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Oktoberfest
August 25-27
17832 Highway 8,
Morrison

Adults 21+.....\$5
Kids 11-20.....\$3
11 and under.....Free

Vom Schreibtisch des Board of Directors

It's Oktoberfest! It's finally here! We are looking for a final push to get **volunteers** to fill n the empty slots. **If you have friends and family members**, even if they aren't club members, please have them call Stefi (720-841-2570), or sign up through our web site. We have **all positions available**. All booths will be taking cash, this year. **The entry, soda and bounce house are all sitting positions**. Beer booth is not a sitting position.

Seniors are in charge of deserts as has been the past few years. If you can **donate some home made goodies**, please contact Elisabeth Burbach at 303-288-9479. She is also in charge of making sure the cake booth has enough man power to operate so sign up for a position with her.

Our committee has decided to have a booth for anyone who would like to sell their tracht. It is only for tracht, and it is run by you, the seller. There is not a volunteer position available. For more info, contact Lis Lane.

Thank you to all those who supported the club picnic. A very **big thank you** to all our wonderful seniors who showed up to support the picnic. It wouldn't have been as much fun without you!

On September 24, we will have a special membership meeting concerning member voting rights. In October, we will have our usual election for the upper board.

T.E.V. Edelweiss Board of Directors

We are now on the Gunter Auerbach show. Over the air (antenna tv) at 23.6 on Sunday from 12-3 pm.

Or listen online anytime at
www.grtvd.com

A blue Oktoberfest-themed poster featuring a white and blue checkered border. In the top left corner is a green and gold shield logo for T.E.V. Edelweiss. The top right corner contains the text "4th Annual". In the center, there's a circular graphic with a glass of beer and pretzels. Below it, the year "2017" is written above the words "T.E.V. Edelweiss". The main title "Oktoberfest" is written in large, stylized yellow letters with a black outline. Below it, "Season Kick-Off" is written in smaller yellow letters. The poster lists three dates: August 25 (5pm-11pm), August 26 (11am-11pm), and August 27 (11am-6pm). It also includes the address "17832 Highway 8, Morrison, CO 80465", the phone number "303-289-5621", and the website "www.tevedelweiss.org". At the bottom, it lists "Dancers * Games * Beer * Food * Live Music".



Senior Citizens- Top of the Hill

Our Oktoberfest is just around the corner. I am looking for volunteers to help run the cake booth. If you can donate a few hours, please call me so I can write you down. You will get a meal and a drink for every shift you work.

We are also in need of cakes and other home-made goodies. If you can bake and wish to donate to our booth, let me know. We are expecting a lot more people this year, so we need a lot more cake.

We had a great lunch in July, it was nice to see everyone at our new home. However, due to popular request, we will be meeting at the Golden Corral at 11090 E Mississippi Ave, Aurora, CO 80012 at 1pm on Wednesday August 2nd. If you have friends that want to come, bring them along.

Let us remember Chrystal Ashton in your prayers, she isn't doing to well right now. Niki Johnson is a long-time member who decided to move to New Mexico to be with family. We will really miss her.

Elisabeth Burbach
303-288-9479



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. There is **still time to sign up for our Oktoberfest**. It is going to be a fun weekend, and I hope to see many of you there.

Stefanie Kirsch



Stephen Hargreaves

For Rent

We are turning our pavilion into a clubhouse, but it is still up for rent. Now available for graduations, birthday parties, family reunions and more.

Located just outside of Morrison and minutes from Denver, we have the perfect spot for your next event. We have several packages to choose from.

For more information, call Lisa Wheeler, our rentals manager at 720-839-1276



Schuhplattler News...

Can we have a round of applause for our incredible Gau team and participants? A huge congratulations to everyone and their placements. Really well done! We as a club really have something to be proud of! Everyone was in the top 10! There was a lot of excitement within the group for all in the incredible placements. The practices started quite late for a Gau team, so to place so high with such a short amount of time to practice was really incredible!

Out of 9 boys in the 12-15 age group:

1st place- Kevin Rase (*judged separately from his partner, Kyra Malofiy from PA*)

Out of 57 couples in the 16-34 age group:

2nd place- Juliana Jenssen (*with Joe Claesgens from SG Edelweiss, St. Paul*)

4th place- TJ Jenssen & Aana Rase

8th place- Terry Jenssen (*with Matt LaCourse from SG Edelweiss, St. Paul*)

9th place- Brandon Saratella (*with Andrea Edelhauser from GTEV Edelweiss, Detroit*)

Out of 13 couples in the 40-49 age group:

2nd place- Michael & Maria Rase

The team from Denver competing in the group competition finished in **2nd place!**

The team and four of our einzelers are hoping for an invitation to compete at the Bayerischer Löwe next June.

Congratulations to our own Sepp Kaindl from Diessen for receiving Ehrenmitglied (honorary member) status within the Gauverband Nordamerika. The award was presented to him at the Gaufest in Buffalo.

In July the Schuhplattlers performed for a great crowd at the GACC's Biergarten Fest in July and look forward to performing for them again at the Christkindl Markt.

