



AVC Edelweiss Dancers 7th Annual West Bezirksfest, March 13-14, 2020

October 1, 2019

Liebe Trachtler u. Trachtlerinnen,

On behalf of the members of the AVC Edelweiss Dancers, I would like to invite you to the 7th West Bezirksfest, which will be held on the weekend of **March 13-14, 2020**, in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada. We look forward to hosting the Vereine of the West Bezirk and Vereine from across North America and hopefully Europe. The West Bezirksfest is an opportunity to foster friendship among our Vereine and uphold all the traditions we cherish.

The weekend festivities will begin on Friday evening at the Austria Vancouver Club with its regular Familien Abend. On Saturday, all events will take place at the Austrian Club. The day will begin with breakfast, followed by Einzelplattln, lunch and workshops. A Festabend, including dinner, and the presentation of awards for Einzelplattln will follow in the evening. We are also offering a banquet only ticket.

Registration

Please register for your Event ticket from NOW until February 14, 2020 using the Registration and Participation Form that accompanies this letter.

The cost for the Event ticket is for all of Saturday's events including breakfast, lunch and Banquet dinner – pricing is noted on the Order Sheet attached to the Registration and Participation Form. **Please note that drinks are not included in the Event ticket.** We have arranged alcoholic and non-alcoholic drink cards available for pre-purchase (these are only available for purchase when you register) – just order these on the Order Sheet. You may also purchase your drinks singly at the Club without a pre-purchase card. **Please note our Club is a CASH ONLY facility.** A bus will be available numerous times on the Saturday for everyone's ease of getting to and from the Club.

Hotel and Airport

Hotel

Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel
7571 Westminster Hwy
Richmond, BC V6X 1A3
(604) 276-2112

Standard Room Single or Double
C\$189 a night, plus fees and taxes
is guaranteed from March 10 through to March 17,
which includes:

- Complimentary guestroom wireless internet
- \$10.00 (inclusive of taxes) discounted 24 hour on-site parking
- 15% discount on food and non-alcoholic beverages at all hotel food and beverage outlets

Airport

Closest Airport:

Vancouver International

The drive is 5 minutes to the hotel and Club.
There is a shuttle available direct to the hotel.

Other airports near Metro Vancouver:

Abbotsford International (1.5 hours to hotel)
Bellingham International (1.5 hours to hotel)
SeaTac International (3.5 hours to hotel)

Hotel reservations for your stay can be made by either clicking on this link [BOOK YOUR ROOM HERE](#), or by calling the Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel directly on **604-233-3991**, Monday to Friday, between 8am – 5pm, or at reservations@vancouver-marriott.com .

To ensure you receive our special rate; you must identify yourself as a guest with “**West Bezirksfest**”. Please be aware that reservations must be made no later than **January 16, 2020**. After this date, reservations can be made on an availability basis and at the best available rate.

CANCELLATION: All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. Cancellations received after 4:00PM Pacific, on or after January 16, 2020, a forfeiture amount of one (1) night plus applicable taxes/DMF will apply and the first night room deposit will be non-refundable.

The Vancouver Airport Marriott is one of numerous hotels within the brand's portfolio across North America that is introducing a modern and sleek design. It recently underwent over \$14 million in renovations. The unexpected look for the Marriott provides an elevated experience that today's travelers want and need. Feel free to click on the link to take a look at the new and improved “[Redesigned Marriott](#)”.

Although we negotiated a block of rooms at the Marriott, you are welcome to stay elsewhere. There are several hotels nearby and all are in proximity to the Marriott and our clubhouse, which is the location for all events.

Familien Abend

On Friday, March 13, there will be a welcome reception at the Austria Vancouver Club from 6:00 until closing. The Club's kitchen is opened from 6pm-8pm and is on a first-come first-served basis (**no outside food or drink is allowed**). Again, please note we are a **CASH ONLY** facility. There are also many restaurants within walking distance of the hotel, or you can dine at the hotel restaurant. We encourage all Vereine to bring their instruments and display their talents for a night of music and dancing. A Fahnenträger, Steering Committee and Judges' Meeting will take place and the **US\$50 annual dues will be collected** from participating Vereine. Our SchießStand will also be open for your sharp-shooting practice – maybe a competition can be arranged!

