



# Monthly Progress

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## NOTICE:

### SPECIAL MEETING FOR ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

Are you interested in attending the  
LANDESTREFFEN der DONAUSCHWABEN USA und KANADA in  
KITCHENER, ONTARIO

at the Kitchener Schwaben Club from

Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012

**(You will need a valid passport to return to the USA)**

or

THE 24TH GAUFEST of the GAUVERBAND NORDAMERIKA

At the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio

June 20 to June 24, 2013

Reports from the Donauschwaben Verband and Gauverband Meetings  
will also be given.

It is important for anyone who even thinks that they might attend  
either of these events to attend this meeting. Important infor-  
mation will be available and we must proceed now with both  
these events.

## FUNDRAISER FOR OUR MAJOR TEAM

Come out and watch the UEFA Champions League Final between  
FC Bayern München and Chelsea Football Club



UEFA  
CHAMPIONS  
LEAGUE



at the

German Hungarian Club on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Club doors will open at 1:30 pm and game kick off 2:45 pm

Adults: \$35.00 Children (16 and under): \$15.00

Price includes food, soda, draft German beer (21 & over only)

From 1:30 throughout the match.

Great door prizes as well as raffles and games

Questions / RSVP – Werner Fricker III at 215-584-7271 or  
[frickeriii@hotmail.com](mailto:frickeriii@hotmail.com)

**Funds raised at this event will specially benefit all  
team and club members who will represent  
the German Hungarians at the  
National Donauschwaben Soccer Tournament in  
Mansfield, Ohio**

## GERMAN HUNGARIAN WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

### PENNY PARTY

Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - doors open at 6:30 pm

Ticket Price is \$3.00 and includes cake and coffee

**Reservations are a must – Call Emily at 267-470-4828**

Donations of new or unused items are greatly appreciated

– call Kathi Galgon at 215-542-0868.

**Penny Party Set Up – Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**

Everyone's help is appreciated.

### WOMEN'S TEA SOCIAL

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Full Tea (or coffee) Service (tea sandwiches and pastries)

Tickets - \$20.00

(Hats encouraged)

**Reservations are required – call Cindy at 267-566-7239**

Or [clproll@verizon.net](mailto:clproll@verizon.net)

## GERMAN HUNGARIANS IN THE REGIONAL CUPS

This Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2012

The GH has two teams playing in Regional Quarter Finals



In addition to our Women's team success in the cups, The GH Over-30  
Team has qualified to play in the regional cups as well.

Region 1 Over-30 Quarter Finals

GH Over-30 vs. United SC  
of Metro DC/VA State Association

At the Maryland Soccerplex  
1:30pm

Congratulations to both of our teams in the Regional Cups. Good luck  
to the German Hungarians playing in Rochester and in Maryland!

**The Hallowed Ground We Play On**

Soccer is, has been, and always will be a part of my life as it is an integral part of the Club. Just sit back and think of the people that played and trained here on our grounds. Thousands all with a passion for the game played and trained here. Some were great players, some good players, some simply because they wanted to belong. Some only played to be here on our ground with the other guys.

A dedicated group of friends and "super fans" come out to watch the Major Team on Sunday Fundays. I attend regularly. It does make for a good time together with friends, having a beer and watching the game. It just makes a perfect day.

I don't really recall my first visit to Sunday Funday. I was in a baby stroller in the spring of 1961. I came to watch my Dad play on the hallowed ground I spoke of earlier. I also do not recall the result of the Game or who the opponent was but I am sure we won that game. This trek to the club every Sunday was something really special. There were always kids in strollers. Once you were out of the stroller you had free run of the clubhouse and the property, and sometimes the neighbor's. Most of the boys claim they watched all these great teams play, but I can tell you that while the games were on there was a lot of mischief going on all over the grounds and the neighborhood. Our Moms were in charge back then (Dad's were on the field or at the Bar). And we all got asked questions such as, "did any of you see the donkey; who smashed the rock on so and so's head; who smeared cinders all over so and so's car; or who threw so and so's, glasses into the ----???"

To this day no one has admitted to that last one!

