



German Canadian Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members and Friends,

What a great summer it has been at the German Canadian Club! Our club has had so much activity throughout the summer it's hard to know where to start but first I think I would like to start by saying thank you to all of the great people who have made it all possible. From our President all the way down to the summer help and all of the family members who show up and help when we need them. The club greatly appreciates all of your time and effort to ensure everything runs smoothly and efficiently for our events and the occasional tree that needs to be removed after falling on the field or elsewhere at the club.

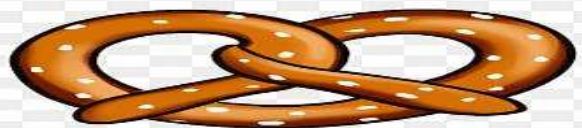
As you know, this year we decided it was the year to make our beer garden great again and we certainly accomplished that! Rick Doyle, our Paulaner supplier, supplied us with umbrellas and some decorations and our new beer garden entrance sign which we will have installed second week of September. With our Oktoberfest tables, hanging lights, and flowers it was a very gemuetlich garden where soccer players, soccer fans, and many people attending our outdoor concerts could enjoy some great Stimmung. Each Saturday we held a concert with local bands and entertainers with people dancing until their feet were sore. Almost each day there were people enjoying the patio and we hope next year brings even more people out. The Tennis club was once again in full swing with the help of Joe and his many helpers keeping some of London's best clay tennis courts in perfect condition. And for perfect condition as usual the soccer field was once again the place all soccer players in London were excited to play on thanks to everyone on the soccer committee and our summer student Nicholas.

As for workers, many of you will be happy that Lucas has returned from Europe and is back working at the club making sure the events booked by Carlene are set up and cleaned up. Lucas started at the club as a student in 2022 and we are very happy to have him back.

Thank you again to everyone attending and helping with our events and we look forward to seeing you at Oktoberfest!

Michael Marienwald

Vice-President



Events in September		
Mondays beginning 11	Lyra Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Saturday 16	Biergarten— Sweetwood Mac	6 pm
Saturday 16	German Language School Registration	10 am
Wednesday 27	Seniors Bingo	2 pm
Thursday 28	Accordion Club	7 pm
Saturday 30	Men of Accord Barbershop Chorus-Fall Cabaret	3 pm

Events in October		
Mondays	Lyra Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Wednesdays	Barbershop Chorus	7 pm
Monday 9	Thanksgiving Day	
Wednesday 11	Seniors Bingo	2 pm
Friday 20	Oktoberfest	5 pm
Saturday 21	Oktoberfest-Family Afternoon	11 am to 4 pm
Saturday 21	Oktoberfest	5 pm
Thursday 26	Accordion Club	7 pm
Sunday 29	Seniors Kaffeeklatsch	2 pm

In Memoriam

We wish to extend our sincerest sympathies to the families of

Lottie Weber

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Tennis (HJ Rosell) 519-852-9933 hjrtennis@gmail.com	May to September Everyday 8 am - 8pm
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Hall Rental

For information on our hall rental rates for members and non-members, please contact:
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 germanclub1@rogers.com

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.

OKTOBERFEST 2023

Please help us put together London's best Oktoberfest ever! Putting together such a large event takes a lot of time and people, and setting up of tables, chairs, and decorations. We would greatly appreciate any help you can offer either to set up the Oktoberfest or cleaning up after the party Sunday. Last year we had a lot of fun setting up and we were very proud of the gemütlichkeit we created for the event. We can also always use more corporate sponsors so if you know of a company or individual who would like to sponsor the event, please go to <https://germancanadianclublondon.com/oktoberfest-sponsorship> or have them contact Mike Marienwald or Fred Grossman.

As for tickets, if you have not bought your tickets, do not delay. There have already been well over 100 tickets sold for this year's event and if it is anything like last year's Oktoberfest we will sell out before the event. If you are going to buy tickets, you can go to the website or call the club. This year we have Walter Ostanek back again Friday night as well as many other bands and we will also have a family pass available for families looking to bring their children for some entertainment and dancing. This year Anna will be both in the tent and in the club making sure everyone is well fed with all of our German food favorites. We will also have a schnapps bar and our own beer brewed for us for the Oktoberfest. So don't delay and get your tickets today before they are sold out.

OKTOBERFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering your time to help out with Oktoberfest. We are looking for help with many tasks before, with set up and decorating, during, with selling and taking tickets, and afterwards, with clean up. There are many jobs that need everyone's help. Many hands make light work and you will have a lot of fun.

If you wish to help us out in any way you can, please contact Friedhelm Hoffmann at 1-519-312-6842, Pam Wulff at 519-281-6546, or Carlene Hitchens in the office at 519-433-2901.

We appreciate any time you are able to give us to make Oktoberfest successful!



