Gold Coast Stock Sport Club

- HOME OF THE AUSTRIAN AUSTRALIAN CLUB -

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By Sylvia Amerstorfer

Hi dear members and guests!

Yesss! **Dancing is back!** Not for me of course, as I am still nursing my broken leg, but for all of you my friends!

And there are more easing of restrictions:

You will still have to wear a mask when you enter and exit the clubhourse, but may remove it once you have entered the clubhouse.

You are also **allowed to stand**, including to eat and drink.

As travelling to Austria is currently not possible, at least you can enjoy the Austrian culture together with us and cure some of your homesickness, because ...

... this Sunday we will celebrate the

AUSTRIAN NATIONAL DAY.

So make sure you look the part and dust off your Dirndl and strap into your Lederhosen again and come on down to the Clubhouse to enjoy our

"GEMŰTLICHKEIT"

(a feeling of cosy warmth, friendliness and good cheer with a sense of belonging).

Come and enjoy with us

Austrian National Day with FRITZ

BOOKINGS are mandatory!

Just reply to this newsletter with all your details or use our club email: gcstocksportclub@gmail.com

Or leave a message on our club phone **5534 7099** (we need your name, phone number, how many people you are booking for and your meal choice please)!

We will contact you and confirm your booking.







That's what we will serve for lunch at our **Austrian National Day** on the **17/10/2021**





As always our fantastic Schnitzel
 (Pork or Chicken available) with Salads

Or

2. Kassler with Sauerkraut and Servietten Knödl

or

3. There is also the choice of a vegetarian meal or gluten free meal



You will have to order the **vegetarian meal or gluten free meal** with your booking (before Saturday).



Afterwards have Coffee or Tea and our homemade delicious

Cakes and Tortes

(coffee/tea \$3.00 – cake/torte \$4.00)





List of contents for this Newsletter:

- Austrian National Day explained
- We need YOU! Please read!
- A look back at our Festival in October Luncheon

Enjoy



When is Austria's National Day?

Austria's national holiday (German: Nationalfeiertag) is a public holiday on October 26th each year.

This public holiday commemorates Austria's Declaration of Neutrality on this day in 1955.

History of Austria's National Day

The Declaration of Neutrality was a declaration by the Austrian Parliament declaring the country permanently neutral. It was enacted on October 26th 1955 as a constitutional act of parliament.

The declaration was a direct result of the allied occupation by the Soviet Union, the United States, the United Kingdom and France between 1945 and 1955. The Soviet Union would not have agreed to the signing of a State Treaty in May 1955 if Austria had not committed itself to declare its neutrality after the allied forces had left the country. The final foreign troops left Austria on October 25th 1955.

Since 1955, neutrality has become a deeply ingrained element of Austrian identity. Legally, Austrian neutrality is both a part of the Austrian constitution and of international law. There is some debate as to whether Austria could change this neutral status on its own account and whether Austria is still truly neutral, given it is a member of the EU.

Einen schönen Nationalfeiertag!



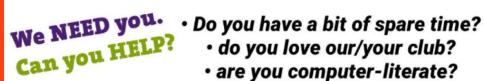


Dear members and friends of our club!

We still need your help!

You don't have to be perfect or trained as Secretary or Administrative Assistant to put your hand up to volunteer!

Please read and contact us if you think you can lend us a hand!



- - do you love our/your club?
 - are you computer-literate?



Most of you will know that I have resigned from the position of Secretary earlier this year, but I'm still supporting the club as Function Coordinator and Committee member. Unfortunately we also lost our Assistant Secretary Colleen, as Colleen moved house and doesn't live on the Gold Coast any more.

We urgently need a couple of members to fill the gaps!

Some of the tasks would be:

- to come to a meeting once a month and write the minutes
- monitor the club emails and act accordingly
- apply for grants, communicate with the council ect ...

If you think you can help with one of the jobs mentioned, this would be wonderful! If you would like to do all of them, we wouldn't say no, you can be sure of that!!!

For more details please contact us per phone, email or just talk to us at one of our functions.







Schneider

Musikanten

Bring your friends and family and enjoy the day at the Clubhouse

- In the kitchen
- · behind the bar
- on stage
- · at the reception

giving their time, energy and skills to help our club to run smoothly!





Volunteers are making a difference in the lives of others!







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After a perfect performance from the

Elanora Bell Ringers (accompanied by FRITZ)

Jennie's students had a lot of fun, practising an almost flawless

"Edelweiss"

from the musical









Similar bells (just much bigger) are used by herdsmen to keep track of the whereabouts of cows.



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Dancing around a maypole involves a group of people taking a coloured ribbon attached to it and weaving around each other, often to music.

The dance creates a multi-coloured pattern which creeps steadily down the pole. The dancers then reverse their steps to undo the ribbons.



This is said to represent the lengthening of the days as summer approaches, but the significance of the pole itself is not really known.











This is one of our favourite traditions at our Festival in October - watching as our "boys" and "girls" compete for glory in the Bavarian Hammerschlag Competition!





According to Florian Dering, a museologist at the Munich Stadtmuseum, the nail beam game as folk amusement has been around since the 1920s.^[1] This driving of nails into dimensional lumber has been used by showmen and charities to raise money, and also at weddings to have the newly married couple show their skills to the audience.





Congratulations Karen, you have been the best!

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A: Steinholding is a traditional Bavarian strength contest in which competitors hold a full one-liter beer stein (or Masskrug/Mass in German) out in front of their bodies with a straight arm, parallel to the ground. You go as long as you can and the last person holding with good form is the winner.



Still pretty relaxed...

SURVIVE



... but it's getting harder!



The glassware is thick and heavy, and filled with one literally of water the total weight comes in somewhere in the neighbourhood of 2.5 kg.

After a couple of minutes of mug holding, the shoulder muscles begin to burn, and gravity sees to it that the pain only gets worse, until shaking occurs and the arm drops.





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Prost!













Fesche MadIn und kernige Buam!









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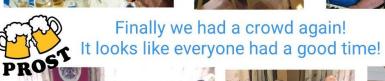










































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Thank you for your support!







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Raffle time!

Before I say goodbye, mark Sunday, the

7th November 2021 in your calendar for our

DERBY DAY SUNDAY

with Phil Guest

See you this Sunday the 17th of October 2021, dressed in your Dirndl and Lederhosen if you can please! Your Sylvia Amerstorfer

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- Home of the Austrian Australian Club Inc.

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Our Stock Sport Playing times are:

Tuesday 1pm to 5pm - Saturday 8.30am to 12pm -

If you want to give it a try, just visit us on any of these days or ask one of our volunteers at the luncheons!

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