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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Spring & Summer returning registration will be held at Sealed Air YMCA on Monday, April 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Next board meeting is March 4 at 6:30 p.m. - Case High School. All welcome!
- Team swim caps are now available. Get yours today! \$12 per cap from either Mike or Neil. Team car decals available too!

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Neil's Kickboard

Wow! We had an great weekend of swimming in Milwaukee and our high school boys posted solid results in Kenosha too. Good job everyone!

The deadline to turn in Popcorn order forms has been extended to February 24th with a revised pick-up date of March 6th at Case.

Rebecca Scharff is still in search of a parent to organize the Pups and Dragons baskets for our upcoming Wine tasting, Silent Auction & Raffle. Please contact me if you are interested and able to assist! (This event raised \$4,000 last year and everyone's help is needed and appreciated.)

Our annual team picture is right around the corner. This year's team picture will happen at Case on Tuesday, March 4. I will hand out forms a week prior to that date. Swimmers who want individual or sibling pictures taken should be ready to go at 5:30 p.m. The team picture will follow at 6:00-6:15 p.m. We usually have about 70% of the team in attendance - let's

have 100% of the team this year! Save the date - Team Picture on March 4th!

With YMCA Sectionals & YMCA State approaching, be aware a swimmer's age for these meets is determined by the



We head to Mequon this weekend to partake in the 2014 Regional event that will be held at Homestead High School. This meet represents the final opportunity to qualify for the upcoming USA State meets. Good luck!

date of December 1, 2013 and not the first day of the meet as every other meet we attend. What does this mean? How ever old a swimmer is on December 1, 2013 is the age s/he will compete in the meet. It's an antiquat-

ed YMCA rule which needs to go away, but seems to have a life of its own.

Speaking of YMCA Sectionals, ALL swimmers are encouraged to attend this event as our season ending meet for those athletes not attending YMCA State or Nationals. Don't forget, YMCA Sectionals also represents an athletes last opportunity to qualify for YMCA State. The event will be held in Oconomowoc on March 15 and 16. Deadline to register is February 25. Take advantage!

Our next Team Travel meet will take place this July as we head back to Appleton for the Bird Bath Open. 30 rooms have already been reserved (5 Kind Suites and 25 rooms with two Queen beds). All information you need for this event is located on page 4 of this newsletter. Won't you join us?

Please call or email me if you ever have any questions or concerns. 262.898.4766 and at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com.

Regional Meet Information

The annual Regional meet kicks-off this Friday in Mequon and runs through Sunday.

Friday evening all age-groups swim in the same session. Warm-ups begin at 4:30 p.m., the meet begins at 5:35 p.m. and is scheduled to end at 8:26 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday AM warm-ups for 10&U and 11-12 swimmers begins at 7:30 a.m., the meet begins at 8:35 a.m.

and is scheduled to end at 12:42 p.m. on Saturday and at 12:20 p.m. on Sunday.

Saturday PM warm-ups for 8&U, 13-14 and Senior swimmers begin at 12:45 p.m., meet begins at 1:45 p.m. and is scheduled to end at 6:49 p.m.

Sunday PM warm-ups for 8&U, 13-14 and Senior swimmers begin at 12:30 p.m., meet begins at 1:30 p.m. and is

scheduled to end at 6:02 p.m.

High school boys are permitted to deck-seed any days, any events. If you are close to a State cut, take advantage of this opportunity. Contact Neil for more information.

Time Trials will be offered Sunday after the PM session.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!



One of the strengths of our team is the strong pool of officials we have. Please think about becoming an official.

In regards to our vision to building our own training facility, the YMCA Board of Directors kicked off their Strategic Planning meetings last May (the meetings will conclude at the end October). The Board will discuss the future plans for the Sealed Air Y and a handful of other projects. We will anxiously await their findings.

Aging up, it happens to everyone.



Become an Official ... it's easy

It's that time of year again ... time to solicit parents to take that step to become officials.

We had an outstanding response last year and certified six new officials during our current Fall & Winter Season. Thanks to those who went through the process!

At this point, we are just taking names of interested parents who would be willing to take the first officials

class - Stroke & Turn Officials Clinic.

Parents who desire to become a USA Swimming Official will pay for their class and Background Check and once they have gone through their apprenticeship, SEA reimburses all expenses incurred during the process.

Moving forward, parents who continue to maintain their USA Swimming Membership as an Official and

support our hosted meets as officials, SEA will continue to cover their membership fees.

Once we have 5-6 parents listed in this section, we'll schedule a clinic.

