



German Canadian Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy summer greetings to you all!

As we are now in the midst of summer, our Biergarten, Soccer games, and Tennis are doing very well. The dryness keeps us busy watering the soccer fields. Thanks to our summer student Nicholas who does all the hard work and does a fine job.

Member Appreciation! This Saturday, August 16, 5 pm to close on the Patio.

Free entry for all Members into the Biergarten, and for Premium and Platinum Members only, free Beer Tasting. Platinum Members also get a free beer or wine.

Beer Tasting: Paulaner our Oktoberfest Beer. The German Brewery is holding a Beer Tasting at our Biergarten with 4 different Beers!

Oktoberfest Tickets on sale! \$5 off only at this Biergarten!

This Biergarten is the start of the Oktoberfest Ticket Sales. \$5 off on all non-discounted Oktoberfest entry—discount only available on this day.

Biergarten Entertainment, Food, Prizes, and Family Friendly!

There will be prizes to win including some Oktoberfest Tickets, Steins, and other great items. The *Black Forest Band* from Kitchener will entertain and will perform Oktoberfest music to get us in the mood. Wear your Trachten, Lederhosen, Dirndl and bring your family as it is a family friendly Biergarten where there is place for kids to play. Of course, there is the Biergarten Menu. Please join us for a time of Gemutlichkeit.

The next Biergarten will be held on August 30 where Sweetwood Mac will be performing.

Oktoberfest Tickets will be on sale through our Website, TicketScene, and OnStageDirect.

On another positive note: The Board instructed me to tell you that this is the first year in a long time that we financially outperformed the first two quarters compared to previous years. That has not happened in many years in the same time period. We are strong and slowly making our way over the difficult Covid years. That all is thanks to Staff and especially Volunteers. When times come to help together we are a team that has traction. Thank you all.

Special thanks to all who helped at the Kitchen Clean Up Day! What a day of work but with rewarding results!

We can all be proud of ourselves and it is worth it to belong to this wonderful Club.

Thank you all.

Friedhelm Hoffmann, President, a proud Member of this Club

Events in August			
Sundays	Nice Church	11 am	
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm	
Monday to Friday	Camp STEAM	8 am to 5 pm	
Saturday 2	Biergarten on the Patio-The Barking Betty Band	5 pm	
Wednesday 6	Seniors Bingo	2 pm	
Friday 8	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 pm	
Saturday 16	Biergarten on the Patio-A Taste of Oktoberfest with the Black Forest Band	5 pm	
Sunday 17	Seniors Picnic	1 pm	
Sunday 30	Biergarten on the Patio-Sweetwood Mac	5 pm	

Events in September			
Sundays	Nice Church	11 am	
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsals	7:30 pm	
Tuesdays	Cornhole League	6:30 pm	
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm	
Wednesday 3	Seniors Bingo/ Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm	
Friday 12	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 pm	
Sunday 14	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm	
Saturday 20	Jurgen Klaus Memo- rial Tournament	1 pm	
Saturday 20	Irish Club Half way to St. Patrick's Day	7 pm	
Sunday 21	Jurgen Klaus Memo- rial Tournament Rain Date	1 pm	
Saturday 27	Lionel Cain Memorial Tournament	10 am	
Saturday 27	Great Lakes Blues Society show	8 pm	

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

9am-12pm

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Events take place all year round.

Choir (Kathy Wodrich)

Every Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm kwodrich@gmail.com www.lyrachoir.com

Tennis (Joe Rosell) 519-852-9933 hjrtennis@gmail.com	May to October Weekdays 8 am-8 pm Saturdays 8 am-12 noon
Soccer (Terry O'Shea) terryoshea@teksavvy.com	For field bookings & training schedule visit: www.gcfclondon.com

<u>Special Events Group</u> (Marlene Hoche-Davidson) (519) 872-3338 larrydavidson516@yahoo.ca

Hall Rental

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Please send any submissions for our newsletter by the 20th of the month to germanclub1@rogers.com or call the office at 519-433-2901.

Everyone is welcome at all events.

