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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- We will offer practice this Friday and Saturday ... take advantage! (No diving practice this Saturday though.)
- The next parent board meeting will be held February 23, 6:00 p.m. at Case. All welcome!
- Need a swim cap? Please speak with Coach Neil or Coach Mike. \$12 per cap.

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Neil's Kickboard

52 of our teammates are heading to Green Bay tomorrow for the Titledown Freeze. We still have practice Friday night at Case and Saturday morning at Sealed Air. The diving practice at Lakefront Y is canceled this Saturday as is the weight practice Saturday at Sealed Air.

Did you enter your swimmers in our upcoming Groundhog Grand Prix? It's the final team hosted event of the season and it will take place at the RecPlex in Pleasant Prairie on February 1. To date, 55 swimmers are entered in the meet. Don't miss out!

Are you taking pledges for the upcoming Swim-a-Thon? I hope so! This is the final week before we meet on deck on January 22 and the Swim-a-Thon takes place. Will your son or daughter be the

top fundraiser this year? Will I go bald? Will Mike sport a pink Mohawk? Tune in to find out. :)

New to the Swim-a-Thon this year is online giving. Have your



A lot of fast swimming was going on last weekend in Brown Deer. Thanks to all the families and friends who helped out!

friends and relatives near and far donate via the home page Swim-a-Thon link (on the right side of the page towards the top). Our goal

is \$10,000 ... can we reach it? With everyone's help I'm sure we can!

Registration for the upcoming Spring & Summer Season is now set! Returning Registration will take place at Sealed Air Y on March 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and also on the first day of practice - April 13 (location TBA). Registration for Summer Only will take place on May 18 (location TBA). Dates for this Spring & Summer Season line up like this: Spring & Summer (April 13-July 29), Spring Only (April 13-June 20), and Summer Only (June 1-July 29).

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

Titletown Freeze Information

It's time for our team travel meet to Green Bay ... let the fun begin!

Warm-ups for Friday night begin at 4:30 p.m. and the meet begins at 5:25 p.m. The remaining warm-up sessions are assigned (please be on time) and look like this:

Saturday & Sunday AM warm-ups

(9-10, 11-12 swimmers) begin at 7:25 a.m. in lanes 3-4 and the meet begins at 7:55 a.m.

Saturday PM warm-ups (8&U, 13-14, Senior swimmers) begin at 12:45 p.m. in lane 4 and the meet begins at 1:20 p.m.

Sunday PM warm-ups (8&U, 13-14,

Senior swimmers) begin at 10:05 a.m. in lane 4 and the meet begins at 11:00 a.m.

The meet will be hosted in Brown Deer at the Downtown YMCA, 235 N. Jefferson St., Green Bay.

Please drive safe, swim fast, and most of all have fun!



Not sure what's going on? Read this section to stay connected and in the loop.

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

Friday, January 16
(practice combined at Case, Titledown Freeze)

Saturday, January 17
(practice combined at Sealed Air, no diving/weight training practice, Titledown Freeze)

Saturday, January 18
(Titledown Freeze, Go Pack Go!)

Monday, January 19
(practice combined at Carthage College - later start times don't forget)

Tuesday, January 20
(practice combined at Park)

Wednesday, January 21
(practice combined at Case)

Thursday, January

22 (no practice, Swim-a-Thon at Case)

Friday, January 23
(no practice, Distance Time Trials at Case)

Saturday, January 24
(practice combined at Sealed Air & diving practice at Lakefront Y)

Spring & Summer Registration Schedule

Although the weather outside is frightful, it's about time to begin planning for the upcoming Spring & Summer Season.

The Spring & Summer Season will begin April 13 and run through July 29.

The Spring only dates are April 13 through June 20.

The Summer only dates are June 1 through July 29.

PM practice times remain as

they are now through the Spring & Summer Seasons.

AM practices are added once school is finished and those practices will be held at Meadowbrook Country Club between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

The registration schedule looks like this:

Returning Registration will take place at Sealed Air Y on March

30 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and also on the first day of practice - April 13 (location TBA). Registration for Summer Only will take place on May 18 (location TBA).

