

UPCOMING DINNERS

Aug. 7

Chicken parmesan by Trish

Aug. 14

Steak by Art and Skip

Aug. 21

Jaegerschnitzel by Mark and Alwine

Aug. 28

Pork chops by Henrietta and Jenna

About the club

Our purpose is to educate and preserve German traditions, culture and heritage and to regularly meet in friendship, welcoming both German and non-German speaking individuals. Whether you are a native German or of German heritage or just love everything German, come celebrate your German spirit with us at the German-American Social Club of Nevada. We welcome visitors to our private club. Your first three visits without being a member are free. We are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas and welcome new memberships! For more info, go to http://www.germanamericanclubnv.com/



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

So, we might have another setback coming on Aug. 17 with another set of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. I really hope it's nothing major. I will be keeping an eye for anything that affects the club.

Aside from that, we have a couple of special events coming this month, both with a Western theme starting out with Sheriff's Night on Aug. 14. It's a great night, but you may get thrown in jail. Remember to wear your boots and bring some bail money.

We also have a Western-themed Sunday on Aug. 22 with "The Evolution of Country Music." This has the makings of being a great afternoon. Put on your best country duds and join us for good food and fun.

We also have set Sept. 24-25 for this year's Oktoberfest. This will be an all hands on-deck event. Please put this week on your calendar. After missing last year, we should try to make this year's Oktoberfest better the ever.

Your president,

Mark Cushman

Member Profile: Matt Schmidt



Matt Schmidt was elected vice president of the German-American Social Club of Nevada for 2021-22. He enjoys shooting and hunting and brewing his own beer, though he hasn't made much time for that in the past couple years.

Club always in need of volunteers

The German-American Club needs volunteers. No experience or special skills are required. We need cooks, kitchen helpers, servers, bartenders, cleaning crews, community service supervisors, launderers, cashiers and more. Can't do physical work? We also need members willing to call other members to check in with them, find out how they're doing and let them know what's going on at the club. Call Christina Gibson at 702-235-7797 if you can help in any way.

Name: Matt Schmidt

Age: 40

Hometown: Las Vegas

Education: Green Valley High School

Occupation: Electrician

Family: Wife, Michell; father, Jim; brother, Jake; sister,

Trac

In Las Vegas since: 1997

Club member since: 2011

You'll recognize German-American Club Vice President Matt Schmidt as the mountain of a man with a beard that's in ZZ Top's league, usually sitting at Bernie's Bar. Matt and his wife, Michell, started going to Karneval festivities and joined the German-American Club in 2011 after meeting dance group leader Art Ruckle at a Karneval event at the Plaza hotel. "I find it fun to come to," he said of the club. "The people, I enjoy spending time with them." An electrician by trade, Matt has worked on several improvement projects at the club, including taking down the sheds after last year's fire. He'd like to see greater membership involvement in groups such as dance, Schutzen and Karneval. "Try to think of it as more of a German heritage club than a bar," he implores. Matt is of Danish and English heritage, and his mother's family descended from the Mayflower Pilgrims. Originally from Southern California, he moved to Las Vegas as a teenager and rode dirt bikes through the desert. He owns three Harley-Davidson motorcycles, along with a broad collection of bourbon and other whiskey.

Hey partner, watch out for new sheriff

Sheriff Night will be Saturday, Aug. 14, with a steak dinner, baked potato, and corn on the cob for \$18.

Anyone interested in running for sheriff may campaign in any manner they choose, including buying votes. Also, you may hang election posters at the club. Voting will take place during dinner from 6-7:30 p.m. and the sheriff will be sworn in at 8 p.m.

After being sworn in, the sheriff may obtain a warrant for \$1 to put someone in jail. The sheriff will serve the warrant and place the scoundrel in jail. If you are placed in jail, you must stay there for 5 minutes, at which time you may post bail for \$2. If you do not post bail, you must stay in jail for another 10 minutes. You cannot be put in jail more than two times. All proceeds will go to the club, so please support this event.

SCHUTZEN: The group will practice at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the club. We will let you know how the Anaheim shooting competition turned out in the September newsletter.

GOLF: For those planning to attend our memorial golf tournament Nov. 5-6 in Laughlin, make sure you reserve your room at the Edgewater Hotel for \$68.63 a night. Call 1-800-677-4837 and use reservation code GASCON. We also play every Friday at Durango Hills.

DANCE: The group practices at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the club. Come and visit to see what we're all about.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, contact Art at 702-335-0690.

Art Ruckle





Girl Haggard to chronicle country music

The German-American Club will celebrate the "Evolution of Country Music" from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, featuring music and historical tidbits from the band Girl Haggard.

Enjoy an afternoon of country-themed music spanning from the 1800s to the Carter family, Hank Williams Sr., Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash and Merle Haggard, then stretching into the 1990s with Garth Brooks and the Judds.

Ribs, coleslaw, watermelon, sweet cornbread, vanilla pudding (and fried okra and green tomatoes if we can get a volunteer to cook them) are on the menu, served from 12-6 p.m. Cost is \$15. RSVP by Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 702-649-8503.

Dress in your best country attire from the early years or today's fashion. A panel of judges will select three best-dressed, theme-related people who will receive a free well drink, beer or soda. Members as well as guests are welcome to participate and volunteer for this event.

If it turns out well, we hope to have more themed events focusing on different music genres in the future. Contact Christina Gibson at 702-235-7797 if you can help with minor decorations, preparing food, serving, clean-up and making the day successful and memorable.

AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	Dance practice, 7 p.m.	Board meeting, 6 p.m.	Game night, 5 p.m.	Chicken parmesan by Trish; music by Jimmi Ellis; Schutzen, 11 a.m.
8	9	10	Dance practice, 7 p.m.	12	Game night, 5 p.m.	Sheriff's Night, steak by Art and Skip; music by Sal Santiago; \$18
15	16	17	Dance practice, 7 p.m.	Board meeting, 6 p.m.	Game night, 5 p.m.	Jaegerschnitzel by Mark and Alwine; music by Ginger and Bo; membership meeting, 5:30 p.m.
"Evolution of Country Music" with Girl Haggard, 1-4 p.m.; \$15 (includes dinner 12-6 p.m.)	23	24	25 Dance practice, 7 p.m.	26	Game night, 5 p.m.	Pork chops by Henrietta and Jenna; music by DJ or karaoke
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As a courtesy to the volunteer cooks, it's **required** that you make dinner reservations (702-649-8503) by the WEDNESDAY prior to the dinner. If you made a reservation and cannot keep it, please call the club and let us know as soon as possible. Thank you for being courteous. Serving starts at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 unless otherwise specified.

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August 2021

Sheriff Night
Country music show
Board meeting
Schutzen
Dance practice
Friday night games
Saturday night dinners
Membership meeting

