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Springtime is almost here and the new beginnings aren't just blossoming on the trees but at American Sokol, Washington D.C. But before we Spring Forward, let's take a look back at one of the busiest month's of the year, February, for ASW. Whether you attended our annual Fundraiser Sibrinky or your kids took up the challenge of a day at the American Sokol Baltimore's gym, lots of activities were available for all. Check out all the action immediately below and then Spring Forward to all the upcoming action in March and beyond.

Did you win it all on black at Sibrinky?

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The casino action was all in fun at American Sokol Washington, DC's Annual fundraiser, Sibrinky. Hosted by our friends at the Embassy of the Czech Republic, Sibrinky raised funds for our Czech and Slovak school and many cultural activities hosted by ASW throughout the year. We would like to thank all of the volunteers, guests and, of course, dignitaries from both the Embassy of the Czech Republic and the Embassy of Slovakia.

In addition to the hot Casino action inspired by the 2006 James Bond film, Casino Royale which was filmed in Karlovy Vary, entertainment was provided by Baltimore Swing Drop.

From Alex Merka, a volunteer at the event:

This year's Sibrinky were a huge success! As one of the volunteers, I have to say that it was extremely fun. My friends and I helped at the gate and the registration and later on, we helped the waiters serve dinner to everyone. Afterward, we had several hours of free time, and we spent them by dancing to Tomas Drgon's Prazevica's great music. This year's Sibrinky was so much more fun than last year's, so I can't wait to see what next year's Sibrinky has in store!

On behalf of everyone at the American Sokol Washington, DC, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for supporting our team. We really appreciate it.

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His Excellency Hynek Kmonicek

Embassy of the Czech Republic
in Washington, D. C.

for hosting this Event and to those companies, Sokol members, and Sokol Friends who provided donations, without whom this evening would not be possible.

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Sokol Baltimore graciously hosted members of ASW

[Sokol Baltimore](#) graciously hosted members of American Sokol Washington, DC in an open gym with a tumbling clinic. It was an excellent opportunity to learn and improve gymnastics skills! Gymnastics provides an excellent foundation for ALL sports and develops strength, flexibility, balance, and coordination.

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The clinic was very fun! The kids were taught how to use the vault, bars, trampoline, and tumbling equipment. There were three groups that rotated between the tumbling, vault, and trampoline stations, with 20 minutes of instruction at each. Afterward, Sokol Baltimore opened up the gym, allowing the children to play on and enjoy all of their gymnastics equipment. It was a fun and educational experience for all! Huge thanks to Sokol Baltimore!

The 42nd Annual Baca Cup goes off with great success



Once again, AWS and the Fletcher Family put together a great day on the slopes at Blue Knob Ski Resort in Pennsylvania. No matter your ski level and no matter your age, everyone is a winner at Bača Cup.

2020 Bača Cup Champions!

Men's Alpine:

Tomas Pavlicek

Women's Alpine:

Marie Tumova

Men's Ambassador's Cup:

Petr Tuma

Women's Ambassador's Cup:

Dasha Fletcher

Men's Snowboard:

Patrick Butler

Women's Snowboard:

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UPCOMING

March Monthly Membership Meeting - Wednesday, March 4

Masquerade Ball on Ice at the Cabin John Ice Rink - Sunday, March 22

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ONGOING

[Sokol School/Preschool - March 6, 13, 20 & 27](#)[Around the Embassies](#)[Orienteering - March 7, 15, 28 & 29](#)[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](#)[Keep in Touch](#)

MARCH MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

We hope to see you there. All are welcome to attend. Member and non-members included.

WHERE: [Little Falls Community Library](#) • 5501 Massachusetts Ave • Bethesda, MD 20818

WHEN: Wednesday, March 4th • 8 PM - 10 PM

Are you interested in joining American Sokol Washington, DC?

We look forward to you joining.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Your membership helps support the Czech and Slovak school and cultural events around the Washington, D.C. area.

MASQUERADE BALL FOR LITTLE AND TALL-ON ICE

MARCH 22, 2020

Masquerade Ball on Ice. There will be games on ice to practice your skills and have a parade of goblins, bunnies, princesses and other creatures to that special award. There will be a creative costume competition you can participate in that best incorporate

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Tickets are available for purchase at the Czech and Slovak School on Friday nights at Carderock Elementary School or at maskarninalede2020.eventbrite.com.

