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West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association NEWSLETER

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The West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association (WCSWA) was founded in 1957 to unite Swiss Wrestling clubs and associated members of the West Coast for the purpose of maintaining and advancing the fundamentals and techniques of Swiss Wrestling.

The West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association now officially recognizes Portland Swiss Club, Lewis Pacific Swiss Society and Tacoma Sportsman Club as members of the West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association, joining Imperial Valley Swiss Club, San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club, San Diego County Swiss Club, Sierra Swiss Club and Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Clubs. This has been years in formulating all of the West Coast together and we are excited that we are all united. What this means for our Schwinger's? This offers you more points in the Perpetual Trophy sweepstakes and more completion in the final tallies.

MEET THE BOARD:

President: Arnold Ambiel - Aelpler Gruppe SC

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2023 WEST COAST SCHWINGFEST

August 26 - Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club - Newark, CA September 2 SJVSC - Ripon

RIPON SCHWINGFEST
Sept 2, 2023

Gates Open at 10:30 Wrestling Begins approx. 11:00

Enjoy our Lunch Counter, Steinstossen for the youth and Seniors, and Pork Loin Dinner following the Schwingfest \$15.00/\$8.00 Adults/Kids. Along with Dancing and Awards a full day of fun for all.

Bring the family!

The 3rd Annual George E Morris Memorial Award is \$2,500.00

We currently have 3 Schwingers

that may qualify for the George E Morris Memorial Award. Patrick Richardson has attended Imperial, San Diego, Frances, Truckee, Portland, and Tacoma Schwingfests (6 of the 8) and Marcus Gonzales and Steven Widmer have attended Imperial Valley, Frances, Truckee, Portland, and Tacoma Schwingfests (5 of the 8) to date. We will see how the balance of the Schwingfests playout for the George E. Morris Memorial Award. See inside for the rules.

Want to receive updates from the WCSWA?

Send us your email information to wcswa22@gmail.com we will put you on our email list.

ANNUAL GEORGE E. MORRIS MEMORIAL SCHWINGER AWARD

Perpetuated by: George B. Morris

George E. Morris (11/25/1993-10/31/19) of Imperial Valley Swiss Club, loved his Swiss Heritage. As a child he participated in Schwingfests up and down the Coast and as an adult enjoyed attending them. Ironically the Sunday before his accident he was helping as a judge at the Imperial Valley Buebe Schwingfest. While he was eating lunch he told his dad, "Dad, I know that a lot of keeping all this (Swiss Club) alive is going to be on my shoulders when it's my generations turn. Don't worry, I will not let it die." In honoring his son's memory, George B. Morris has set up the George E. Morris Memorial Schwinger Award.

Rules/Prizes:

- 1. Participation of all of the Crown Schwingfests on the West Coast Annually including, California, Oregon & Washington. Imperial Valley, San Diego, Frances, Portland, Truckee, Tacoma, Ripon & Newark.
 - a. In 2023 consider the following 8 Crown Schwingfests: Imperial Valley, San Diego, Frances, Sierra Swiss Club, Portland, Tacoma Fall, Newark, Ripon Fall.
- 2. Must compete at least 7 of the 8 Schwingfests, bonus \$100.00 for wrestling at Imperial Valley.
- 3. For 2023 the Schwinger(s) that meet the set number of Schwingfests will split \$2,500.00
- 4. If only One (1) Schwinger competes in 7 of the 8 Schwingfests he would receive the \$2,500.00
- 5. If no Schwingers compete in all of designated Schwingfests the money remains in the WSCWA with the board vote for it's future use.
- 6. The money will be donated by George B. Morris and distributed through the West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association.

2021 and 2022 Winners were Patrick Richardson & Steven Widmer



PACIFIC NORTHWEST SCHWINGER AWARD

Congratulations to Brenden Spahr on the 2023 Pacific Northwest Schwinger Championship Award. Brenden placed 2nd in the Spring Tacoma Schwingfest (although this one isn't included in this award) and in Frances, after Swiss Wrestler Dominic Hess, and 3B in the Portland Schwingfest, while tying with Steven Widmer, and placing after Swiss Wrestlers, Stefan Etlin and Pascal Rothlin. He finished 5B in the Tacoma Schwingfest again tying with Steven Widmer.