Seniors News

As there are no events during July, we wish everyone a happy summer. **Bingo/** Kaffeeklatsch resumes on Wednesday, August 6 at 2 pm. The next Kaffeeklatsch is the Picnic on Sunday, August 17 at 1 pm. All are welcome, however, guests are \$12 to attend.

The Seniors send thinking of you wishes to Gerhard Frank, Marlies Gripp, and Ellen Hobyan.

We hope to see everyone in August.

German Canadian **Football Club News**

Despite some rainy and hot weather that cancelled games, the football season is off to a great start!

Upcoming special events are:

Saturday, September 20 (rain date Sunday, September 21) Jurgen Klaus Memorial **Tournament**

Saturday, September 27 6th Annual Lionel Cain Memorial Tournament

For more information and the season schedule, please see the website, www.gcfclondon.com.

In Memorium

We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of

Paul Potter

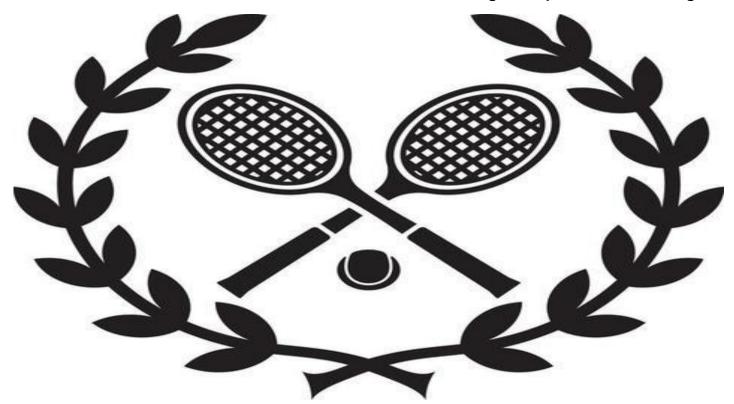




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Tennis News

Despite the challenging weather, the tennis season has been off to a great start with many familiar faces returning. Our newest members are a great addition to our friendly atmosphere.

DID YOU KNOW?

Clay Court Fun Facts:

- The French Open (Roland Garros) is the most famous clay court Grand Slam tournament.
- The softer surface can be easier on the joints than hard courts.
- Clay courts are more prevalent in Europe and Latin America than in North America.

Please contact Joe Rosell if you have any questions about tennis.



Greetings from the Lyra Choir

After enjoying a cool spring, we are now in the heat of the summer season, or so it seems, and July has only just begun!

Thank you to all those who attended our "Day of Song" or "Tag des Liedes" concert on Sunday, June 1. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with a variety of music, including the performance from our friends from Hamilton, the Germania Choir. We also welcomed two outstanding vocalists from Western University, soprano Leah Bondy and baritone Felix Stückmann, who entertained us with music from Mozart's "The Magic Flute". Our Lyra choir conductor, Olena Bratishko, accompanied the vocalists on piano.

Many guests arrived early to enjoy cake and coffee, served by our Seniors Group, and following the concert, Anna and her team prepared a delicious schnitzel dinner, enjoyed by all!

Following our summer break we will resume choir rehearsals on Monday, September 8 at 7:30pm in the Main Hall. We are always looking for new singers to join the choir, so if you or someone you know is interested, or would like more information, please contact me or come out to a rehearsal to learn more about us; we look forward to welcoming you!

Enjoy the summer, stay cool, and...see you in September!

Kathy Wodrich Lyra Choir kwodrich@gmail.com



Lyra Choir performs at Tag des Liedes, June 1, 2025



Germania Choir from Hamilton performing at Tag des Liedes, June 1, 2025



Lyra Choir and Germania Choir ensemble performance at Tag des Liedes, June 1, 2025.





Happy patrons enjoying the Biergarten.



Note: Sold for Sheep will not be performing on Saturday, August 16. The evening instead will be a taste of Oktoberfest. The Black Forest Band will be performing and for \$5, there will be a German Beer Tasting. There will also be chances to win tickets and buy discounted tickets for Oktoberfest. Please join us!

Everyone, including families and children, are welcome to attend, no Membership to the German Canadian Club required .Children under age 16 years of age are no charge admission.







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