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## US NATIONAL DONAUSCHWABEN

### SOCCER TOURNAMENT

This National Tournament is in its 44th year and remains a strong part of the Danube Swabian Association of the U.S.A. The weekend is a competitive tournament with true amateur soccer on the field and a wonderful camaraderie off the field between the players, staff and fans from these many clubs

◆ Saturday, May 26

- ◆ Group matches all day. Food and Beverage Available for purchase. Plenty of free parking. Live Musical Entertainment in the Evening

◆ Sunday, May 27

- ◆ Food and Beverage Available for purchase. Plenty of free parking. Championship Final & Awards Presentations

### —THERE'S FIGHT IN AMATEUR SOCCER—

We had a few old timers around the club that used to say when they stopped coming to the matches every Sunday things like "I can get better soccer on my TV these days" but most of us knew that was an excuse to not have to go out.

I was thinking about Amateur Soccer and why, other than the fact that I grew up a German Hungarian and staunch supporter of my club, I really enjoy my local teams and especially the National Cup matches on the Amateur Level.

**There is fight in good matches of Amateur Soccer.**

Last night the 2017 dual Champion Lansdowne Bhoys faced legends NY Greek Americans in the first round of the Eastern New York US Amateur Cup. After a hard fought match it ended in penalties with last year's champs falling to the Veteran Greeks.

All I could say after following along in twitter was "this is Soccer" and that's why we here at [www.amateurcupmedia.com](http://www.amateurcupmedia.com) love the US Amateur Cup.

This got me thinking about a passage from my club, the German Hungarians soccer history that appeared in 1972 in our 50 Years of Sport and Soccer Souvenir Book.

*"At the time there was a lot more body contact allowed, charging the goal tender was permissible, and these conditions were cause for many rough and hard-fought games."*

In 1923, the German Hungarians (at the time Banater Athletic Club) was building its first soccer team and the description above is how the players described the Amateur Game at the time.

Then, there was fight in Amateur Soccer.



While today we aren't crashing the keeper, the matches at the Amateur level have a rawness, a roughness, and the best matches are when you see the players fighting for the ball and fighting for the win because playing next week depends upon winning this week.

Making it look easy is great to see but it isn't the same as seeing someone work hard to win.

Why do I love Amateur Soccer?

**There is fight in Amateur Soccer.**

Michael

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### MONTH AT-A-GLANCE

## —IN MEMORIAM—

### JOHN FRICKO

John Fricko died on December 23, 2017 at the age of 97. He was a longtime resident of Springfield, PA. He was born in Philadelphia to the late John and Anna (Noel) Fricko who both immigrated to the USA from Banat Austria Hungary. John graduated from North Catholic High School and Temple University. He was a proud veteran of the US Navy and served during WWII. He was the owner of CPA firm of Frank Harris Co. Which merged with Main Hurdman. He was a member of the Union League and served in the Board of Directors of the Blind Relief Fund of Philadelphia. John's CPA experience was invaluable to many associations including the Holy Cross CYO, the United German Hungarians where he served as the club accountant under four presidents and in the 1980s became a member of our Executive Board serving as Financial Secretary, and the Knights of Columbus. John was married to the late Margaret (Peg) McNulty. They had five children. Michael, Martin, Christine, and the late John and Joseph. They had many grandchildren and great grandchildren. After John's wife Peg died, he moved to his daughter, Christine Inger in Tallahassee, FL. John's funeral Mass was at Holy Cross Church in Springfield, PA and the burial was at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery.



## —AMONG OUR MEMBERS—

BY EMILY FRICKER

We mentioned last issue that John M Blank and Katie Palnik had various illnesses. They are both better now but have to take care in the future. We look forward to seeing them at the club and wish them both well.

Guenter Magin, Adam Herbert, and Florian Kempf all spent time in various hospitals with various issues. Florie and Adam are home now but my understanding is that Guenter is still hospitalized. Guys!, get well soon. We need you!

Congratulations Matthew Purcell of our 2000 Boys (Hammers) soccer team. Matthew was awarded the 2018 Union League of Philadelphia Good Citizenship Award.

Steve Paul, our club's Vice-President was recently installed as a "Life Director," in the Home Builders Association of Bucks and Montgomery Counties. He was also appointed as Builder Representative from Bucks/Mont for 2018 in the Pennsylvania Builders Association in Harrisburg. Congratulations, Steve! Keep on building!

Unfortunately, some of our seniors passed in the past few months. We offer our sympathies to all their families and friends.

Irene Borowitz Kronberger passed away suddenly on January 2, 2018. She was 75 years old and born in the German Community of Franztal in Syrmien Yugoslavia, immigrating with her mother Elizabeth Borowitz to the Philadelphia area in 1950. Her family was well known in Donauschwaben and German Hungarian circles. Irene danced with our Sport Club Dance Group in the 1950s and 1960s. In 1962 Irene married Albert Kronberger and they moved to Palmyra, New Jersey. Albert died in 2012 and Irene is survived by his 2 children and grandchildren. Albert and Irene were members of the Jehovah Witnesses and her funeral was held at their Kingdom Hall on January 6.

