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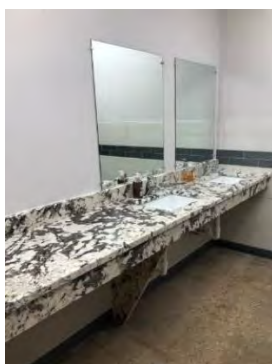
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Renovations

Good things are happening at our facility. Earlier this year we received a large (anonymous) donation to help refurbish the inside of the building. This will be an extended project due to rentals/events. We are lucky this year to have more rentals booked. In April we started renovations in the restrooms by the stage and in the clubroom. The front glass doors were replaced as well. The gym & hall side restrooms were started this past week. The walls and ceiling will be the next phase. The last of the project will most likely be the tile floors. We will be going with concrete flooring which should be less maintenance. We are all excited about this project.

Also, we have purchased a digital marquee which will be at the entrance of the parking lot. This is thanks to an anonymous donation and a grant we received from the American Sokol. We also have more donations that will be going toward this. The sign has been built and will be shipping this week. The sign should be installed by the end of next week. Attached is a sample of what the sign will look like. A BIG Thank you to the staff and volunteers that helped us before and during with the polka festival. We had a great crowd for the three days we were open! We could not do this without all of you



Educational Director's Report

“Slet” defined: A gathering of Sokols for competitions, athletic exhibitions, mass calisthenics, and socializing. During the summer every 6 years, usually the first week of July, Sokols from all over the world gather in Prague. The event is called the Všesokolský (All-Sokols) Slet. There are 15 nations in the World Sokol Federation. Here in the USA, we have District Slets in the Spring every year, and National Slets every 4 years. The American Sokol National Slets are usually held in Chicago or another Midwestern city; however, Fort Worth hosted the National Slet in 2009.



This is the year for the Všesokolský in Prague. Thousands of Sokols worldwide have spent months learning routines of kaleidoscopic mass calisthenics, called “Prostna” in their own unit gyms from written instructions sent out last year. Once in Prague, they will gather to rehearse all together – over 1,000 participants for each routine. There are different “Prostna” for children, for youth, adult women, adult men, and seniors. It takes a few days of rehearsal for more than 1,000 people at a time to put together the geometric patterns they have been learning in small groups at home.



There were no All-Sokol Slets between 1948 and 1994 due to Communist Party rule during that time. These are pictures of the adult womens’ and adult mens’ Prostna (mass calisthenics) programs in 2018.

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.

National Polka Festival Opening Night

Pardubická Muzika from the Czech Republic opened this year's National Polka Festival entertaining a full house in the hall with traditional Czech music.



They were followed by the Ennis Beseda Dancers led by David and Diane Liska.

Then The Moravians played a few songs before the dance contest resulting in the crowning of this year's royalty.



The winners of the 2024 King and Queen Polka Dance contest have competed several times over the years and this year they finally did it. Crowned 2024 Polka King and Queen are Jerry and Kim Petter from Belton, Texas. Michaela and Weston Ging are the runners-up.



You can't have royalty without a Prince and Princess. Slade Maddox, son of Stuart and Sheryl Maddox is our Prince for this year and Ollie Bacak, daughter of Deborah and Christopher Bacak, is our Princess.

The Moravians closed out the night by playing great music and filling the dance floor.

Flag Change for Polka Festival



For 51 weeks out of the year, Sokol flies the USA and Texas flags. But for Polka Festival, we fly the flags of the Czech Republic and Slovakia below the flag of the USA to pay tribute to our origins in the Czech and Slovak nations.

This year we had a trio of offspring of our good members to raise the flags -- two professionals and a trainee. They were Chaz Kudrna (Marine), one of our newest members and grandson of Dorothy Kudrna; James Krajca (Eagle Scout); and John Young (Boy Scout) son and grandson of Liz Moucka Krajca.

We thank them for their participation in Sokol. The flags held up through the storms. The flagpole has since been changed back to the traditional USA and Texas flags.

He Survived!

You might remember we had an unfortunate incident at this year's Czech Music Festival. Ray Lenart was doing what he does best, dancing with his wife Sarah, when he had a heart attack on the dance floor. **Mike Trojacek**, a paramedic, was playing with the Ennis Czech Boys when he saw Ray go down. Mike Jumped off the stage and ran to help. At the same time **Jon Boyd**, an EMT, was nearby and jumped into action. Then two nurses, **Stephanie Matous** and **Kacie Slovak** came to the rescue. With the help of Sokol's Automated External Defibrillator (AED) they were able to save him before the ambulance arrived.



Many members have asked how Ray is doing. He was at this year's Polka Festival and we're proud to report his is doing fine. He had a triple bypass and is on track for a full recovery. "This was a true Miracle," said Ray. "If you are going to have a medical emergency, what better place than with medical professionals in the building." Ray wants to thank all who helped that night along with all the prayers and positive thoughts.

Ray said, "The worst part of the event was they had cut off my Kroj Vest." So, he had a new Kroj Vest made that reads "Miracle at Sokol, Get it Czeched." He wears proudly at polka events.





With hard work and effort, you can achieve anything.

Antoine Griezmann

GYMNASTICS REPORT

Gymnastics competed in the 2024 American Sokol Southern District Slet.

