



PROUDLY SERVING THE ENNIS COMMUNITY SINCE 1908

“The mission of the American Sokol is to provide fitness and community for individuals and families through physical, educational, cultural, and social programs.”

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Membership Matters!

Join us at our next monthly members’ meeting on Wednesday, February 18 at 7pm in the Dining Room. All members are encouraged to attend.

Sokol values your interest & welcomes your involvement in the organization. Get the whole family involved with opportunities for both adult and youth volunteers.

These meetings also provide a great time to share feedback & ideas for Sokol’s educational, physical, cultural, & social programs & activities.

Members’ Meetings normally occur every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Local Sokol Leaders

Vlasta Marcella Laznovsky

1925 – 2008

This “Local Sokol Leaders” series highlights our local Sokols who were instrumental in keeping the Sokol and Czech spirit alive here. These articles reminisce for our older members and introduce our newer members to those they may have never known, who dedicated their lives to this organization.



Vlasta was a member of American Sokol for 70 years. She served the Sokol Southern District as Secretary and as Historian, collecting photos and artifacts for others to enjoy and to document the history of the organization. She also served as Historian for our local Sokol Unit, Karel Havlicek Borovsky Ennis, for 15 years, diligently organizing this museum. When the Sokol building, including the museum, was destroyed by fire in 1990, Vlasta spent years collecting Czech and Sokol memorabilia to re-establish this museum here in our current hall. With great pride, she shared the museum with all who came, patiently explaining and enjoying watching guests study the artifacts and books. We have continued to add numerous

donated items of Czech heritage since.

Vlasta also served on many local KHB event committees, such as in the kitchen baking for the Polka Festival, and on the planning committee for the 100th Anniversary of Sokol KHB, for which she unfortunately did not live to see. Vlasta was a member of the Ennis Sewing Circle, also known as the “Kroužek Českých Žen” (Ring of Czech Women). As secretary of that quilting club, which still meets monthly here at Sokol, she was instrumental in planning their 50th Anniversary Quilting Show, which was celebrated only one week prior to her passing.

Learn more about our past local Sokol leaders in our museum, which is located near the front entrance of our building. It will be open during the Ennis Czech Music Festival February 13 and 14.

Na Zdar!

Sister Liz Moucka Educational Director, Sokol KHB Ennis



GYMNASTICS REPORT

Gymnastics is starting a mini-5-week session for kids 3 years to 5 years of age. It's a flat fee of \$100. Starting January 19-February 16 Every Monday 5:30-6:30pm.

We are also taken vendors for our Spring Market March 20-21.

We are doing a Quilt Raffle \$1 a ticket.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Adult Volleyball play is Wednesday 730 till around 10. Must be 17 for these teams!

POOL REPORT

The pool is closed till spring! We have started renting the pool for this season 2026!
Contact Joanna 972-921-1962 call or text

If interested in Registering, New membership to Sokol, and Raffle tickets you can email fitness@sokolennis.com, come to the gym Monday 5pm to 7pm, Tuesday 4-7, or come by the clubroom Monday and Wednesday!

Thank you
Joanna Wilson
Physical Director/Gymnastic Manager/Pool Manager Sokol KHB Ennis
Southern District Women's Director

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New Locks for the Hall

We don't have an exact date as to when but we are in the process of re-keying the hall. The keys will be numbered and you will have to sign it when issued. A notice will be posted in Slack when the job is completed along with dates and times you can pick up new keys.

If you have any questions, contact Ray Elleven at Treasurer@SokolEnnis.com or call him at 972-921-1932

**“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and
warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk
beside the fire: it is time for home.”**

– Edith Sitwell

2026 Ways & Means Initiatives

Did you know Sokol's Ways & Means committee is dedicated to bringing programming that supports Sokol and its mission? This year, we are looking to do even more with the support of our members and local businesses!

We're investing in our members and renters' experience with fundraisers to purchase new tables for the hall. Each quarter, we will replace twenty-four tables.

Be on the look-out for our different events such as the new Music & Eats nights, Fish Frydays and more! Follow our Facebook page to track when events are happening! Your attendance at these events not only supports our efforts for new tables but are also a great time!

Want to get involved in Sokol's programming or have ideas to share? The Ways & Means Committee meets monthly on the first Monday. Our next meeting is Monday, March 9 at 7 pm in the Clubroom.

Fight the Winter Blues at Sokol this Season!