We look forward to seeing everyone this August up at our club house for Oktoberfest. This starts off a busy month for the Schuhplattlers, with many mountain gigs to look forward to. We have listed our schedule so far through September and hope some of you can make the trip up to the mountains to cheer us on and have some fun.

Calendar

8/17 Plattlerprobe 7pm Morrison

8/24 Plattlerprobe 7pm Morrison

8/25th, 26th, & 27th Oktoberfest Morrison

8/31 Plattlerprobe 7pm Morrison

9/2 Keystone Oktoberfest

9/9,10 & 11th Breckenridge Oktoberfest

9/16 & 17th Vail Oktoberfest

August Birthdays

8/3 Micah Wright

8/4 Kevin Rase

8/11 Rex Lane

8/28 Sawyer Koopmeiners

8/31 Edith Gorner





EDELWEISS KARNEVALS

While EDKAG may be taking a midsummer break, we are inviting all our members to this year's GAMGA Gala! This is a special year, because it's the 33rd anniversary of GAMGA. More craziness, more fun and more costumes!

It is unfortunate that we don't have the ability to send out flyers to everyone, but you can find all the information on our web site. www.tevedelweiss.org Just click on "Activity Groups" and "EDKAG". There, you will find the poster, and all the info you need. If you have trouble getting the info off the web site, please let Amy Dodd (303-378-7324) know and she will send you a printed version of the letter.

This year, the GAMGA Gala will be held at the Tuscany Suites & Casino. You must reserve a room before Dec 4th, 2017 to get special pricing. You must also purchase tickets to the GALA before Dec 1st if you want a discount.

There is a number to call, on the forms, on the website, if you have any additional questions.

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by listening to your needs and getting you through the entire process! Whether you are buying or selling, I'm here to help you make your experience a positive one!

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Auf Deutsch und auf Englisch!*

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Gaufest 2017... Once every two years, Trachtlers from all over North America meet to catch up with old friends and share a beer or two with some new ones. Each of these events, Gaufests, are anticipated almost from the time the last one ended. The 26.Gaufest in Buffalo, NY, was no different. The weekend started out with a Welcome Party and a Heimatabend on Thursday night. People danced and visited all night before the first of the weekend's competitions began on Friday morning. We spent the evening catching up with everyone including Sepp Kaindl, who flew in from Diessen for the weekend!

Friday morning's competition entailed over a hundred couples from the age of 16 (all the way up to 60+) performing with the hope of being judged the best Einzelpreisplattler (single couple competitors) in America in each of the various age brackets. It's a long, nerve-racking day that started at about 9am and didn't end until 2pm. Everyone was tired and stressed-out, but we all agreed it was worth the effort to support those you love and check out the new upcoming stars...and all fourteen of us from Edelweiss Denver did our best to cheer each other on! Friday night was full of honor dances and a good old fashioned German band to dance the night away, although most groups went to bed early because it was also the night before Gruppenpreisplattln (group competition)!

Saturday morning (also bright and early) began with the Gruppen competition. This year, 15 groups competed against one another for the beautiful traveling trophy, the Wanderpreis.

TEV Edelweiss Denver danced 6th out of 15, not a bad spot considering the order is decided the night before and is pure luck, as the Vorplattler is the one to pick the number out of the hat. Our first Gau team in four years couldn't have been more excited to just to be able to dance and put Denver on the competition

map again. After a few minutes of warm-ups in the practice room with Onkel Sepp playing for us and a round of Goldschlager shots, we headed down to the Adam's Mark ballroom and waited our turn. Stepping out on the floor to compete had everyone anxious but as always, the dance itself turned out to be the fastest 3.5 minutes ever and passed in such a blur. We did our best to represent Edelweiss Denver and left the floor proud and hopeful. We watched the remaining groups compete and then waited for a change in judges in preparation for the Jugend Einzelpreisplattln (competition) and Jugend Einzelplattln (exhibition) for performers ages 12-15 years old so we could watch Kevin Rase compete--super performance. The Bauernmesse at the convention center later that afternoon was inspiring as always and led right into the banquet that evening, where we enjoyed the Parade of Flags (all attending Vereine with flags in attendance participated), wonderful food and lots of dancing until the much-anticipated Einzelpreisplattling results from Friday's adult competition were announced. This year, every one of



Stephen Hargreaves



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Denver's competitors placed in the top 9 across all age brackets! The results are as follows:

Out of 57 couples in the 16-34 age group:

2nd place- Juliana Jenssen (*with Joe Claesgens from SG Edelweiss, St. Paul*)

4th place- TJ Jenssen & Aana Rase

8th place- Terry Jenssen (*with Matt LaCourse from SG Edelweiss, St. Paul*)

9th place- Brandon Saratella (*with Andrea Edelhauser from GTEV Edelweiss, Detroit*)

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2nd place- Michael & Maria Rase

What an exciting finish for Edelweiss Denver! Also during the evening's events, Michael Olk received an award for his never-ending work with the Trachtenkulturzentrum in Holzhausen on behalf of Gauverband Nordamerika. The man helped work on the site, helps organize funding from North America for the site, arranges for items to be archived there, etc. He lives and breathes the place...and it's an amazing place at that! Michael has been ill for some time and managed to make it to the banquet Saturday night but after receiving his award he went to the hospital where he stayed for several days before being allowed to return home. Feel better soon, Michael! Also an honoree Saturday night, Sepp Kaindl (Ehrenmitglied from Edelweiss Denver, Mitglied from our Patenverein in Diessen) received Ehrenmitglied status from Gauverband Nordamerika! Sepp has been instrumental in helping Gauverband Nordamerika forge relationships with the Bayerische Trachtenverband in Bavaria. The man is nothing but amazing and is always willing to lend Trachtler from North America a hand whenever he can—congratulations Onkel Sepp!