Parents interested in becoming an Official, please contact Neil at 262.898.4766 or via email south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com. Thanks!

SCRIP - The Easiest Way to Fundraise

Here are the current order by/delivery on dates for SCRIP: order by order by order by order by order by February 17, delivery on February 20; order by March 3, delivery on March 6; order by March 17, delivery on March 20. Deadline to order is 8 AM. All deliveries will be in the balcony from 5:30 p.m to 6:00 p.m. Individual arrangements can also be made.

Your order can be placed at

www.shopwithscrip.com by using the SEA enrollment code of 173DF3A917711 and registering for PrestoPay a minimum of two days before placing your first order. DO NOT place your first order until the PrestoPay registration process is complete. PrestoPay is safe, simple and the only payment method accepted by SEA. Happy Shopping!

SCRIP Quick Facts

1) www.shopwithscrip.com

2) SEA enrollment code = 173DF3A917711

3) Payment method = PrestoPay

4) Deliveries are scheduled 1-2 times per month during practice. Other options include ScripNow (print at home) and Re-load

Questions? Please contact Brenda Rose at brose7@wi.rr.com or Kim Wergin at kimwergin@aol.com. Thanks!

January & February Birthdays

Sebastian B. & Sofia B.
Halina C. & Jake E.
Scott P. & Kaite P.
Abby P. & Vincent P.
Sebastian R. & Marlee R.

Ali S. & Tiffany S.
Drew E. & Adara J.
Jason L. & Alyssa S.
James T. & Cassie B.
Joey D. & Lindsey F.

Abby K. & Sam M.
Zachary P. & Cameron P.
Brett E. & Megan G.
Hannah M. & Aysia P.
Cole S. & Lauren Z.

Save the Dates for our Spring & Summer Meets



Please mark your calendars and update your smart phones for our upcoming meets.

We will be hosting three meets during the upcoming Spring & Summer Season. These events are huge fundraisers for our team and all families benefit for the revenue generated from these events with economical swim fees.

Our first meet will be the 6th Annual SEA

Early Bird. This meet will be held May 3-4 in Brown Deer at Schroeder.

The second meet we host will be the 5th Annual SEA Summer Sizzler. This meet will be held June 20-21 in Pleasant Prairie at the Rec Plex.

The final meet of the summer we are hosting will be the 13&O State Championships. This meet will be held July 31-August 3 in Pleasant Prairie at the Rec Plex.

To give families an idea of what kind of meet income is generated from the meets we run ... this year's budgeted meet revenue is \$65,000, roughly 40% of the operating budget.

With our vision to build a pool, hosting meets also builds a next egg for that project.

Your continued support working SEA hosted meets has been and always will be greatly appreciated.

YMCA National Hotel Rooms

Rooms have been reserved for the upcoming YMCA National swim meet in Greensboro, North Carolina, April 1-4.

Rooms have been reserved at the Quality Inn & Suites, 7067 Albert Pick Road, Greensboro, NC 27409. (Roughly eight miles from the event venue.)

Rooms are reserved from Sunday, March 30 with check-out happening on Friday, April 4. Room rates are \$89.99 per night plus tax, come with two queen beds and include a full hot breakfast.

If you need a room, please call 336.668.3638 and pull a room

from the reserved block of rooms held under the South Eastern Aquatics, Racine Family YMCA Swim Team.

The deadline to reserve a room is Friday, March 14. The group account number is 1597884.



2nd Annual Wine Tasting, Raffle & Silent Auction

This is a reminder that our awesome UNCORKT fundraiser is March 28. Look for more information about this event in the upcoming weeks.

Like last year I am looking to have each swim group put together a basket to raffle off at the event. This was very successful and we were able to raise quite a bit on money. Last year we had some wonderful parents volunteer for some of the groups and this year I am hoping for 100% participation from

parents in all of the groups. If you would like to be the parent volunteer for your child's group please let me know! Once we have the volunteers for each group I will send out more information.

In addition, if there are any parents who would like to assist me in obtaining silent auction donations I would love it. I am trying to have a small group put together for this (a committee of sorts). If you don't have the time, but know businesses we can contact please let me know.

Also, if you have anything you would like to donate you can let me know.

Last year was very successful and was a fantastic time. Let's make this year even better! Thank you parents for all of your help and support of this swim team! Rebecca Scharff - 414.807.4353.



The Raffle & Silent Auction portion of our Wine Tasting event was well received last year. This a call for help to develop our raffle baskets. Your help is needed!