If you have never been with SEA for a summer session you are in for a treat as it's way more fun to swim outside than indoors (as long as the weather cooperates). Summer will be here soon!



Saturday night's team dinner details are set in stone ... hope to SEA you there!

Green Bay Team Dinner Plans

I was informed Curly's Pub will be closed for the season so you will need to make other arrangements for Friday night. They recommend the chain restaurants nearby or either Kröll's West or the Stadium View. Doesn't sound like either takes reservations.

For Saturday night we will have a team dinner at the hotel in the conference area (same as last

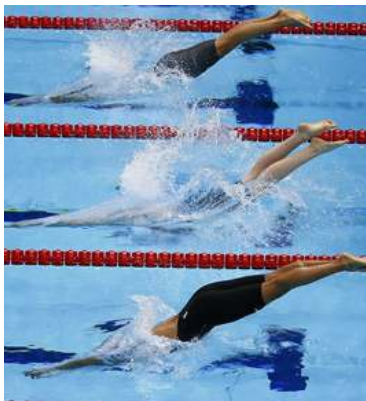
year). The cost is \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids 10&U and free for 2&U. This will include a tossed salad, pizza, and soda. To assure the proper count please RSVP me (Rebecca Scharff) ASAP. Money will be due by Thursday, January 15. Please make checks payable to SEA. On the envelope make sure you write your family's name. The room will be open 6-10 PM with

dinner at 6:30 PM.

In addition, one of our parents has graciously offered to donate proceeds from a Super Bowl fundraiser to the team. He will be there to sell squares, draw numbers, and collect money. Cost is \$50 per square.

Should you have any questions just email me at rebecca.scharff@yahoo.com. Thanks.

Becoming Block Certified ... it's pretty easy



New swimmers to the team must be block certified to dive

Come hang out with Coach Alyssa Saturday's at the Lakefront YMCA to become block certified. off the blocks during practices and/or meets. To become block certified, simply attend Saturday morning diving practice at the Lakefront YMCA from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Coach Alyssa is on deck for the 1.5 hours, but the practice is drop-in so arrive anytime.

USA Swimming has strict re-

quirements in terms of water depth for instructing new swimmers how to dive off the blocks (must be six feet deep - the high school pools are only 5.5 feet deep while the Y is 9 feet deep).

Once swimmers are certified, they are ready to dive off the blocks during any practice they attend (and the meets they attend too).

Take advantage!

We'll need all hands on deck in the upcoming Spring & Summer Season when we will be hosting one additional swim meet.

BIG Plans for the Spring & Summer Season

This Spring & Summer Season we'll be hosting one additional meet compared to previous seasons.

Details are still being worked out, but the dates are set ... please save these dates!

Adding an additional meet was not taken lightly at the board level, but it is seen as a means to an end. It's the parent boards plan to stop

bidding (and thus hosting) the I3&O State Championship Meet. We will be hosting this summer's meet as the bid and voting process took place in April of 2014, but the plan moving forward is not to bid any further I3&O State meets. (Of course, with time things can change, but that's the current plan as of now.)

With that said, here is the list of

SEA hosted meets for the upcoming Spring & Summer Season:

- 1) 7th Annual Early Bird, May 2-3
- 2) TBD, May 29-31
- 3) 6th Annual Summer Sizzler, June 19-20
- 4) I3&O State, July 30-August 2

Please save these dates and support your swimmer's team!

New Parent Meeting Scheduled for January 26

The third and final new parent meeting will take place on Monday, January 26th in the Case cafeteria beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending by 6:30 p.m.

New parent meetings offer our families an opportunity

to sit down with our Head Coach and learn a bit more about SEA and what is involved in becoming a competitive swim team family.

This meeting will also see a SEA Alumni parent in attendance to share his experience

of having two national level swimmers grow-up and graduate from SEA (both went on to swim in college).

Take hold of this great opportunity and bring any questions you may have about the team too!



Swim-a-Thon is Underway



For the second year in a row our team goal for this year's Swim-a-Thon is \$10,000. Help your team build a pool by participating!