The results for Gruppen and the Jugend Einzelpreisplattln wouldn't be announced until Sunday, but putting those nerves aside, everyone danced the rest of the night away, first in the convention center and then at the hotel in the after-hours rooms where accordion players from different clubs played polkas, Schuhplattlers and Volkstänze galore. Saturday night wasn't a late night for us—it was an early Sunday morning for us before we finally made it to bed!

On Sunday, we were back at the convention center for a second Parade of Flags after which clubs received Fahnenbänder (banners for their flags) commemorating 26.Gaufest. While this took place, everyone in the convention center enjoyed a nice lunch before Sunday's Ehrentänze performances began, ours included. We put EVERYONE on the dance floor—Onkel Sepp, Erika, Ilona, Lindsay, Taylor, Jeff, Brandon, Michael, Kevin, TJ, Juliana, Maria, Aana and Terry with a little help from our friends from SG Edelweiss, St. Paul—Joey and Matt who danced with us and Eric who played for us. What an honor it was for friends and family of Edelweiss, Denver to perform together for 2,000 fellow Trachtlers—and such fun! Finally, the time arrived for the last of the competition results from the weekend to be announced! First to be announced were the Jugend Einzelpreisplattln winners and Denver had one Buam competing in this age bracket... and he won! Kevin Rase took the gold out of 9 guys competing. In this age bracket, the couples were judged separately not together like the adults. The host club, Buffalo, did something new this year and let the first place winners from 25. Gaufest hand over their traveling trophies (Wanderpreis) to this year's winners. This was



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awesome as our own TJ Jenssen and Aana Rase both won the Jugend competition last Gaufest and so each handed off a trophy to this year's winners—Aana to a Dirndl from Lancaster, PA and TJ to Kevin. One trophy was coming back to Denver! Once these trophies were passed on, it was finally time for the Gruppen-preisplattling awards to be announced beginning with fifth place. So as fifth and fourth place teams were announced, Bayern Verein Newark and United German-Hungarians, we could hardly contain ourselves. Third place this year was Philly (GTV Almrausch), and as they did their acceptance dance, Edelweiss Denver had all of our fingers and toes crossed that this would be our year to place. As soon as Philly's dance ended, the announcer said, "In 2nd place... TEV Edelweiss Denver." Our tables went nuts and for only 14 of us in attendance, we sure made some noise! It certainly took us a long time to make it to the stage to accept our



plaque and pins and perform our acceptance dance. (Thank you Matt LaCourse and Eric Ray for being super-fast and loaning Onkel Sepp your button box!) Thank you Taylor Eurich for jumping in even later than the last minute (more like last second) so that Jeff (our Brandon fill-in for practices) could perform the dance too! And in case you're wondering, STV Bavaria Cleveland won the gold medal. They were tremendous. There was some serious celebrating the rest of the night (and overnight into the wee hours of the morning)!

How crazy is it that over the years the Gaufest has been held in Buffalo, New York three times, and all three times Denver has medaled in Gruppen!!! What an honor to be able to not only finish in the medals, but place in the top two and earn an invitation to compete at the Bayerischer Löwe next year in June of 2018! Not

only may Denver's team get to compete, but 4 out of the 8 Einzel competitors may be competing in Germany as well!

Gaufest 2019 is in Washington, D.C. and we would like to invite everyone along because--there is nothing like a couple thousand Plattlers getting together for a beer!



Gaufest 2017 continued...photos courtesy of Stephen Hargreaves



August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Top of the Hill 1:00 pm Golden Corral	3	4	5
						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Schuhplattler Practice 7pm Clubhouse	18	19
20	21	22 	23	24 Schuhplattler Practice 7pm Clubhouse	25 Oktoberfest Morrison Clubhouse 5pm-11pm Rhinelanders	26 Oktoberfest Morrison Clubhouse 11am-11pm Alpine Echo
27 Oktoberfest Morrison Clubhouse 11am-6pm Austrian Connection	28	29	30	31 Schuhplattler Practice 7pm Clubhouse		

Sept 6: Top of the Hill
 Sept: 23: Wine Fest, Peter Kron 7-11
 Sept 24: Membership meeting 2pm
 Schuhplattler Practice every Thursday 7pm

Oct 4: Top of the Hill
 Oct 21: Schlacht Fest, Rick Borger 7pm
 Schuhplattler Practice every Thursday 7pm



Sitt und Tracht der Älter
sollten wir erhalten

August 2017

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