12&U State Hotel Information



We have secured rooms at the same hotel we stayed at last year.

“It’s amazing how much can be accomplished if no one cares who gets the credit.” ~ John Wooden

A block of ten rooms have been reserved under South Eastern Aquatics at the Madison Marriott West.

The address of the hotel is 1313 John Q Hammons Drive in Middleton.

The block of rooms will be held until February 14. Call 608.831.2000 to pull a room from the reserved block.

Each room has two beds and run \$115 per night plus taxes.

The meet this year will be held at the UW-Madison Natatorium. If

you have not heard, the Natatorium is in a fight for its life.

The powers that be want to bring baseball to the UW-Madison campus and will need to eliminate a men’s sport ... swimming is its sites. A sad state of affairs to say the least.

Anyone with time and an interest can join in the letter writing campaign in an attempt to save the pool and the men’s swimming program.

A link to the Save the Nat facebook page can be found in the SEA SWIM TEAM facebook page.

The 12&U State meet has a rich tradition in Madison and is always a fun experience for the 700+ swimmers throughout Wisconsin that attend the meet annually.

In addition, with the current structure of the WIAA State meet, the UW-Madison Natatorium is the only facility capable of hosting that meet (because of the number of spectators). If the pool is demolished, the WIAA State meet (both girls and boys) will look significantly different in the coming years than it does today.

NBSC Valentine Meet Recap

Great meet last weekend despite the early warm-up times. :)

Jake Trask broke JJ Lipor’s 2000 2Bf team record of 2:25.12 with his effort of 2:22.45.

New State qualifying achieved by Natalia Badillo (50Bf, 2IM, 1Fr), Sofia Badillo (50Br), Bailey Bleser (4IM), Sara Bollendorf (1IM, 2Bf), Marlee Reischl

(500Fr), and CJ Trask (50Bf).

Posting some of the fastest times in team history were Sara Bollendorf (6th 2Bf), Maren Hoferitza-Palermo (7th 1Ba, 8th 1Bf, 7th 2Bf, 8th 2IM), CJ Trask (7th 50BF), Jake Trask (2nd 2Ba, 4th 2IM, 8th 50Fr), and Bailey Bleser (9th 4IM).

Posting all best times were Isabelle Buhler, Emily Cain,

Sam Munagavalasa, Ali Scharff, Grady Trask, and Jake Trask.

Dropping more than five seconds in a single event included Natalia Badillo –7.23 2IM, Sofia Badillo –29.39 1Bf, Bailey Bleser –10.99 4IM, Emily Cain –25.15 500Fr, Rachel Christensen –13.29 1Bf, Ali Scharff –17.11 2Ba, and Jake Trask –5.51 2Bf.

Keep it up swimmers!

Bird Bath Open ... this summer



Last summer we attended the Bird Bath Open in Appleton at the outdoor 50-meter pool (Erb Park) after not attending this event for many years.

Similar to the Green Bay meet, this travel meet offers our families an opportunity to bond in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

The park where the pool is located is surrounded by

acres and acres of green grass and trees along with playgrounds and other recreational fields.

Families who attended last year brought their shade tents and folding chairs and relaxed in the shade enjoying each others company while they waited for their swimmers to compete.

This summer we’ll be heading back to the Bird Bath Open and the dates are set ... July 11-13 and rooms have been blocked off at the same hotel as last year

(County Inn & Suites). The rate is \$105 + tax. Five rooms are king suites (w/ pullout sofa) and 25 rooms are come with two queen beds (all rooms are equipped with microwaves and refrigerators). The hotel offers a hot breakfast too. Call 920.830.3240 by June 11 to reserve your room.

Mark your calendars and join us won’t you? Good times (both in and out of the pool) are guaranteed to be had by all.

WIAA Sectionals Recap



After the NBSC Valentine Open at UW-Milwaukee, I had the pleasure of watching our high school boys compete at Carthage College during

SEA will be represented by six swimmers this weekend in Madison.

the WIAA Sectional competition (this was one meet of six happening throughout our state).

Qualifying for Saturday's WIAA State meet in Madison included: David Donnell (200 Medley Relay), Ivar Iverson (200 Medley Relay, 2IM, 1Br), Collin Flynn (200 Medley Relay, 1Ba), Zach Hovan and Charlie Julius (200 Medley Relay), and Nick Galis (2Fr, 1Fr).

Heading into the State meet, our

boys are seeded as follows: Bradford 200 Medley Relay seeded 17th, Case 200 Medley Relay 19th, Nick Galis 2Fr 22nd, 1Fr 17th, Ivar Iverson 2IM 6th, 1Br 3rd, and Collin Flynn 22nd 1Ba.

