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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The upcoming BAT Prelim/Final meet is a great opportunity for swimmers to compete in a quality meet (bonus is no qualifying times).
- The next parent board meeting will be held December 9, 6:00 p.m. at Case. All welcome!

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# SERPENT TIMES



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## Neil's Kickboard

Meets we attend always have a "vibe." Some meets are intense, some unorganized, some boring, and some exciting. The Seahorse Invite we attended last Sunday was in a word, chill and honestly, was one of the most relaxing meets we have ever attended. On top of that, we competed lights out. I shared with the Kenosha Y's head coach how much we enjoyed attending the meet and would enjoy attending again next year. If you didn't attend this year, be sure to come along next as this meet is a lot of fun!

The Elegant Farmer pick-up date has changed. The new date is Wednesday, November 19 at Case from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Congratulations to all our high school girls on their accomplishments at last Saturday's WIAA Sectional meet. Racing this Saturday in Madison at WIAA State will be Emily Bollendorf (1Bf) and Maren Hoferitza-Palermo (2MR & 4FR). Good luck girls!

Please take a moment and visit the MEET WORKER SIGN-UP page. There you can sign-up to work at the two remaining hosted meets ... our Oddball Challenge

and our Groundhog Grand Prix. Thanks in advance for helping out!

Also, we need to begin to think about signing up for the SSTY A+ meet. This meet is one of the fastest meets in the Midwest and if you have qualifying times



**Last year we had close to 40 swimmers attend the Green Bay Titletown Freeze. Read all about this fun team event on page two and seriously consider attending!**

you should attend (yes, this meet is faster than the WI State Championships). I will submit our first round of entries in early December.

Please make sure your swimmer(s) wear a

SEA swim cap when we attend meets. Caps are available from Mike or I for \$12.

Our next semi-big hosted event will be the SEA & NBSC dual meet. This meet will be held Friday night at Case on November 21. No fees associated with this event and you have to like the fact that it's close to home. To enter your swimmer(s) in the meet, simply email me. Parent volunteers are needed as timers and officials and if you can help, please contact me at your leisure.

The Swim-a-Thon is now underway. If you did not receive a packet last night, please see me and Mike soon and we'll get you one (they are available on the website too). This is a huge fundraiser for the team and everyone's help is needed (oh, and a lot of great prizes available for the swimmers too and if we reach our team goal of \$10,000 I'll allow the swimmers to shave my head and Mike said he'll let them give him a pink Mohawk).

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

## PX3 Invite and SSTY Invite Information

SEA athletes will be swimming in Pleasant Prairie, Brown Deer and Madison this weekend!

Friday-Sunday we will be competing at RecPlex in Pleasant Prairie. Please keep in mind this meet will be conducted in two competition pools. Friday warm-ups begin at 4:30 p.m., meet begins at 5:35 p.m. and is scheduled to finish at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday AM warm-ups for 13&O & 8&U swimmers begin at 7:30 a.m., meet begins at 8:35 a.m. and is scheduled to finish at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday & Sunday PM warm-ups for 11-12 & 10&U swimmers begins at 11:45 a.m., meet begins at 1:00 p.m. and is scheduled to finish at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday we will be competing at the WSAC in Brown Deer. Warm-ups for

all athletes begin at 9:00 a.m., meet begins at 10:00 a.m. and is scheduled to finish at 4:00 p.m.

The host teams have posted heat sheets and time lines on their meet landing pages. Visit the homepage of our website (under the NEWS section) to view those documents.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

## Titletown Freeze TEAM Travel Meet

For the third year in a row, we will be attending the Titletown Freeze in Green Bay the weekend of January 16-18. For the past two years, we have finished as the third place team overall and this year we really want to move up a spot ... or two.

In order to score more points and position the team higher, we need more swimmers attending the meet! So, with that in mind, take a look at your calendars - if the weekend of January 16-18 is open, please consider spending some quality bonding time with your swim team family. Need convincing? Read on ...

We are staying the Tundra Lodge, Resort - Waterpark & Conference

Center (only a handful of miles from the competition pool). Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning swimmers play and splash around in the waterpark, Saturday night we have a team pizza party, and overall it's a lot fun.

For those interested, the team meets at Curly's Pub at Lambeau Field Friday night for a team dinner.