Monthly Czech Movie & Social is Thursday, February 5 in the Clubroom. Doors open 6pm. Accordion Music by David Slovak. Featured Film: "All my Loved Ones" 7pm. For questions or comments: Victor Havel 817-714-8323 or Kyle Stuckly 817-925-1673, Ellis County Czech Heritage Society.

Celebrate



at Sokol....

Look no further than Sokol to celebrate your love this Valentines season

Kick off the weekend on Friday, February 13, at the Polka Pre-Party in the Clubroom beginning at 5 pm. All Around Czechs will serenade from 7-11 pm. Chicken fried steak sandwiches, burgers and fries will also be available for purchase.

19th Annual
ENNIS
CZECH
MUSIC
SATURDAY
FEB. 14
featuring:
Ennis Czech Boys,
Jodie Mikula Orchestra,
Czech and Then Some,
& The Moravians
SOKOL HALL IN ENNIS | DOORS OPEN 12PM
ADULT ADMISSION \$10 - KIDS 12 & UNDER ARE FREE
\$15 PORK SCHNITZEL DINNER 4PM - 7PM
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FESTIVAL

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POLKA PRE-PARTY
Set the tune before the festival begins....
Chicken fried steak sandwich/Burgers - \$7
Fries - \$3
Basket - \$10
Join us!
Sokol Ennis Clubroom
Friday, Feb 13
Doors open at 5 pm
Live music by All Around Czechs
from 7-11 pm
ROOM FOR DANCING!
AND DON'T FORGET TO COME OUT ON SATURDAY, FEB 14 FOR THE 19TH ANNUAL ENNIS CZECH MUSIC FESTIVAL.
VISIT
WWW.ENNISCZECHMUSICFESTIVAL.COM
FOR ALL THE DETAILS!
SOKOL ENNIS

Continue the weekend with the 19th Annual Ennis Czech Music Festival. The festival is all day long with Sokol's Hall doors opening at 12 pm.

Admission is \$10 per adult/Kids 12 & under are free!

Visit www.ennisczechmusicfestival.com for all the details!

SOKOL ENNIS
RV PARKING
10 spots available
Ennis Czech Music Festival
50 amp & water hookups
\$25 per day
Contact 972-875-7959 /
facilities@sokolennis.com

February, 2026



February 16 is Lundi Gras or Fat Monday. Join us for a pre-Mardi Gras party, Sokol style.

Gumbo plates are available for \$8 in the Dining Room, with seating, from 5-7:30 pm, or until supplies last. To-go plates are also available!

We'll have Jam Session from 6:30-9:30 pm – *musicians – bring your instruments!*

Club Room doors open at 5 pm. Don't miss out!

Music & Eats



Weather Reschedule



The January winter storm pushed us back but didn't shut us down! Join us for the winter weather rescheduling of our first Music & Eats of the year!

Chris & Eric Trojacek will be live from 7-11 pm. Burgers, chicken fried steak sandwiches and fries will be available for purchase in the Dining Room from 5-7:30 pm, or until we run out. To-go orders also available.



Fish Frydays

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Live music by Lone Star Legends from 7 - 11 pm.

Join us Friday, February 20 at 5:00 pm in the clubroom for live music and a catfish dinner.

Catfish Dinner
\$15 for an adult plate
\$10 for a child plate
Served in Dining Room from 5-7:30 pm, or while supplies last. To-go plates available



We are hosting two fish frys this season! Join us on Friday, February 20 and Friday, March 20 in the Sokol Clubroom to hear live music and enjoy a catfish dinner. Catfish dinners will be \$15 for an adult and \$10 for a child plate, and will be served in the Dining Room (with seating) from 5-7:30 pm (or until supplies last). We'll also have to-go plates available!

