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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Personalized swim caps are in the process of being ordered. Read more on page four.
- 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 Neil. \$12 per cap.

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# SERPENT TIMES



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## Neil's Kickboard

Truth be told, I was a little down after leaving the Swim-a-Thon last week. From year-to-year, this event has steadily grown from a \$1,000 team fundraiser to a \$6,000 event. As I finished typing in all swimmers pledges last week and clicked on the AutoSum function, the total amount was only \$3,500 and at the time there was about \$600 in online donations. Only \$4,100 this year? Bummer.

Fast forward to Thursday afternoon, and I had to turn my frown upside-down as to date, we have raised over \$7,700! (A new record amount for this event.) Great job Team SEA!

Now that we have developed an online donation link, families are encouraged to continue to fund-

raise via that link (especially if you have not met your required \$150 total), share it with friends and families, or simply forward a check - our goal remains \$10,000



**Friends, food and fun best describe last week's Swim-a-Thon event.**

**Thanks to all the parents who assisted with counting laps!**

for the Swim-a-Thon and we have roughly two more months remaining to reach it.

Remember to sign-up to attend

our final "big" team meet of the season, YMCA Sectionals on Saturday & Sunday, March 14-15. Even if you can only make one day we would love to see you racing in Oconomowoc.

Great swimming last Friday during Distance Time Trials ... I'm so proud of all your efforts (results are posted).

We decided not to conduct the PLD time trial last night in order to get some more work in prior to the meet this weekend.

Coach Jill will be having surgery (knee) in two weeks and will gone Feb. 9-AprMar. 22.

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

## SSTY A+ & Groundhog Grand Prix Information

There will be a lot of fast swimming this weekend in Wisconsin ... first up is the SSTY A+ meet.

Friday night warm-ups begin at 3:00 p.m. Saturday Prelims (13&O swimmers) warm-ups begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday Prelims (12&U swimmers) warm-ups begin at 12:15 p.m. Swimmers

making it back to Finals should check with a coach for warm-up times (events begin at 5:35 p.m.). Sunday AM warm-ups (12&U swimmers) begin at 8:00 a.m. Sunday PM warm-ups (13&O swimmers) begin at 11:45 a.m.

We are hosting our 7th Annual Groundhog Grand Prix this

weekend at the RecPlex in Pleasant Prairie (9900 Terwall Terrace). Warm-up for all swimmers will begin at 8:00 a.m., meet begins at 9:05 a.m. and is schedule to finish around 1:00 p.m.

Please be on time for warm-ups and drive safe, swim fast, 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*



If you are looking for a way to give of your time please consider joining the parent board.

**Friday, January 30**

(practice combined at Case, SSTY A+)

**Saturday, January 31**

(practice combined at Sealed Air & diving practice at Lakefront Y, SSTY A+)

**Sunday, February 1**

(7th Annual SEA Groundhog Grand Prix, SSTY A+)

**Monday, February 2**

(practice combined at

Case)

**Tuesday, February 3**

(practice combined at Case)

**Wednesday, February 4**

(practice combined at Case)

**Thursday, February 5**

(practice combined at Case)

**Friday, February 6**

(no practice, dual with OZ at Case)

**Saturday, February 7**

(practice combined at Sealed Air & diving practice at Lakefront Y, Tri-dual w/ LGSC & BAT)

**Sunday, February 8**

(team bowling party at Castle Lanes - read more on page three)

## 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!

## Looking for a few Good Parents

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 manage 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.

# 30th Anniversary Wine & Beer Tasting!



Exciting news! Friday, March 27th we will be hosting a Wine

**This event is always fun and a great way to get to know your parent peers away from the pool deck.**

& Beer Tasting to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the SEA Swim Team!

Details to follow in the next few weeks, but make sure you put this date on the calendar and spread the word!

The event will take place at the Masonic Center on Main Street (across from Gateway Technical College) in Racine from

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with light appetizers provided by Ivanhoe's of Racine.

In addition we will have two signature cocktails, lots of raffle baskets and tours of the historic mansion. If you have never taken a tour of this building and you have an interest in history/architecture, you don't want to miss the tour!

Hope to SEA all of you there!

**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!

## Bowling Party Planned for February 8

Every year around this time we host a team bowling party and this year is no different.

Mark your calendars as we descend upon Castle Lanes on Sunday, February 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for

two hours of bowling and memory making away from the pool.

The cost is \$10 per bowler and includes two hours of bowling and shoes. If you want to order drinks/food please bring extra spending

money. Registration is not necessary ... simply show-up! Feel free to invite your friends too.

Who will be crowned this year's SEA Swim Team bowling champion?

Hope to SEA you there!



# Personalized SEA Swim Caps



Stand out from the crowd with personalized SEA swim caps.

Neil will be taking orders for personalized SEA swim caps. Orders are February 15.

Personalized SEA swim caps are our normal team caps (silicone) with the swimmers last night on both sides of the cap under our team logo.

Cost is \$30 per order (two caps included in that price). Please forward payment when you place your order.

As orders come in, Neil will list names here ... please double check the spelling when you see your name listed in this section of the newsletter.

Orders to date:  
WRIGHT

*“Great minds discuss ideas.*

*Average minds discuss events.*

*Small minds*

*discuss people.” -*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

# SCRIP, the Easiest Way to Fundraise

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 deliver-

ies 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:brose7@wi.rr.com) or Kim Wergin at [kimwergin@aol.com](mailto:kimwergin@aol.com). Thanks!



Aging up, it happens to everyone.

# January & February Birthdays

- 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.
- Jacob H.
- Adara J.
- Ava K.
- Jason L.
- Mitchell M.
- Cooper S.
- Alyssa S.



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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 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**

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, 12&U State

**March 2015**

5-8, 13&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, 13&O State (SEA hosted)

31-2, 14&U Central Zones

**August 2015**

3-28, OST at Meadowbrook



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