We will also have used tracht set up in an area of the hall. So please bring some of your things to sell or take a look at the numerous items donated by our Club members. There are some great vintage pieces!

Einzelplattln

The morning program will start with a light breakfast (muffins and coffee/tea/juice) at approximately 7am, with the floor available for practice at that time. If the judges did not get a chance to meet the night before, there is time allotted that morning. At 9:30, we will begin the Einzelplattln. This will continue until approximately 12:00, at which time a casual lunch of sandwiches will be available. After lunch, the fun continues with workshops or browsing through the used tracht area. Brenda and Tony will have on display their own library of various dance and tracht books, always a great resource!

Festabend

On Saturday evening, March 14, the Austrian Club doors will open at 5:00pm. The program will begin promptly at 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner. The music for the evening will be provided by The Silver Stars, one of the premier German bands in the Metro Vancouver area! These times may change and a schedule will be prepared and circulated prior to everyone coming out.

Deadlines

We are selling a **limited** number of seats to achieve the maximum number of occupants in our clubhouse. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis, no exceptions. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. **Hotel reservations are due by Thursday, January 16, 2020 and registration forms and payments are due by Friday, February 14, 2020.** All attendees must be ticketed and registered in advance. Tickets will **not** be available at the door. See the Registration and Participation Form for details.

The Vorstand or Vorplattler of each Verein should use the Registration and Participation Form to specify whether they will be bringing a Fahne or banner and the name of their Ehrentanz, should they wish to perform at the Festabend.

We are very much looking forward to hosting all of you, and hope that many of you are able to take advantage of your visit to explore some of what Richmond has to offer.

We encourage you to visit Steveston Village for some fish & chips or a walk along the boardwalk (maybe even take in a whale watching tour?). You can also go on a culinary expedition to discover some of the many foodie options we have in the area or hop on the Canada Line Skytrain and explore some of Vancouver! It's extremely quick and easy to do. We also have three ski hills within an hour's drive from Richmond - it's not an exaggeration to say you can ski in the morning and sail in the afternoon! We hope that whatever your plans, you are able to take in some of what our beautiful corner of the world has to offer. If you have questions about tours and trips or want some suggestions let us know! We are happy to oblige!

If you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

B. Nowak (signed)

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2 Attachments: Registration and Participation Form, Order Sheet and Einzelplattln Form

NOTE - THIS PACKAGE WILL NOT BE SENT BY SNAIL MAIL.



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Registration and Participation Form

Name: _____

Verein/Organization Name: _____

Vorplatter: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

ALL PRICES ARE US\$

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Information</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Price</i>
Friday Familien Abend at the Austria Vancouver Club.	Friday, March 13	Kitchen is open on a first come first served basis. Bar is open as well as the SchießStand (air rifle range). This is a regular open night for the AVC. Music and dancing is encouraged.		
Saturday at the Austria Vancouver Club	Saturday, March 14	Event Ticket (please indicate the dinner choices on the attached Order Sheet) Event ticket includes: breakfast, lunch and Banquet dinner. Drinks are not included.		\$ _____
Saturday Fahnen Umzug	Saturday, March 14	Will you bring a Fahne? Name of Fahnenträger: _____	Yes / No	
Saturday Ehrentanz	Saturday, March 14	Will you be performing an Ehrentanz? If so, what is the name of your Ehrentanz? _____ Name of your musician (if attending)	Yes / No	

		Do you need an accordionist? (we do have a sound system so recorded music can be played)	Yes / No	
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drink pre-purchase cards (can be used Friday or Saturday)		If purchasing, please indicate pre-purchase cards on the attached Order Sheet.		\$_____
Flowers		If purchasing, please indicate your flower choices on the attached Order Sheet.		\$_____

TOTAL: US\$ _____

To avoid duplicate registrations, please list attendees below:

_____	_____
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Please make checks payable in **US\$** to AVC Edelweiss Dancers and return your forms with payment no later than **February 14, 2020** to:

AVC Edelweiss Dancers
5851 Westminster Highway, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada V7C 1C3

