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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- No practice this Saturday - includes Sealed Air and Downtown practices.
- Next Board Meeting is January 13 at 6:00 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

Welcome to 2014 ... out 30th year!

It's been a crazy beginning to the 2014 swim season. Between RUSD closing down the schools to outside organizations, the hot pool temperature at UW-Parkside, and the sub-zero arctic blast we've been having which canceled schools ... whew, hopefully we can line up some consistent training in the upcoming weeks.

Please check the Meet Information page for the remaining meets to sign-up for.

We are hosting a pretty large meet this weekend in Brown Deer. I hope everyone is ready!! Here are a couple of things to think about prior to the beginning of the Oddball Challenge ... 1) arriving on time as workers and swimmers is very important, 2) we are known throughout the state for hosting quality meets - as workers, please be pleasant and timely, 3) some of our board members will be working the entire meet (all day Saturday and all day Sunday) - please remember the four core values of the Y (caring, respect,

honesty, responsibility) when dealing with our organizers, 4) the meets we host are team wide fundraisers and helps to keep our swim fees low - every swimmer benefits when we host events, 5) and of course ,, have fun!



We are hosting the 8th Annual Oddball Challenge this weekend in Brown Deer. Why is it called the Oddball? Because the age-groups are different than any other meets we host or attend.

A high school dual meet was rescheduled and we have lost use of Case for our annual Swim-a-Thon. I'm working on securing another site and will keep you posted here.

Saturday practices at the Sealed Air and

Downtown Y's will not be offered this weekend - in light of us hosting the Oddball Challenge.

The 2013-2014 team shirts are in ... finally. I won't bore you with the sorted details, but I'm not sure we'll be ordering from our current t-shirt provider in the future. As it stands, if you ordered youth sized t-shirts, I have yet to receive them (I now have them in and will have them to hand out tonight).

I have car decals available for purchase. \$4 for one or \$6 for two. Mike has them as well. Support your team with these neat decals!

For those individuals who may need a SEA swim cap, they are now available (\$12 per cap, cash or check made payable to SEA). Speak with Mike or myself.

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

8th Annual Oddball Challenge information

Warm-ups for our 11 & Under swimmers competing Saturday and/or Sunday begin at 7:45 a.m. The meet begins at 9:05 a.m. and is scheduled to finish at 12:37 p.m. on Saturday and 12:13 p.m. on Sunday.

Warm-ups for our 12 & Over swimmers competing Saturday begin at 12:15 p.m. Events will

begin at 1:40 p.m. and the meet is scheduled to finish at 5:38 p.m.

Warm-ups for our 12 & Over swimmers competing Sunday begin at 11:45 a.m. Competition will begin at 1:20 p.m. and is scheduled to finish at 4:44 p.m.

This meet will be held in Brown Deer at the Walter Schroeder

Aquatic Center (roughly one hour north of Racine).

Please make every effort to be on time. If something comes up and your swimmer will not be able to attend the meet, please email Neil at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!



Join your teammates for some bowling? Don't strike out - attend this event and test your skills!

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.



Team Bowling is Right Around the Corner

Our annual bowling outing is right around the corner. This year we will bowl from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Castle Lanes here in Racine off of Green Bay Road on the east side of the street (about halfway between HWY 11 and HWY 20).

The date for this fun event is Saturday, February 8th.

This outing is open to all swimmers and their families (bring along a friend if you

would like too).

The cost is \$12 and will cover shoes, ball and two hours of bowling (this does not include food and drink so bring money if you think you'll get thirsty or hungry).

Those swimmers and families who would like to attend should forward \$12 per person (exact change or check made payable to SEA please) to Neil by February 3.

Many of the coaches will be in attendance so here's your chance to take them on in a friendly game to see who can win.

Sounds like the perfect day to me ... morning practice, weight training and then some fun times bowling.

Hope to SEA you on the lanes and not in them. :)

SCRIP - The Easiest Way to Fundraise

Here are the current order by/delivery on dates for SCRIP: order by order by January 6, delivery on January 9; order by January 20, delivery on January 23; order by February 3, delivery on February 6; 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.

Snow is on the way, when/how is practice canceled?



Frosty says, "If RUSD cancels school or after school activities, no swim practice."

With the arrival of freezing temperatures and our first dumping of snow, it's time to remind the membership of the practice cancellation policy here at SEA ... it's really easy.

If RUSD cancels schools or after-school

activities, swim practice is canceled.

Ways to find out whether or not practice is canceled are numerous.

1) Listen to local radio stations and watch local TV stations. If it is announced RUSD has canceled school or after-school activities, practice is canceled.

2) Read the "NEWS" section

of the website.

3) Check your email.

4) Check facebook - SEA SWIM TEAM

5) Check Twitter - @SEAWISCONSIN

As always, you know best as to whether it is safe or not to attend practice. If practice is not canceled, and you don't feel it's safe to attend, by all means, stay home. :)

Swim-a-Thon is Underway! Are you?

This year's Swim-a-Thon is now underway. During the Halloween Party & Swim-a-Thon Kick-off held November 1, Neil explained all the details for this year's event and handed out packets.

If you need a packet, please speak with Neil or download one from the website.

The Prize Pool for the Swim-a-Thon is huge this year, but the coolest event in conjunction with the Swim-a-Thon is if we reach our goal of \$10,000 the swimmers who participated will get to shave Neil's head and give Mike a Mohawk!

Some of the prizes to be won this year include: a movie party

at the Sturtevant theater for the training group that turns in the most pledges, numerous \$100 gift cards (Best Buy, American Eagle, Toys 'R Us, Dick's Sporting Goods), a raffle for \$200 in swim fees, a limousine ride to February's dual meet and many more. Get out there and solicit those pledges today!



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!



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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 next year!

On the Starting Blocks

January 2014

11-12, SEA Oddball Challenge

13, Parent Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at Case, all welcome!

17-19, Titledown Freeze in Green Bay

23, Swim-a-Thon (location TBA)

24, Distance Time Trials (moved from the 3rd)

25, SEA vs. LGSC

28, Swim-a-Thon pledges due

29, Swim-a-Thon totals posted on website

30, Swim-a-Thon prizes handed out

31-2, SSTY A+

February 2014

2, 6th Annual SEA Groundhog Grand Prix

7, SEA vs. OZ

8, Bowling Party

15-16, NBSC Open

21-23, Regional Championships

28-2, I2&U State

March 2014

4, Team Picture

6-9, I3&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

May 2014

3-4, 6th Annual SEA Early Bird

June 2014

20-21, 5th Annual SEA Summer Sizzler

22-29, I3&O Training Trip (tentative dates)

July 2014

31-3, I3&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.**