon, CA (US)	USA	Auszeichnung
4	56.75	++o+o+	Mettler Valentin, S *	Neu St.Johann	SG Wattwil	Auszeichnung
5	56.50	o+- -+	Suter Pirmin, S **	Emmen	SZ Rigiverband	Auszeichnung
6a	56.00	o+ -++	Bienz Romeo, S *	Küssnacht am Rigi	SZ Küssnacht	Auszeichnung
6b	56.00	+ -+o+	Lujan Morgan, S	Ripon (US)	USA	Auszeichnung
6c	56.00	o+++o+	Widmer Grant, S	Manteca CA (US)	USA	Auszeichnung
7a	55.75	-+o+o+	Toten Michael, S	Hotville (US)	USA	
7b	55.75	+o-o++	Koch John, S	St. Pascal (CA)	Kanada-Ostküste	
7c	55.75	o++o+o	Lüthy Ralph, S	Küssnacht am Rigi	SZ Küssnacht	
7d	55.75	+oo++o	Badat Roger, S	Kingsey Falls (CA)	Kanada-Ostküste	
8a	55.00	oo+ -+o	Eichhorn Alexander, S	Binz	ZH Zürich	
8b	55.00	o+o- o	Widmer Steven, T	Manteca CA (US)	USA	
8c	55.00	-o+++o	Richardson Patrick, S	Chehalis WA (US)	USA	
8d	55.00	o+o- o+	Macleod Nathan, S	Tacoma (US)	USA	
9a	54.50	+o+ooo	Smith Codi, S	Tillamook (US)	USA	
9b	54.50	+ooo+o	Ferris Liam, S	Ripon (US)	USA	
10a	54.00	+ooo -	Küttel Alex (2009), S	Sacramento (US)	USA	
10b	54.00	-oo+o-	Berchtold Mike, S	Ripon (US)	USA	
11	53.75	oooo+o	Cortez Jose, S	Manteca (US)	USA	
12a	52.50	-o-oo-	Ryder Vasquez (2007), S	Manteca (US)	USA	
12b	52.50	oo-oo-	Cortez Erich (2008), S	Manteca (US)	USA	
13	46.25	+ -o+o	Tschumper Elias, S *	Stein SG	SG Wattwil	Unfall
14	17.50	oo	Wetter Silvan, T *	Bichwil	SG Uzwil	Unfall

\* Kantonal- bzw. Gauverbandskranzschwinger \*\* Teilverbandskranzschwinger \*\*\* Eidg. Kranzschwinger





# IMPERIAL VALLEY 105th ANNUAL SCHWINGFEST

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Rangliste



## SENIORS

Place	Hometown	Name	Total	W+/L0/T-
1	Ripon, CA	Widmer, Steven	34 56.50	+++--
2	Tacoma, WA	McCloud, Nathan	28 56.00	+--+
3	Holtville, CA	Ascencio, David	25 55.50	+100+
4	Imperial, CA	Suamataia, Mathew	36 55.25	+0-0+
5	San Diego, CA	Bellavia, Joseph	47 55.00	0-++
<b>ABOVE WITH CROWNS</b>				
6	Holtville, CA	Leimgruber, Paul	31 54.75	--00-
7	Manteca, CA	Vasquez, Ryder	19 54.50	---+
8A	Holtville, CA	Freeman, Alexander	38 53.75	000++0
8B	Holtville, CA	Curry, Kyle	25 53.75	0+000+
9	Yuma, AZ	Noriega, Marco	36 52.25	0+0000

## JUNIORS

### YOUTH - A

Place	Hometown	Name	Total	W+/L0/T-
1	Somerton, AZ	Almaguer, Aiden	14 49.50	++++
2	Brawley, CA	Sutter, Toby	11 46.00	+0+0-
<b>ABOVE WITH TROPHY</b>				
3	Yuma, AZ	Noriega, Uriah	12 45.25	++00-
4	Brawley, CA	Contreras, Isaac	12 45.00	00+-
5	El Centro, CA	Sanders, Worthy (Fritz)	11 42.75	0000-

### YOUTH - B

Place	Hometown	Name	Total	W+/L0/T-
1	Somerton, AZ	Aguilar, Milan	10 48.25	++++
2	Somerton, AZ	Almaguer, Andrew	10 46.75	0+0++
<b>ABOVE WITH TROPHY</b>				
3	El Centro, CA	Sanders, Sawyer	9 45.25	0+-0
4	Holtville, CA	Medina, Cali	10 44.00	000+0
5	Holtville, CA	Smith, Zavier	9 43.75	+0000