This award is given to the top wrestler based on points from the Portland, Frances and Tacoma (Fall) Schwingfests. Brenden had finished 2nd - 5 times over the past 7 years. This year it also came down to the last two rounds between Brenden and Steven Widmer. He is the 1st Port-

land Swiss Club wrestler to win the award. He received this beautiful hand painted sawblade by Allyson Leonhard, who is the daughter of Anna Leonhard who painted sawblades and wood plaques for the North West clubs for many years.

The West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association is proud to present the

JOSEF L INDERBITZEN PERPETUAL TROPHY



Grant Widmer won the 2022 Josef L Inderbitzen Trophy and will be presented with it at the Ripon Schwingfest.

This trophy is awarded to the best overall wrestler of the year. The criteria is based on the WCSWA Rules and Regulations paragraph 5 with the following included and calculated in a spreadsheet throughout this year's Wrestling Season.

We are excited to be incorporating the Schwingfests from Oregon and Washington in our totals which have increased the number of wrestlers that we track all year. While it may seem confusing here are the highlights of how it works.

- -Must be a legal US resident and not eligible for consideration from any other locality. So generally only CA, NV, AZ, OR, WA wrestlers would be considered. Those wrestling from Switzerland or Canada are not included in the standing.
- -Compute from the placing for each Schwingfest considering only the eligible wrestlers.
- -Compute the ranking points for each wrestler for each Schwingfest by applying the following computation. 1st place 1, 2nd place 2, 3rd place 3 etc.
- -The ranking follows the Rangliste placing. The number is then divided by the Eligbile wrestlers for the day. So if there are 10 Wrestlers and 2 are from Switzerland there would be 8 eligible wrestlers.
- -The following Schwingfests are eligible: Imperial Valley, Ripon-Spring, San Diego, Tacoma Spring, Frances, Sierra Swiss Club, Portland, Tacoma Fall, Ripon Fall, Newark.
- -If more than one WCSWA wrestler is tied for the same placing at a Schwingfest and/or distribution of Championship bonus points, the points will be added together for them and divided evenly among all wrestlers in the placing.
- -Add one penalty point for each Schwingfest that a wrestler completed in less than five Schwingfests of the considered Schwingfest.
- -Compute sub-total by adding percentile and penalty for each wrestler at each of the Schwingfest wrestled and divide by the number of Schwingfest completed.
- -Reduce point totals with bonus points for the WCSWA ranking at the Championship Schwingfest: 1st place .25 points, 2nd place .20 points, 3rd place .15 point, 4th place .10 points, 5th place .08 points, 6th place .05 points and 7th place .02 points.
- -Compute grand-total for each wrestler.
- -Tie Breakers: First = Highest Rangliste standing in the most recent Championship Schwingfest. Second: Wrestler who competed in the most Schwingfests. Prioritize nominees starting with the lowest to the highest. Lowest possible points win.
- -If a Schwinger is Unfall in a Schwingfest they are based on the point total they end up with for the day and fall in to the final placings, in that range.

2023 CI	JRRENT STANDINGS	RANK
PER	PETUAL TROPHY	
	AS OF 8/16/2023	
0.32	Widmer, Steven	1.00
0.33	Richardson, Patrick	2.00
0.38	Macleod, Nathan	3.00
0.76	Gonzalez, Marcus	4.00
1.17	Spahr, Brenden	5.00
1.22	Schallberger, Clint	6.00
2.11	Leimgruber, Paul	7.00
2.50	Brockway, Marshall	8.00
2.60	Baroni, Andrew	9.00
2.88	Betschart, Andrew	10.00
3.16	Robinson, Aaron	11.00
3.61	Widmer, Grant	12.00
3.74	Peterson, David	13.00
3.74	Berchtold, Mike	14.00
3.87	Roberts, Ryan	15.00
3.88	Hanson, Josh	16.00
3.90	Kaech, Cody	17.00
4.15	Werner, Josh	18.00
4.25	Gwerder, Dustin	19.00 20.00
4.27	Merten, Jacob	20.00
4.27 4.45	Ascencio, David	22.00
4.45	Ledesman, Daniel Galvan, Dawson	23.00
4.50	Tamez, Austin	23.00
4.55	Cortero, Issack	25.00
4.57	Roat, Colt	26.00
4.64	Betschart, Teddy	27.00
4.65	Spahr, Shelby	28.00
4.65	Pearson, Darrin	28.00
4.67	Schmidig, Jaydn	30.00
4.67	Bellavia, Joseph	30.00
4.70	Pierson, Austin	32.00
4.73	Ross, Code	33.00
4.78	Lujan, Morgan	34.00
4.78	Meixueiro, Eddie	34.00
4.83	Walker, Richard	36.00
4.89	Bigalk, Luke	37.00
4.91	Curry, Kyle	38.00
5.00	Cook, Marty	39.00
5.00	Gwerder, Romeo	39.00
5.00	Bush, Wyatt	39.00
5.00	Espinoza, Jonas	39.00
5.00	King, Alexander	39.00
5.00	Durrer, George	39.00