Halftime shows were the greatest. Fans, mostly grown men in suits/ties, sometimes in long winter overcoats would take to the field. All of these guys it seemed played soccer at sometime in their life. There were shots taken on the goal, some great goals and some great saves, crosses from near the corner and some great head shots on goal. The crowd would go wild and enjoyed these antics as much as the real game.

When you got to the club on Sunday there was an aroma of German Hungarian comfort food. It was noticeable from the entrance to the grounds. It was noticeable in clubhouse. It was not noticed in the dressing rooms. Those of us who had a Dad on the team were permitted in the Dressing Room. Down there, was a smell of high velocity muscle and joint compound grease. We would get in the way down there sometimes which resulted in a lot of yelling by someone and being told nicely that we had to get out. Back to the comfort food. I liked the hot roast beef, but there was always special schwowe items, always brotwurst (they now call that UGH Wurst), and the fried chicken and string beans were awesome. OH, and the Bar room, well let's just say, this room is as special as the grounds we play on.

As we got older we did watch more games. I believed My Dad played for the greatest soccer club in the world, and I think most of the kids thought the same of the club. We all wanted to play here as well. Most of us became players in the Club's Junior program. Back then we only owned one field and we played almost all our home games on a public field off the Boulevard. We maybe got a chance to play on the great field once a year at Mayfest or Kirchweih. Late on Sundays we played in some of the most intense soccer matches ever to be held. These matches were held indoors in our own indoor facility. This facility was usually referred to by most club members as the Dance Floor.

The ball was usually a pair of socks wrapped tightly. Sometimes a real ball was substituted and then again after some yelling by someone we were told to stop. There were Sunday Fundays at other club's as well when our Teams played there. We got chased out of the upstairs at the Bayern where the Donauschwaben played; we got chased out of the pool area at Erzgebirge; and we got into all kinds of mischief by the train tracks and the mountain behind the Phoenix club. The trips to South Philly, West Philly, Norristown and Reading were really exciting.

As we became real players we traveled ourselves to other places to play. It was understood though, Sunday you returned to the Club. Since our founding we have developed many players, coaches, referees, administrators and fans. We have also had many seasoned soccer people join our fine club. In the 1970s Jurgen Schumann joined our Club and our Major Team. Jurgen spent most of his adult amateur career playing with our club, before returning to Germany. A few years ago on a visit, I introduced Jurgen to my sons. He told them of the wonderful times he had at our club.

Jurgen then told us, " I tell my friends and people I meet in Germany and Europe, I played with the Greatest Soccer Club in the World, The United German Hungarians in Philadelphia". Soccer Sunday Funday is special. I look forward to the next Game!

Werner Fricker Jr.

**GERMAN HUNGARIAN RED**

**German Hungarian Sport Club**

In 1927 the first team was moved into the second division of the National League. In 1930, although the "mother club" stood firm as the Banater Männerchor, the sport group changed its name from the Banater Athletic Club to the **German Hungarian Sport Club**. It would be nine years before the parent group changed its name along similar lines. This marks a change in the uniforms of the 30s. The change of name as well as the economics of the time is visible in the equipment that the teams were seen in. In 1931 the first team won the National League Championship. This team is pictured in a uniform that is darker than its predecessors. Most likely due to the fact that the name of the club had been changed the year prior, the shirt contains no identifying marks, insignias, or initials at all. The first championship team of the club is wearing a long-sleeved shirt with dark vertical stripes. This uniform is collared and is the first collared uniform the GH is known to



have worn. The socks and shorts are simple matching the color of the shirt.

In 1932 The Reserve Team captained by John Weber won their League Championship. This uniform, pictured to the right was the simplest of all uniforms up until that time. Again no branding marks appear. Instead a long-sleeved solid collared lace up. This also appears to be one color for the socks shorts and shirts.



It was in 1938 that the mother club changed its name from the Banater Männerchor to the United German Hungarians. In 1939 the first youth teams were organized and under the direction of Ted Kereczmann the "CHICOS" became particularly well known. Similarly colored, collared and long-sleeved, it featured a v stripe that came to a point just under the chest.