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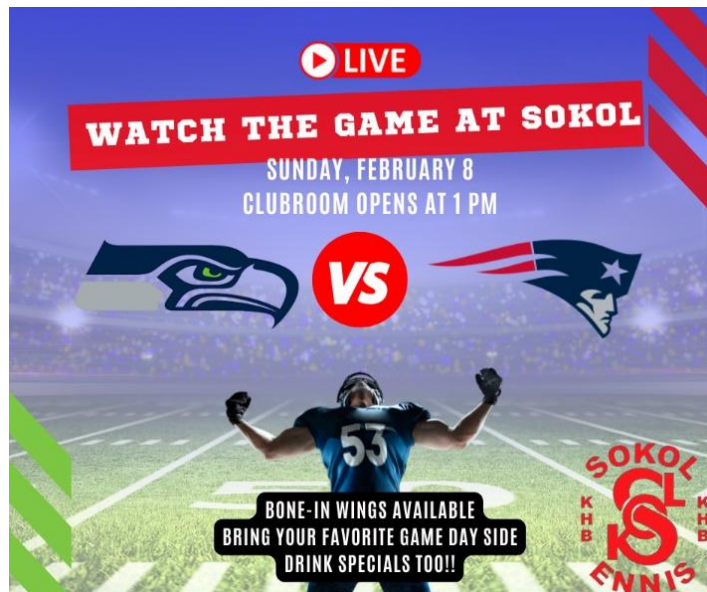
Live music by Lost Money from 7 - 11 pm.

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It's Games Season!

From the Super Bowl to March Madness, Sokol is ready to give you your sporting fix!



Sokol Clubroom will be open at 1 pm on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8. Whether a Seahawks or Patriots fan, enjoy the game with food, friends and a 85" view of all the game play with a jam session prior to the game!

Sokol will provide bone-in wings for all attendees to enjoy. Bring your favorite game day side and a champion spirit!

Jam Session starts at 2 pm. The game goes live at 5:30 pm.

Who doesn't want a bit of (pig)skin in the game?

Sokol is hosting a Super Bowl football board. Squares are \$100 and will pay out on each score change. Squares can be purchased in the clubroom on Mondays and Wednesdays (during clubroom open hours – 5-10 pm) until February 7 or sell-out.

20% of the proceeds will go to support Sokol's 2026 fundraising efforts for new hall tables.



“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”

– John Steinbeck

March Madness is coming to Sokol this year!



Are you Ready for It....but still MASKless?

Have you...

- ✓ Bought your ticket to this year's Annual 10k Building Benefit: Masquerade
- ✓ Arranged your preferred table with Sandra Mikula
- ✓ Bought a dress, shirt, pants...and shoes (remember: no shoes, no dancing)

But are still trying to find that perfect mask? With so many options, who isn't a bit overwhelmed? Scan the tips and info below for help finding the perfect mask!



Take a tip from our inspiration...

Our Masquerade is inspired by Czech Republic's "Masopust" where masks are vibrant and symbolic of winter ending. They feature *characters* such as bears (waking up in spring), chimney sweeps (spring cleaning), monsters or straw men.

Pick a color story...

Already have an outfit picked out. Choose a mask that matches it. If you don't have an outfit yet, pick a mask in your favorite color and build around that. Inspired by our Masopust theme, select **red**, white or **blue** – both the Czech and American flag colors.



Don't take yourself too seriously...



A masquerade provides the perfect opportunity to be someone else or poke a bit of fun at other individuals, such as a celebrity. Take a chance to put on a mask...just a little out of character.

Finally, Amazon and Etsy are great shopping sites to start a search for a mask. Just remember that the more elaborate the mask, the more time it will take to complete and ship, so don't wait too long!

Are you still without a ticket to this year's event? Contact one of our ticket sellers to purchase. Tickets are \$150 and include a steak dinner for two, open bar from 6:00 – 11:30 pm and music from Brad Ackland, Lost Money and David Slovak & Friends. AND a chance for cash prizes ranging from \$150 to the **BIG WINNER - \$10,000!**

There's still time to purchase a paid table reservation! Prior year preferred table selections are being held from general paid table reservations until February 15. No paid table reservations will be accepted after March 1. Contact Sandra Mikula at 214-770-5167 to reserve your table.

And don't forget to follow our event page on Sokol's Facebook to stay up to date on all that this year's event will offer!

“Adversity draws men together and produces beauty and harmony in life's relationships, just as the cold of winter produces ice-flowers on the window-panes.”

