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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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Solar Eclipse Viewing Party - April 7th & 8th

Sokol Ennis is hosting a Solar Eclipse Viewing Party Apr 7 & 8 (Sun/Mon) on our parking grounds & in the Clubroom. Reservations recommended for parking 972-875-7959. Parking options: 1) Premium RV (electric & water provided) \$100 per day (10 spots available), 2) Self-efficient RV \$50 per day (20 spots available), 3) Tent & Car \$30 per day, Single Car \$20 per day. Reservations are non-refundable. Clubroom open Sunday 2pm-11pm / Monday 8am-11pm. Join us to watch Mavericks vs Rockets at 2:30pm Sunday & NCAA Championship Monday evening! Also join us Monday 8am for brunch, cocktails & more! Pizza, chicken strips, corn dogs, fries, cheese sticks & more also available for purchase at the bar. See www.eclipseoverennis.com.

Sokol Ennis Scholarship 2024

The Sokol Ennis scholarship is open to all high school seniors who are a current Youth member of Sokol Ennis or have a parent/legal guardian that is a current Gold member of Sokol Ennis. Two - \$250 scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship application for 2024 can be found online at sokolennis.com/membership. Completion of the application is required to be considered for the scholarship. The deadline is May 20th. Scholarship recipients will be announced no later than June 1st. **All applications should be mailed to Sokol Ennis, PO Box 205, Ennis, Texas 75120, postmarked by the 21st. No late applications will be accepted.** Nazdar!

CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 4 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: "Grapes 1" 7pm - Clubroom 5pm
Apr 7-8 Solar Eclipse Viewing Party - Parking Lot / Clubroom open Sun 2pm / Mon 8am
Apr 17 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
Apr 26 Friday Night Patio Party - Clubroom/Patio 5pm / Music by Lost Money 7pm
Apr 26-27 Southern District Slet - Sokol Ennis
May 2 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: TBA 7pm - Clubroom 5pm
May 15 Monthly Members Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
May 24-26 National Polka Festival - Main Hall www.nationalpolkafestival.com
May 25 Country Concert - Main Hall 8pm www.nationalpolkafestival.com

DONATIONS

Sokol Ennis always appreciates donations to our organization, whether they be “In Memory” of a deceased member, or simply because you are able to help continue the Sokol mission. We have different areas, or accounts, where your donation can be applied. Therefore, it would be helpful to let us know in a note accompanying your donation, how you wish us to apply your generosity.

- General Fund (operations, dues support, etc.)
- Building Fund (improvements, maintenance, etc.)
- Scholarship Fund
- Swimming pool / Gymnastics
- Museum – Education

Membership Drive 2024

It's that time again for our annual membership drive going into 2024. All members are needed to help with this endeavor. Please encourage your family, friends, and relatives to join. The membership application can be found on the membership page at www.sokolennis.com/membership or in the Sokol clubroom. For more information regarding membership, please email membership@sokolennis.com.

GYMNASTICS REPORT

Gymnasts are practicing for the end of year competition.

Slet will be held here this year April 26-27. Volleyball will be Friday April 26 starting at 7pm in the gym. The clubroom and Kitchen will be open. Saturday April 27 Competition will start at 8am doors will open at 7am in the morning. The Kitchen will be open for breakfast and lunch. There will be a 50/50 raffle drawing that Saturday for the Slet weekend.

We have started to sell quilt raffle tickets for \$1 a piece. The sewing circle here at Sokol has made a beautiful patriotic king quilt for us to fundraise. This will be given away at the Polka Festival 2024.

We are also selling \$1 raffle tickets for a scratch off basket to be given away at Polka Festival 2024 also. The clubroom or a gymnastic kiddo will have tickets!

The Board of instructors (gymnastic program, volleyball, and pool) just put on a Spring Market March 22 and 23.



VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Volleyball plays every Wednesday Night and is accepting new members/players! Speak to Brandon or Chris. Just come through the front doors and go to the right side of the gym.

POOL REPORT

Look to Facebook and Website for opening the pool this year!