Michael Fricker

Editorial:

**TRADITIONS**

(A Change in Our New Years Eve Celebration)

Many words, phrases and sentences have been written about the history of both the "German Hungarian" People and the "German Hungarian" Club. Some are memorable; some are clever; and some are catchy. None have been written or spoken as often as the phrase, "Continuing A Proud Tradition" has been in the last fifteen years.

The first time I recall seeing this phrase was on our "Seventy Five Years of Soccer Souvenir Book". Sometime through the years our soccer program continued using this phrase and soon the entire club was proudly using this phrase.

What is a tradition? Tradition is the handing down of stories, beliefs, established customs or practices from generation to generation. Since our club is over a hundred years old, we have many customs and traditions that have been continued throughout the years. We have, however, many traditions that have been practiced for many generations and for various reasons have been discontinued. This is always a difficult decision for both the officials and the committee members.

For example: we know for certain that our club has celebrated one or more "Kirchweihfests" annually since 1926 because we have photos of that year. We believe that these fests were celebrated since our founding. In the time frame between the selling of our city club and the building of our present clubhouse there were a few years when the "Kirchweihfests" did not take place. With the founding of our present day Cultural Group in 1965, we officially began these fests again. Also "A Night In Vienna" which was first held in 1938, was usually held yearly. It disappeared for a few years and was reinvented as the "Viennese Ball". This event was not held for a few years and appeared in 2012 as "A Night In Vienna". Many consider both the "Kirchweihfest" and "A Night In Vienna" as club traditions.

My point in writing this article is that change is sometimes necessary. There are many instances in our history when this has happened. Our president, our board and the committee chairmen now find it necessary to change the traditions of our New Year's Eve Celebration. I believe that our club has continued the celebration with German and American music throughout its history while many of the local German-American clubs have eliminated the German music or eliminated the entire event.

How many who are reading this article attend this celebration? For over 20 years we have been struggling with attendance at this event. The decision has been made –

**THE GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION 2012 WILL BE ELIMINATED!**

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**2012 US National**

**Donauschwaben Tournament**

**DEFENDING CHAMPS!**

Last Memorial Day Weekend, the German Hungarians hosted eight Clubs in three divisions for the National Donauschwaben Tournament. After four games the GH went up against Chicago Green White. The final score was 1-0 in favor of the German Hungarians; making them the Champions of the Tournament. The travelling Schoenberger Cup was awarded to Our Club and the celebratory festivities began. The Cup sits in a place of honor at Our Club, in the bar room with all our other awards and trophies!

On Friday, May 25th 2012, the German Hungarians will be boarding a bus to Mansfield Ohio. The Donauschwaben Cup will travel with us and we will cherish the final hours with the symbol of our 2011 win. The destination is the Mansfield Liederkrantz, a place we have been many times. The goal is to bring that cup back.

We will have fun, but we will work hard. We plan to make memories. We plan to make sure our opponents on the field are our friends off the field. We will make everyone know who we are. The competition in this tournament is at a high level. The organization, premier talent, determination, and pride that consistently come out of the ethnic Donauschwaben clubs are highly commendable.

For our members and friends who attended the tournament we hosted last year, or have travelled with us in the past, strike up interest in your friends. We want and need the support from our fans and administrators. The team really appreciates the men and women who travel with us.

We are DEFENDING CHAMPS! We have never won this cup anywhere but Philadelphia. We hope that this time we will achieve a goal of doing so. We won in 1990 at the Philadelphia Donauschwaben and we did not again until 2011. We do not want to wait another 21 years to celebrate a victory.

We celebrate 90 years in sport and soccer this year 2012. Celebrate with us in Mansfield Ohio for the 2012 US National Donauschwaben Tournament! For information on the trip including transportation and lodging, please contact Werner Fricker III at [frickeriii@hotmail.com](mailto:frickeriii@hotmail.com) and include "Mansfield" in the subject line.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SCHNITZEL NIGHT**

Wednesday June 6th

**GH WOMEN'S**

**SUMMER LEAGUE**

Chairman, Barry Harvey  
Approx. 12 Open Teams  
Wednesdays beginning June 6th  
To August 1st  
Times: 6:45, 7:45, 8:45pm  
Games played on all fields

**GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY**

At the Cannstatter VV  
With participation of all German Clubs  
& the Heimatklänge Orchestra

**LEGENDS OF SOCCER**

This August  
More Info to Come!