The Slet was held here at Sokol Activity Center April 26-27. Volleyball was Friday April 26. Sokol KHB teams took first and second place. Gymnastics ran a 50/50 raffle drawing that Saturday. We also participated in the Polka Festival. Gymnastics had a booth selling quilt raffle and scratch off raffle tickets. The sewing circle here at Sokol made a beautiful patriotic king quilt for us to fund-raise. The winner was Tricia Slovak. The scratch off raffle winner was Barbara Lofgreen.

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.

SWIMMING POOL REPORT

Pool opened May 21, 2024.

Prices and Pass information

Daily Swim

(ANYONE ENTERING THE DOOR HAS TO PAY ADMISSION REGARDLESS IF 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

Work and you'll get what you need; work harder and you'll get what you want.

Prabakaran Thirumalai

Pool Package:

Patio Rental during Open Swim 2 Hours, \$50 for patio and 5 guest (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)

To contact the Swimming Pool call 972-921-1962 or email swim@sokolennis.com

Nazdar!

Joanna Wilson
Physical Director

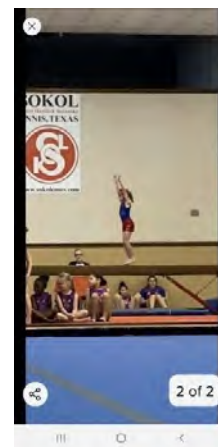
June 2024 Sokol Pool Hours & Rental Availability

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Photos from the 2024 American Sokol Southern District Slet



Monthly Czech Movie & Social June 6th

The next Monthly Czech Movie & Social is Thurs., June 6 in the Dining Room. Doors open 5pm. Accordion music by David Slovak at 6pm. The featured film is "Out of the City" at 7pm.

About the Film: Out of the City (Cesta z města) is a comedy about a programmer named Honza who decides to clear his head over the weekend from his hectic job, picks up his ex-wife's son, and together they set off on a trip into the countryside. Their civilization is highlighted in the film using mobile phone, laptop and digital camera. They become familiar with a charming country girl named Markéta and her grandmother, who live in a house with scented herbs and homemade liqueurs. A weekend trip stretches to several weeks stay in the small village. Honza and his son spend the most beautiful and happiest moments of their life in the country. The film is a parade of quirky rural characters. Honza's absence from work and his son from school is not without consequences, and father and son are forced to return to civilization. But Honza cannot forget his weeks in the country, or the girl Margaret.

Pizza, chicken strips, corn dogs, French fries, cheese sticks, jalapeno poppers, 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.



Chicken Fried Steak Feast & Patio Party June 14th

On Friday June 14, Sokol Ennis will be selling Chicken Fried Steak plates (includes mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, dessert & tea) in the Dining Room (back east entrance) 5pm until 7:30pm (or while supplies last). Carry-outs available. \$13 a plate. There will also be live music on the Clubroom Patio by Lost Money 7pm-11pm. No cover charge. Doors open 5pm. Burgers & Fries will also be available for purchase at the Patio Party! In case of rain, the party will be moved to the Clubroom.



Monthly Members' Meeting June 19th

Our next monthly members' meeting is Wednesday, June 19th at 7pm in the Dining Room. 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.

Mavericks vs Celtics NBA Finals Watch Party June 6th

Sokol Ennis Clubroom will be open Thursday June 6th at 5pm for a Mavs vs Celtics NBA Finals Watch Party (Game 7:30pm). Flat Screen TV's with Speaker System in Clubroom & Patio area. Pizza, chicken strips, corn dogs, French fries, tater tots, cheese sticks, jalapeno poppers, bread pretzels & snacks also available for purchase at the bar. We have a full bar with a large variety of beverages. This is a non-smoking event (smoking allowed on patio).

June/July Member Birthdays

JUNE

1	Cormier	Alexandra
5	Foust	April
5	Contreras	Esmeralda
5	Hernandez	Sabrina
6	Peters	Sandy
7	Holland	Rita Jane
8	Pleiner	Sammy
8	Beebe	Jean
8	Haskovec	Kristine
9	Pleiner	Libby
9	Kudrna	Chaz
11	Mullican	Cliff
13	Hamilton	Stuart
13	Slovak	Rebecca
15	Andrle	Paula
17	Cepak	Rick
18	Toth	Robert
20	Anderson	Warren
21	Laura	Trojacek
22	Espedal	Monica
25	Hollingsworth	Cassie
26	Valek	Vickie
28	Hickman	Kari
29	Davis	Cindy
29	Hardy	Kandice

JULY

2	Vasquez	Cesar
3	Gurley	Amy
4	Falkenbach	James
7	Ford	Amanda
7	Slovak	David
8	Dlabaj	Rose
9	Evans	Julie
9	Holland	Jerry
10	Perez	Mary
16	McIntosh	Max
16	Toth	Arthur
17	Dickerson	Louise
17	Moucka-Krajca	Elizabeth
17	Wilson	Glen
18	Esparza	Jayne
20	Smith	R Dillon
21	Mikula	Andy
21	Sanders	Vicki
21	Slovak	Darren
21	Schumacher	John
22	Bouska	Charles
22	Wester	Jerry
25	Mercer	Norma
28	Jurcik	Charles
28	Patak	James
30	Peters	Leonard (Pete)
30	Trojacek	Benny
30	Zmolik	Lawrence
31	Allen	Brad

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