



CONCORDIA CLUB

German Club (Founded 1883)



Temmen-Ringwalde, Uckermark Gabi Winter

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Dear Fellow Members,

Let's dance into Spring - maybe not quite yet but hopefully very soon. It feels like coming out of hibernation. And we cannot wait to see you all again. We still have to deal with restrictions, check-ins and the 4 sqm rule. We are excited to announce that Fröhschoppen is back on the menu. As space is limited, make sure you book ahead to avoid disappointment. Welcome back everyone!

Your Board of Directors

Interview with Ben Zerbis

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CONCORDIA CLUB

Firstly, how did the Concordia Club cope during lockdown?

The Concordia Club is about getting together with friends and family to have a good time together, so the almost 4 months of lockdown were particularly challenging for us as a community. For many of our members the Club is a home away from home and for some regular patrons it was very unsettling to cope with isolation during the time away from the community.

What did the committee work on during lockdown?

The Club usually welcomes hundreds of diners every weekend. It was an enormous administrative challenge to have to shut down suddenly overnight. As there was no indication as to how long the lockdown would last, all we could do was monitor the situation closely. The committee had regular online meetings via Teams to keep in touch and exchange news and ideas. Of course, we also had to look at the complex government support mechanisms to make sure that we had everything in place to come out the other end, ready to bounce back.

Who looked after the Clubhouse?

I live locally within 5 Km, so I came down to check on the Clubhouse regularly. We took the opportunity for some renovation works as much as possible. The Clubhouse wall facing the Cooks River was rendered and painted and some painting was done in the foyer.

How did you prepare for opening the Club after lockdown?

While no one could predict exactly what it was going to look like when we reopen, the committee looked at the feasibility of reopening the Club in a safe manner, keeping in mind that an increase in community transmission can be expected. One of our first in-person meetings was to prepare the Club's Covid Safe Plan and to consider how to reconfigure the physical spaces to comply with government requirements. We knew that there would have to be a focus on applying social distancing rules. Not respecting the restrictions could mean serious fines and backlash if further shutdowns are enacted because venues do not adhere to the rules.

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There is a real sense that if everyone gets this right, it will make reopening easier for everyone.

We knew that when the Club first reopens, there will be a huge amount of pent-up demand. As soon as we announced our first day of trading after the lockdown, the bookings started to come in, it was a bit crazy actually!

What are the challenges that lie ahead?

We are facing a series of challenges never seen before but the Concordia Club is adaptable. Reopening into a landscape of continued social distancing means that patron number limitations will remain in place. The Club is not quite back to “business as usual”. Instead, we may have to find a “new normal”.

But there are not only challenges. I think that moving out of this lockdown, we will all have a greater sense of community and this could translate as a trend towards locals supporting locals.

I believe this is a chance for the Club to reinforce what we stand for and communicate that to our members.

Concordia Club is an authentic hearts and minds venue with a very long history in Sydney and great support in the community.

Sydney is experiencing a staff shortage, particularly in the hospitality sector. How does the Concordia Club deal with this?

Sydney venues battle to claim their crew from a workforce that has been shrunk by months of lockdowns and pandemic uncertainty. Concordia is no exception. The recruitment process has become quite intense. Everyone is keen to get out there and have a good time but the shortage of staff across the city means waitlists are becoming very long and many venues struggle to meet demand.

We obviously want to get patrons in, get the vibe back and also get the revenue back, but it’s going to be impossible without expanding the Concordia crew to man the Club.

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If you know someone who is looking for a position in the hospitality industry, please get them to give us a call!

The Club fortunately has volunteers to man the cake stall and the sign-in desk. Without the volunteers, the Club would not be able to operate. It would be great if we could get some more people interested in volunteering for the Club!

When will the Annual General Meeting (AGM) be held?

The AGM will be on 4 December 2021 at 10am at the Club. The closing date for Director nominations is on 13 November 2021.

Have you planned any events in the near future?

Sure! We will restart Fröhschoppen on the first Sunday in November. Hopefully dancing will be allowed then. Our Director Dagmar has organised the first meetup of the Concordia walking group for Sunday, 28 November. The Concordia Christmas dinner will be on 4 December.

Ben has been a board member since 2020 and was elected as vice president on 25 September 2021.