### YOUTH - C

Place	Hometown	Name	Total	W+/L0/T-
1	Somerton, AZ	Almaguer, April	8 48.25	+0+++
2	El Centro, CA	Sanders, Sullivan	5 46.75	++0+0
3A	El Centro, CA	Sanders, Benjamin	7 46.25	0++0+
3B	El Centro, CA	Sanders, Nico	6 46.25	+10+
<b>ABOVE WITH TROPHY</b>				
4	El Centro, CA	Sanders, Glory	7 45.25	00++0
5	Holtville, CA	Leimgruber, Jacob	6 45.00	0+0+0
6	Holtville, CA	Santino, Jimenez (Tino)	5 44.00	0000+
7	Holtville, CA	Dewbre, Jasper	5 43.75	+0000
8	Brawley, CA	Cameron, Grady	8 19.75	++



# 2026 Spring Schwingfest & Swiss Dance

Sue Durrer Barn @ Tillamook Fairgrounds 4603 3rd St Tillamook OR

May 16, 2025 - Schedule of Events

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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 (SAFE 2026 Food Truck; Werner Beef & Brew)

12pm - 6pm Kindergarten Area: Kids games, face painting, Sugar + Air

Gourmet Cotton Candy & lemonade sales

6pm Buebe Schwingers & Steinstossen Awards

6:30pm Little Swiss Performance

6:45pm Tillamook Swiss Society

6:50pm Alphorn

7pm - 10pm Swiss Dance with Blaser Kapelle

9pm Crown Ceremony



Admissions 10:30am - 5pm

Adults 18+ \$15 each / \$25 per couple | Kids (13-17) \$10 each | 12 & Under FREE

Family 4 pack (2 Adults / 2 Kids) = \$35

Admissions after 5pm

13+ = \$5 each | 12 & Under = FREE

Food / Beverages / Merchandise Available to Purchase Onsite - Cash Preferred

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

*Times and information subject to change*

This project is supported by a Tillamook County Cultural Coalition grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust





## RIPON SPRING SCHWINGFEST

JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> 2026

SIGN-UPS 10:00-10:30

SCHWINGEN STARTS AT 11 AM

SENIORS - JUNIORS - BUEBE WELCOME

110 S. MANLEY RD, RIPON, CA

[www.sjvscriponswiss.com](http://www.sjvscriponswiss.com)



## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

SEP 5th 10:00am

## CHAMPIONSHIP FALL SCHWINGFEST

&

## 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join us in celebrating 100 years!

Events run Sep 4-6th

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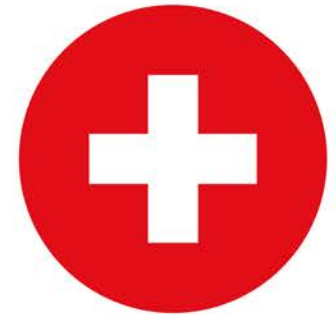
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 SAN DIEGO  
 SCHWINGFEST  
**JUNE 20, 2026**  
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### Schwingen in Switzerland

**NATHAN MCLEOD** from TACOMA, WA will be attending the Zuger Kantonal Schwingfest - May 10<sup>th</sup>; check out the website <https://zksf.ch/news> or go to [ESV.CH](http://ESV.CH) for updates. If you'd like to watch at home, the event will be live streamed on <https://schwingen-live.ch>  
 The 2025 Sieger: Marco Reichmuth.



On May 17th Nathan will be wrestling at the Schwyzer Kantonal in Brunnen. Before the schwingfest, Nathan will be practicing in Kussnacht and hanging out with Ralph Luthi - a frequent WCSWA visitor. Nathan, we are all rooting for you here in the US and wish you all the best in the sawdust ring, and on your trip! We will keep you updated!

