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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Remember ... no practice will be offered this Saturday at either Ys as we are hosting a meet this weekend.
- The next parent board meeting will be held January 12, 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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# SERPENT TIMES



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## Neil's Kickboard

Welcome to 2015! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and are ready to get back to a structured routine ... I know I am!

We had great attendance during the Christmas Break. Our record attendance was 65 athletes (although many days were in the 60s) and we even had 30 swimmers practice on January 1st! The coaching staff is looking forward to great results this month with all the practices our athletes have been attending!

We are hosting our 9th Annual Oddball Challenge this weekend in Brown Deer ... read all about it in the section below. (Now is probably a good time to sign-up to swim in our next team hosted event, the Groundhog Grand Prix - email me.)

Are you taking pledges for the

upcoming Swim-a-Thon? I hope so! Two weeks remain before we meet on deck on January 22 and the Swim-a-Thon takes place. Will your son or daughter be the



**Yoga will now be offered to any Blue level swimmer interested in attending. Monday & Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m. Take advantage!**

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

Believe it or not, we only have ten

weeks remaining in this season. A lot of learning has taken place and a lot of best times, state cuts, and national cuts have been posted. Great job! But, don't become complacent. There are a handful of swimmers on the cusp of achieving their first State cut and attendance along with consistent effort are needed to make it happen. Stay focused and driven!

On behalf of myself and all the coaches here at SEA, thank you very much for all the cards and gifts we received during Christmas ... it was very thoughtful to say the least.

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

## 9th Annual Oddball Challenge Information

It's time to rock the blocks this weekend in Brown Deer!

Saturday & Sunday warm-ups for I&U swimmers will begin at 8:00 a.m. (please be on deck by 7:50 a.m.), the meet begins at 9:05 a.m. and is scheduled to finish at Noon both days.

Saturday & Sunday warm-ups for 12&O swimmers will begin at 11:15 a.m., the meet begins at 12:20 a.m. and is scheduled to finish at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and 2:45 p.m. on Sunday.

If you are running late or can't make it for one reason or another, please be sure to email Neil at

south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com . It helps a lot with relay planning.

The meet will be hosted in Brown Deer at the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center, 9240 N. Green Bay Road, Brown Deer, WI 53209.

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*



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

**Thursday, January 8**

(practice canceled because RUSD canceled)

**Friday, January 9**

(practice combined at Case)

**Saturday, January 10**

(no practice at either Y, Oddball meet in Brown Deer)

**Sunday, January 11**

(Oddball meet in Brown Deer, Packers move on to the NFC Championship game)

**Monday, January 12**

(practice combined at Case, parent board meeting at Case beginning at 6:00 p.m.)

**Tuesday, January 13**

(practice combined at

Case)

**Wednesday, January 14**

(practice combined at Case)

**Thursday, January 14**

(practice combined at Case)

**Friday, January 15**

(practice combined at Case)

## 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 is in the works and will be posted in this newsletter and on the website soon.

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!

## 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

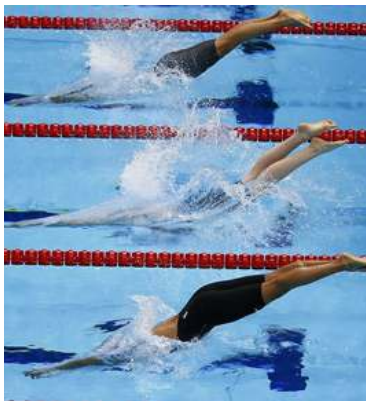
year). The cost is \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids 10&U and free for 2&U. This will include a tossed salad, pizza, and soda. To assure the proper count please RSVP me (Rebecca Scharff) ASAP. Money will be due by Thursday, January 15. Please make checks payable to SEA. On the envelope make sure you write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



**Come hang out with Coach Alyssa Saturday's at the Lakefront YMCA to become block certified.**

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. (There is no diving practice January 10 - we will be hosting a meet in Brown Deer.)

Coach Alyssa is on deck for the 1.5 hours, but the practice is drop

-in so arrive anytime.

USA Swimming has strict requirements 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!

New swimmers to the team must be block certified to dive off the

*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 5 (delivery on 1/8), 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](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!

# January & February Birthdays



Aging up, it happens to everyone.

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Sofia B.    | Scott P.     | Megan G.    |
| Kate B.     | Abby P.      | Jacbo H.    |
| Halina C.   | Sebastian R. | Adara J.    |
| Jack E.     | Marlee R.    | Ava K.      |
| Lindsey F.  | Ali S.       | Jason L.    |
| Katelyn G.  | Robin S.     | Mitchell M. |
| Abby K.     | Tiffany S.   | Cooper S.   |
| Emaleigh N. | Grace Z.     | Alyssa S.   |
| Elena P.    | Drew E.      |             |



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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

10-11, 9th Annual Oddball Challenge (SEA hosted)

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

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

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

14-15, LAKE Open

19, PLD Time Trial

20-22, Regionals

27-1, I2&U State

## March 2015

5-8, I3&O State

9, Team Picture



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

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, TBD (SEA hosted)

## June 2015

19-21, Summer Sizzler (SEA hosted)

## July 2015

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