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MARCH 2019



Sribrinky Highlights

In case you missed it, here are some photos courtesy official photographer, Zuzana Dawson



CLICK HERE for more photos from Sibrinky 2019

Wait, what? You read it right. Meigan McManus, a friend of American Sokol, Washington D.C. and her boyfriend, Zach Walker, have been the guests the last couple years of members Zuzana and Joe Steen. They've had such a good time that Zach decided to make this year extra special and if you were at Sibrinky 2019 you witnessed Meigan say yes to Zach. Congratulations, Meigan and Zach. We're all glad we played a small part in one of the most significant events of your lives. Thank you to all our sponsors, donors, and volunteers as well as our host, the Czech Republic Embassy, without whom this event would not have been possible. We would also like to recognize our special guests, Czech Ambassador Hynek Kmonicek, Slovak Deputy Chief of Mission Jozef Polakovic, Opera Tenor Reginald Bouknight, Pianist Mary Voutas, Performance Director Dr. Dagmar White and Baltimore Swing Band If you missed Sibrinky this year, start planning for next February when we will do it all again. You have some great opportunities in the next couple of months to join us at some exciting events. Plus, if you are looking to propose to that special someone, just let us know!

41st ANNUAL BAČA CUP SKI RACE

The 41st Annual "BACA CUP" International Invitational alpine ski race for all ages and nationalities was a great hit as skiers and boarders of all ages and skill levels competed (some of the participants including this writer didn't so much compete but showed up) to be first down the hill. Most importantly, everyone had a blast.

Ski you next year!!!

2019 Bača Cup Champions!

Men's Alpine: Women's Alpine: Men's Ambassador's Cup: Women's Ambassador's Cup: Men's Snowboard: Women's Snowboard: Tomas Pavlicek Natalia Girstlova Pavel Steen Dasha Fletcher Dan Butler Autumn Rhea





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Saturday, March 23 - Masquerade Ball on Ice at the Cabin John Ice Rink

Thursday, March 14 - Winter Volleyball Season

Easter Bohemian Glass Decorations

Saturday, May 4 - Eastern District Sokol Volleyball Tournament in NY;

Saturday, May 18 - Jiri V. Parma Annual Memorial Tennis Tournament

Sunday, June 9 - Canoe Trip on South Fork of the Shenandoah River, Virginia

Friday, June 14 - End of School Sokol Picnic in Meadowbrook, Candy Cane Park

July 14-18 - Youth Summer Camp on River Hron in Slovakia

ASW Membership Dues for 2019

ONGOING

Sokol School/Preschool - March 1, 8, 15, 22 Orienteering - March 3, 10, 16-17, 24, 30 Kids Ski Free in PA - 4th/5th Grade Snow - Pass Make a Difference - Support Sokol Washington, D.C. Shop with Amazon, earn money for Sokol Washington, D.C. American Sokol Library and Archival Museum Sokol Washington, D.C. Facebook Thank you

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

We hope to see you there! All are welcome, member or not.

WHERE: Little Falls Community Library 5501 Massachusetts Ave • Bethesda, MD 20818

WHEN: Wednesday, March 6. 8 PM - 10 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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MASQUERADE BALL FOR LITTLE AND TALL ON ICE

Masquerade parade, Ice soccer mini-tournament, Save the bear game and more!

Prizes for most creative masks for little and tall! Special Award for the safest mask. The event will start at **3:00 pm**. You're welcome to come a little earlier, rent your ice-skates and get ready in the heated area. The snack bar will be open.

OR JUST COME TO SKATE!

Please note safety regulations - no mask should obscure vision. Helmet and gloves are highly recommended. Dress warmly (ski clothes provide an extra cushion if you fall) wear a helmet and gloves for safety!

Tickets: \$6 per skater or \$18 per family (good for 2 adults and all children in the same household).

Ice-skates rental: available for \$3.50/pair.Tickets can be purchased online via Eventbrite: <u>https://iceball2019.eventbrite.com</u> and During Friday Sokol School nights

Please, make checks payable to Sokol Washington DC and write Ice-Skating in the notes (until March 9, 2018)

NO TICKET SALE AT AT THE DOOR

We're looking forward to seeing you on ice!