OKTOBERFEST 2023 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

5pm Open ADULTS ONLY (19 years+)
5:30-7:30 ALPINE ECHO
7:30-9:30 WALTER OSTANEK
9:00-9:30 CONCORDIA SCHUHPLATTLER
9:30-11:00 HILIFE
11:00 Close

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

11am Open
11:30-1:30 ALPINE ECHO
1:30-2:00 CONCORDIA SCHUHPLATTLER/TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT OKTOBERFEST
2:00-3:00 ALPINE ECHO
3:00-4:00 MUSIC AND KIDS EVENTS AND GAMES
4:00 Close
5 pm Open ADULTS ONLY (19 years+)
5:00-6:00 ALPINE ECHO
6:00-6:30 CONCORDIA SCHUHPLATTLER
6:30-9:00 GEORGE KASH
9:00-9:30 CONCORDIA SCHUHPLATTLER
9:30-11:00 SOLD FOR SHEEP
11:00 Close

Seniors Events

Our Picknick in August was a tremendous success. We had many visitors join us that afternoon who enjoyed themselves immensely.

Our upcoming Bingos are:

Wednesday, September 27 and Wednesday, October 11 both at 2 pm.

Kaffeeklatsch resumes on Sunday, September 10 at 2 pm. There will be a Kaffeeklatsch on Sunday, October 29 also at 2 pm.



Soccer News

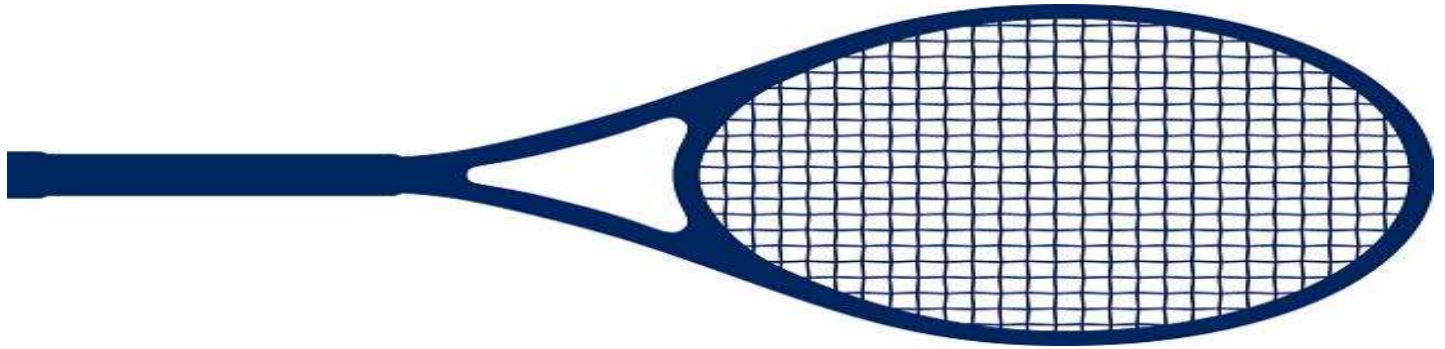
The GCFC hosted an Alumni Event on August 27th-it was a very successful afternoon!

The weather was wonderful as we sat outside on the patio to celebrate our Soccer History at the German Club. The club saw about 60 past soccer players from as early as the 1950's to the 2000's. We shared lots of stories and memories and reconnected with teammates that we haven't seen in many years!

The GCFC would like to thank all who attended our Alumni Event and hope to see you all next year plus some!

Additionally, we will be having our Club Closing on September 30th at 10 AM. We would love to see everyone out to help us get the field ready for the winter.. Please feel free to come for as little as 30 minutes. We would love to see you for whatever time you have available to help! Also, please bring any of your gardening tools or gloves and be ready to work!

Please reach out to our President Mark Ellyatt if you have any questions at ellyatt.family@outlook.com



Tennis News

Players are enjoying another wonderful summer of tennis. The weather has been cooperating for the most part. We're looking forward to hosting our upcoming annual Tennis Member Appreciation Day on September 17. Included is a photo of last year's appreciation day.



Joe Rosell, HJR Tennis



90 years of the German Canadian Club London OKTOBERFEST



October 20 -21, 2023

Authentic German Entertainment

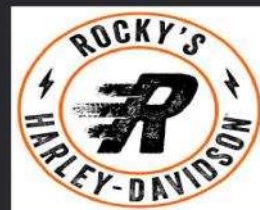
Lunch and Dinner can be purchased from our German Kitchen

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Member price (max 2 tickets, purchase at club only) \$20
 General - Friday or Saturday - Advance \$30 - 5pm - 11pm
 General - Friday or Saturday - At the Gate \$35 - 5pm - 11pm
 Saturday Family pass \$10 = maximum of 10 persons per 'family' Saturday,
 October 21, 2023 - 11am -4pm
 2-day event ticket \$45

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Interested in having your company marketing at one of the largest most authentic Oktoberfest celebrations in Ontario? Then this is your chance!

Last year the German Canadian club of London held it's biggest Oktoberfest in it's 90 year history, and this year will be even bigger. With traditional German and North American bands, German food, pretzels and keg after keg of great German beer, this is where you and your company needs to be.

Sponsor this event and invite your staff for a night they will not forget. Not only will you be having one of the best nights ever, you will be marketing to a very broad demographic of happy people and contributing to a cultural event like no other.



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