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Email Update by Ray Elleven

Is your email address up to date? We are in the process of improving our email notifications. Our new email address is ennissokol@gmail.com. If you haven't provided us your email address or have recently changed your address, send us an email at ennissokol@gmail.com with Address Update in the subject line and let us know.

This is a good time to remind you that we have three FaceBook pages. Be sure to like all three pages.

- **Sokol Ennis** is the main page where you find the latest events happening around the hall.
- **Sokol Strong** is our gymnastics program. Here is where you find information about upcoming gymnastics events and enjoy pictures and videos of current and past events.
- **Sokol Pool Ennis** is our third page where you can find the latest information about our swimming pool activities.

Great Job!

To **Ksenia Marek** for successfully completing
the Intermediate Level at the
2018 American Sokol National Instructors School
June 26 - July 6 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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Gym Report

The KHB Team that participated in the Southern District Slet in West this past June 9-10 show off their medals and trophies. Standing: Coach Erin Solomon, Gracie Zhanel, Naysha Morales, Grace Strunc, Jypsy Holiday, Madeline Wilson, Emma Fones, Reagan Owens, Georgia Tabb, and Coach Ksenia Marek. Kneeling: Ian Smith, Reece Zhanel, Landry Bohanon, Jenna Holiday, Mikaela Morales, Madelene Zarate, and Ava May. Also participating in the competitions were Eric Puckett and Coach Josef Slovak, who were not present at photo time.



Join us for the 2017-18 school year and Slet 2018 to be held in Dallas next June. The new Gymnastics Registration Packet has already been posted on the www.sokolennis.com website. Also, watch our Facebook pages for the official Registration Day to be held in late August.



Congratulations to our KHB Volleyball team, which won the Southern District Slet volleyball tournament. Back row: David Belew, Brian Zhanel, Brandon Smith, Chris Gilbert and his son Eli, as the team Mascot. Front: Kacie Jo Zhanel and Leah Martinek.

The KHB 2nd Team, which placed 3rd was composed of Larry Kubala, Anna Slovak, Kevin Marek, Kyle Slovak, Kristen Betik, and Alexandra Betik.

Join the volleyball teams on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the main hall.

Zumba has also started up on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 pm in the main hall.

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Available for sale
In the **CLUBROOM**
& from **Gym Students**

Mail Order Online:
www.sokolennis.com
In the "Payments/Donations" page
(\$15 + \$4 processing & shipping = \$19 total)

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sokol Clubroom open Mondays & Wednesdays 5PM – Close

Sokol Museum – open for special events and by appointment

Please be sure to watch our website (www.sokolennis.com) for upcoming events. You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter.

- August 4, 2017 -The Ennis Czech Boys, clubroom, 7-11pm / No cover / Doors open at 5pm
- August 11-13, 2017 -Gun Show
- August 16, 2017 -Pool closes
- August 19-20,2017 -Pool Opens
- August 26-27,2017 -Pool Opens
- August 27, 2017 -Last Day Pool is open
- Sept 9, 2017 -Chamber of Commerce Auction
- Sept. 15-16, 2017 -Cancer Benefit
- Sept. 30, 2017 -Telco Fire Department Fundraiser
- Nov. 10-12, 2017 -Gun Show

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Support Your Sokol

Sokol Ennis is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations can be tax deductible. Donations can be made in person, by mail or online through PayPal at our Payments/Donations tab on our website. As a non-profit organization, donations from the members and community are vital to keeping the costs for programs low for the participants. We truly are working toward making a deep impact and to make a difference in the lives of the people in our community. We appreciate any donations made.

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We would like to thank our VP Benny Trojacek for the marquee he made for our unit. It looks great.





THE INAUGURAL SOKOL AWARDS PROGRAM AWARDEES

Of the 23 awardees, the following **Southern District** nominees were recognized:

The 2017 Thomas Garrigue Masaryk Leadership Award

Larry Laznovsky **Sokol KHB, Ennis** **Southern District**

The 2017 Jindrich Fügner Distinguished Service Award

Chuck & Janet Kalat **Sokol KHB, Ennis** **Southern District**

The 2017 James Cihak Service Award

Mary Beth Dulock **Sokol West** **Southern District**

The 2017 Frank Kriz Sports Achievement Award

Paula Stansbury **Sokol Zizka, Dallas** **Southern District**

The 2017 Miroslav Tyrš Honor Award

Joe Kos **Sokol Houston** **Southern District**

Mike Wilson **Sokol Zizka, Dallas** **Southern District**

Congratulations to all recipients and their families!