The Pilatus Today had an article about Stefan Ettlin and Pascal Rothlin attending the Portland Schwingfest. I google translated - the full version is below in Swiss.

Schwingers in the States "Victory!": Obwaldner dominate the wres-

tling festival in Portland Saturday was the big day. The wrestling festival in Portland was on the program for the two wrestlers from Obwalden, Stefan Ettlin and Pascal Röthlin. The pressure from home was there – they could easily withstand it. The two stood together in the final round.

In the morning it was still comfortable at first. Your tour guide, Joe Ming, was keen to show you a real American diner. So they drove off to have breakfast there. 'How long are we staying? The wrestling festival starts in half an hour," the two ask themselves. "It's a little different here guys. If two of the 15 or so competitors are missing, you just wait, »replies Ming calmly. The two have treated themselves to a somewhat hearty breakfast. So keep enjoying your breakfast. As it turns out, this was a bit hearty. When warming up, the stomach is heavy. "It'll work," says Ettlin. And how it went. The two 26-year-olds got off to a brilliant start and won the first two rounds before the lunch break without any major problems. "Don't put your swing pants on properly" It quickly becomes clear that the level of the two from Obwalden is a lot higher than that of the other wrestlers. "You notice it as soon as you put it together. The others don't put their swinging pants on properly," says Röthlin. So he could be happy, he had to compete in the 4th round (after both had also won third) against his Obwalden colleague Ettlin. They put up an exciting fight, but stopped after five minutes of walking. Everyone is impressed by the Obwaldners The fight was clearly enjoyed by the few hundred spectators. "It's so great to watch the two of them," says a viewer, for example. The other wrestlers from the USA are also impressed: "I've just decided that I want to come to Switzerland next year and train with them. They really have it, »says a wrestler from Los Angeles. The Obwaldner impress here. But the general mood is relaxed. During the breaks, there's "Geisleklappt" and yodelling. A band on a wagon plays Ländler music all the time. In terms of ambience, it could definitely be a small wrestling festival in Switzerland. Final round: Switzerland against Switzerland. But back to the sporty side: Ettlin and Röthlin were also able to ground their opponents in fifth round and so they were together in the final round for the Schlussgang in the middle of the afternoon. "Now we're not taking it easy anymore, now we're going full throttle," said the two shortly before the fight. This is opened with a strong round of applause from the audience. Röthlin launches an attack and puts Ettlin in distress. However, he knows how to defend himself and Röthlin is already lying on his back. The winner of the Portland Schwingfest 2023 is Stefan Ettlin from Kerns. "I'm very happy to be able to win here," said Ettlin with a broad grin. Röthlin doesn't have to stick his head in the sawdust at all. He finishes second, so he gets a

wreath too. This is traditionally handed over to the wrestlers by a specially chosen lady of honor. Did one of them choose our reporter as maid of honor? "Yes, I was allowed to crown Stefan Ettlin," says our reporter Anita von Rotz. So she's now a maid of honor, or in her words: "I'm now 'Crown Girl Number 1' from Portland Oregon in 2023 and I can feel honored," she says and smiles. This is toasted! swingers in the States You love wrestling. The two from Obwalden, Stefan Ettlin and Pascal Röthlin. Now they have a unique opportunity to show their skills in the USA. The two 26-year-olds were invited to a wrestling festival in Portland, Oregon by the West Coast Swiss As-

sociation. Our reporter Anita von Rotz accompanies you exclusively on your adventure for a week. We report daily on PilatusToday, Radio Pilatus and Tele 1 what the two wrestlers are experiencing in America. You can find all posts here.