WHERE: <u>Cabin John Ice Rink • 10610 Westlake Drive • Rockville, MD 20852</u> WHEN: March 23, 3-5pm

THURSDAY, MARCH

Time: 8:30 - 10:15 pm March | 14

NEW LOCATION! WHERE: <u>Woodburn Elementary School</u> 3401 Hemlock Drive Falls Church, VA 22042



Easter Bohemian Glass Decorations





slevový kód discount code **SOKOLDCUSA** Intriguing, elegant and inspirational Easter's day Bohemian glass decorations are brought to you by our partner <u>Glassor</u> <u>US</u>. Feel free to use "SOKOLDCUSA" discount coupon for your future purchases.

EASTERN DISTRICT SOKOL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT in New York, NY

Final preparations are being made for this year's Eastern District Sokol Volleyball Tournament. For more information, please contact Radovan Kohlmayer.

SATURDAY, MAY 4



CONTACT: Radovan Kohlmayer radovankohlmayer@gmail.com

Past Issues

Come join us for some rousing Tennis Tournament action on Sunday, May 19. It is an opportunity for members and friends of all ages to compete as well as to socialize.Competition consists of singles, by gender and various age groups (depending on attendance), and

various age groups (depending on attendance), and doubles – winners receive trophies. Food and refreshment always are on hand for participants and spectators alike.



CONTACT: events@sokolwashington.org

CANOE TRIP ON SOUTH FORK OF THE SHENANDOAH RIVER

Water enthusiasts of all ages enjoy Sokol Washington's annual 15-mile canoe trip down the South Fork of the Shenandoah River. Join us for a day of fun and adventure on one of America's most beautiful rivers as you paddle through the Shenandoah Valley with Shenandoah National Park to the East and George Washington National Forest to the West.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9



CONTACT: Tibor Bartalos tbartalos@sokolwashington.org

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP at Hron River, Slovakia

This year's camp will take us to the River Horn in Slovakia. While paddling down the river we will take in the sights of this beautiful area of Central Slovakia. We'll tour castles, drink mineral water from the source and visit the Unesco protected city of Banska Stiavnica and its famous silver mines. Plans are being finalized, but the camp should start on July 13th or 14th and will be five days long.

All participants should have at least intermediate canoeing skills and be able to hike and camp. In addition, participants should have the ability to speak/understand Czech or Slovak.



JULY 14-18

CONTACT: Director of Men, Miro Honzak. <u>mens.director@sokolwashington.org</u>

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DO NOT FORGET! Final deadline to submit <u>ASW membership dues</u> is this month! Please continue to help support American Sokol, Washington D.C. and the work we do supporting Czech and Slovak culture and activities in the D.C. area.!

- **\$40.00** Individual Membership (adult /voting)
- **\$75.00** Two Adults Membership (both voting)
- **\$50.00** Family Membership I. (one adult voting / all children up to 21 years and other non-voting adults)
- **\$80.00** Family Membership II. (both adults voting / all children up to 18 years)
- **\$15.00** New Member One-time Administrative Fee

Please make your check payable to "*American Sokol Washington, DC*" and mail it at your earliest convenience to:



American Sokol Washington, D.C. c/o Br. Tibor Bartalos 1101 3rd Street, SW, Apt. 704, Washington, DC, 20024

Your membership in good standing guarantees you:

- Discounted tickets to Sokol activities;
- Insurance coverage at Sokol activities;
- Knowing that you enable all the wonderful programs you and your family enjoy;

Please remember, you are not a full Sokol member with voting privileges until you participate in a monthly meeting(s) and consent to take the Sokol oath.



The Czech/Slovak school is an excellent opportunity for children of all abilities to learn Czech and Slovak languages and cultural heritage. Plus, the children will have plenty of opportunities to perform what they learn at Sokol events throughout the year. For adults, there are opportunities for those looking to learn or advance their Czech/Slovak language skills.

There will be activity, conversation and volunteer opportunities in the multi-purpose room for the

Children attending school will need to **bring**: a folder, a composition book, a pencil case filled with pencils, pens & crayons.

