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December 2023

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www.sokolspirit.org

From our President,

Sister Kathy Barcal



We have had a very successful 2023 Sokol season and are preparing for our classes and events in 2024. Thanks to all of you for your continued support to Sokol Spirit. Whether you signed up for class, volunteered at a fundraiser, supported the fundraiser, made a monetary donation or attended a meeting or two, you have helped make a difference towards our success! Thank you to our Building Management committee who keeps our building clean and safe and continuing to move forward with our improvement projects. Thank you to our Board of Instructors and all they do to keep our classes running smoothly all year long! Your time and dedication is truly appreciated. One last thank you to our Executive Board for all of your support and continuing to be active in Sokol and promoting our organization within the community. Mark your calendars for a few upcoming events in 2024. We have monthly unit meetings on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. with a social followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. We will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 28th, 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. followed by our volleyball Flapjack tournament. All are invited to participate! Registration is now open for our 2024 Winter/Spring session which runs from January 8th - May 17th, 2024.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Or as they say in the Czech language, Veselé Vánoce a šťastný nový rok! Enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends! We look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Nazdar!

Kathy Barcal

Important information from your financial secretary: Letters requesting dues for 2024 are mailed. If you are an adult that signed up for a class or are a parent who has a child in a class, you probably already paid your 2024 dues and will not receive a letter. **All others, remember that dues are owed by January 1, 2024.** The new rate is \$75 for a regular membership and \$50 for a college student or a member with 60+ years of continual Sokol membership.

Thanks for your prompt attention,

Dorothy Becker, financial secretary

Winter/Spring 2024 Enrollment is OPEN!

Visit sokolspirit.org to register. Some of our classes fill up quickly, so be sure to get your spot!

Registration is now open for our winter spring session.

Session runs from 1/8 - 5/17.

Class Halloween Parties

Goblins & Ghouls, Princesses and Pirates all came out to celebrate in their classes.



Sokol Spirit Vendor Fair



Our Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 11th was our largest one to date with 53 vendors!! We appreciate all of the

Vendors who continue to participate in our event.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered with set-up and clean up. A huge thank you to Sis. Carol Shrofe, Sis. Mary Novak and Sis Barcal for continuing to host this event every year.

Thank you to everyone who came to shop or enjoy the delicious sloppy joes!!



Our Tree is Trimmed!!

Thanks to all who came out to make our Zoo





They came, they waited and they tumbled. What a great turn out for our event at Sokol Tabor, November 18th, 2023 in the Turkey Time Competition.



Female Xcel Bronze Ages 6 to 7				
Name	Place	Vault	Floor	All Around
Kenzie Brusaw	4	8.00	8.55	16.55
Charlotte Pros	11	7.50	8.00	15.50
Armani Martinez	14	7.20	7.95	15.15
Makayla Quintana	18	7.70	7.20	14.90
Mackenzie Marasco	19	7.00	7.00	14.00
Elisa Salazar	20	5.90	8.00	13.90

Central District Turkey Time Competition

Saturday November 18, 2023

Sokol Spirit Competitors Results

Female Xcel Bronze Ages 8 to 9				
Name	Place	Vault	Floor	All Around
Vivian Harris	4	8.15	8.70	16.85
Sophia Carrillo	5	8.25	8.50	16.75
Natalie Raygoza	6T	8.10	8.60	16.70
Teegan Langele	7	8.30	8.05	16.35
Angelica Marquardt	8	8.20	8.10	16.30
Magali Garcia	10	7.90	8.25	16.15
Phoebe Cohler	15T	7.50	8.10	15.60
Olivia Roman	17	6.50	7.70	14.20

Female Xcel Bronze Ages 10 to 11				
Name	Place	Vault	Floor	All Around
Annabelle Perez	2T	7.90	8.30	16.20
Lucy Palomar	2T	8.00	8.20	16.20
Aisley Shields	3	8.00	8.00	16.00

Female Xcel Bronze Ages 14 to 15				
Name	Place	Vault	Floor	All Around
Anna Pachla	1	8.35	8.60	16.95

Female Xcel Silver Ages 6 to 7				
Name	Place	Vault	Floor	All Around
Riley O'Connell	1	8.00	8.80	16.80
Alexis Fox	2	7.70	7.60	15.30
Mia Solis	3	5.50	7.55	13.05

Female Xcel Silver Ages 8 to 9				
Name	Place	Vault	Floor	All Around
Penelope Pros	2	8.60	8.65	17.25
Lillian Bakula	3	8.00	8.55	16.55

Female Xcel Silver Ages 10 to 11				
Name	Place	Vault	Floor	All Around
Carolyn Rossie	2	8.50	8.85	17.35
Leilany Padilla	4	8.10	8.40	16.50
Kaya Covaliu	8	7.20	9.00	16.20