Finally, the meet timeline can't be beat with the Sunday PM session finishing up around 2:00 p.m.

If there's one drawback to the meet, spectator seating is not the best, but the host team runs a quality meet and overall, it's a lot of FUN!

30 rooms (with two queen beds) have been reserved at the Tundra Lodge under South Eastern Aquatics. The room rate is \$109 per night. Won't you join us? Please call 920.405.8700 to reserve your room today. Rooms will be released December 16.

Let's send a TON of SEA kids to this year's Titletown Freeze and demonstrate to our neighbors to the north just what a powerhouse SEA is growing up to be!

Attending to date include: Austin Lentz, Sammie Spanske, and Quinn and Neil Wright.

## BAT Prelim/Final Hotel Information

The BAT Prelim/Final Classic will be held in Beloit on Saturday & Sunday, December 6-7.

This event is great for swimmers to attend as it gives them an opportunity to swim a Prelim/Final meet (the kicker is there are no qualifying times ... most Prelim/Final meets do have qualifying times).

Since this is a Prelim/Final meet we have secured hotel rooms at the newly renovated IRON-

WORKS Hotel. Ten rooms have been blocked under South Eastern Aquatics and the drop date is November 26th. The rooms are six King Suites with a leather couch that pullouts into a queen sleeper and a double-sided fireplace (check the hotel out online, the images are really cool) and four two queen rooms. The rate is \$119 for the suites and \$109 for the queen rooms and the hotel is 1.1 miles from the brand

new competition pool. Call 608.362.5500 to pull a room from our block (if you are attending the meet and planning on staying overnight, please contact the hotel sooner rather than later).

To date, six families are attending. The deadline to sign-up is November 20th. Take advantage!

Hotel address is 500 Pleasant Street, Beloit, WI.

## Design a Heat Sheet Cover!

This year we'll return to a practice held way back when Coach Neil used to swim for the team (mid-80s), swimmers can design the heat sheet cover for our home meets! So what's involved in this process ... read on.

Besides the meet we will hosted in early November (5th Annual Fall Starter) we will be hosting our 9th Annual Oddball Challenge (January 10-11, 2015) in Brown Deer and our 7th Annual Groundhog Grand Prix

(February 1, 2015) in Pleasant Prairie. Swimmers interested in submitting a heat sheet cover can turn in their artwork by December 10 for consideration for our January event and by January 1 for consideration for our February 1 event. If more than one submission is received, swimmers will have a chance to vote for their favorite.

A couple of guidelines:

1) the please use 8.5x11 inch paper (normal printer sized paper)

2) Leave a 1.5x6 inch section empty for information about the meet that can be added to the artwork

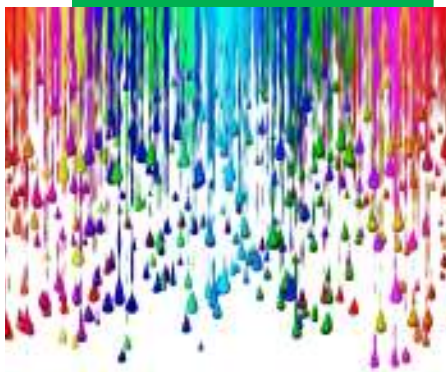
3) Tie in the meet name to your artwork - there should be something "odd" about the cover for our January meet and something about a Groundhog and Grand Prix for our February meet

Turn in artwork to Coach Neil and have fun with it!



Year number two at the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay for the Titletown Freeze. This year, if the Packers make the playoffs, there could be a home game while we are in town!

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



Do you have a swimmer who loves designing art or who loves to color and draw? Maybe your swimmer would like to take a stab at designing a heat sheet cover?

# New Parent Meeting Planned



Without a doubt, when you joined SEA you joined a well-oiled organi-

**Come meet with our Head Coach and learn more about one of the best teams in the state of WI.** zation. From a supportive parent board, a professional coaching staff and great teammates, SEA is a fun team to be on. (Of course nothing in life is perfect, but here at SEA we constantly strive for perfection.)

Our Head Coach would enjoy meeting with any and all new parents (doesn't matter if you are brand new to the team, or have

been on the team for a season - you are all welcome to attend).

The next New Parent meeting will be held in the Case cafeteria on Thursday, December 4 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

If you are not able to attend the meeting, but have questions for Neil, please feel free to contact him 262.898.4766 or via email at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com.