Please enter through the door facing the parking lot. Please enter after 6:30. School begins at **6:45**. All children will be escorted to the class by their teachers. If you are late, please escort your children to the class. If you are new to the school, there will be plenty of parent volunteers to assist you.

School Fees per Semester:

\$90/1 child, \$140/2 children, \$180/3 children, \$210/4 children per semester. Checks or cash accepted.

Checks are payable to "ASW DC School Fund".

SCHEDULE

Czech and Slovak School - Youth	Fridays	6:45	_	8:00 pm
Czech and Slovak Preschool	Fridays	6:45	_	8:00 pm
Music and Folklore - Youth	Fridays	8:15	_	9:00 pm
Adult Czech and Slovak Classes	Fridays	8:00	_	9:00 pm
Youth Gym Activities	Fridays	8:15/9:	- 00	10:00 pm

WHERE: <u>Carderock Springs Elementary School</u> • 7401 Persimmon Tree Ln•Bethesda, MD 20817 **CONTACT:** Sis. Michaela Kiss and Sis. Lucie Berankova at <u>school@sokolwashington.org</u>

2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR - FRIDAYS

MARCH 1 • 8 • 15 • 22					
APRIL 5 • 12 • 26	MAY 3 • 10 • 17 • 31 JUNE 7 (End of School Part	y)			

ORIENTEERING

Quatico Orienteering Clubn



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offer great fun for the whole family. This is a great skill for kids to master.

Date	Event	Details
Mar. 3 Sun.	<u>Cabin John Regional Park, Playground Parking Area,</u> <u>Bethesda, MD</u>	Classic
Mar. 10 Sun.	Mason Neck SP, Mason Neck SP, Lorton, VA	Classic
Mar. 16 - Mar. 17 Sat Sun.	<u>Prince William Forest Park, Camp 5 - Happyland,</u> <u>Triangle, VA</u>	Turkey Run Ridge, Night-O, Happyland
Mar. 24 Sun.	Patapsco Valley State Park, Avalon area, Elkridge, MD	Classic
Mar. 30 Sat.	<u>Rosaryville State Park, Pavilion parking area,</u> <u>Rosaryville, MD</u>	Classic

Feel free to check the website of the organizer and even try it on your own. Please, also check the website for changes due to the weather. <u>http://qoc.us.orienteering.org</u>

All are welcome and for those interested, please contact brother Miroslav Honzák at <u>mens.director@sokolwashington.org</u>

Ski Free in Pa - 4th/5th Grade Snow Pass

How about skiing or boarding for FREE this winter? Well here's your chance! Your Pennsylvania 4th & 5th Grade Snowpass booklet offers you the privilege of skiing and boarding at 20 Pennsylvania Ski Resorts for FREE this winter - Take mom or dad with you for the thrill of a lifetime - an experience you will never forget.

This season we hope that you and your family have an opportunity to enjoy as many of Pennsylvania's ski resorts as possible. Your Snowpass will provide you with over 64 days of FREE skiing and boarding.

This program has just opened and has limited capacity, so please order your passes now: <u>https://skipa.com/deals/4th5th-grade-program</u>

American Sokol Library and Archival Museum

Would you like to get rid of documents, photos, art, books, collections, merchandise, technical material and articles that are inherently valuable and significant to Sokol movement, its founders, members, culture, philosophy,150 years of history in America and 70 years of history in Washington, D.C. metropolitan area

CONTACT: Br. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org

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Sokol Washington, D.C. offers additional ways for members to communicate and stay informed about additional events we may not include in our monthly newsletters.

Please check our Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/SokolWashingtonDC/</u>

If you have a cultural, folk, educational or sporting/athletic event you would like to share with our members, please **CONTACT:** Br. Tibor Bartalos at <u>tbartalos@sokolwashington.org</u>

Thank you!

We would not be able to flourish as an organization without the constant help of our many volunteers. American Sokol. That's why it's important that all members and friends, at least from time to time, offer their contribution to help our Sokol Unit thrive. Our Unit can be only as good as our members' participation in its activities.

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