This season's Swim-a-Thon will take place on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at Case High School from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Swim-a-Thon fundraising packets were handed out during the Swim-a-Thon Kickoff and Halloween Practice Party held at Park on Thursday, October 30. If you need a packet, please reach out to Coach Neil or Mike (or download and print your own from our website).

Our Vision Statement reads, "As a swim team without a true home, it is SEA's vision to one day build a pool of our own." Our annual Swim-a-Thon is a large part of our

efforts to continue to grow our "Dream Account" and one day, build a pool.

There are great prizes available to swimmers participating in this year's Swim-a-Thon.

The top two training groups will win a private showing at the Sturtevant Renaissance Theater on February 8.

Other prizes available include a limousine ride to the February 6th dual meet, two \$100 Speedo shopping sprees, \$100 gift card to Toys 'R US, \$100 gift card to Best Buy, \$100 gift card to American Eagle, \$100 gift card to Dick's Sporting

Goods, and a \$100 gift card to iTunes.

There will also be a raffle for a \$200 swim fee credit too.

Finally, USA Swimming also supplies prizes too - Bag Tag, Swim Cap, T-Shirt, Towel, or a Backpack.

Our Swim-a-Thon is an easy way to meet your \$150 family fundraising obligation and help support a good cause ... building a pool future generations of SEA swimmers can train in. Collect pledges today and through January 22.

Good luck!

"Great minds

discuss ideas.

Average minds

discuss events.

Small minds

discuss people." -

Eleanor Roosevelt

SCRIP, the Easiest Way to Fundraise

Order by January 19 (delivery on 1/22), order by February 2 (delivery on 2/5), order by February 16 (delivery on 2/19), order by March 2 (delivery on 3/5), and order y March 16 (delivery on 3/19). Don't forget you can still purchase Scrip Now! Or Scrip Reload anytime.

For those who utilize mobile apps, Shop with Scrip has a mobile app for you!!

My Scrip Wallet allows you to purchase and redeem Scrip Now! Or Scrip Reload right from your phone. In a matter of minutes, you can purchase Scrip, shop and redeem all while earning SEA fundraising dollars.

Deadline to order is 8 AM. All deliveries will be in the balcony from 5:30 p.m to 6:15 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



Aging up, it happens to everyone.

Sofia B.
Kate B.
Halina C.
Jack E.
Lindsey F.
Katelyn G.
Abby K.
Emaleigh N.
Elena P.

Scott P.
Abby P.
Sebastian R.
Marlee R.
Ali S.
Robin S.
Tiffany S.
Grace Z.
Drew E.

Megan G.
Jacbo H.
Adara J.
Ava K.
Jason L.
Mitchell M.
Cooper S.
Alyssa S.

Looking for a few Good Parents ... You know who you are

The parent board is a great group of committed parents who work together to ensure SEA and the swimming community here in Southeastern Wisconsin is given the opportunity to swim year-round as so many children have done in the past. Parents who serve on the board do not serve the needs of their own children, but instead serve the needs of every SEA swimmer on the team. Decisions made must be in the best interest of SEA's financial stability and for all swimmers currently involved with the team. With that said, there are a few openings on the parent board and Coach Neil is actively looking for well balanced parents who feel they possess the skill sets necessary to ensure SEA's continued success. Positions currently opening up at the end of this season include, President, Meet Director and although not a board position, someone to manager the Scrip program.

If you are interested to learn more about any of the positions listed above, please call or email Coach Neil at 262.898.4766 or at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com.



Jacob MacKenzie 2Fr, and Nathan Mudry 1Ba/50Ba.

New Team Records were set by Jacob Trask in the 1Fr (55.43), 2Fr (2:02.18), and the 2Ba (2:12.31).

Cracking into our Top Ten were Mackenzie Reischl (4th 1Fr, 2nd 1Ba, 4th 2Ba, 8th 2IM), Caitlin Mertins (8th 2Br), Hugo Arteaga (8th 50Fr), CJ Trask (7th 1Fr, 6th 2Fr, 2nd 25Ba, 3rd 1Ba, 8th 1Br, 6th 2IM), Jacob Trask (4th 50Fr, 9th 1Br, 5th 2Br), Jacob MacKenzie (8th 4IM).