Prices and Pass information

- Daily Swim
 - (ANYONE COMING THROUGH DOOR HAS TO PAY ADMISSION REGARDLESS OF SWIMMING OR NOT SWIMMING)
 - Member \$7
 - Guest of Member \$10
 - Veteran/First responder/Senior/kids under 10 \$5 (MUST HAVE PROOF)
 - 2 YRS AND UNDER FREE

Water Aerobics

\$7 a class

\$42 punch card for 7 Classes (exp Dec 31, 2024)

\$175 punch card for 30 classes (exp Dec. 31,2024)

Season Pass (Starting May 28th-October) (same household and on same day of sign up)

Individual \$200; 2 people \$250; 3 people \$300; 4 people \$350; 5 people \$400

Add \$50 per person over 5 ppl

Pool Package:

- Patio Rental during Open Swim 2 Hours, \$50 for patio and 5 guests (REGARDLESS OF SWIMMING OR NOT SWIMMING) all other guest to party will be charged regular entrance fee
- Private Pool Party (40 people or less REGARDLESS OF SWIMMING OR NOT SWIMMING) 2 Hours, 2 Lifeguards \$350
- Private Pool Party (60 people or less REGARDLESS OF SWIMMING OR NOT SWIMMING) 2 Hours, 3 Lifeguards \$400
- Private Pool Party (75 people or less REGARDLESS OF SWIMMING OR NOT SWIMMING) 2 Hours, 4 Lifeguards \$450
 - Extra Fees
 - Rentals (\$100 for every extra hour after a 2-hour min)
 - Bartender (\$50 cash day of party for 2 hours + \$25 extra hour)
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Nazdar !! Joanna Wilson - Physical Director/Gymnastic Manager/Pool Manager Sokol KHB Ennis

\$10K Wrap Up

Another successful 10K Sokol Fundraiser is in the books. The theme this year was Disco Fever, and several attendees were in the spirit as the pictures will show. We sold out of tickets a few days before the doors opened.

Another great dinner was prepared by Benny Trojacek and the kitchen crew. What an EXCELLENT job they did preparing and cooking the steaks. Several volunteers helped in the kitchen and served in the dining room.

We had fantastic entertainment this year. The main event was the May Brothers from West Comma Texas, a great western band complete with a fiddle and steel guitar. They were followed by David Slovak and Friends (a group of volunteer musicians) who played a few great Czech favorites. Brad Ackland was scheduled to sing during the first hour but unfortunately, he called in sick. He was missing but will be back next year.

Everyone wants to know, who was the big winner? The 10K winner this year was Julie Evans who split the winnings, and taxes, with her brother Charles (Todd) Newman. Julie proved that if you buy enough tickets, you can win more than once. She also won a \$150 ticket. A complete list of the winners is included in this newsletter.

We also had a 50/50 drawing that raised \$3,016 that is split between the Sokol and the winning ticket holder. Tickets were a dollar each or six for five dollars. Jennifer Slovak bought the winning ticket and took home \$1,508.

Shelly York with City Real Estate sponsored her ever popular card game again this year. This year's prize was four tickets to a Dallas Cowboy's pre-season game and a parking pass. It's easy to play this game. You buy a playing card for \$20, and a matching card is placed in a box. After three decks of cards are sold, one of the matching cards is pulled from the box and the holder of that card is the winner. The lucky winner was Mariah Storey! Shelly donated \$3,120 to Sokol. Thanks, Shelly!

We also had High Low Game that Sarah Honza hosted/sponsored. To play, contestants bought a string of beads for \$10 or three for \$20. Michelle Slovak and Rusty Liska (two of our officers) were selected to draw from a LARGE deck of cards. Players then lined up with the officer they predicted would draw the highest card. Each officer then picked and raised the card for all to see. If you were standing on the High card side, you won that round. If you were standing on the low card side, you lost a string of beads. At the end of each round, you could switch sides if you wanted. When you were out of beads, you were eliminated. The last player with beads won. Chaunte Toth was our big winner and \$1,200 went to Sokol. Players were competing for a Sokol VIP package that included: a 10K ticket for next year, a 2024 season pass to the Sokol Pool, Sokol Silver membership dues, four dinners for this year's Fish Fry, six beverage tokens for the bar, and 50% off a dining room or clubroom rental. WOW! What a prize package!

"On behalf of the Sokol Executive Board, I would like to thank all the volunteers, who helped put on this fantastic event. The volunteers cooked the steaks, helped in the kitchen, served in the dining room, worked the door, sold tickets and raffles, decorated, and all the other miscellaneous tasks needed to put on this event, and Bar Manager Joni Braddock and her staff for taking care of the bar," said President Michelle Slovak. "And I'd like to give a special thank you to the Ennis High School National Honor Society for their contribution and Constable David Dodd and his staff for keeping us secure."



