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GERMAN HUNGARIANS: US NATIONAL DONAUSCHWABEN TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



OAKFORD, PA - On Sunday, May Twenty-Seventh, Two Thousand Eighteen the United German Hungarians won their 3rd US National Donauschwaben Championship on home soil and took home for the first time the Mike Talan Wanderpokal.

The club won the Championship Final 1:0 over the stellar Milwaukee Sport Club side in a match plagued by rain! The United German Hungarians Major team finished the weekend with a 5-1-0 record. Word is after that their throats were a tad dry.

The club, who was also the host this year, has won this tournament in 1990, at the Philadelphia Donauschwaben, and in 2011 on the same field the winning match was played on this year.

The club's Over-35 side also came out victorious taking the Division Championship over Cleveland Concordia with a record of 3-1-0.



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—IN MEMORIAM—



PETER PISKEI

A very proud Banat German from Romania, like many of our people Peter was forced to leave with his family and escape to Austria. There as a boy he played in various camp youth teams. He was good enough to play with what today would be considered equal to our high-level travel or academy teams. Playing across the region he developed into quite a good player. Interestingly, Peter and my Father, (Werner Fricker) often talked about the good possibility that they may have played on the same field against each other in the Salzburg region.

Peter arrived in the United States in 1955 and came to the German Hungarians immediately. He became a regular right away. Bill Wilkinson wrote in our history that by 1960 two players were regular fixtures around the club and on the Major team, he specifically mentioned Peter as one of them. I can't remember my history; I am not sure when Bill Wilkinson came, but I once asked him how he came to us. He told me that Jack had called him to come to UGH. When he asked Jack who else was playing there, Jack listed a few other very good players and said also there were some very good German Guys including Peter Piskei. Bill told me he had seen Peter play and heard of his exploits on the field. It was the thought of playing with Peter that very much helped him decide.

A special group of men would become the backbone of the team which ultimately developed into National Champions. Pete Piskei was a major part of that group.

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MONTH AT-A-GLANCE

—RESULTS FROM THE BAY. LÖWE—

Janet Fricker Malofiy and Kyra Malofiy at the Bayerische Löwe



Gruppen

3rd Edelweiss Denver

5th STV Bavaria Cleveland

14-16 Age Group (Buam)

4th Tristan Allmendinger - Edelweiss Reading

9th Kevin Rase - Edelweiss Denver

14-16 Age Group (Dirndl)

5th Kyra Malofiy, German Hungarians

6th Sabine Doedee, Germania Almrausch

Poughkeepsie

10th Autumn Zodet, Alpenrose Lancaster

Aktiv I (Ages 17-35)

6th Adam Hetzel, Bavaria Cleveland

10th Patrick LaCourse, Edelweiss St Paul

22nd Joe Claesgens, Edelweiss St Paul

Aktiv I

3rd Stefanie Schwab, Almrausch Philadelphia

10th Juliana Jenssen, Edelweiss Denver

18th Brittany Dunlap, Bavaria Cleveland

Aktiv II (Ages 36-49)

15th Paul Ulrich, Bayern Verein Newark

Aktiv II

4th Heidi Cramer, Miesbacher Oimtaler

Altersklasse (Ages 50-59)

6th Juergen Friese, Miesbacher Oimtaler

7th Michael Rase, Edelweiss Denver

15th John Schwab, Almrausch Philadelphia

20th Adam Schaefer, Gemuetlichen Enzianer New York

Altersklasse

1st Karin Schwab, Almrausch Philadelphia

3rd Maria Rase, Edelweiss Denver

4th Michele Payne-Nixon, Gemuetlichen Enzianer New York

5th Janet Malofiy, German Hungarians

Ehrenklasse (60+)

1st Donald LaCourse, Edelweiss St Paul

5th Roger Mowery, Enzian Seattle

6th Ed Mayer, Edelweiss Passaic

Ehrenklasse

4th Kathy Bruni, Enzian Seattle

5th Jutta Hugel, Schlierachtaler Stamm NY

6th Ellen Mayer, Edelweiss Passaic

—FAMILY CULTURE TRIUMPHS—
AT US NATIONAL DONAUSCHWABEN TOURNAMENT



Photo Courtesy of Chicago Green White

Jon Duddles (Chicago GW), Laurence Dietz (Detroit), Michael Fricker (GH), Mike Talan (Detroit), Werner Fricker Jr. (GH), and John Huth (Detroit).

OAKFORD, PA - On Sunday, May Twenty-Seventh, Eighteen the United German Hungarians won their 3rd US National Donauschwaben Championship on home soil and took home for the first time the Mike Talan Wanderpokal. When all was said and done on Sunday night at the Deutsch-Ungarn (German Hungarians) I saw grown men cry. They weren't crying because their team lost. They weren't crying because their team won either.