The West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association Board has instituted a TRAVEL SUPPORT program for those who will be competing in Regional or Kantonal Schwingfest's in Switzerland. There is criteria that needs to be met, and submitted to the board prior to their proposed board meeting, and voted on and accepted by the board. Criteria: Must be 18 years of age and a paid member in good standing in a WCSWA Swiss club; wrestled in at least 8 Schwingfests in the past 2 years if from the Northwest, including at least one from California; if from California, including at least one from the Northwest. In the past 12 months, you must have competed in at least 5 Schwingfests in the WCSWA. The amount of support that can be provided is \$500 per Schwingfest up to \$1,000. If you are interested in reviewing the criteria and/or submitting an application please email Chris at [wcswa2022@gmail.com](mailto:wcswa2022@gmail.com)



**ANNUAL GEORGE E. MORRIS MEMORIAL SCHWINGER AWARD**  
**George E. Morris (11/25/1993-10/31/19)**

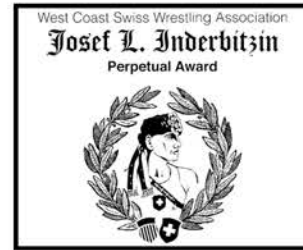
The Annual George E Morris Memorial Schwinger Award for 2025 as paid out to Morgan Lujan\*, Steven Widmer\*, and Nathan MacLeod\*. Each of these Schwingers attended Imperial Valley, Tillamook, San Diego, Frances, Truckee, Portland, Tacoma, Ripon and Newark; they were allowed to miss one event. They also attended Imperial Valley which garnered them an additional \$300. So each of them split the pot and received an additional \$300 from George Morris for attending Imperial Valley.



We thank George Morris for continuing to support this GEM Award for 2026. Those attending Imperial Valley this year if continuing to wrestle in at least 7 crown Schwingfests will receive the additional \$300 and an addition of \$200 to all those competing at all 8 Crown Schwingfests.

George Morris we know that your son, George E. Morris is proud to be making a difference in the Schwingen community. Thank you.

The 2026 Josef L. Inderbitzin Perpetual Trophy kicked off with the Imperial Valley Schwingfest! Below are the Top 10 out of the 71 Wrestlers that were computed last year.



YEAR END TOTALS	NAME	RANK
0.41	Lujan, Morgan	1
0.44	Macleod, Nathan	2
0.5	Widmer, Steven	3
1.35	Betschart, Andrew	4
1.51	Richardson, Patrick	5
2.09	Ming, Peter	6
2.34	Brockway, Marshall	7
2.76	Vasquez, Ryder	8
3.51	Smith, Codi	9
3.57	Bellavia, Joseph	10

The winner of the 2025 Josef L. Inderbitzin Perpetual Trophy Award went to **Morgan Lujan**. Morgan participated in 10 schwingfests this past year, including the Championship Schwingfest which by placing 6B and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the WCSWA gave him some bonus points over Nathan Mcleod. It was a tight race with Morgan earning .41 points and Nathan with .44 points. We appreciate Morgan, Nathan and Steven Widmer's, competitiveness, attendance, fortitude, endurance and consistency in the past season. We had computation of 71 wrestlers in 2025, in the 11 Schwingfests.

This Perpetual Trophy scoring helps us to keep track of the Schwinger placings at each of the Schwingfests each year. The Trophy is to be awarded to the best overall wrestler of the year based on the criteria set forth in Rangliste placings at each event. This includes the Ripon and Tacoma Spring Schwingfests.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SWITZERLAND.....

The Kantonal Schwingfests are underway in Switzerland! The photo shows some familiar faces from the Aelpler Gruppe Schwingfest last fall. Patrick Feldman, Damian Ott, Lars Rotach, and Werner Schlegel all received crowns last weekend at the Thurgauer Kantonal. Damian Ott and Samuel Giger were in the Schlussgang with Ott becoming the Konig. Schlegel was 3f with 57.25, Rotach 4b with 57.00 and Feldman with 5d 56.75. Congratulations to all of them. And thanks Pascal for the photo! Keep them coming!



## UPCOMING SCHWINGFESTS IN SWITZERLAND

09.05.2026	Abendschwinget Stadtverband St.Gallen
10.05.2026	106. Zuger Kantonales Schwingfest
10.05.2026	Fête Régionale Oron
14.05.2026	105. Baselstädtischer Schwingertag
15.05.2026	Seeländischer Nachwuchsschwingertag
17.05.2026	102. Schwyzer Kantonales Schwing- und Älplerfest Ersatzdatum 23.05.2026
17.05.2026	116. Zürcher Kantonal Schwingfest



**Paxton Grass**, nephew of Aelpler Gruppe members Karen & Conrad Grass, just received his 3rd Kranz at the Emmenthaler Schwingfest. He finished 7d with 56.00 points - his results: 3 Wins, 2 ties and 1 loss. Adrian Walther and Michael Moser competed in the Schlussgang; Adrian won the match and was crowned the 2026 Konig.



# WCSWA - SWISS CLUBS

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