We hope to SEA you at the New Parent meeting next month!

*We missed winning the meet by 38 points. Maybe next year we'll take the team title? We were invited back ... Sunday, November 8, 2015.*

## Seahorse Invite Recap

Great efforts last Sunday at the Kenosha YMCA. Read on for the highlights ...

We finished third as team with 1,257 points (only 38 points out of first), posted 68% best times and only had six DQs.

New State qualifying times were achieved by Sara Bollendorf in the 2Fr, Mackenzie Reischl in the 50Bf and 2IM, and Marlee Reischl in the 50Fr and 1Fr.

Taking home a 1st place High point trophy included Elena Palermo, Maritxell

Charvez-Alvarado, Sara Bollendorf, Mackenzie Reischl, Marlee Reischl, and Collin Flynn.

Notching efforts in the Top Ten all time in our history were Mackenzie Reischl 8th 50Fr, 8th 1Fr, 7th 50Bf, 9th 2IM, 5th 50Ba, Sara Bollendorf 7th 2Fr, 4th 50Br, 4th 2IM, and Collin Flynn 10th 1Ba.

Achieving 100% best times in all their events included Natalia Badillo, Rachel Christensen, Riley Palermo, Mackenzie Reischl, Marlee Reischl, Ali Scharff, and

Neil Wright III.

Dropping over ten seconds in a single event were Joey Abel -31.37 2Fr, Rachel Christensen -28.73 2IM, Anisha Jain -21.63 50Ba, Samyukta Munagavalasa -13.96 2Fr, Ali Scharff -12.12 2IM, Jack Scharff -14.10 2Fr, Stephanie Strange -28.91 2Fr, and Neil Wright III -12.31 1Fr.

Congratulations swimmers on all your great efforts and results!

## Growing Pains ... in a good way!

Although our numbers are consistent this season compared to previous years, we are experiencing a growth in the first three training groups ... which in a word is GREAT!

Tonight we hosted our second PLD Time Trial and if all Pups, Lions and Dragons attended, 64 swimmers were there!

The coaching staff has been discussing ways to handle this growth and although we are not at the tipping point in terms of being overcrowded, there is a concern the Case pool (during the first hour of practice) is

trending in a direction of becoming too crowded.

Our first three training groups are truly developmental in nature and running 5-7 swimmers per lane during a practice at the Pups/Lions/Dragons ability and size, is a common practice at many clubs throughout America (some larger clubs run 10-12 swimmer per lane).

A concern the coaching staff has is our swimmer to coach ratio is growing, and that's something we keep a close eye on. Coach Neil challenges his staff and himself

to have one-on-one contact with all swimmers when they attend practice and if the Pups/Lions/Dragons continue to grow without addressing this growth, that becomes a difficult task to accomplish (even with the recent hiring of two new coaches).

In so many words, the coaching staff along with the parent board will be proactive in addressing this trend, especially if the growth continues tracking towards larger numbers in the Pups, Lions and Dragons.

At this point, we are in a holding pattern and will evaluate weekly.



# 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!

# SCRIP, the Easiest Way to Fundraise

"Great minds

discuss ideas.

Average minds

discuss events.

Small minds

discuss people." -

Eleanor Roosevelt

Order by November 17 (delivery on 11/20), order by December 1 (delivery on 12/4), order by December 15 (delivery on 12/18), 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 by 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!

# November & December Birthdays



Aging up, it happens to everyone.

Lauren F.

Katelyn G.

Ashton K.

Taylor K.

Mansha P.

Helena P.

Jade R.

Tara S.

Sara B.

Rachel C.

Bailey C.

Morgan C.

Ella D.

Cole J.

Nick K.

Janavi M.

Riley P.

Alex P.

Chris P.

Josephine R.

Abby S.

Sammie S.

Jordan W.





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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

## November 2014

13, PLD Time Trial

14-16, PX3 Invite

16, SSTY Invite

19, Elegant Farmer delivery (rescheduled) at Case, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

21, SEA vs. NBSC

27-28, No practice

## December 2014

6-7, BAT Prelim/Final Open

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

9, PLD Time Trial

12-14, Y-Finalist

18, Middle Distance Time Trials, no practice

24-25, No practice

31, No practice

## January 2015

1, No practice

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.