There were celebrations. There were shaking of hands and hugs and smiles and laughter. There was a presentation of trophies to winners and losers and there sure was many drinks to be had. (maybe too many. we haven't decided yet.) The thing is, another article will highlight the utility of the win and the celebration and what that all means. This article is about something different. They were crying because the day was almost over. They were crying because it was time to part ways. It was time to go home. They were crying because family, a family of five plus clubs were separating. A family of a couple hundred people were saying, not goodbye, but see you soon.

Michael Fricker
Press Secretary

Danube Swabian Association, USA.

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—IN MEMORIAM—

PETER PISKEI

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Their influence continued through several decades and even with a few slim years from time to time, their contributions led to great years beyond their own playing days, including the great success of the 90s, and another national title in 1999. I can tell you from first-hand knowledge that Peter and these other men and their teammates continue to have an influence on our team today. Peter always supported our teams and our players, I received many notes from former club players in the last few days, and I will share them later with the Piskei family.

Peter played his entire amateur career for only one club, the United German Hungarians from 1955 through 1969; he may have been one of the greatest players in our history.

He appeared several seasons for the United Soccer League All Stars, played in the 1964 National Final, the 1965 National Championship, and multiple League and State Championships. He was inducted into the Philadelphia Soccer Hall of Fame and was honored by the United German Hungarians with the 50 years of Soccer pin, and a 75 years of Soccer award.

In 1980 he was a recipient of the United German Hungarians Ehernwurdig Pin. He served on the Kirchweih Committee and served several years on the Board of Governors.

Our families spent a lot of time together in their playing days, pizza at Piskei's after an away game, shore trips together and the great summer picnics! When the playing days were over we had these great picnics at Gehlerts, Paul's, our house, and others. The best times were at Peter's father's house. The grilling of Opa Piskei was classic, but it was the one touch soccer games in a tiny area that were tops. Stevie, Ernie, and I just hanging out with a ball ready to play with these guys who we thought were the greatest, My Dad, Klaus, Adam, Franz, Hans, and Peter. It was always easy to convince Peter to play.

In 1962 it was written about Peter, "Pete is always one to give a good and spirited account of himself" It's funny because I can recall several examples, When Carolyn became miss UGH and ultimately Miss German America, we were all very proud, and I remember saying to Peter, "I wonder why they don't have a Mr. UGH?" he looked at me with this little smile and he said "they don't have one because I would win every Year!"

That same article in 1962 said, "A fast, dribbler he is straight forward in style, and possesses a good shot and excellent ball control. Pete is capable of causing many uneasy moments for opposing goalkeepers, and he covers such a great deal of ground that no defenseman can afford to let him loose." Another time we were watching a game together a few years ago, one of our forwards moved thru and beat a defender and was one on one with the keeper; our player went straight at the keeper lost control and lost the ball to the keeper. I turned to Peter and I asked him if he had been in that situation does he cut left cut right or what. Again, with the little smile he looked at me said, "I don't need to cut I am faster and smarter than any of them, I know real fast what I am going to do, I beat the goalkeeper and put the ball in the net."

He could be pretty funny with Jokes, mostly in German that don't translate well, but I remember one. Peter talked about the guy who left the cabinet shop in Austria every day with a wheelbarrow full of



sawdust, no one could figure out why, but after months they got it, the guy was stealing wheelbarrows! While Peter and my dad were very good friends I always felt a special bond myself with this great man. We spent a lot of time together talking about the game, our club, our work, and life. When my life and work changed a bit, he was always encouraging me to follow my trade and stick to what I knew best and what I like to do most.

A Carpenter and Master Cabinetmaker Peter learned his trade in Austria. Here in the Philadelphia area together with his brother and their Dad, they covered the world in Formica! He designed and built thousands of cabinets for my Dad, and many other builders and architects. His design skills were top shelf where he would hand sketch a job on site right in front of the customer, freehand. No auto cad or computer app. The quality of his work and service was second to none. For over 50 years we all can thank Peter and his family when we lean on our club's iconic red bar top, for a cold beer or glass of wine, and look around the room at the cases which hold our trophies and awards.

I can't speak personally about Peters Family Life. Others can do that better, I can tell you though he loved his Dad, His Mom, his sister, and his brother, He and Kathi were inseparable, and he spoke with that smile about his Carolyn and Christine. He was always telling me with the same smile about his grandchildren, and all the good things they were up to. The other day my Mom said to me "Peter was one of our family's best friends. He is one of the nicest men I have known." I feel the same and I know all of us are better people having spent time in our lives with Peter Piskei!

WF Jr.

Editor's Note: Werner Fricker Jr. gave what I'll call Peter's "Club Eulogy" at his funeral at the request of his family. He ended the speech you've just read presenting a German Hungarian Red Shirt to Kathi, Carolyn and Christine, stating the following closing line,

"The German Hungarians do not retire numbers. But this was Peter's shirt and we will make sure that from here forward whoever wears it will be worthy of the number."