Nothing 100% best times included Helena Chryst, Ava Druktenis, Ella Druktenis, Katelyn Gifford, Anisha Jain, Oliver Redig, Stephanie Strange, Laurel Sutherland, Kaitlyn Weyenberg, Mason Wolf, and Grace Zykowski.

Dropping more than ten seconds in a single event were Hugo Arteaga -12.53 1Ba, Isabelle Buhler -15.01 2Ba, Emily Cain -17.74 2Ba, Erin Cain -10.62 2Bf, Joanna Caro -10.44 1Fr, Rachel Christensen -24.58 2Ba, Payton Church -11.63 1Bf, Tanner Coca -21.30 2Fr, Drew Esson -31.95 2Fr, Anisha Jain -11.19 1Fr, Cayla Julius -15 1Ba, Hannah Kehl -10.37 2Ba, Taylor Knaus -34.13 2IM, Austin Lentz -23.10 2IM, Amanda Lopez -15.83 2Fr, Nathan Mudry -16.12 2IM, Janavi Munagavalasa -13.19 1Br, Samyukta Munagavalasa -20.08 1Bf, Emaleigh Neo -15.04 2Fr, Elena Palermo -13.12 1Fr, Parker Palermo -21.30 2Fr, Scott Palmer -20.68 2Fr, Yasho Patil -13.74 1Ba, Madilynn Peterson -29.59 2Fr, Tessa Pham -14.87 2Ba, Elisabeth Piper -10.55 2Fr, Alex Pudzisz -54.45 2Br, Chris Pudzisz -54.94 2Fr, Helena Pudzisz -14.88 1Ba, Sebastian Redig -15.27 1Ba, Elena Renner -28.09 2Fr, Sammie Spanske -17.67 1Fr, Tiffany Steffes -22.01 2Ba, Stephanie Strange -17.65 1Br, Laurel Sutherland -12.48 1Fr, Mariska Thoennes -10.60 50Br, CJ Trask -17.27 2Fr, Emma Wisniewski -11.67 50Fr, and Quinn Wright -16.29 50Ba.

Wow! That's a ton of time we cut!! Keep up the great practice attendance and we'll see continued improvement. Good luck in Green Bay this weekend. :)

ODDBALL RECAP

First, thanks to all the families and friends that helped out during last weekend's meet. The time line was great and the swimming was fast!

Here are some of the awesome highlights ...

New State qualifying timers posted by Natalia Badillo 50Br, Sofia Badillo 50Bf, Sara Bollendorf 50Fr, Bailey Chryst 1Fr,



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Parent Motto:

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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 is SEA's vision to one day build a pool of our own.

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

On the Starting Blocks

January 2015

16-18, Titledown Freeze - team travel meet, all welcome!

22, Swim-a-Thon

23, Distance Time Trials

27, LSC meeting, UW-Waukesha, 7:00 p.m. - all welcome

29, PLD Time Trial

30-1, SSTY A+

February 2015

1, 7th Annual Groundhog Grand Prix (SEA hosted)

6, SEA vs. OZ

7, SEA vs. LGSC vs. BAT

14-15, LAKE Open

19, PLD Time Trial

20-22, Regionals

23, Parent board meeting, Case, 6:00 p.m. - all welcome

27-1, I2&U State

March 2015

5-8, I3&O State

9, Team Picture

9, Parent board meeting Case, 6:00 p.m.— all welcome

13-15, YMCA Sectionals

19, End of SEASON Time Trials

20-22, YMCA State

26-9, OST

27, Wine/Beer Tasting & Raffle Event

30-3, YMCA Nationals

April 2015

13, First day of practice

May 2015

2-3, Early Bird Open (SEA hosted)

29-31, Inaugural Pirate Plunge (SEA hosted)

June 2015

19-21, Summer Sizzler (SEA hosted)

July 2015

15-18, Speedo Champions Series

30-2, I3&O State (SEA hosted)

31-2, I4&U Central Zones

August 2015

3-28, OST at Meadowbrook



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