Check out the full-story here: https://www.pilatustoday.ch/zentralschweiz/obwalden/sieg-obwaldner-dominieren-das-schwingfest-in-portland-152846620?utm_source=shared-email&utm_medium=shared&utm_campaign=Social

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AUGUST 15TH 2023 TACOMA, WA BONNEY LAKE, WA

PORTLAND 105TH ANNUAL SCHWINGFEST

AUGUST 5TH 2023

SENIORS

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PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL	PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN
1	Rothlin, Pascal	Sashsein, OW	58.75	1	Etlin, Stefan	Kerns, Obwalden
2A	Ettlin, Stefan	Kerns, OW	57.00	2	Rothlin, Pascal	Sachseln, Obwalden
2B	Tschanz, Richard	Bern, BO	57.00	3A	Widmer, Steven	Ripon, CA
3	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	56.75	3B	Spahr, Brenden	Portland, OR
4	Werner, Joshua	Frances, WA	56.00		Above with Crowns	
	Above with Crowns			4A	Brockway, Marshall	Frances, WA
5A	Widmer, Steven	Ripon, CA	55.75	4B	Leimbruber, Paul	Imperial Valley, CA
5B	Spahr, Brendon	Portland, OR	55.75	5	Tamez, Austin	Tacoma, WA
6A	Schallberger, Clint	Ripon, CA	55.50	6	Macleod, Nathan	Tacoma, WA
6B	Schoub, Reto	Switzerland	55.50	7A	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA
7	Mcleod, Nathan	Tacoma, WA	55.25	7B	Gonzales, Marcus	Ripon CA
8A	Brockway, Marshall	Frances, WA	54.75	8	Petersen, David	Tacoma, WA
8B	Regenass, Rto	Switzerland	54.75	9	Durrer, George	Tillamook, OR
9A	Spahr, Shelby	Frances, WA	54.50		JUNIORS	
9B	Pearson, Darrin	Frances, WA	54.50	1	Hanson, Josh	Tacoma, WA
10	Peterson, David	Tacoma, WA	54.25	2	Brockway, Kyle	Frances, WA
11	Roberts, Ryan	Frances, WA	53.75	3	Isom, Austin	Frances, WA
12	Gonzales, Marcus	Ripon, CA	52.25			
*	Kaech, Cody	Tacoma, WA	Unfall		9-12 Year Olds	
	JUNIORS			1	Elder, Adam	Tacoma, WA
1	Lisherues, Luke	Tacoma, WA	58.25	2	Arichbald, Cohen	Portland, OR
2	Isom, Hunter	Frances, WA	57.25	3	Hobbs, Dexter	Portland, OR
3	Portman, Tyson	Frances, WA	57.00	4	Rodriguez, Enrique	Tacoma, WA
	Above with Zwieg				6-8 Year Olds	
4A	Hanson, Josh	Tacoma, WA	56.00		0-8 Year Olds	
4B	Brockway, Kyle	Frances, WA	56.00	1	Zock, Jackson	Frances, WA
5	Kaech, Koltin	Frances, WA	55.75	2	Nussbaumer, Slate	Helvetia, OR
6	DeJong, Charles	Tacoma, WA	55.50	3	Nussbaumer, Cedar	Helvetia, OR
7	Gwerder, Romeo	Tacoma, WA	54.50	4	Cooper, Dustin	Helvetia, OR
8	Isom, Austin	Frances, WA	53.25	5	Portmann, Matthias	Tacoma, WA
9	Silva, Barrett	Ripon, CA	52.25	6	Macleod, Cameron	Tacoma, WA
*	Mark, Jameson	Tacoma, WA	Unfall			























UNSPUNNEN-SCHWINGET INTERLAKEN 2023

This Sunday, August 27th is the Unspunnen-Schwingest. This is a traditional event with over 200 years of history. The Unspunnen-Schwinget only takes place every 6 years and has grown historically. It was established in 1805 and 1808 as an alp shepherd festival with competitions in singing, shooting, wrestling, stone throwing (Steinstossen) and alphorn blowing, the traditional event was only revived at the beginning of the 20th century. The best wrestlers have been competing regularly in the Bernese Oberland since World War II. Since 2011 they have moved this to Interlaken. The venue can hold 15,000 spectators. Never before has a wrestler been able to triumph twice at the Unspunnen wrestling. It will be that way for awhile as Christian Stucki, who rose to face glory in 2017, recently retired and the other recent winners are no longer wrestling.

