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“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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It's Time!!!

In a few days, June 9-12, representatives of all American Sokol units will be converging on Ennis, Texas by airplane and automobile to participate in the American Sokol's quadrennial National Convention. This is the first time in over 20 years that the National Sokol Convention is being conducted at a Sokol Unit, not a convention hotel. The Convention is the supreme governing body of the organization and is responsible for charting the organization's future for the next 4 years -- national officers are elected, a financial budget is established, bylaws are revised as needed, and the direction of the organization moving forward is established. The delegates from Sokol KHB are Thomas Betik, Laura Trojacek, and Joanna Wilson.

Virtually every corner of the facility will play a part. The Southern District's Host Organizing Committee along with Sokol KHB have been working hard to get prepared – more than 50 rooms have been arranged at the Comfort Inn & Suites, airport and local shuttle service has been arranged, meal service has been planned, social events are in the works, and the list goes on. Facility cleanup & preparation are last minute activities yet to be done. The bar has been set pretty high by previous conventions but we are confident that our preparation and execution will conclude with an outstanding convention both from a business and experience perspective. Confident that this event will be quite a feather in Sokol KHB's cap. Chuck Kalat – 2022 American Sokol Convention SD Host Committee Chair.

CALENDAR – ONGOING ACTIVITY

Gymnastics -- Monday -Thursday 5:30pm (closed for summer)

Get Fit with Sara Jakubik – Mondays & Wednesdays 5:30pm & Tuesdays & Thursdays 6pm

Volleyball -- Wednesdays - Youth 6pm & Adult 7:30pm

Clubroom -- regular business hours are 5pm to 11pm Mondays & Wednesdays

Swimming Pool CLOSED for renovation

Museum & Library -- open for special events and by appointment

Membership meetings -- every 3rd Wednesday of month in Dining Room 7pm

CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9-12 American Sokol National Convention – Main Hall

July 7 Monthly Czech Movie & Social - Clubroom 5pm

Educational Director's Report

Come see the newest addition to the Sokol KHB Ennis museum. This beautiful, very large display cabinet was graciously donated by Marie Maliska Dewbre. It will protect our precious dolls and glassware. Thanks also to the family members (and a couple of their friends) of our recently deceased 55-year member, Marvin Adams, who moved it from the Dewbre house to the museum: Bob and Kim Adams Woods, their sons Scott and Rex, and friends Kylie Ortiz, and Brenden Harrison.



The moving crew who made it happen: Kylie Ortiz, Scott Woods, Rex Woods, Bob Woods, Brenden Harrison, Liz Moucka Krajca, and Kim Woods.



Display case is starting to fill up

Na zdar! Liz Moucka Krajca
Educational Director



June, 2022

GYMNASTICS REPORT

We went to Sokol West for our end of the year competition. The kids enjoyed it!



We did the Polka Festival where we gave away 8 prizes and one extra one on the lawn and tool raffle. We also had a winner for the quilt raffle.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Adult Volleyball free play is Wednesday 7:30 until around 10. Must be 17 for these teams! A one time \$15 insurance fee per season and adult has to have a gold membership with Sokol and that is \$65 and then every January dues are do of \$65

If interested in Registering or New membership to Sokol you can email me at jnoplis80@gmail.com, come to the gym Wednesday 7:30 to 10 or come by the clubroom Monday and Wednesday!

Thanks, Joanna



June, 2022

2022 Polka Festival – Another Great Event for Sokol KHB

The National Polka Festival was a great success because of all the wonderful volunteers, members, and officers that came together to make this 3-day event happen, **THANK YOU!!!!**

Thank you for the prep work done ahead of time by the following groups:

- John Hejny, Jared Prachyl and their crew for cooking the barbecue
- Liz Moucka-Krajca and her crew for making the dumplings
- Debbie and Darren Slovak and their crew for making strudels
- Larry Trojacek and his crew for making Kolache.

