

Serpent Times

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Are you receiving email updates?

Please forward an email to s_e_a_y@yahoo.com and request your email be added to the distribution list – this way you will be “in the loop” when it comes to the latest news here at SEAY.

Neil's kickboard

The results are in and it's unanimous, SEAY rocked the blocks last weekend at Carthage College. We sent 52 swimmers to the meet and scored 1,359 points – good enough for 9th of 22 teams (we were the 3rd best team from WI in the meet!). Ben Gabbey (50Br) and Emily Bollendorf (1Fr) notched new state standards while Bollendorf, Dana Iverson, Gabbey and Ivar Iverson all posted swims in the top ten of SEAY all-time! Crazy time improvements were recorded by Natalia Badillo (-10.04 in the 50Br), Alyssa Curty (-14.84 in the 1Ba), Maggie Danzer (-25.99 in the 500Fr), Matthew Evans (-12.18 in the 50Br), Meredith Freidheim (-10.65 in the 1Fr), Cayla Julius (-8.83 in the 50Fr), Sara LaMothe (-9.19 in the 1Ba), Kaylee Leslie (-8.37 in the 1Fr), Jason Lewis (-10.90 in the 1Br), Will Mattison (-39.39 in the 2Ba), Caitlin Mertins (-10.73 in the 1Br), Aysia Payne (-20.71 in the 1Fr), Alice Pennings (-8.96 in the 2IM), Abby Polzin (-36.98 in the 2Fr), Kallia Reske (-11.67 in the 1Fr), Emelia Selky (-13.31 in the 1Ba), Quinn Shannon (-5.98 in the 1Fr), Olivia Siudak (-11.78 in the 1Fr), Claire Weyers (-17.71 in the 2Ba), Lauren Zenisek (-19.90 in the 50Ba) and Rachel Zenisek (-9.74 in the 1Bf). A couple of reminders from the coaching staff – please be on time for warm-ups and if you are unable to make the meet, please notify a coach as soon as possible. On the lighter side, a quick survey of the 10 & Under girls on Sunday showed that it's way more fun writing on one another's back than swimming events. If you are a boy who lost one of those cool SEAY team swim caps, see me. Great job swimmers!

- 1) We have a new fundraising email ... seayfundraising@yahoo.com. Beth Polzin would like to thank everyone that help with the pie sale this year ... the most successful one to date pulling in close to \$4,000 and 200+ more items than last year! Heather Smith has joined the board as co-fundraising chair. She joins SEAY with her three swimmers from the Beaver Dam YMCA and served as parent liaison there. She can be reached at 262.939.5581 and via email at heather.smith50@gmail.com.
- 2) We will be attending the CPSC Invite the weekend of January 8. This meet is our winter travel meet (remember last year ... we went to the University of Minnesota). Entries were due November 23rd. Hotel information will be posted soon. The pool is 125 miles from Racine. Take advantage of swimming against swimmers you don't know and visiting somewhere new. Contact me if you would like to attend.
- 3) Congratulations to Kris Suidak on completing her four shadows ... she is no an “official” official. Speaking of officials, if you are interested (no experience necessary by the way), Dave Pennings (djennings@wi.rr.com) has organized a Stroke & Turn Clinic to take place during the SWAT Open on Saturday, December 5. Get involved!
- 4) Need a team suit? This year's team suit is Speedo Endurance Pacific Rhythm. Any swim outlet should have this in stock. There are a couple of links (Speedo, All-American and Kiefer) on the links page of the SEAY website. Also, if you ordered a suit (girls) and did not receive it, please contact me.
- 5) I would like to meet with the new parents again. The next new parent meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 15 at Park beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please meet in the pool office. If you can't make it, please call and let's chat.
- 6) So we are all on the same page, all high school girls should be back in the water by Monday, November 30. High school boys should return to SEAY when they finish their last high school meet. High school girls returning to SEAY can register on November 30 at Park from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget to order your 25th anniversary hoodies and t-shirts!

Bowling party scheduled

Mark your calendar, SEAY will be hitting the lanes Saturday, January 23 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is open to all swimmers (bummer bowling will be available for the little ones) and will take place at Castle Lanes. Cost will be \$14 and covers shoes and bowling for 2 hours. Forward your name to Neil if you plan on attending.

What's new in the blue?

We will be hosting a Mutual of Omaha BREAKout Swim Clinic on April 25 at Carthage College. The clinic will last four hours and includes 2.5 hours of in-water instruction (covering all four strokes), an inspirational talk, 30 minutes of Q & A and 30 minutes for pictures and autographs. Also, each swimmer will receive a t-shirt, poster and drawstring bag. Our athlete will be Olympian Josh Davis and we are trying to also bring in either Jason Lezak or Aaron Peirsol. Cost is yet to be determined. Save the date!

