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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Friday night's meet will take place at Case with 5:30 p.m. warm-ups and a 6:15 p.m. meet start.
- Next Board Meeting is November 11 at 6:00 p.m. - Case High School. All welcome!
- Team swim caps are now in. Get yours today! \$12 per cap from either Mike or Neil.

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# Serpent Times



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## Neil's Kickboard

Great job last weekend ... if you have not heard we won the meet. Thanks to our parent board for leading us through another successful meet and to all the families who worked during the event. Read about the highlights on page three.

We will be running a meet tomorrow night at Case. Read the section at the bottom of this page for the most up to date information.

Here's an update on the new coaches I'm in the process of hiring - Shannon Sanders is scheduled to begin this Monday, Alyssa Gustin is scheduled to begin on Tuesday (both coaches will be on deck Monday-Thursday until 6:30 p.m.) and I'm in the process of certifying Michele Neave as a backup coach. Thank you for your patience through this drawn out process (running thorough background checks and ensuring all new coaches meet USA Swimming's hiring criteria makes for a safe environment for your student-athletes to excel).

The Halloween Party & Swim-a-Thon Kickoff was a hoot. I posted pictures on the website if you were not able to

attend. Don't forget, I announced and handed out information regarding this season's Swim-a-Thon. If you need a packet please see me at practice or download one from the website. Some of the prizes this year include a movie



**We won the meet last weekend with 2,424.50 points! Badger Aquatics Club of Madison was second with 1,888.50 points. Way to go swimmers! Keep up the great work.**

party at the Sturtevant theater for the training group that turns in the most pledges, numerous \$100 gift cards, 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.

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.

2013-2014 team t-shirts are now available for ordering (\$15 per shirt, not \$17 - order form has been updated). I have linked the order form under the NEWS section of our website (on our homepage). Deadline to place an order is November 18. The t-shirts are the same brand and material our DRIV3N t-shirts were printed on. Please submit your order forms and payment to me at your leisure.

I will be hosting a New Parent meeting on Tuesday, November 19 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Case High School. I hope to SEA you there! Come learn a little bit more about SEA and meet other parents.

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

## SEA vs. NBSC Information

It turns out the new head coach of NBSC never put this dual meet on their meet schedule (so we will not be hosting NBSC in a dual meet this Friday).

Not to worry, we will still run the meet and give our student-

athletes entered in the meet an opportunity to race.

Warm-ups will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the meet will begin at 6:15 p.m.

We'll need 13 parent volunteers to assist with timing and any officials willing to help out

would be appreciated as well.

Any swimmer not currently in the meet and who would like to participate can speak with Neil during warm-ups Friday evening.

This event is taking place at Case High School. Please drive safe, swim fast, and have fun!

# Green Bay Team Travel Meet = FUN



Will you be racing in Green Bay in 2014? The Titledown Freeze is a great way to bond with your teammates!

*In regards to our vision of 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.*

We will be attending the Titledown Freeze meet again this January 17-19. We had a great time last year and this year looks to be even better. Why? Read on.

This year, we will be staying at the Tundra Lodge - Resort and Waterpark. 25 rooms (with two queen beds + pullout sleeper sofa) have been reserved under South Eastern Aquatics at the rate of \$99 + tax (this rate includes 5 water passes to the park for the duration of our stay). Please call 877.886.3725 to reserve your room by January 2, 2014 (after which time, any remaining rooms will be released). The

address of the Tundra Lodge is 865 Lombardi Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54304 and is only 2.79 miles from the Downtown Green Bay YMCA.

The hotel offers a full service restaurant on-site with a breakfast buffet available for \$10.95 (of course you can always pack your own food and drinks - I think this is the only draw back between where we stayed last year and this - last year we had free breakfast).

If you have never been on a team travel meet and are thinking about attending, don't hesitate. Team travel meets are a ton of fun and although we may not swim that

great come Sunday (I think running around the waterpark Friday and Saturday may have something to do with that), the memories made will last a lifetime.

Some of the highlights from last year included, Friday night team dinner at Lambeau Field, excellent swimming (although we were a little tired come Sunday), and a team pizza party Saturday night (the best barbeque chicken pizza ever) that included swimmers playing in the pool/hot-tub/game room and the parents enjoying good company, music and even a little dancing on chairs. Don't miss out!

## SCRIP - The Easiest Way to Fundraise

Here are the current order by/delivery on dates for SCRIP: order by November 4, delivery on November 7; order by November 19, delivery on November 21; order by December 2, delivery on December 5; and order by December 16, delivery on December 19. 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](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.

Corbin C.  
Lauren F.  
Taylor K.  
Helena P.  
Sara B.  
Kayla B.  
Jacob B.  
Rachel C.  
Bailey C.  
Cole J.  
Nick K.

Janavi M.  
Riely P.  
Alex P.  
Chris P.  
Abby S.  
Samantha S.  
Samantha A.  
Sydney A.  
Alexander B.  
Alyssa C.  
Meredith F.

Stephanie G.  
Keegan L.  
Cayenne M.  
Eric O.  
Taylor P.  
Solomyn C.  
Jacob G.  
Sinclair R.  
Breona R.  
Carmen S.  
Josephine R.