Thank you to those in charge of preparing the meals each day of the festival: Benny and Laura Trojacek, Mike Liska, and David Liska.

Thank you to those who kept the serving line stocked with food: Larry, Calvin, Darren, and Jim

Thank you to the numerous volunteers who worked the serving line the 3 days of the festival: Barbara and Corey, Nannette, Jim, Chuck and Jan, Patti, Evelyn, Anna, Michael, Katherine, Jakub, Kristine, Debbie, and Tex,

Thank you to those from Ray Elleven's volunteers who worked the cash register and took orders.

Thank you to the gym parents led by Laura Trojacek and Joanna Wilson working the front door.

Thank you to the bartenders who logged many hours of the festival led by Joni Braddock and Randy Owen, and those who worked the wristbands (Jerry and JoAnn, Neil and Janet, David Houdek and many others)

Thank you to Patti Walker and her cleaning crew who worked every night during the festival to freshen the hall for the next day.

Thank you to those many I know I am probably missing and those who contributed behind the scenes to make the festival successful for Sokol KHB.

Again, I appreciate everyone who contributed and volunteered their precious time.

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!!!!

Thomas Betik – President - Sokol KHB



55th National Polka Festival Staff Reports

The 55th Annual National Polka Festival kicked off with the King and Queen Dance Contest while the Ennis Czech Boys provided the music. During the evening Pardubica Muzika, an outstanding brass band from the Czech Republic also played. Congratulations Blake and Laurie Butler who were crowned the 2022 Polka Festival King and Queen

You can't have a King & Queen without a Prince and Princess, can you? Well, the festival crowned brother and sister Wyatt & Lara Hermes from La Grange, Texas as Prince & Princess. Their parents are Mark & Ashley Hermes. Many of you know Mark as the accordion player with the Czechaholics and manager of the Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center.



2022 National Polka Festival King and Queen Blake and Laurie Butler.



The Ennis Czech Boys
Zeke Martinez, Frankie Verla, Tray
Sylvester, Cory Mikula, Garrett Neubauer,
Jerry Petter, & Mike Trojacek
(Photo Credit Ennis Czech Boys)



Pardubica Muzika performing on
the Sokol Stage.

Saturday kicked off the Polka Parade downtown Ennis. After the parade the Ennis Beseda Dancers performed as part of the opening ceremonies. The dance group was led by David & Diane Liska and most of the members were Sokol members.



Ennis Beseda dancers left to right included: Danny & Missy Dvorak, Joe Galetka & Michelle Slovak, Joseph Betik & Sarah Honza, Jimmy & Theresa Liska, Alan & Marita Barak, Kyle Stuckly & Barbara Lofgreen, Robert Gientzen and April Dvorak, Jake & Jessica Holland, Mike & Nannette Liska, John Sefcik, and David & Diane Liska.
(Photo Credit Ennis Beseda Dancers)

Back at the Sokol Activity Center, everyone danced and enjoyed the Praha Brother from Central Texas and Ennis's own Jodie Mikula Orchestra. Saturday night was a sellout crowd for the Wade Bowen Country Concert.

Sunday opened at 10 am with the KBEC Polka Party with the Leo Lonnie Orchestra providing music. They continued to play after the radio show and were followed by Mark Halata and Texavia.



Visitors enjoying the Sokol's Czech Museum



KBEC DJ Danny Zapletal

Liz Moucka, Museum Director, had our museum open throughout the weekend for visitors to take in the many artifacts and reference materials. It was well received.