Upcoming Meets

Most swimmers currently on the team are ready for meets ... if you are interested in competing, please contact Neil. Driving directions, meet information, entries and fees can be found on the website.

- 1) **SWAT Open** will be held at Waukesha South High School on December 5
 - a. Entry deadline has passed
- 2) **Short Course Junior National Championships** will be held in Columbus, Ohio December 10-12
 - a. Qualifying standards
 - b. Entry deadline has passed
- 3) **SSTY YMCA Finalist** will be held at Schroeder Aquatic Center (Brown Deer) December 11-13
 - a. Some light time standards associated with this meet
 - b. Entry deadline has passed
- 4) **CPSC Timed Final Invite** will be held at Crown Point High School in Indiana January 8-10
 - a. Entry deadline was November 23 – you can still get into the meet!
 - b. Hotel information coming soon
 - c. This pool is 125 miles from Racine and will be our winter travel meet, which are a lot of fun!
- 5) **SEAY Oddball Challenge** will be held at Waukesha South High School January 16-17
 - a. **ALL** swimmers should attend this meet
 - b. Entry deadline is December 31
- 6) **Distance Time Trials** will be held at Park High School January 22
 - a. Great opportunity to gain valuable experience in longer races (200+) for swimmers needing it
 - i. Take advantage!
 - b. Entry deadline is January 19
- 7) **Tri w/GYST +1** will be held at Lake Geneva YMCA January 24
 - a. Entry deadline is January 17

Practice location for the next week

Wed., Nov. 25	Case @ Case, Park @ Park
Thu., Nov. 26	No practice
Fri., Nov. 27	No practice
Sat., Nov. 28	Gr/BI/S1/S2 & diving practice for swimmers NOT currently certified to dive off the blocks @ YMCA
Mon., Nov. 30	Case @ Case, Park @ Park
Tue., Dec. 1	Combined @ Park
Wed., Dec. 2	Case @ Case, Park @ Park

Are you placing an order for SEAY clothing (from the link on the website)

If you are ordering SEAY items from the link on the homepage of the website and those items will be Christmas gifts, please indicate that when you place your order so the items arrive at practice in a sealed box.

25th anniversary hoodies and t-shirts

On the homepage of the website you can download an order form for 25th anniversary hoodies and t-shirts. Show your SEAY spirit and order yours today! **Deadline to order is December 14.**

T-shirts ordered to date:

- Smith – youth (medium & large), adult (medium)
- Bollendorf – youth (large), adult (small)
- Hernandez – adult (x-large), youth (medium)
- Lewis – youth (large), adult (x-large, 3x-large)
- Bleser – youth (large), adult (2 large)

Rose – adult (large, 2x-large)

Hoodies ordered to date:

Hernandez – adult (x-large), youth (medium)

Julius – adult (medium and large)

Lewis – adult (small)

Bleser – youth (large), adult (large)

Rose – adult (small, 2 medium)

Colston – youth (large)

Reske – youth (large)



Personalized SEAY swim caps

Swimmers interested in acquiring personalized SEAY swim caps should forward their desired name (name you want on the cap) to Neil. A list of caps to be ordered will be maintained here and names will be accepted until November 23. A minimum of two caps must be ordered and the style of cap is similar to our green/black dome caps (estimated cost will be between \$17-\$20 per cap – depends on the number ordered). ***The order will be placed next week!***

CURTY – 2	JONES – 2	WESLASKI – 2	POLZIN – 2
BOYCE – 2	J WERGIN – 2	BLESER – 2	ROSE – 2
REISCHL – 2	VISSERS – 2	SMITH – 2	JULIUS – 2
RESKE – 2			

12 & Under State hotel

Families attending this season’s 12 & Under USA State can now reserve their hotel room. \$89 per night (includes hot breakfast buffet, pool & hot tub, 2 blocks from West Towne Mall). Release date is Friday, February 5. Call 608.662.1990, ext. 7603 and ask for the SEAY rate to book a room.