Upcoming events

November

- 7/11** Fröhschoppen
- 21/11** Fröhschoppen
- 28/11** Walking group
(Bookings essential)

December

- 4/12** 10 am AGM
6 pm Christmas Dinner
(Bookings essential)
- 5/12** Fröhschoppen
- 19/12** Christmas Break closed at 3 pm
Reopening on the 14/1/2022

Wishing all our members a wonderful festive season and a Happy New Year 2022.

Message Board

THE NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Download ClubPASS today

Our club is now a **ClubPASS** venue, meaning you will enjoy the quickest and easiest sign-in experience every time you visit.

All you have to do is scan the **ClubPASS QR code** at the front desk each time you enter, complete a one-time ID verification, and you'll be signed-in and ready to enjoy everything on offer inside the club. Get ready for your next visit by downloading the **ClubPASS app** today!

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Concordia Walking Group

We would like to have another go at starting our walking group with a walk close to home (Concordia Club). Our first walk will be from

Bexley North to Concordia Club

When: Sunday **28 November 2021**

Start: We will meet at Bexley North Station on the platform at **10 am**

This is a 5 Km walk via the Wolli Creek Valley walking track through native bushland. Expect to see tall gum trees, birds and the home of flying foxes. Some parts of the track are uneven. You will need to have a good level of fitness and proper walking boots. You can join us for lunch at the Club after the walk. We will reserve a table.

Bookings are essential. Contact

concordiaclub@hotmail.com

by the **22 November 2021** if you want to come along.

Please note that the walk can be postponed due to bad weather conditions. We will keep you informed.

Map and further information are available via The Wolli Creek

Preservation Society (WCPS) at:

<https://www.wollicreek.org.au/tvt/>

Kaiserschmarrn

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Kaiserschmarrn is a sweet pancake served as desert or a light lunch. The name has been translated into English as Emperor's nonsense or Emperor's mess. There are many stories about the origin of the name but all agree that it takes its name from the Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria (1830 to 1916) who loved this dish. It is very popular in Austria and Bavaria but you will also find variations of it in other countries.



Alain is a pâtissier from Alsace in France and was owner and chef of the Swiss restaurant the Eiger in Sydney before he retired to the Blue Mountains.

He prepared Kaiserschmarrn on many occasions, for example, during

the Olympic Games in Munich in 1972, at the Bavarian restaurant - Zum Franziskaner. This recipe by Alain is not for the faint-hearted and health conscious but everyone with a sweet tooth will love it.

Ingredients

Batter

1 ½ cups flour
 A pinch of salt
 A pinch of cinnamon
 ¾ cup of sugar
 5 eggs
 100 ml milk or fresh cream
 25 g unsalted butter for baking

Cream sauce

150 g sugar
 50 g butter
 100 Sultanas soaked in water
 100 g fresh cream

You will need a bowl, a whisk and a large and a small frying pan.

Directions

Step 1

In a bowl combine flour, salt, ¾ cup of sugar and cinnamon. Lightly fold in the eggs and add 100 ml of cream or milk. You should have a smooth liquid batter.

Kaiserschmarrn

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If the batter is not smooth enough you can add more cream or milk.



Step 2

In a large frying pan melt 25 g of butter over medium heat. Pour the batter into the pan and cook until the bottom of the pancake is golden brown. Turn over the pancake and break it into bite-sized pieces and stir carefully. Put the pancake aside.

Step 3

Using the small frypan add 150 g of sugar and heat until it caramelises. Add 50 g of butter when it is melted mix in the sultanas. Stir through the cream.

Step 4

Pour over the shredded pancake in the large pan and mix everything well.

It may look like a mess but it is delicious. To make it look prettier, you can sprinkle it with icing sugar. You can serve it with apple sauce or fruit compotes, but it also goes well with fresh berries and ice cream.

Voilà

Your Alain Will



If you know an authentic German recipe that you would like to share with our members, please let us know. Images are very welcome but they need to be your own. We cannot use recipes that have been published in books or online because we need to respect the copyright.

Thank you



Bar & Restaurant

OPENING HOURS

Bar

Friday	12 pm to close
Saturday	12 pm to close
Sunday	11 am to close

Restaurant

Friday	12 pm to 8.30 pm
Saturday	12 pm to 8.30 pm
Sunday	12 pm to 8.00 pm

For reservations call Teresa **0434 941 778**

We are restarting Frühschoppen every 1st and 3rd Sunday from November depending on COVID restrictions

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