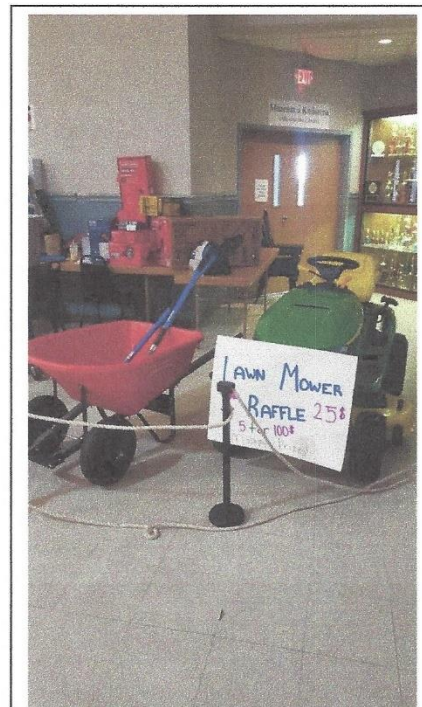
Throughout the weekend raffle tickets were sold for a Quilt designed and created by the Ennis Sewing Circle and a second raffle for lawn equipment and other tools. This raffle benefited Sokol gymnastics program. We'd like to thank everyone who bought tickets to help support us.



Quilt designed and created by the Ennis Sewing Circle and won by Cindy Crawford

Winners of the lawn equipment and tools.

Cindy Skrivanek	Riding Lawnmower
Matt V.	Leaf Blower
Susie Oborny	Push Mower
Joe Matous	Weed Eater
Madeline Wilson	Kobalt Tool Set
Clint Barlow	Craftsmen Tool Set
Karen Waedekin	Craftsmen Tool Set
J. Littleton	DeWalt Tool Set
Dennis Tucker	Wheelbarrow & Shovel



Lawn Equipment & Tool Raffle

None of this would have been possible with the help of the many of volunteer helpers. Debbie Slovak put together a team to make strudels, Larry Trojacek had another team of volunteers making kolache, Benny Trojacek's team to made BBQ, Mike Liska and his team made the pork roast, and Laura Trojacek and Joanna Wilson found enough volunteers to cover the front door.

In addition to the teams mentioned above, there was a whole army of volunteers working in the kitchen, the kitchen cash registers throughout the weekend, other duties around the hall, and we even had volunteers work a satellite beer bar for the country concert. Let's not forget our bartenders. Bar Manger Joni Braddock put together a team that knocked out drinks for three days and really worked their behinds off.

On behalf of President Thomas Betik and the officers of Sokol, and BIG THANK YOU to all of the volunteers.

June / July Member Birthdays

Month	Date	Last	First	Month	Date	Last	First
June	1	Cormier	Alexandra	July	1	Hernandez	Nanci
June	4	Chaheine	Jorge	July	3	Gurley	Amy
June	7	Holland	Rita Jane	July	4	Falkenbach	James
June	7	Navarro	Eudelia	July	7	Slovak	David
June	8	Betik	Kristine	July	9	Holland	Jerry
June	8	Hollingsworth	Ronda	July	13	Dvorak	April
June	8	Pleiner	Sammy	July	16	Toth	Arthur
June	8	Taliaferro	Raquel	July	17	Chandler	Retta
June	9	Pleiner	Libby	July	17	Moucka-Krajca	Elizabeth
June	9	Blaha	Karol	July	17	Wilson	Glen
June	11	Mullican	Cliff	July	21	Mikula	Andy
June	13	Gillentine	Rebecca	July	21	Schumacher	John
June	13	Hamilton	Stuart	July	21	Slovak	Darren
June	15	Andrle	Paula	July	22	Bouska	Charles
June	16	Jones	Susan	July	22	Wester	Jerry
June	17	Cepak	Rick	July	25	Mercer	Norma
June	18	Toth	Robert	July	27	Renovato	Angelica
June	20	Anderson	Warren	July	28	Jurcik	Charles
June	21	Trojacek	Laura	July	28	Patak	James
June	22	Stacks	Cathy	July	30	Trojacek	Benny
June	26	Valek	Vickie	July	30	Zmolik	Lawrence
June	28	Hickman	Kari	July	31	Houdek	Jennifer
June	29	Davis	Cindy				
June	30	Martinez	Maria				
June	30	Wilson	Linda				



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