Male Level 1 Ages 6 to 7					
Name	Place	Floor	Pommel Horse	Vault	All Around
Timothy Kumis	5	6.90	7.00	9.00	22.90

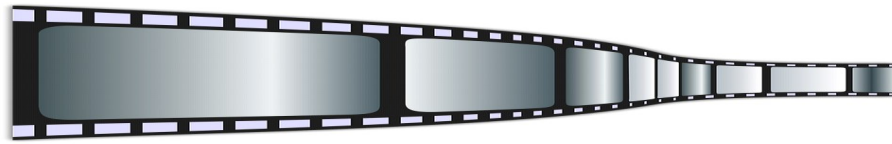
Male Level 1 Ages 10 to 11					
Name	Place	Floor	Pommel Horse	Vault	All Around
James Pachla	1	9.00	9.00	9.00	27.00

Male Level 3 Ages 8 to 9					
Name	Place	Floor	Pommel Horse	Vault	All Around
Aiden O'Toole	2	8.70	6.10	8.80	23.60
Donovan Shields	3	7.50	6.80	9.00	23.30

Male Level 3 Ages 10 to 11					
Name	Place	Floor	Pommel Horse	Vault	All Around
Liam O'Toole	1	8.70	6.60	9.70	25.00



Presenting the 2022/23 Czech Film Series



Join us on the **3rd Friday of the Month** for our Czech Film Series and World Beer Club! The Czech films start at 7pm in our Czech classroom upstairs and with donation of \$5 you get a free pilsner, pop, or water. (Films have English Subtitles).

January 21 Autumn Spring/ Babí léto 2001; 95 Minutes; PG-13 for language; Subtitles; Bittersweet Comedy in the Czech tradition; Vladimír Michálek's Autumn Spring stars the great Vlastimil Brodský (Closely Watched Trains; Jacob The Liar) as Fanda, an old man who refuses to grow up. Despite pleas from his exasperated wife Emilie and son who want him to make some serious decisions about the future, he ignores their nagging and spends the days seeking amusement and adventure. Aided by his pal and former theatre colleague. Fanda keeps his acting skills sharpened by pretending to be a host of fascinating characters.

February 18 Piemule; The Old Believers Documentaries 1983 (45 Minutes); 2001 (43 Minutes); Interview with producer/director Jana Sevcikova at Telluride, CO film festival 2002.G; Subtitles; B/W; **Piemule** is about an ethnic group of Czechs which settled over a hundred and fifty years ago in the hills not far from Timisoara. The ancestors of today's inhabitants, craftsmen and farmers, came to the Romanian highlands around the year 1822 with their families for work and livelihood. In the 17th Century religious schism occurred in Russia when Nikon was elected and reformed dogmas and rituals to unite Russian and Greek Orthodox churches...many challenged this as they felt it belittled traditions. Those that suffered were called Old Believers. Some relocated to China but were sent to Hong Kong, others to Australia, Brazil, Oregon and Alaska. The documentary follows a group some who fled to Turkey on the banks of the Danube Delta of modern day Romania. They fled from a land between Germany and Bohemia, Czech Republic

March 18 Private Century Part 1 and 2 of a Series of 8, hour-long films; 2009; PG 13 Female nudity; Subtitles; Home B/W movies; Jan Sikel edits together actual home-movie footage from the 1920's to the 1960's in order to chronicle the history of Czechoslovakia in the 20th Century.

See more information about this film series, including April and May titles and descriptions, on our website.

Czech Language Classes 2022

Once again, we will be offering Czech Classes at Sokol Spirit. Participants will need to follow any safety protocols set forth by Sokol Spirit, including masks and health screenings. *Based on CDC guidance and students, classes may be held via Zoom*

Basic Conversational Czech - Monday Mornings from 10AM to 11:30

- Session II – 10 weeks, January 24 to March 28, 2022 - \$160
- Session III – 10 weeks, April 4 to June 13, 2022 - \$160

Intermediate Conversational Czech – Wednesday Evenings 7PM to 8:30

- Session II – 10 weeks, January 26 to March 30, 2022 - \$160
- Session III – 10 weeks, April 6 to June 15, 2022 - \$160

Classes are subject to minimum enrollment, and the schedule could change if it becomes necessary. Part-time participation is possible with advance notice and permission of the instructor at a pro-rated fee.

Thank you for understanding that there may be circumstances beyond our control.

A registration form is downloadable at Sokol-spirit.org under the Education Tab, Czech Classes.

Questions? Contact Vera Wilt – 708-268-9350 or czechclass@sokolspirit.org



Sharing in the SPiRiT of the Season

"Happy Holidays from the Becker family".

Veselé Vánoce!

Nazdar!

