



## UPCOMING DINNERS

**Nov. 2**

Club closed for Laughlin event

**Nov. 9**

German chef Thomas Koppetz

**Nov. 16**

Haxen and rouladin by Silvia

**Nov. 23**

Turkey dinner by Gary

**Nov. 30**

Club closed for Thanksgiving

## 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. Please inquire about membership to keep attending our events. We are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas and welcome new memberships!



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

With a lot of hard work from you and with some help from our friends, this October and its festivals were a great success. You may all pat yourselves on the back.

We opened our doors to the public and the Las Vegas community responded. Hundreds of people came to our two-day Oktoberfest and 18 enthusiastic new members joined the German-American Club.

It was a pleasure to see the Swiss Club of Southern Nevada come to support our efforts.

We also forged a new friendship with the visiting 40-piece German brass band from Luchtringen. The band was so much fun, and they stayed as guests in our homes.

At this point, it would be easy to rest on our laurels, but with so much new energy, it is important that we keep the momentum going.

Over the next few months and into the new year, you will begin to see fresh entertainment. With new acts come new people. Greet an unfamiliar face and show them what you love about the club.

Still recruiting, your president,

*Justin Crabtree*

# Member Profile: Kyle Ruckle



**Name: Kyle Ruckle**

**Age: 21**

**Hometown: Las Vegas**

**Education: Silverado High School; UNLV**

**Occupation: Student**

**Family: Father, Clyde; mother, Jenny; brother, Ethan**

**In Las Vegas since: 1998**

**Club member since: 2016**

A third-generation member of the German-American Club, Kyle Ruckle was working in the kitchen and helping his grandfather, Art, cook chicken and ribs on the barbecue when we was a teenager. Looking for work experience in high school, Kyle washed dishes, swept and vacuumed floors, prepared food and volunteered for Oktoberfest. At age 21, he was voted the club's youngest member-at-large by decades. "I like the closeness and that's largely my motivation, and the fact that Opa (Art) is one of my inspirations," Kyle said. "He's proud that one of his grandchildren is active in the club." Kyle is studying criminal justice at UNLV and wants to go into federal law enforcement or criminal prosecution. "I like procedures and following the letter of the law and federal prosecutors tend to do that more," he says.

## Hall-of-Famer Clark holes out in one

Kerri Clark, longtime German-American Club member and former LPGA player, recorded a hole-in-one at the Las Vegas Golf Hall of Fame Tournament held Sept. 27 at Spanish Trail Golf Club. A product of Rancho High School, Kerri played collegiate golf at Weber State, where she was NCAA long-drive champion and earned All-America honors. She played on the LPGA and European pro golf tours and was inducted into the Las Vegas Golf Hall of Fame in 2017. Kerri remains active coaching Southern Nevada Junior Golf and participates in nearly all of the German-American Club golf tournaments. Way to knock the snot out of the ball, Kerri!





## German brass band delivers memorable performance

It was an evening for the ages when the 40-piece German brass band Blaskapelle Luchtringen packed the German-American Club on Oct. 9 and performed nearly three hours of traditional German oompah music along with a couple of surprises like a Beatles arrangement and the chicken dance.

Their song list included "Bozner Bergsteiger-Marsch," "Alte Freunde," "Herz-Schmerz Polka" and "Rauschende Birken," among other German favorites.

Band musicians, along with their travel group, outnumbered members and guests in the audience, which was somewhat of a disappointment for the club, but the experience for those who attended was unforgettable, deemed by many as one of the top musical performances in club history.

"They were very cheerful and they were schaukeln (dancing)," said Joachim Quadflieg, clarinetist in the band and point man on the tour. "We didn't force them into dancing, they just did, and that's the best."

It was tight fitting 40 musicians and their tubas, trumpets, trombones and other brass instruments onto the German-American Club dance floor, but it worked out, Joachim said.

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The party kicked off upon the band's arrival around 5 p.m. and the beer began to flow. Due to our budgetary constraints, Blaskapelle Luchtringen played for free, asking only for food and drink and a few host families.

The usual club volunteers including Jesse Cavazos, Linda Snyder, Jon Shogren, Gene Hickman and Mark and Alwine Cushman worked like horses to put together a dinner menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, Santa Maria-style tri-tip, potato salad and apple strudel. For \$10, the dinner and concert were undoubtedly the best deal in Las Vegas, and our drink prices can't be beat.

Extra credit goes to band hosts: Steve and Karin Oldham; George and Silvia Brunn; Justin and Leanne Crabtree; Ray Smith and Avis Sumstad; Mark and Alwine Cushman; TJ and Chris Januska; Rick and Michelle Gaston; Alex and Margie Klaus; Rich and Michelle Smith; Richard and Sabine Schneider; Joe Vadalia and Sebastian Mueller; and Jon Shogren and Christina Gibson.

