



**The Family Day 2022 of the Stuttgart Ice hockey Tradition Club (SET e.V.) with a charity game of the Waldau Old Boyz against a Russian and Ukrainian mixed team, as a sign of friendship and against the war in Ukraine.**

Actually, the Family Day of the Waldau Old Boyz is now a small tradition that offers for all members and friends common hours on and off the ice, with ice hockey to touch and experience. Actually, this day was also in the past two years firmly in the calendar of the Stuttgart Ice hockey Tradition Club and when actually no one more expected that this year's day could really take place, the Corona rules were relaxed and it was war in Europe. Although more than 2000km away from us, but also every New Yorker would be worried if there was suddenly war in Florida.

We all were surprised by this situation. When we heard that our sponsor and teammate Maxim Beck, himself of Russian descent and his wife Valentina, a native of Ukraine, were offering refuge to 7 people with his family, the goal of the Family Day was suddenly completely clear: Let's make a charity tournament out of it and the winners are the children!

So then, a small but experienced team of former and current board members of the SET, this time under completely different circumstances, redesigned and organized the actual Family Day at short notice. It should be a sportive sign of togetherness and the support of an ice hockey club for Maxim, his wife Valentina and the hosted mothers and daughters from Ukraine.

After the actually planned short tournament between three teams, due to illness on all sides, teams had to be mixed for a game of two, when the Eisritter and the team of ERC Göppingen formed a team, which are mainly of Russian and Ukrainian origin and all of them are valued and respected practice guests or friendly opponents. The Waldau Old Boyz received support from the ranks of the Stuttgart Mustangs, also a team with longstanding friendly ties to the SET and the Old Boyz, consisting of members of the U.S. and Canadian forces, who in turn, had a game and their "Family Skate" earlier.



With that, the numerical balance of the teams was established and it could start. Under the direction of our experienced referee Mike Bender and Maxim as captain of the Old Boyz, the puck dropped.

The spectators got over 2x25 running minutes actually attractive AH ice hockey offered. And those who know the Waldau Old Boyz, the performance and the result of 6:4 was actually an additional joy. Thanks go here to both teams for the fairness and the opportunity for many of our guests to experience ice hockey up close. Even if for some at the boards, the first hurdle to follow the puck, had to be taken first.

After the obligatory handshake of the teams, the traces of the game on the ice where removed.



When the parquet was freshly available again, Jens Mack, as speaker of the organization team was first allowed to thank Maxim and Valentina for their commitment, which not least now leads to Anna (12), Mascha (13), Zlata (15) with their mothers, Viktoriya and Liudmila also being asked onto the ice. Representing all refugees women, mothers and daughters who were forced to leave their husbands and fathers behind, who have to defend their homeland, the SET e.V. wants to support personally. Actually, the five thought they would briefly watch Maxim play ice hockey and then go to the Wilhelma zoo.



Knowing that they actually don't want to be here and that there are much nicer times to visit family and friends in Germany, the Waldau Old Boyz want to bring a little joy into the not freely chosen everyday life and invite the five for a day to the "Europapark" in Rust with some pocket money. For Anna, Mascha and Zlata, SET board member Dominik Siegesmund also donated a voucher each for a birthday party with friends at his climbing gym "Vels" in Stuttgart-Vaihingen.



At this point, the thanks and applause of those present goes to Bernd "Jambo" Schäffler, who as few know, is responsible for the almost complete organization of this event. Without him, the Family Day would not have taken place this year, and certainly not under these circumstances.

The real highlight of the surprise, however, was when Jens Mack also invited a large part of Class 4a of the Ergenzingen Elementary School, together with their class teacher Alexandra Wirtz and their principal Mrs. Schulakovsky, to join them on the ice. The class had been talking about Ukraine and what is happening there for the past weeks and heard about the upcoming event. They were very happy to support the idea of their classmate Liz Schäffler and put together backpacks with school supplies and information material about Germany for the upcoming start of school for Anna, Mascha and Zlata. As Jambo's daughter, Liz Schäffler has already demonstrated her obviously natural talent for organization. A big thank you goes here again especially to the class teacher and some parents who made it possible for 14 children to be there, additionally supported by the principal of their school.



Of course, even without many words, this surprise has radiated gratitude in the recipients, which for all involved, is the reward for the commitment shown and was worth every effort.

Next on the schedule was the obligatory group photo of all those present who wanted to join us on ice. Unfortunately, the neat arrangement of the flags fell victim to the nervousness of the ice master, who knew nothing of our additional 2 hours of ice time and urged haste. However, our friends from Russia implemented Jambo's instructions in an exemplary manner.



After our club's own cameraman and homepage god Ralf "Pomalu" Seidel, in his usual skillful manner from the gallery, had all the photos in the can, the ice was released and the hustle and bustle of skating aids and skaters could begin. Drinks and delicious meat loaf - and meat ball rolls, were once again provided by our house and yard butcher Thomas Treuter with his wife Yvonne.

At this point, we would like to thank all those who were available to help with the construction, implementation and dismantling of our event site. A special thanks to Nathalie, wife of Jens Mack, who with her great support behind the serving table, in addition to ensuring the free beverage and food supply, also the rapid plundering of the set up bowls with sweets, at least partially successfully prevented, so that the supply was enough until the end.

All those involved in this event ensured smiling faces and shining children's eyes that afternoon. What more could you want?

Thanks also go, as always, to Heike Mack and her team from the Wernau ice rink, who kindly supported us again and provided their skate rental and skating aids.

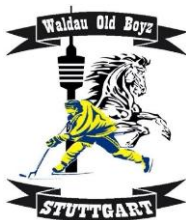
The record donation that landed in our silver donation sow, which has also become a tradition, also went to the three families from Ukraine.

We are looking forward to next year and hope that we will be able to organize a celebration for our association, its members and their relatives and friends under different circumstances.



All the best until then,

Your Org-Team of the SET e.V. and the teams of the Stuttgart Mustangs, the Waldau Old Boyz, the Eisritter Wernau and the ERC Göppingen



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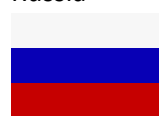
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