Julie Evans - \$10,000 Winner



Jennifer Slovak – \$1508 50/50 Winner



David Slovak in the Disco Spirit



David Reeves – Ready to Dance



Ticket Boss John ‘Chippy’ Marek – Ready to Dance



Pres. Michelle Slovak & Daughter Isabella



Terry Beniker & Becky Snodgrass



Chaunte Toth – Sokol VIP Package High Low Bead Game



Mariah Storey & Chris Trojacek Cowboy Tickets - Card Game



Chelsea Reeves, Debbie Macik, James Macik, Addie Reeves

\$10K Winners

\$10,000 Julie Evans
\$2,500 David Belew
\$1,000 Troy Patak

\$250 Michael Heine
\$250 Greg McElroy
\$250 Ronnie Knott
\$250 Josh Longfellow

\$100 Debbie Slovak
\$100 Eric Trojacek
\$100 Sherrie, Kim, & Laure
\$100 Jackie Nicholson
\$100 Harry Matus
\$100 Tom Nevitt
\$100 Milton Slovak
\$100 Jarrett Pendley

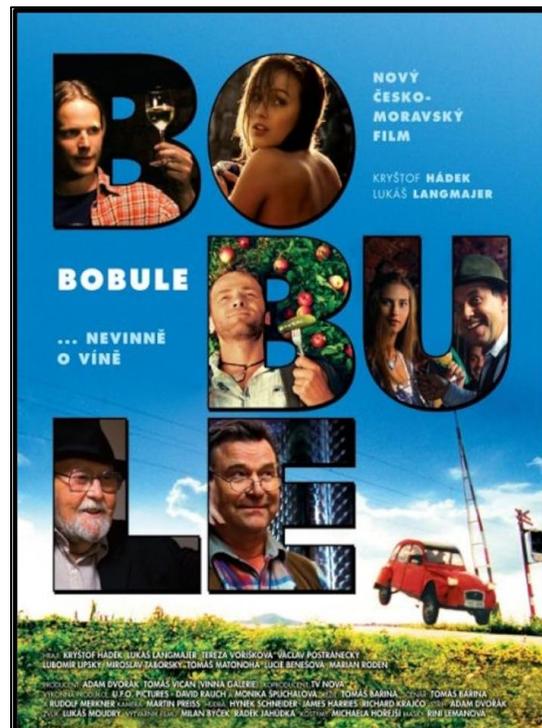
\$100 Julie Evans
\$100 Flip Gullledge
\$100 Before & After Zhanell
\$100 Danny Valek
\$100 Larry Valek
50/50 Cash – Jennifer Slovak
Card Game – Mariah Storey
High Low Bead Game – Chaunte Toth

Monthly Czech Movie & Social April 4th

The next Monthly Czech Movie & Social is Thursday, April 4th in the Clubroom. Doors open 5pm. Accordion music by David Slovak at 6pm. The featured film is “Grapes 1” at 7pm.

About the Film: Grapes 1 (Bobule 1) is the unofficial Czech remake of Alexander Payne's blockbuster seriocomedy Sideways (2004) that concerns Jirka and Honza, two friends who check in as complete opposites on every level; Honza is a polished urbanite, Jirka a nickel-and-dime crook with a flair for wooing women. The men's friendship is characterized by an unending series of wild schemes and escapades. When Honza learns of his grandfather's impending death, it brings him face-to-face with his own mortality and encourages him to fulfill his long-held dream, while he still has the opportunity: to embark on a dream vacation to the vineyards of Moravia, with buddy Jirka in tow.

Pizza, chicken strips, corn dogs, French fries, cheese sticks, jalapeno poppers, fried pickles, onion rings, bread pretzels, tater tots & snacks available for purchase at bar. Non-smoking event (smoking allowed on patio). Czech Movie & Social occurs monthly normally on the first Thursday by the Ellis County Czech Heritage Society. All Sokol members welcome.



Clubroom Open Sunday April 7th & All Day Monday April 8th

The Clubroom will be open Sunday 2pm-11pm / Monday 8am-11pm for the Solar Eclipse Viewing Party Apr 7th & 8th. Join us to watch Mavericks vs Rockets at 2:30pm Sunday & NCAA Championship Monday evening! Also join us Monday starting at 8am for brunch, cocktails & more! No smoking (except Monday after 5pm). Smoking is allowed on the Patio at any time.

Monthly Members' Meeting April 17th

Our next monthly members' meeting is Wednesday, April 17th at 7pm in the Dining Room (meeting date changed from Feb 21 to prepare for upcoming events). All members are encouraged to attend. Sokol values your interest & welcomes your involvement in the organization. There are many opportunities for youth & adult members to be involved. Involving the entire family in volunteer activities addresses the benefits of youth volunteering while utilizing the volunteer resource of adults with children. Sokol encourages parents and their children to volunteer together! Members are also encouraged to provide feedback & offer ideas on Sokol's educational, physical, cultural, & social programs & activities. Members' Meetings normally occur every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Southern District Slet April 26th & 27th / Friday Night Patio Party!