<u>Do you want to watch?</u> Get the <u>SRF Sport App</u> or watch at <u>srf.ch/sport</u> You can livestream, and find the current results. **START TIME: 7:20 am (remember they are 9 hours ahead of us so - 10:20 pm on August 26th)** will be the start of transmission. At 7:30 am the wrestlers march in and **8:00 am Rounds 1- 3; from 1:00 pm Rounds 4 - 6. at 3:00 pm is the Ceremony and at 3:30 the final Steinstossen.** At 5:00 pm is the Schlussgang. (8:00 am on 8/27) This is when I typically turn in about 6:30 am on Sunday - to watch the final rounds and Schlussgang!

<u>So who are the ones to watch?</u> If you have been keeping up and watching the Eidg. Konig- Joel Wicki hurt his elbow and finished his season this year. Samuel Giger opted out of the Schwagalp last weekend - so he might have a fresh start to the Unspunnen. The Spitzenpaarungen Anschwingen for round one for the top 20 have been posted:

Staudenmann Fabian *** - Giger Samuel ***

Aeschbacher Matthies *** - Reichmuth Pirmin ***

Orlik Armon *** - Wenger Kilian ***

Schurtenberger Sven *** - Ledermann Michael ***

Orlik Curdin *** - Schlegel Werner ***

Strebel Joel *** - Gapany Benjamin ***

Burger Matthieu *** - Ott Damian ***

Kramer Lario *** - Alpiger Nick ***

Walther Adrian *** - Schneider Domenic ***

Schneider Mario ** - Rabmatter Patrick ***

*** Eidgenossicher Kranzschwinger

** Teilverbands/Bergkranzschwinger

So select your winner and watch! Or just follow on Schlussgang.ch and get the updates and Rangliste afterwards.



Last weekend at the Schwagalp—Schwinget 2023 brothers Domenic and Mario Schneider competed in the Schlussgang which has not happened before at the Schwagalp, Mario Schneider won with a Schlungg. This was also Mario's first Crown at the Schwagalp. The other top placings went to Werner Schlegel, Lukas Bissig, Nick Alpiger, Sven Schurtenberger, Domenic Schneider, Samir Leuppi, Jonas Odermatt and Christian Schuler. Christian wrestled at

Ripon - September 2, 2017, taking 1st place.

UPDATES FROM SWITZERLAND

2025 Eidgenössischen Schwing- und Älplerfests in Glarnerland+ Website www.esaf2025.ch

Eidgenössischer Schwingerverband is the organizing group for Swiss Wrestling. https://esv.ch/

Schlussgang

Die Schwingerzeitung https://schlussgang.ch/

Watch Schwingfests in Switzerland

https://www.schwingen-live.ch/

Follow Schwingen in Quebec, Canada

Lutte is French for wrestling

https://www.facebook.com/groups/luttesuisse/

INTERESTING FACT - DID YOU KNOW?

The Kilchberg takes place every 6 years with only the top 60 Wrestlers

The Unspunnen—takes place every 6 years with only 120 wrestlers

The Eidg. Takes place every 3 years with approx. 285 Wrestlers.

Only Jorg Abderhalden and Christian Stucki have won all three of these events.

At the last Kilchberg: Samuel Giger, Damian Ott and Staudenmann had a 3 way tie.

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Widmer, Steven

Berchtold, Mike

Schmidig, Jaydn

Gonzales, Marcus

Walker, Richard

Widmer, Grant

Ross, Code

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	SENIORS		
PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Hess, Dominik*	Engelbergh CH	58.50
2A	Betschart, Andrew	Ripon, CA	57.50
2B	Robinson, Aaron	Ripon, CA	57.50
3	Leimgruber, Paul	Holtville, CA	57.25
4	Schallberger, Clint	Stockton, CA	56.50
5	Gwerder, Dustin	Truckee, CA	56.25
	Above with Crowns		
6	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	55.75
7A	Baroni, Andrew	Ripon, CA	55.50

Ripon, CA	57.50
Holtville, CA	57.25
Stockton, CA	56.50
Truckee, CA	56.25
Frances, WA	55.75
Ripon, CA	55.50
Ripon, CA	55.50
French Camp, CA	55.25
Reno, NV	54.50
Reno, NV	54.50
Ripon, CA	54.00
Stockton, CA	54.00
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Stockton, CA	Unfall