The club was buzzing with German conversation and cultural interaction promulgated by a few shared pitchers of beer as about 25 musicians were matched with their hosts the night before Blaskapelle Luchtringen's performance.

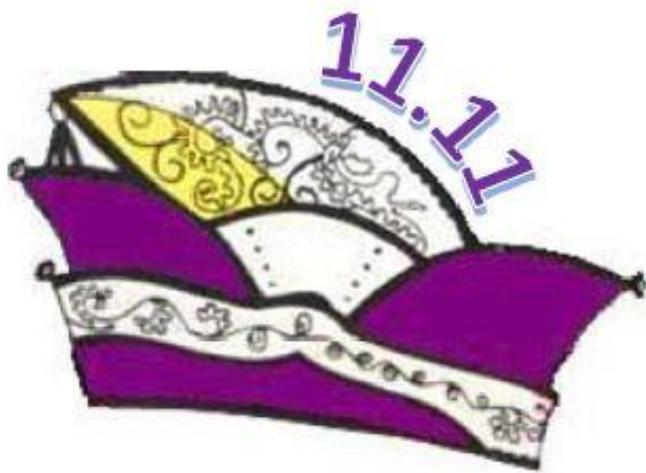
We entertained our guests—German euphonium player Jochen Schroeder and his French companion, Berengere—in grand Las Vegas style, swimming in a sea of tourists on the Strip late on a weeknight after picking them up at the club and taking them to Texas Station for dinner buffet and to the Hofbrauhaus, just because they had to see it. They didn't gamble or drink, so we were home before midnight. The next day we showed them Red Rock Canyon.

The band tours the United States every five years, selecting a different region for each tour over the past 20 years. Traveling from Los Angeles, they played an impromptu concert at the Grand Canyon and two performances at Oktoberfest in Kingman, Ariz., before coming to Las Vegas. They later played a brewery in San Francisco, the German Club in Santa Cruz and a food court in Santa Barbara.

Drummer Alexandra Raeker was a foreign exchange student in Minnesota when she attended an Oktoberfest celebration and met Joe Meyer, a local resident of German heritage who is now tour guide for Blaskapelle Luchtringen. She mentioned that she played in a polka band in Germany, and the band was invited to play in Minnesota, home to large German-speaking communities. "For us, it's great fun and sightseeing," she said, "and free beer."

I'll drink to that.

***Ray Smith***



Join the Las Vegas  
Vagabonds for the  
Opening of their 26<sup>th</sup>  
Karneval Season!

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>



Applaud the presentation of the  
new Prinzenpaar!



Music by Tim and Barb

What is Karneval?

It is the German version of Mardi Gras and often referred to as the "Fifth Season". It is celebrated between November 11<sup>th</sup> and Fat Tuesday. During this time, it is considered appropriate for the people to mock their religious and political institutions. Karneval mocks the government with its Prinz and Prinzessin (King and Queen), Elferrat (Council) and Hofdamen (Ladies of the Court). The celebration dates back to medieval times. Costumes and masks are faire during the different fetes.



# NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Club closed for Laughlin event	2 Club closed for Laughlin event
3	4	5 Jazz night with Marsha K, 6-9 p.m. \$2/\$5	6 Dance practice, 7-9 p.m.	7 Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	8 Card night, 4 p.m. Skat, 5:30 p.m. other games	9 Karneval opening, dinner by German chef Thomas Koppetz, \$15 Schutzen, 11 a.m.
10	11	12 Jazz night with Marsha K, 6-9 p.m. \$2/\$5	13 Dance practice, 7-9 p.m.	14	15 Card night, 4 p.m. Skat, 5:30 p.m. other games	16 Bavarian night, haxen (\$18) and rouladin (\$15) by Silvia, music by Ginger Snaps
17	18	19 Jazz night with Marsha K, 6-9 p.m. \$2/\$5	20 Dance practice, 7-9 p.m.	21 Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	22 Card night, 4 p.m. Skat, 5:30 p.m. other games	23 Turkey dinner by Gary, music by Jimmi Ellis, \$15 Membership meeting, 5:30 p.m.
24	25	26 Jazz night with Marsha K, 6-9 p.m., \$2/\$5	27 Dance practice, 7-9 p.m.	28 	29 Club closed for Thanksgiving	30 Club closed for Thanksgiving

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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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# NOVEMBER 2019



**Laughlin golf tournament**

**Karneval opening**

**Bavarian Night**

**Tuesday night jazz**

**Wednesday dance practice**

**Friday night cards**

**Membership meeting**