Jeremy Ortiz

Fred

**MAJORS CORNER**

UPCOMING MATCHES

**Wednesday, May 16th 2012**

GH vs. VE

8:00pm

GH Beneficial Stadium

**Sunday, May 20th 2012**

GH at FC Sports

2:30pm

Robert Urban Fields (Houston Park) --  
701 Harvey Road Wallingford, PA 19086)

**Tuesday, May 22nd 2012**

GH at Phoenix SC

2:30pm

Phoenix SC Majors Field

## Happy Anniversary to the German Hungarians.....Continuing a Proud Tradition....

We put so much emphasis on special anniversaries....25, 50, 75 and 100 years.  
Yet each year is a milestone and each year we can look back and say wow; look what we have accomplished---  
Not just this past year but all prior years.

Our Anniversary is the one time a year that we can celebrate and congratulate ourselves--the German Hungarians on a job well done!

Whether it is the day to day business we conduct, an entertainment event, activities on the dance floor or out on the soccer field success does not come easy. We must work hard for every trophy we win and every prize we bring home and when we do not reach the top and win the prize....simply put, we must work harder!

Success is not always measured by trophies and titles – sometimes a strong showing or performance can simply put you over the top. We are very proud of who we are and what we do---collectively we work hard at carrying on the traditions that have been passed down to us as well as creating new traditions that we can carry into the future.

The Club...My Club..UGH...My German Club...My Soccer Club ...The German Hungarians...We may say it differently or call it something else but the feeling among us is the same and it is strong. It is one of pride and camaraderie...

Our home at the German Hungarians welcomes us with open arms..It is family....A place where everyone knows your name...A place where you can be yourself... where memories are made....where ups and downs are celebrated....we dance, we sing, we socialize, we play soccer, we watch soccer...we teach – we learn - we support one another and we make a difference ----among friends and family of all ages.....we have fun...where can you go to find friends double your age or half your age.... It is Club Life... It is not something everyone looks for but yet some of us need it....some are born into it, married into it, stumble into it and some clearly look for it!

When I think about growing up at the club many good things come to mind; childhood memories are the best and when I listen to the teens and young adults talk about their great times here - it brings a smile to my face as I myself reminisce. Not only do we have fun here at the Club but also when we travel to fests, treffens and soccer tournaments. We teach our kids to work hard, play hard and you will be rewarded. We have been fortunate. Club life has given us many opportunities and has taught us to be proud of who we are and what we do!

Happy Anniversary to the German Hungarians...Let us continue this proud tradition

### TOAST:

Please raise your glass and join me in a toast...

Happy 102<sup>ND</sup> Anniversary

The past is behind, learn from it  
The future is ahead, prepare for it  
The present is here, live it.

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(Editor's Note: We celebrated our 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary with a gala banquet on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Janet Malofiy served as the MC and the editor felt that the words she spoke that evening needed to be printed in our newsletter.)

### **NOTE:**

We will review April's activities (Magic show, Spring Fling, Forgotten Genocide, in a future issue)

## General Membership Meeting Sunday, March 4, 2012

Our president called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence for all deceased members, especially Jules Menhardt who died in December. Roll Call was taken by the Membership Chairman. Minutes from March 6, 2011 were read by the Secretary and approved. The president gave an oral report and each attending member received a packet with the chairmen's reports and other important information. The Financial report was also read and approved. There was a report on the catering and club event and even though we were busy, we would like and need to be busier. We ask all members to consider our club facilities for your catering needs and ask that you promote the German Hungarian Caterers to your families and friends. The following members were nominated and elected to fill the expired terms on the Board of Governors: Bobby Wilkinson, Sasha Malofiy, Joe Reiter, John Reiter. At the next Board of Governors Meeting, the Executive Board decided to stay in their positions.

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