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	GROUP A	
1	Kuttel, Alex	Sacramento, CA
2	Barrett, Silva	Modesto, CA
	Above w/Zweig	
3	Schmidig, Tanner	Truckee, CA
	GROUP B	
	Wipfli, Revell	Pleasanton, CA
	Lyhne, Barrett	Floriston, CA
	Lyhne, Aylah	Floriston, CA
	Above w/Zweig	
	Lyhne, Gunther	Floriston
	Gwerder, Brooke	Carson City, NV
	Lyhne, Areli	Floriston, CA







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LEWIS-PACIFIC SWISS SOCIETY - SCHWINGFEST JUNE 30TH - JULY 2ND 2023

	SENIORS						Day.
PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL				
1	Hess, Dominik*	Engelbergh CH	58.50				
2	Spahr, Brenden	Portland, OR	56.75				
3	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	56.25				
	Above with Crowns					LPSS	
4	Gonzales, Marcus	Ripon, CA	56.00				
5A	Widmer, Steven	Ripon, CA	55.75				
5B	Macleod	Tacoma, WA	55.75				
6	Brockway, Marshall	Frances, WA	55.50			1837	A. S
7	Pierson, Austin	Frances, WA	54.75				
8	Kaech, Cody	Frances, WA	54.50				
9	Roberts, Ryan	Frances, WA	52.75	A 12		A HVA I	
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	JUNIORS 15-17					SC AND TO A	
1	Price, Jacob	Frances, WA	58.00		6-7-8 Year Olds		
2	Isom, Hunter	Frances, WA	57.00	PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
	Above with Bells		55.50	1	Grant, John	Frances, WA	58.50
3A	Kaech, Koltin	Frances, WA	56.00	2	Kaech, Barron	Frances, WA	57.00
3B	Brockway, Kyle	Frances, WA	56.00	3	Blaser, Fletcher	Tacoma, WA	56.75
4	Gwerder, Romeo	Tacoma, WA	52.50		Above with Bells		
Umfal	Porter, Chase	Frances, WA		4A	Zock, Jackson	Frances, WA	56.00
	12-13-14 Year Olds			4B	Annibal, Miles	Tacoma, WA	56.00
1	Harris, Hunter	Frances, WA	57.50	4C	Elliot, Nate	Tacoma, WA	56.00
2	Isom, Austin	Frances, WA	57.00	5	Hodel, Brent	Frances, WA	55.00
3	Rovito, Owen	Frances, WA	52.50	6	Aust, Tristan	Frances, WA	53.75
	Above with Bells				4-5 Year Olds		
	9-10-11 Year Olds			1A	Kaech, Angus	Frances, WA	57.50
1	Elder, Adam	Frances, WA	59.25	1B	Macloed, Kameron	Tacoma, WA	57.50
2	Markee, Talton	Frances, WA	56.50		Above with Bells		
3	Muller, TJ	Frances, WA	55.75	2	Annibal, Daivs	Tacoma, WA	57.00
	Above with Bells			3	Spahr, Brantley	Frances, WA	54.75
4	Richter, Jacob	Frances, WA	53.75	4	Blaser, Toby	Tacoma, WA	54.50
5	Elliot, Luke	Tacoma, WA	53.50	5	Aust, Harper	Frances, WA	52.50

San Diego Swiss Club 73rd Annual Schwingfest Saturday, June 17, 2023

2001 Main St., Chula Vista, CA 91911

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PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Hess, Dominik*	Engelbergh CH	59.50
2	Macleod, Nathan	Tacoma, WA	56.75
3	Leimgruber, Paul	Holtville, CA	56.50
4	Schallberger, Clint	Stockton, CA	56.25
	Above with Crowns		
5A	Galvan, Dawson	Chula Vista, CA	56.00
5B	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	56.00
6	Bellavia, Joseph	San Diego, CA	55.25
7	Chavez, Christopher	Tijuana, MX	55.00
8	Meixueiro, Eddie	San Diego, CA	54.75
9A	Bigalk, Luke	Chula Vista, CA	53.75
9B	King, Alexander	Chula Vista, CA	53.75
	JUNIORS 12-16		
1	Toscaro, Luxus	Imperial Beach CA	57.50

2	Contreras, River	San Deigo, CA	57.00
3	Muther, Kevin	San Diego. CA	56.75
	Above with Bells		55.50
4	Nebel, Aomi	San Diego, CA	57.75
5A	Lowery, Benjamin	San Deigo, CA	54.50
5B	Ortiz, Lucas	San Diego, CA	54.50