# Fundraising Update - It's really easy to do.



**It's easy to meet your \$150 fundraising requirement!**

Elegant Farmer Pie orders are due Sunday morning (Nov. 3). Please make sure forms are filled out neatly and are accompanied with full payment. Rebecca Schraff is collecting forms. If you don't see her, please drop off your form/payment with a coach. Pie delivery is Wednesday, November 13 at Case.

Rebecca still has candy bars you can order too. If you would like to sell candy bars email her at rebecca-scharff@yahoo.com.

We will host our 2nd Annual Uncorkt Fundraiser on Friday, March 28, 2014. More information about this awesome event will be out soon. If you are interested in helping behind the scenes, please contact Rebecca!

Jen Trask has updated the General Information page under the

fundraising tab on the website. There's some good news there to read ... go take a look!

SCRIP is an easy way to fundraise and really costs nothing. Read more about this program on page two of this newsletter.

Finally, our Swim-a-Thon will take place in January of 2014. Information is already available online, but the kickoff will take place this Friday night at Park. We hope to SEA you there!

## Engines Started during our 4th Annual Fall Starter

Great efforts last Sunday both as student-athletes and supportive parents! Let's get right down to the highlights ...

We won the meet and posted a healthy 62% best time percentage as a team. DQ's were a bit high, but these issues will be ironed out during the coming practices (make sure you attend them regularly).

Jacob Trask posted the 7th quickest time in team history for 11-12 Boys in the 50Bf while Ivar Iverson posted the 3rd and 2nd fastest times for 15-16 Boys in the 2Ba and 1Bf.

Achieving 100% best times were Natalia Badillo, Maritxell Chavez-Alvarado, Jack

Esson, Maya Frodl, Nick Galis, Claire Holewinski, Taylor Knaus, Toni Marz, Madilynn Peterson, Ella Pier, Mackenzie Reischl, Elena Renner, Kayla Rose, Andrew Schaefer, Stephanie Strange, Jacob Trask, and Ali Verwey.

Dropping all kinds of time included Emily Cain (-8.82 1Fr), Erin Cain (-16.18 2Ba), Maritxell Chavez-Alvarado (-9.23 1Ba), Rachel Christensen (-6.15 1Ba), Natalie DiProspero (-5.62 25Bf), Collin Flynn (-13.94 500Fr), Lauren Flynn (-9.62 1Fr), Hannah Kehl (-7.54 500Fr), Taylor Knaus (-9.51 1Ba), Austin Lentz (-11.34 500Fr), Vera Marz (-6.50 2IM), Madilynn Peterson (-6.36 1Fr), Jordan Pier (-16.09 1Fr),

Katie Pogodzinski (-25.37 1Ba), Mackenzie Reischl (-7.16 2IM), Marlee Reischl (-16.64 500Fr), Elena Renner (-34.36 1Ba), Kayla Rose (-119.22 500Fr), Andrew Schaefer (-12.06 50Fr), Ali Scharff (-13.92 500Fr), Alyssa Stetler (-9.56 50Bf), Stephanie Strange (-37.85 1Fr), and Ali Verwey (-10.29 1Br).

Congratulations to these swimmers on competing in their first "real" meet - Sebastian Babu, Payton Church, Tanner Coca, Drew Esson, Anna Gilmore, Adara and Alexandra Johnson, Brie Luchun-Ledvina, Scott Palmer, Vincent Praefke, Alex, Chris and Helena Pudzisz, Alice and Elizabeth Stratman, and Micharl Waldron. Way to go Serpents!



## New Parent Meeting Schedule, November 19

Neil would like an opportunity to share a little more insight about the SEA Swim Team with any and all new parents.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and take place in the cafeteria at Case High School on Tuesday, November 19th.

Some of the topics to be covered include: team philosophy, our current Mission and Vision, practice cancellation policy, communication, parents job as a competitive swimming Mom and Dad,

and the process of signing up for swim meets (questions will be fielded too).

If you are unable to attend, feel free to call or email Neil at your leisure. He can be reached at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com or at 262.898.4766.

Remember, you should never have an unanswered question. The answer to any question revolving around SEA is just an email or phone call away.

In addition, if you have a concern, please bring it to Neil's attention so he can address it and take any corrective measures needed to ensure the continued smooth operation of one of Racine's hidden gems.

Hope to SEA you there!



**New Parents are encouraged to meet with Neil on Tuesday, November 19th to learn a little more about SEA's Mission and Vision and ask questions they may have.**



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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 to build a pool to call home.**

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



## On the Starting Blocks

**November 2013**

8, SEA vs. NBSC

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

14, New Family Registration and Orientation, 6:00 p.m. at Case

15-17, PX3 Invite

17, SSTY Fall Invite

28-29, No practice (Thanksgiving)

**December 2013**

6-8, Nike Challenge

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

13, Sprint Time Trials 2.0

14-15, Y-Finalist

24-25, No practice (Christmas)

31, No practice

**January 2014**

1, No practice (Happy New Year)

3, Distance Time Trials

11-12, SEA Oddball Challenge

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

17-19, Titledown Freeze

23, Swim-a-Thon

25, SEA vs. LGSC

28, Swim-a-Thon pledges due



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

30, Swim-a-Thon prizes handed out

31-2, SSTY A+

**February 2014**

2, 6th Annual SEA Groundhog Grand Prix

7, SEA vs. OZ

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