Americinn Madison West
516 Grand Canyon Rd.
Madison, WI

Diving off the blocks

Swimmers who have yet to complete their certification for diving off the blocks at our local high schools are now encouraged to attend Saturday practices at the YMCA from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. (stop in any time). USA Swimming mandates swimmers learning how to dive off the side of the pool or learning to dive off the blocks must do so in a minimum of six feet of water ... none of the local high schools meet this requirement on the starting block side of the pool. So what does this mean for you? Well, if you have completed the racing start certification requirement (check with your coach if you are unsure), it means nothing. If you are in the process of completing the racing start certification requirement, you will learn how to dive at the local high school pools (in the diving well), but you will not learn how to dive off the blocks. Beginning Saturday, October 10 there will be a SEAY coach at the YMCA to work with any swimmer who currently needs to complete the certification process for diving off the blocks. This practice will take place in one lane and will be offered every Saturday during the season (regardless if a meet is scheduled or not – the last practice will be held at March 13). Remember, if you have completed the certification for diving off the blocks, you are not allowed to attend this practice. **Shannon will be coaching on November 7, 21 and December 5. Kim will coach all other dates. This diving practice will not be offered January 16.** Take advantage!

Dropping off swimmers

When dropping swimmers off for practice, please do not drive away until your swimmers notify you that there is a SEAY coach on the deck and that you are at the correct pool ... please refer to the Practice Calendar.

January 12 practice will be held at UW-Parkside

Pool time is not available in Racine on January 12 (high school dual meets at all three schools). Pool time is available at UW-Parkside – 4:30-6:30 p.m. Directions for this pool is on the SEAY website. Here’s the adjusted practice times for this night:

Pups	4:30-5:15 p.m.
Lions	4:30-5:15 p.m.
Serpents	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Green	5:15-6:30 p.m.
Blue	5:15-6:30 p.m.
Senior 1	4:30-6:30 p.m.
Senior 2	4:30-6:30 p.m.

We MUST be out of the building by 7:00 p.m. Additionally, donations would be appreciated to help cover the cost of renting the UW-Parkside pool. Donations can come in the form of cash or checks made to SEAY. Thank you to the handful of families who forwarded donations during the October 6 practice ... your kind gesture is appreciated.

SCRIP fundraising program

The schedule for SCRIP orders is now included in the fundraising portion of our website. All deliveries will be in the **pool balcony from 6:00 – 6:30 PM** on “combined practice” nights. Deliveries will typically be on Tuesdays.

*REMINDER-You must go to www.shopwithscrip.com and register for Presto Pay at least 2 days before placing your first order. We do not accept checks or credit cards for SCRIP payments. SEAY’S Enrollment Code is 173DF3A917711. Thank you for supporting SEAY by participating in our new Scrip fundraising program.

Parents on the pool deck

It is SEAY’s policy that parents refrain from sitting on the pool deck during practice. Parents wishing to view practice must do so from the balcony at Case and Park or the bleachers at Horlick. Please do not be offended if a coach asks you to move to the balcony. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking at Case

If you are attending practice at Case High School you must park in the south lot next to the tennis courts. Failure to do so may result in having your vehicle towed.

Severe weather – it’s coming

So there’s some snow on the ground and you’re wondering whether or not SEAY practice will be held? Well, while listening to local radio or watching local television stations you hear or see RUSD has canceled school or after school activities, that means SEAY practice is canceled too. If you’re not sure, call the office at (262) 635-3843, check the homepage of the website or check your email (remember, you’ll only receive an email if you supplied one during registration – send an email to Neil if you are not currently receiving email updates from s_e_a_y@yahoo.com).

Happy Birthday!

Corbin Coe (11/1)	Taylor Pham (11/1)	Alyssa Curty (11/5)
Jacqueline Johnson (11/11)	Quinn Shannon (11/11)	Sam Aiello (11/13)
Mikayla Stackman (11/16)	Sydney Aiello (11/17)	Jake Gustavson (11/17)
Savannah Pook (11/23)	Kim Richards (11/23)	Meredith Freidheim (11/28)
Emma Mortensen (11/28)	Eilis Purath (11/30)	

SEAY Schedule

Nov. 26-27	No practice, Happy Thanksgiving
Nov. 30	Returning family registration & high school girls tryouts, Park High School, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	SWAT Open
Dec. 10-12	Junior Nationals
Dec. 11-13	SSTY YMCA Finalist
Dec. 15	New parent meeting with Neil, 6:00 p.m. at Park
Dec. 24-25	No practice, Happy Holidays
Dec. 31	No practice, Happy New Year’s Eve & entry deadline for SEAY Oddball Challenge
Jan. 1	No practice, Happy New Year & entry deadline for SSTY A+
Jan. 8-10	CPSC Invite

Jan. 12 Practice to be held at UW-Parkside (times are changed – see section in newsletter)
Jan. 16-17 SEAY Oddball Challenge
Jan. 17 Entry deadline for dual w/GYST +1
Jan. 19 Entry deadline for Distance Time Trials
Jan. 21 Entry deadline for SEAY Open
Jan. 22 Distance Time Trials
Jan. 24 Tri Dual w/GYST +1

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