6	Theep, Nico	Coronado, CA	53.50
	GROUP B 8-10		
	Bostrom, Travis	Escondido, CA	57.75
	Ortiz, David	San Diego, CA	56.50
	Ortiz, Ellis	San Diego, CA	55.75
	Above with Rells		

3	Ortiz, Ellis	San Diego, CA	55.75
	Above with Bells		
4	Hyde Matthew	Imperial Beach, CA	55.50
5A	Lowery, Benjamin	Chula Vista, CA	54.75
5B	Theep, Melia	Coronado, CA	54.75
6	Andermatt, Filza	San Diego, CA	52.50

GROUP C 4-7

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
1	Bostrom, Dillon	Escondido, CA	56.75
2	Lowery, Joseh	Chula Vista, CA	56.50
3	Keshka, Sloan	San Diego, CA	55.75
	Above with Bells		
4	Macleod, Kameron	Tacoma, WA	55.50
5	Keshka, Logan	San Diego, CA	54.75
6	Hyde, Mason	Imperial Beach, CA	52.50





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	SENIORS			
PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL	
1	Hess, Dominik*	Engelbergh CH	58.00	
2	Spahr, Brenden	Portland, OR	56.75	
3	Macleod, Nathan	Tacoma, WA	56.50	
	Above with Crowns			
4	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	56.25	
5	Roat, Colt	Frances, WA	55.75	
6	Peterson, David	Tacoma, WA	55.50	
7	Hanson, Josh	Tacoma, WA	54.75	
8	Gwerder, Romeo	Tacoma, WA	52.50	

WOMEN IN SCHWINGEN: An Article in the AFP talks about Women in Swiss Wrestling: Here we have had a few young ladies that have been competing in the Schwingfests. These are some of the tough girls coming out to compete and show their skills. Looks like the next generation of Mings are starting in the arena coming up. Watch out boys!

Women wrestlers battle for equality with Swiss 'schwinger kings' Romanel-sur-Lausanne (Switzerland) (AFP) – Traditional Swiss wrestling, known as "schwingen" in German, has been a male preserve for centuries -- the ultimate test of manhood for Alpine alpha males. But a growing number of women are trying to muscle their way into Switzerland's top homegrown sport despite opposition from some men. While around 6,000 men are registered with schwingen clubs, only 200 women and girls are formally involved in the sport. Faced with entrenched male opposition, the women created their own federation in 1992 and went their own way. But such is the level of overlap -- with men and women using the same judges and venues -- some feel a merger is only a matter of time. Anne Cardinaux, head of the organising committee of the Romandy wrestling festival in the hills above Lausanne, told AFP that women wrestlers "are still not accepted among the men, not in the same federation. "But they'll try to get there one day."

'King of the schwingers' While a few thousand spectators were expected for the men's festival in Romanel-sur-Lausanne, several hundred watched the women's events the day before. "We are showing off the sport. People who are unaware of it are discovering it," said Brigitte Foulk, spokeswoman for the Romandy Women's Swiss Wrestling Association. Proudly rural, the amateur sport's heartland is in the German-speaking cantons. But the original handful of women wrestlers in Romandy in the French-speaking west has now swelled to 34. "It's growing bit-by-bit by word of mouth. Sisters see their brothers wrestling and want to give it a go," Foulk said.

Fair play spirit And the prizes are similarly old school. The top one for men is typically a bull. At Romanel, in a gesture of equality, the women's champion won a pregnant heifer. "Normally we have lesser prizes. Five years ago we won a jar of honey and everyone was happy," said competitor Franziska Ruch, president of the Federal Women's Wrestling Association. The Romanel women's festival played out to up-tempo accordion music, occasionally interspersed with live yodeling. Following bouts, competitors gasped for air in the 32-

degree-Celsius (90-degree-Fahrenheit) heat, then dunked their heads in a water trough. Competitors face six opponents throughout the day. The five-minute contests take place in a 12-metre wide sawdust ring, scored by three judges, with points totaled up at the end of six bouts to determine who goes through to the finals.