WHEN: March 22, 2020 • 4:15-6:15

WHERE: [Cabin John Ice Rink • 10610 Westlake Drive • Rockville, MD 20852](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

maskarninalede2020.eventbrite.com

SPRING VOLLEYBALL IS BACK

For dates and times, please refer to our website as dates, times and locations change.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 17 & 31
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Upcoming dates: April 14, 21 & 28
and May 5, 12, 19 & 26

WHERE: [Luther Jackson Middle School](#)
[3020 Gallows Rd. Falls Church, VA 22042](#)

CONTACT: Radovan Kohlmayer
at sports@sokolwashington.org

MARCH 17 & 31



39th ANNUAL SOKOL EASTERN DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, APRIL 4

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WHEN: Saturday, April 4, 2020 • 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

WHERE: [Luther Jackson Middle School](#) • [3020 Gallows Rd. Falls Church, VA 22042](#)

CONTACT: Peter Knapp sports@sokolwashington.org

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SPRING FLING - JOSEFSKA

SATURDAY, APRIL 4



A traditional celebration for all ages!

For hungry and thirsty, goulash and world selection of Czech beers will be served

For the party animals, music and dance

Volleyball Tournament Prize Award Ceremony

WHEN: Saturday, April 4, 2020 • 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM

WHERE: [Carderock Springs Swim & Tennis Club](#) • [8200 Hamilton Spring Ct. Bethesda, MD 20817](#)

CONTACT: events@sokolwashington.org

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OLGA HUDLICKA'S MEMORIAL HIKING MARATHON

Shenandoah National Park

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

26.2 miles (42.2km) Hiking Marathon ("Horsky Chodecky Marathon - Memorial Olgy Hudlicke") in Shenandoah National Park. The route will include Little Devils Stairs, Appalachian trail, Hogback Mountain, Marshal Mountain. Return the same way to the top of Little Devils Stairs, Keyser Run Fire Road. The hike will have a total elevation gain of 4921 feet (1,500 m).

We go rain or shine!

WHEN: Saturday, April 25, 2020 • ???? – ???? PM

WHERE: Shenandoah National Park [Parking Lot Little Devils Stairs trail-head \(end of VA670 / Keyser Run Rd.\)](#)

CONTACT: Br. Pavel Klein at KleinP@epilepsydc.com

MEET UP & START: 7:20 AM



YOUTH/FAMILY CAMPING

Shenandoah National Park

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Sokol youth and families with young children will have an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful nature of West Virginia all while socializing with Sokol peers with activities like hiking, swimming, campfires, campfire songs and story-telling all with themes designed to foster their Czech and Slovak language skills and appreciation of Czech and Slovak heritage.

All children 7 and under are expected to be accompanied by their parents or another responsible adult.

Details to come in future communications





MARCH 6, 13, 20 & 27

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 an activity, conversation and volunteer opportunities in the multi-purpose room for the adults while we actively wait for the children and their lessons. In addition, following school, there will be Music/Culture/Folklore and athletics/gymnastics.

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. 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.

WHEN: Friday, March 6, 13, 20 & 27 • 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM

WHERE: [Carderock Springs Elementary School](#)
7401 Persimmon Tree Ln • Bethesda, MD 20817

CONTACT: Sis. Michaela Kiss or Lucie Berankova
at school@sokolwashington.org



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

More information about our school [CLICK HERE](#)

Events Around the Czech and Slovak Embassies

Check out these Czech & Slovak events sponsored by the Embassies of the Czech Republic and Slovakia
Please check the location. Not all events are at the Embassies:

Czech Embassy

https://www.mzv.cz/washington/en/culture_events/culture/index.html

Slovak Embassy

<http://www.mzv.sk/web/en/news>

ORIENTEERING

[Quantico Orienteering Club](#)

Come and enjoy this family-friendly sport. Events are organized by the local orienteering clubs and offer great fun for the whole family. This is a great skill for kids to master.

Mar. 7 Sat.	Wheaton Regional Park, Shorefield Area, Train Station Party Room, Wheaton, MD	Classic
Mar. 15 Sun.	Patapsco Valley State Park, McKeldin Area, Shelter 501, Marriottsville, MD	Classic
Mar. 28 Sat.	Prince William Forest Park, Camp 5 - Happyland, Triangle, VA	Training
Mar. 28 Sat.	Prince William Forest Park, Camp 5 - Happyland, Triangle, VA	Night-O

Check the website of the organizer and even try it on your own. Please, also check the website for changes due to the weather. www.qocweb.org

All are welcome and for those interested, please contact brother Miroslav Honzák at sports@sokolwashington.org

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 out American Sokol, Washington D.C. on Facebook: [See us here](#)

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 tbartalos@sokolwashington.org



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.



KEEP IN TOUCH

We value you as our audience! Stay engaged and informed about our oncoming an educational, cultural, folk or sporting events and do not miss our MailChimp campaigns. Please make sure that our e-mail sokol@sokolwashington.org is included in your Contacts/Mailing list and does not end up in your Spam or Trash box.

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