The annual Southern District Slet will take place this year at Sokol Ennis on April 26 & 27. On Friday there will be a Patio Party with music by Lost Money 7pm-11pm. No cover charge / doors open 5pm. The Patio Kitchen will be selling Burgers, Fries & more.

National Polka Festival May 24th-26th

Come help celebrate 57 years of Czech heritage and traditions Friday through Sunday, May 24-26, 2024. Held every year on Memorial Day Weekend, the National Polka Festival offers an abundance of activities to be enjoyed by the entire family in a small-town atmosphere. The festival kicks off with an opening dance on Friday featuring polka music and the King and Queen Dance Contest, where participants and non-participants are encouraged to wear traditional Czech kroj (costumes). On Saturday morning, decorated floats, bands and colorful costumes kick off the downtown festivities with a giant parade that twists through historic downtown Ennis. Then experience our traditions, religious customs, dancing, taste, sights, sounds, and "a little bit of the Czech Lands" on Saturday and Sunday at our three spacious air-conditioned halls (KJT, Sokol, and SPJST) and in downtown Ennis. Enjoy a weekend of polka dancing with 15 live polka bands including Grammy Award winning Brave Combo and the Country Concert on Saturday Night!

For more info: www.nationalpolkafestival.com

Quilt Raffle

Raffle tickets for the Quilt Raffle are available in the Clubroom Monday & Wednesdays 5pm-10pm, or you can buy from members in the gymnastics program. Tickets will also be available at Sokol during the National Polka Festival May 24th-26th.



Drawing will be May 26th during the Fest and you need not be present to win. The price is \$1 per ticket. The quilt is handmade by the Ennis Ladies Sewing Circle.

For questions email fundraising@sokolennis.com.

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

April / May Member Birthdays

April		
1	Jana	Wastoskie
1	Paula	Rogers
2	Danny	Strunc
3	Lacy	Johnson
4	Debra	Holt
8	Willie	Petry
9	Mayra	Quiroz
11	John Paul	Slovak
13	Alma	Silos (Cardona)
15	Ryan	Mullican
15	Brianna	Krajca
16	Patti	Walker
17	Rosemary	Washburn
17	Evelyn	Slovak
21	Charles	Kalat
21	RaeAnn	Jones
23	Bryan	Robinson
24	Victor	Havel
24	Hilary	Laza
25	Edwin	Mikula
25	Clint	Nelson
25	Tiffany	Koss
26	Debbie	Macik
26	Mark	Jimenez
27	April	Zabojnik
27	Keith	Kapavik
27	Lupita	Ortega
29	David	Barnett
29	Shannon	Slovacek

May		
1	Melissa	Galban
2	Thomas	Pelzel
2	Janice	Wilson
2	Daniel	Slovak
3	Ellene	Stout
4	Josh	Tompkins
5	Aaron	Sandoval
6	Dona	Harvell
11	Willie Joe	Salik
11	Tammy	Gora
12	Michaela	Starke
13	Rowdy	Pruitt
13	Hannah	Trojacek
15	Diane	Adams
16	Mayfair	Mullican
17	Carlyle	Locke
17	Heather	Laney
18	Carla	Ege
19	Rebecca	Phillips
19	Chris	Montemayor
20	Susan	Valek
21	Linda	Trojacek
25	Matthew	Martinez
25	Robert	Fudge
26	Trevor	Wilhoite
27	Tina	Sylvester
30	Jimmy	Zabojnik
30	Terry	Schiffner
30	Samantha	Verastegui
31	Ricky	White
31	James	Macik
31	Amy	Smith
31	Lisa	Wallace

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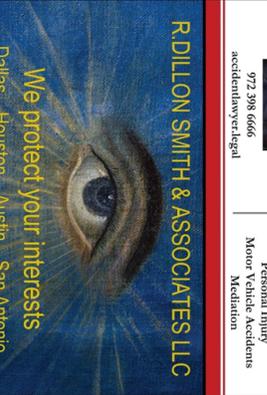
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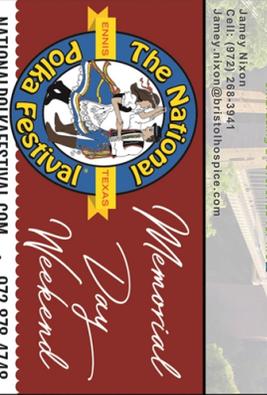


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