Changing mentalities "It's high concentration and it's also mental. You must prepare," said 18-year-old Antonia Bucher, her face covered in sawdust. Schwingen is very much a family affair, the apprentice carpenter told AFP. Most women wrestlers "have schwingen family, brothers, fathers or friends who also do this and then they kind of slide into this. "My friends did it and now I'm doing it," she added. She acknowledged though that "not everyone accepts" women joining the wrestling ranks. "The older men think women (should) stay in the kitchen. Not all the time, but often." Bob Blanchette, one of the senior festival judges, said talks were underway about the national men's federation sharing resources and opportunities with the women. "There's no reason that women can't participate in it and that the men can't help them to promote the sport," he said. "It's been a lot of work to change the mentality," he added.













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	SENIORS			PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL
PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	TOTAL	1	Hess, Dominik	Engelberg, CH	58.75
1	Widmer, Steven	Ripon, CA	58.00	2	Betschart, Andrew	Ripon, CA	57.00
2A	Richardson, Patrick	Frances, WA	57.00	3A	Widmer, Grant	Ripon, CA	56.25
2B Merten, Jacob		Holtville, CA	57.00	3B	Schallberger, Clint	Lodi, CA	56.25
2C	Ascencio, David	Holtville, CA	57.00	4A	Widmer, Steven	Manteca, CA	55.75
Above with Crowns			4B	Baroni, Andrew	Ripon, CA	55.75	
3 Ledesman, Daniel		Holtville, CA	55.75		Above with Medals		
4	Cortero, Issack	El Centro, CA	55.50	5	Robinson, Aaron	Stockton	55.25
5	Betschart, Teddy	Modesto, CA	55.25	6	Lujan, Morgan	Elk Grove, CA	54.75
6 Gonzales, Marcus		Ripon, CA	55.00	7	Berchtold, Mike	French Camp,CA	53.75
7	Baroni, Andrew	Ripon, CA	54.75	8	Gonzales, Marcus	Manteca, CA	52.50
8	Curry, Kyle Holtivlle, CA 54.50			JUNIOR 14-17		- 0.00	
9	Espinoza, Jonas	El Centro, CA	52.50	1	Cook, Levi	Turlock, CA	59.00
	YOUTH			2	Walker, Richard	Stockton, CA	56.00
1	Kellum, Drew	Holtvile, CA	59.00	2	Above with Medals	Din CA	54.00
2	Johnson, Conner	Brawley, CA	55.75	3	Knockum, Zamari Martinez, Dulcy	Ripon, CA	54.00
	Above with Trophies	•		4	GROUP B 11-13	Ripon, CA	53.00
3A	Navariete, Emilio	Holtville, CA	55.50	1	Kuttel, Alex	Sacramento, CA	58.00
3B	Sutter, Toby	Holtville, CA	55.50	2	Silva, Barrett	Modesto, CA	57.75
3C Williams, Beau		Holtville, CA	55.50	_	Above with Medals	Wiodesto, C/1	31.13
4 Leimgruber, Mattias		Holtville, CA	53.50	3A	Lewis, Levi	Turlock, CA	55.00
Steinstossen				3B	Noonkester, Wyatt	Manteca, CA	55.00
Men Leimbrugber, Paul 116"			3C	Schmidig, Tanner	Truckee, CA	55.00	
Men Abatti, Braden		111"		4	Lewis, Owen	Turlock, CA	52.75
Woman	Britschgi, Stacey	164"		5	Martinez, Leona	Oakdale, CA	56.00
	Steinstossen - Ripon June 3rd		Unfell	Garcia, Leonidas	Ripon, CA		
SENIORS				GROUP A 5-9			
Men 1 Grai	nt Widmer 14'6	Women Alessan	dra Battig 11	4 1	Marchy, James	Modesto, CA	58.75
2 Lucas Widmer 13'9 Meagan Battig 9'6				Widmer. Charles	Manteca, CA	57.00	
3 Andrew Betschart 13'3 Kylie Snyder 9'3 YOUTH BOYS Girls					Above with Medals		
5 Under Will Hodgson 9' Samantha Berchtold 8.4 6-8 Dominic Johnson 21.8 Maiya Lujan 14.5) 3	Haron, Gunner	Modesto, CA	56.00
9-11 Owen Lewis 15' Madyln Albert 13.5			5 4	Lewis, Jacob	Turlock, CA	54.50	
12-14 15-17	Barrett Silva 19.5 Levi Cook 16.4	5 5			Haron, Gage	Modesto, CA	52.50