Questions? Please contact Brenda Nowak at 604-290-6096 or bnowak@telus.net

ORDER SHEET

BANQUET TICKETS			
PRICES QUOTED IN US DOLLARS			
Product	Price US\$	How many	Total Price
Adult			
- Breaded Pork Schnitzel with Austrian potato salad	\$ 65.00		\$
- 1/2 Schweinehaxen with Sauerkraut	\$ 65.00		\$
- Full Schweinehaxen with Sauerkraut	\$ 70.00		\$
- Vegetarian (if other dietary restrictions, please specify _____)	\$ 60.00		\$
Kids (under 10)			
- Breaded Pork Schnitzel with Austrian potato salad	\$ 50.00		\$
- 1/2 Schweinehaxen with Sauerkraut	\$ 50.00		\$
- Vegetarian (if other dietary restrictions, please specify _____)	\$ 40.00		\$
Banquet Only			
- Breaded Pork Schnitzel with Austrian potato salad	\$ 40.00		\$
- 1/2 Schweinehaxen with Sauerkraut	\$ 40.00		\$
- Full Schweinehaxen with Sauerkraut	\$ 45.00		\$
- Vegetarian (if other dietary restrictions, please specify _____)	\$ 35.00		\$
TOTAL PURCHASE	include this dollar amount on the Registration and Participation		\$

PRE-PURCHASE DRINK CARDS			
PRICES QUOTED IN US DOLLARS			
<p>These are punch-cards to enable attendees to pre-purchase 5 drinks per card. (Drinks may still be purchased with cash (Cdn \$) at the bar) There is no limit on the number of cards you may purchase. There is no refund for cards (or portions thereof) not used.</p>			
Product	Price US\$ Per Card	How many Cards	Total Price
Stiegel, Hacker Pschorr, Baron (dark lager) (500 mL), Wine (140 mL) (rot oder weiss), Cider (330 mL) (Pear, Peach, Apple)	\$ 23.50		\$
Erdinger (500 mL) (Weiss oder Dunkelweiss), Radler (500 mL) (Stiegl oder Schoefferhofer)	\$ 27.50		\$
Schnaps (30 mL) (Marillen, Williams, Obst, Himbeer, Jaegertee, Jagdtraum), Stroh '54' , Jaegermeister (30 mL)	\$ 19.50		\$
Soda (750 mL)	\$ 13.50		\$
Water (500 mL)	\$ 7.00		\$
TOTAL PURCHASE	include this dollar amount on the Registration and Participation		\$

FLOWERS

PRICES QUOTED IN US DOLLARS

Product	Price US\$	How many	Total Price
Carnations			
- Red	\$ 1.00		\$
- Pink	\$ 1.00		\$
- Yellow	\$ 1.00		\$
- White	\$ 1.00		\$
Flat Fern	\$ 1.00		\$
TOTAL PURCHASE	Registration and Participation Form		\$



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 Einzelplattln Registration Form

Verein Name: _____

As per the rules set forth by the Gauverband Nordamerika, all competitors must be in good standing within their Verein and be approved by their Vorplattler and Vortänzerin.

Vorplattler: _____ Phone Nr: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Vortänzerin: _____ Phone Nr: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Competitors will be judged individually. Competitors may dance more than once, but will only be judged on their first appearance. All competitors will be scored, but participants have the option to be ranked (i.e., scored, as at the Gaufest) or can choose to be critiqued only, with results only seen by that competitor. Please note “yes” or “no” in the ranked box to indicate your choice. Participants may choose any Plattler of his or her choice, as long as it follows the Gau Nordamerika-approved Einzelpreisplattln format (***trio timing change, as approved at the 2018 Gau Nordamerika delegates’ meeting, has not yet been confirmed by the WB Steering Committee – notification to all WB members will be made once a decision has been reached***).

Name	Full birth date MM/DD/YY	Partner name	Full birth date MM/DD/YY	Plattler to be danced	Ranked? Y/N	Musician needed? Y/N

Each Verein needs to submit the names and contact information for a Dirndl and Buam who will be part of the judges’ pool for the Einzelplattln competition.

For all Einzel questions, please contact Brenda Nowak at 604-290-6096 or bnowak@telus.net