Anna J Weber passed away on January 2 at age 94 at Neshaminy Manor Nursing Home. She was the wife of the late Adam Weber and they had been married for 51 years. Anna was born in Philadelphia, the daughter of the late Karl and Marie

Herbst. Anna graduated from Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls in 1942. She lived for many years in Churchville. She was active as a young girl in the Sport Club Dance group and with our Women's Auxiliary during the time her husband was active in various positions. Anna is survived by her children Edward (Leslie) Theresa Weinman (Neil), Constance Brady (Don), her daughter-in-law Rene and her husband Cy Karhnak, eleven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Joseph and her sister Mary Kinsch. Her funeral mass was at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Warrington

Our Deepest sympathy to Magda Paul and the Paul family on the death of Mario Bundenich, Magda's friend who died on February 19 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Mario was at our club quite often and especially enjoyed our dancers. His funeral was held in Florida where he was buried.

Michael J Ballasy died on February 23 at home surrounded by his family. He was 90 years old. Mike was the loving husband of 62 years to Rosina Ballasy. He was born in Philadelphia the son of the late Mathias and Appolonia. He loved music and enjoyed playing drums and was a passionate fan of the flyers and the eagles. He was a lifelong member of the German Hungarians serving as president of the Sport Club and various other club positions. He was a disc jockey for WRDV-FM in Hatboro. Besides his wife he is survived by his sons Michael, Frank (Karen) and Stephen (Joyce), his granddaughters and grandsons, his nephews Paul and Joseph Ballasy, and his nieces Irene and Evie. Many members of this family were involved in either soccer or cultural activities at our club. Mike's Funeral mass was held at St. Bede the Venerable Church in Holland., PA.

Congratulations to Bob Wilkinson who was named as the Head Men's Soccer Coach for Moravian College. They are eager to have Bob lead their men's soccer program into the future.

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—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, April 4**

**Wednesday, May 2**

**\$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**



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Soph Wastner

—ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE—

2018

**MARCH**

- ◆ Saturday, March 24- Anniversary Banquet

**APRIL**

- ◆ Wednesday, April 4 - Schnitzel Night

**MAY**

- ◆ Wednesday, May 2 – Schnitzel Night
- ◆ Thursday, May 10—Alex Meixner Band
- ◆ Wednesday, May 16– Spring Penny Party
- ◆ May 26-27 – US National Donauschwaben Soccer Tournament
- ◆ Saturday May 26– Mayfest Spring Celebration

**JUNE**

- ◆ Wednesday, June 6 – Schnitzel Night

**JULY**

- ◆ Wednesday, July 11 – Schnitzel Night

**AUGUST**

- ◆ Wednesday, August 1– Schnitzel Night

**SEPTEMBER**

- ◆ Wednesday, Sept. 12– Schnitzel Night

**OCTOBER**

- ◆ Wednesday, Oct. 3 – Schnitzel Night

**NOVEMBER**

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

**DECEMBER**

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



—IN MEMORIAM—



**ALOIS FRUEHAUF**

**1931-2018**

Alois ‘Lou’ Fruehauf died at age 86 at his home on February 24, 2018. Lou was born in Miljanovac, Yugoslavia to the late Anton and Albina (Patek) Fruehauf. He is the husband of Erna Fruehauf (Zibulski); the father of Alfred (Lynne) and Erwin (Charlene); the grandfather of Erich, Bradley, and Chase Fruehauf; brother of Leopold (Rosina) Fruehauf; and dear friend of Erika Calciu.

Lou’s funeral mass took place at St. Albert the great Church in Huntington Valley and his burial took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Cheltenham.

An Organization such as the United German Hungarians is developed and cared for by its members over many generations. From the time Louie Fruehauf arrived in America he became a part of that development. Louie was instrumental in the founding of our modern youth soccer program. He guided it, directed it, and organized it for many many years as it’s first Coordinator. He also coached many of the teams with much success. In soccer he was also impactful outside our organization when he, with others, founded the United Junior Soccer League

Louie served our club as a member of the Board of Governors for a time as well. It’s important to note that not only was Fruehauf a man that worked deeply in the trenches of the club and in soccer, he was the kind of social member every club wants to have. Right up to the end he attended every event that the German Hungarians held. Banquets, dinners, the Kirchweihfeste, the Christmas Parties, and many more. He also attended the events at other clubs in our community. We as members and as his friends think back on him now as someone that was always there. He was always at the club. If you went to the club for an event you knew Louie Fruehauf would be there. Sometimes we reserve a title for a few of our folks like Alois Fruehauf, when we say that he was, “Mr. German Hungarian,” and we will miss him.

Erna Fruehauf, Lou’s wife, died Saturday, March 3, 2018 at her home. She was 82 years old and passed a week to the day from her husband’s passing.

We wish deepest sympathy to the Fruehauf Family.

# Alex Meixner Band



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