Bob, Kathy, Ryan, Kaitlyn and
Michael Barcal

Wishing my Sokol family and friends a Very Merry
Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2024.
Carol Shrofe



*"Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a happy
and healthy 2024!"*

Peace,

Blaine & Jacki Ptacek-Rada

"May the new year bring peace and joy to all!"

Happy Holidays

Marge Maskill Amlie

"Happy Holidays"

Carol Schrofe

"Happy Holidays to one and all!"

With Love!

The Rocush Clan: Chuck & Carol (Keg), Cara, Scott,
McAna & Jordan, Colleen, Riot & Chaz, C.J. Gina,
Mila, A.J. & Audrey, Casey & Lindsay

"Believe in the spirit of Christmas!"

Nazdar!

Sis. Patricia Satek

"Veselé Vánoce a Šťastný Nový Rok!"

Diana & Bruce Rhoades



*"Seasons greetings... Veselé Vánoce! May the
spirit of Christmas be with you throughout the New
Year!"*

Blessings to you,

Paul & Lynne (Ptacek) Goodridge

"Happy Holidays"

Frances Engstom



PRESENTS ITS 2023-24 EDUCATIONAL LINE-UP OF CZECH FILM CLASSES

(English Subtitles) on the **3rd Friday of the Month** to coincide with the Sokol Spirit World Beer Club which starts at 8pm! The Czech films start at 7pm in our Czech classroom upstairs and with donation of \$5 you get a free pilsner, pop, or water. Our Czech language instructor will be introducing you to all the film background and will be there to answer questions. This is our 10th season! 5/2023a

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!!

2024

February 16, Barefoot or Barefoot on Stalks/ Po strništi bos, 2017, 111 minutes, Subtitles, PG The film follows the young boy Eda Souček and his extended family during World War II. The family has to move to his family's home in the countryside home because Eda's father refuses to Heil in his job. Eda makes new friends and gets used to life in the village. He also meets his uncle who is known as Vlk. Vlk doesn't get along with rest of the family because he tried to strangle his mother. Eda eventually befriends Vlk. Life in the village is influenced by war. A prequel to The Elementary School shown September 5, 2014

March 15, Zátopek, 2021, 131 minutes, Subtitles, PG Athlete Ron Clarke competes at the 1968 Summer Olympics but fails to win any medal. Feeling disappointed that he might have lost his last chance to win an Olympics medal he starts to doubt his career and decides to meet Emil Zátopek (Czech Olympian) whom he adores. The film is about their dialogue during which the audience can learn retrospectively about Zátopek's sports career and his life. A GREAT Sports film, many shots show athletes in Sokol uniform and stadiums like the Strahov where several Slets have been held.

April 19: Servants/ Sluhové, 2020, 80 minutes, B/W, Subtitles, PG Czechoslovakia, 1980.

May 17: Anthropoid, 2006, 120 minutes, Subtitles, PG In December 1941

More information about the whole line-up is on the Sokol Spirit website. Sokol Spirit's Education Committee reserves the right to change movies due to circumstances beyond their control.

Don't forget: World Beer Club follows in the building's lower level starting at 8pm!

World Beer Club— January 19, February 16

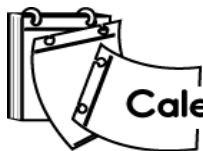


Join Sokol Spirit every 3rd Friday of the month as we enjoy the vast variety of the beers from around the world. \$10 cover charge per participant (must be 21 or older) includes a flight of 6 beers. Each month will feature beers/tasters from a different region or with a unique theme. Beers will be rated by all tasters. Receive a punch card to earn a free flight. Be part of the "Club": WBC glasses available: \$5. If you haven't joined us yet, give WBC a try! You may enjoy the company more than the beer! :)



Wheels Class—August 2023

<p>SAVE</p>	<p>AMERICAN SOKOL INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL</p>
<p>JULY 13TH - JULY 21ST 2024 LEVELS: BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED, ADVANCED II</p>	<p>THE</p>
<p>DATE</p>	<p>Sokol Cedar Rapids 5200 18th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404</p> 



Calendar of Events

December 2023/January 2024:

December 18-January 7: No Classes

January 19: Friday Film and World Beer Club

January 28: Flap Jack Open

January 28: Pancake Breakfast

Recurring meetings

First Wednesday

All members welcome to the Unit meeting!

Sokol Spirit Unit Meeting 7:30 pm

Save the dates:

February 16: Friday Film and World Beer Club

February 24: Trivia Night Event

Watch for information on our website or by email.

Stay well everyone!



On behalf of Sokol Spirit leadership, we wish you and yours the happiest and healthiest holidays ever!

See you in 2024!



Don't forget to check in at the gym: www.facebook.com/sokolspirit



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