—SCHNITZEL NIGHT—

Every first Wednesday of the Month - 5:30pm to 7:30pm

A Delicious Schnitzel Dinner

(Includes Two Side Dishes Plus a Salad, Bread & Butter and Coffee or Tea)

Wednesday, July 11
Wednesday, August 1

\$11.00 for adults | \$5.00 for children
(Dessert is Available for Purchase | Cash Bar)

Have a great dinner with the Schnitzel-Boy at the UNITED GERMAN HUNGARIANS



Artwork by Sofi Walter

—ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE—
2018

JULY

- ◆ Wednesday, July 11 – Schnitzel Night

AUGUST

- ◆ Wednesday, August 1– Schnitzel Night

SEPTEMBER

- ◆ Wednesday, Sept. 12– Schnitzel Night
- ◆ Saturday, Sept. 29—Oktoberfest

OCTOBER

- ◆ Wednesday, Oct. 3 – Schnitzel Night

NOVEMBER

- ◆ Wednesday, Nov. 7- Schnitzel Night
- ◆ Saturday, Nov. 10– Kirchweihfest
- ◆ Wednesday, Nov. 14– Winter Penny Party

DECEMBER

- ◆ Wednesday, Dec. 5 – Schnitzel Night
- ◆ Sunday, Dec. 16 –Annual Christmas Party



—OBITUARIES—

Member **Raymond Graziani** of Beverly, NJ passed away on March 29th. We offer his family our deepest sympathies.

Member and well-known master butcher, **Ernst A. Illg** died at age 88 on April 3rd. He was a longtime Warrington resident and was husband of the late Magdalene Illg. Ernie was born in Stuttgart, Germany and was a member of many clubs and served many positions in the Bayerischer Volksfest Verein.

Ronnie Row, Jr age 57 who was a founding member of the Auerhahn Schuhplattler Group passed away on Wednesday, April 11th. Auerhahn is our own German Hungarian Schuhplattler's Patenverein and Ronnie was instrumental in getting our group into the Gauverband Nordamerika. Ronnie was the husband of Vickie Schoellkopf, they were married in 1980. Ronnie was the former Vice-president of Temple Aluminum Foundry, Inc. Our deepest sympathy to Vicki and their children and families.

Robert Stocks, age 77, died on Saturday, March 31st. He had children from a previous marriage and was known in the German Community from his marriage to Marlene Knott of the Concordia Trust and her membership in various German groups in our area. Our deepest sympathy to Marlene and Bob's entire family.

Elsie Galgon, wife of the late John Galgon, leader of the Heimatklänge Orchestra died on Wednesday, May 2nd. Elsie was born in Germany and worked at the Austrian Village Restaurant for many years. We offer our condolences to her children Linda Keller and Michael Galgon and all her grandchildren.

Joseph Helmlinger died on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. He was the husband of Friedel Helmlinger and he was 86. He was the owner of Joe's Barber shop in Feasterville for over 50 years. Joe and Friedel recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. His funeral service was private. We offer our sincere sympathy to the family.

—AMONG OUR MEMBERS—

BY EMILY FRICKER

Our Women's Auxiliary has been busy not only taking care of the monthly Schnitzel Nights, but also attending various events such as fashion shows at both the Vereinigung Erzgebirge and the Phoenix Club and Danubia's Penny Party. Our own Penny Party was held successfully in May.

Congratulations to **Danielle Weyershaeuser** on her recent marriage to Jim Towers. She is the daughter of former Vice President and Soccer Director **Andy J Weyershaeuser**, and the granddaughter of former president **Andy Weyershaeuser**. Danielle was a member of our dance group for many years. Best Wishes to the Happy Couple.

It was good to see **Adam Herbert** enjoying himself at our June Schnitzel Night. We are happy to report that he looked well. He had been ill recently and is doing much better. We wish him all the best in the future and hope to see him more often.

Our other sick guys are **Florian Kempf** and **Gunter Magin**. Florian is much better, he was in and out of the hospital with various problems. Guenter, however was in really bad shape and we're glad to hear that he is improving!

Congratulations to our recent graduates, **Sofi Walter**, **Allysa Reiter**, and **Michelle Paul** members of our dance group. Sofi graduated from Marywood University with a Master's Degree in Speech and Language Pathology. Alyssa graduated from Jefferson University (formerly Philadelphia University) with a Master's degree in Business. Michelle graduated from Holy Family University with a Master's of Education degree.

Chrissy Martini graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Monmouth University in New Jersey. We wish them all the best of luck in the future.

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Our Dancers and the HK will be performing at the match! You can buy group tickets at this link:

<https://groupmatics.events/event/Steubenday>