OUR XXIV AMERICAN SOKOL SLET...

was definitely a success right from the beginning. But the beginning was not Thursday, June 22; oh no for the BOI it started weeks before with the National Office crew verifying paperwork, making sure all waivers were in, printing and sorting tickets, etc. Then on Wednesday, June 21, t-shirts, staff shirts, unit packets, and tickets were sorted to get ready for pick up. On Thursday there was a large contingency waiting for the Ride2Camp

bikers to arrive at the hotel. They were expected at noon, then 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, my gosh what else could go wrong for them. But finally just before 2:30 they pulled in to the Clarion Hotel in Cedar Rapids to cheers, waves and toasts (and I don't mean bread). But no rest as many had to get over to the Scottish Rite Temple to begin setting up for the Opening Ceremony, *"American Sokol's Got Talent"* where Traditions met new technology. I thought it was a very touching Flag Ceremony where the Old American Sokol Flag was carried out then our new flag made its debut with the old one being officially retired. Thanks to all who came out to watch this show; we had a packed house! Right after the Opening Ceremony many stayed around to socialize, meet up with old friends and begin new friendships.

Friday was also a very busy day with both Volleyball and Fitness Challenge events at the Iowa Sports Arena. There were over 220 fitness competitors. We had six men and five women's VB teams playing their hearts out. Watching some of those men's matches, I was certainly glad I was not playing against them they had some awesome hard hitting spikes – YIKES. Our Men's Championship went to Sokol Tabor and our Women's Championship is Sokol Spirit White Team. But wait day is not over yet. There was a Teen Social at the Clarion where the group enjoyed karaoke, games, pictures and of course socializing. While this was going on so too was the Sokol Banquet.

Saturday was our day for gymnastic competitions at Sokol Cedar Rapids with three female sessions and one male session for a total of over 225 gymnasts. Saturday evening was our Victory Dance with over 500 in attendance where all had fun catching up with Sokol friends, dancing to music by a DJ.

Things were winding down by then with the Closing Ceremony rehearsals and program. And an awesome program it was. Numbers moved on and off the field with minimal lag time. Our program started off with General Assembly being led off with our National Flags; right behind them was a contingent of six Western District members carrying the large flag that was flown in 1994 over the Strahov Stadium in Prague. Next came our new American Sokol Flag followed by Sokol USA flag with their respective lodges, Sokol Canada and Sokol Toronto as well as DA Sokol and the Moravian Cultural Society who had members participating in our Folk Dance number. Next came Central District with their Unit flags, Eastern District and their units, Northeastern District and units, Southern District and units; and our host Western District and their units. Filling up the middle column were all our Folk Dancers in costume. Other columns were filled by members from all Classes; children, juniors and adults. So impressive to see the numbers out on the field beginning with the Children Calisthenics, followed by the Folk Dance. Next was our Tug of War – with teams from Sokol USA, DA Sokol, Central District, Northeastern District and Western District with our 2017 Tug of War Champs being the Central District. Next on the program was our Junior Calisthenics, Sr. II Cal, Adult Cal then the Relay Race with Sokol USA, Northeastern District, Central District, DA Sokol, and Western District. The winner of the Relay Race was the Northeastern District. The last number on the program was the All Sokols number with gymnasts from Tots to Senior II participating – a very impressive way to end this program. Hmmm, wonder who will step up to host the National Slet in 2021?

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Sokol Tyrs Pool, named after Miroslav Tyrs, the founder of Sokol in Czechoslovakia, is open during the summer months. The pool phone number (972-875-8058) is available starting May 20th. You are welcome to give us a call during open pool hours during the summer; however, the Sokol website (sokolennis.com) has all the pool information right at your fingertips!

We would like to invite you to become a Sokol member and enjoy our HUGE swimming pool all summer long. We have American Red Cross certified lifeguards that keep a watchful eye over all our swimmers. Our concession Stand sells: hot dogs, chips, chocolate candy, drinks, and ice cream. Most items cost \$1.00 or \$2.00. We have lawn chairs available, but you are welcome to bring your own if you like. No alcohol or smoking allowed.

Sokol Tyrs Pool is a "MEMBERS ONLY" pool. If you would like to become a Sokol member and swim, fill out and submit the membership application/waiver forms found on the website with payment to Sokol KHB Ennis, P.O. Box 205, Ennis, TX 75120.

Some bad news: One of the diving boards has broken. Since only a few weeks remain in this year's swim season, it is not practical to try to get a replacement in place any more this season. A brand new diving board will be available for the 2018 swim season. Keep your eyes out for upcoming fund raising activities to support purchase of a new board.

Pool will close Aug 16th

- then open again Saturday August 19th and Sunday August 20th**
- then open again Saturday August 26th and Sunday August 27th**

August 27th will be last day pool is open for season

POOL HOURS OF OPERATION:

TUESDAYS - SATURDAYS 1:00PM TO 6:00PM
SUNDAYS - 2:00PM TO 6:00PM

DAILY ENTRANCE FEES:

AGES 1 - \$1.00; AGES 2 - \$2.00; AGES 3 - \$3.00
AGES 4,5,6 - \$5.00; AGES 7 AND UP - \$6.00

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING POOL PARTIES, SWIM LESSONS, AND WATER AEROBICS

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