Good luck this weekend boys!

Also, those boys not making to WIAA State are encouraged to return to SEA ASAP! Regionals is this weekend and while you are still taper, deck-seed some races and attempt to qualify for additional swims for the upcoming USA & YMCA State meets.

“Tentatively, this year’s 13&O Training Trip will take place June 22-29. We will be heading back to Laguna Beach, FL.”

13&Over Training Trip Information

Every two years we offer a 13&O Training Trip and if you have attended any SEA Banquet and heard the graduating seniors speak, almost everyone shares memories about their training trip and that if you (other swimmers) get a chance to go ... go.

Tentatively, this year's trip will take place June 22-29. We will be staying in the same location as the past two trips (Laguna Beach, FL) and be training at the same facility as the last two trips (the Panama City Beach Aquatic Center).

Two year's ago the cost for transportation

(via van), lodging and pool rental was \$678 per swimmer.

Swimmers will need additional funds to cover meals and incidentals.

As this is a training-trip, there's no side excursions really planned except for dinner at the Red Bar in Grayton Beach and an afternoon trip to the quaint town of Seaside (where the movie *The Truman Show* was filmed).

At this time, please forward your name to Neil if you are planning on attending and if you are willing to chaperone (first come

first served).

To date, Erin Cain, Rachel Zenisek, Kayla Rose, Emily Bollendorf, Josh Bote, Ivar Iverson, Caitlin Mertins, Jason Lewis, Maren Hoferitza-Palermo, Will Buhler, Bailey Bleser, Tiffany Steffes, Claire Holewinski, Paige Betthausen, Jacob MacKenzie and Marlee Reischl is planning on attending. A minimum of 12 swimmers are needed for this trip to happen.

More information will be available towards the end of the Fall & Winter Season.

Please contact Neil if you have questions.

Not your Normal Popcorn Fundraiser has Starter

Hello Families!

We are having a new fundraiser that stars ASAP! We are having a popcorn sale through Jane's Simply Delicious based out of Cudahy, WI. The parent board had the opportunity to try ten of the flavors at our last meeting and they are awesome! Here are the details:

1) Sale begins ASAP with order forms due Wednesday, February 24th. You can pick up forms from

the coaches beginning tonight.

- 2) Please make checks payable to SEA. Money must be included with your order forms.
- 3) Pick-up will be Thursday, March 6th at Case.
- 4) 50% of all sales will go towards your fundraising. Already reached your \$150? Don't forget that 1/2 of all money raised above this amount goes right back into your

family account.

- 5) Once again, this popcorn is amazing! With the prizes being fairly low we hope this is a success for everyone.
- 6) Please contact me via email at rebeccascharff@yahoo.com or via phone at 414.807.4353 with any questions.

Thanks and good luck!





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**Parent Motto:
Love, Support, Transport.**

SEA's Mission:

To empower the youth of Southeastern Wisconsin to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.

SEA's Vision:

As a swim team without a true home, it's SEA's vision to one day build a pool to call home.

Established in 1984, we are set to celebrate our 30th anniversary this year!

On the Starting Blocks

February 2014

21-23, Regional Championships
28-2, 12&U State

March 2014

4, Team Picture
4, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - all welcome!
6-9, 13&O State
15-16, YMCA Sectionals

21, End of SEASON Time Trials

21-23, YMCA State

28, Wine Tasting, Silent Auction, Raffle

April 2014

1-4, YMCA Nationals
7, Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. - all welcome
14, Returning Registration, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Sealed Air Y

May 2014

1, Sprint Time Trials

3-4, 6th Annual SEA Early Bird

8, Annual Awards Banquet - no practice

9, SEA vs. NBSC

16-18, BDSC Open

22, Packers vs. Brewers Dual (for Pups, Lions and Dragons)

30-1, PX3 Invite

June 2014



5, Packers vs. Brewers Dual (for Pups, Lions and Dragons)

6, EBSC 8&U Swim Your Own Age

6-8, SHOR Open

13, Tri-Dual w/LGSC & KYST

20-21, 5th Annual SEA Summer Sizzler

22-29, 13&O Training Trip (tentative dates)

July 2014

11-13, Bird Bath Open

31-3, 13&O State (SEA hosted)

August 2014

4-26, OST (off-season training)

September 2014

2-18, OST

22, First day of practice

**Take a look at the months ahead
and stay up-to-date.**