– Søren Kierkegaard

Upcoming Events

Feb 5	Czech Heritage Society presents Czech Movie & Social	6 pm in Clubroom
Feb 8	Super Bowl Party	1 pm in Clubroom
Feb 13	Ennis Czech Music Festival Pre-Party	5 pm in Clubroom
Feb 14	Ennis Czech Music Festival	1 pm in Main Hall
Feb 16	Lundi Gras (Fat Monday)	5:00 pm in Clubroom
Feb 18	Monthly Members Meeting	7 pm in Dining Room
Feb 20	Fish Frydays	5 pm in Clubroom
Mar 7	Annual 10K Building Fund Benefit – Masquerade	6 pm in Clubroom
Mar 12	Czech Heritage Society presents Czech Movie & Social	6 pm in Main Hall
Mar 14	Music & Eats	5 pm in Clubroom
Mar 17-Apr 6	March Madness	
Mar 18	Monthly Members Meeting	7 pm in Dining Room
Mar 20	Fish Frydays	5 pm in Clubroom
	Spring Market	5 - 9 pm in Main Hall
Mar 21	Spring Market	10am–4 pm Main Hall
Apr 2	Czech Heritage Society presents Czech Movie & Social	6 pm in Clubroom

Email any ideas for fundraisers & social events to the Ways & Means Committee at fundraising@sokolennis.com



Join Sokol Ennis Members Group on Facebook to get upcoming event notices & other info



Ennis Czech Beseda Dancers will practice on Monday, February 9th, at the Sokol in Ennis at 6:30 pm.

Come to the Ennis Czech Music Festival that will be held at the Sokol in Ennis on February 14th and catch the performance at 3:00pm.

Text Diane Liska at 214-205-7610 if you are interested in learning the Beseda.

February / March Birthdays

February				March		
1	Dowell	Phillip		2	Locke	Annette
2	Garrett	Patricia		4	Thomisee	Gregory A.
1	Vyers	Nathan		4	Braddock	Joni
1	Lindsay	Jessie		4	Case	Mallory
2	Svehlak	Frankie		6	Wheeler	Susan
4	Blake	Jacob		7	Boyd	Jonathan
5	Sylvester	Wayne		7	Barrientos	Esmeralda
5	Macon	Chris		8	Cummings	Barbara
6	Corey	Harold		8	Roberson	Craig
6	Keeton	Calvin		8	Zajic	Lewis
8	Richie	Bennett		12	Sanders	Mark
8	Walker	Charles		15	Kalat	Janet
8	Toth	Chaunte		15	Ramirez	Christian
9	Dvorak	Danny		16	Gray	Adam P
9	Zhanel	Kacie		17	Dickerson	Molly
10	Bain	Freida		17	Kasowski	Elaine
12	Liska	Debbie		18	Schriner	Lisa
13	Benton	James W.		18	Wilson	Richard
13	Hajek	Kim		20	Trojacek	Jessica
13	Wilson	Jennifer		24	Clemmons	Bobbie
15	Mokry	Phyllis		26	Pleiner	Ned
15	Hamilton	Pamela		26	Myers	Casey
16	Soderquist	Bethany		28	Mokry	Benjamin
18	Matous	Joseph		28	Renfro	Kathy
20	Campbell	Christi		28	Slovak	Josef
20	Anderson	Angie		31	Northcutt	Melanie
21	Dlabaj	Crystal		31	Bohanon	Stacey
23	Longoria	Nancy				
24	Kalat	Christine				
27	Dlabaj	Dolores				

Call for Vendors!

Spring into sales at Sokol's Annual Spring Market!
Now is the time to sign up and reserve your spot!
Sokolkhbvendors@gmail.com or Text 972-921-1962

Friday-Saturday
March 20-21

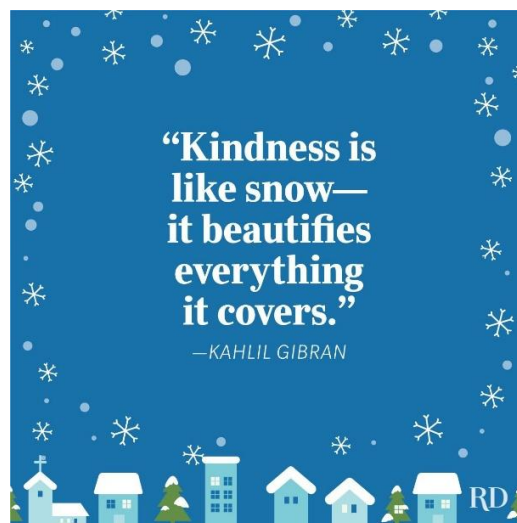
March 20 - Fish Fryday in
Clubroom



Booth Pricing:
One Day - \$50
Both Days - \$100
Both Days with
Electricity - \$125
Table Rental - \$10
per table
No Electricity Available
for One Day



Vendor spots - 10 x 10



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