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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).
- Did you order your 30th Anniversary t-shirts yet? Order form can be found on the home page of our website.
- The next parent board meeting will be held November 10, 6:00 p.m. at Case. All welcome!

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SERPENT TIMES



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Neil's Kickboard

We had a great showing last Sunday at our 5th Annual Fall Starter. Thanks to all the parents who stepped up and worked during the meet. Read about our highlights on page three.

Please make sure your swimmer(s) wear a SEA swim cap when we attend meets. Caps are available from Mike or I for \$12.

Did you order your 30th Anniversary T-Shirts? Orders are due this Monday, November 10.

Our high school girls will be competing in WIAA Sectionals this Saturday in Greenfield. Unlike other swimming State Championships offered in the state of Wisconsin, the only way to qualify for WIAA State is to win your event at sectionals or be the next eight fastest swimmers. We send all the good luck in the world to our

swimmers at they attempt to punch their tickets to high school state. Good luck!

Our next semi-big hosted event will be the SEA & NBSC dual meet.



Rocking the team cheer during the AM Session of last Sunday's 5th Annual Fall Starter. Great job swimmers and parents!

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 soon and I'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.

Kenosha YMCA Seahorse Invitational

This Sunday we will attend a Y only meet in Kenosha - our first time ever attending this meet as the Kenosha Y just recently started their swim program. The address of the Y is 7101 53rd Street in Kenosha.

This event is hosted as a single session and warm-ups are assigned. Our warm-up session takes place 7:15-7:45 a.m. in lanes 1-4. The meet begins at 9:00 a.m. and is scheduled to end by 1:30 p.m.

We are required to supply three (3) timers

for this event. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Neil. It's probably best if parents volunteer who have swimmers racing in the closing relays of meet (events 69-78) - check our website for entries at MEMBERS / MEET INFORMATION / FINAL ENTRIES for the KYST Invite. Thanks in advance for volunteering!

A couple of reminders from the posted meet information: 1) awards include a trophy for first place team, individual high

point plaques (no indication as to which place they go to), medals for top six finishes and ribbons through 12th place (individual events), and medals for top three relays and ribbons through sixth and 2) sitting area is limited and spectators are requested to remain in the pool area only when their swimmers are racing.

Questions about this meet? Please call or email Neil at your convenience.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

Titletown Freeze TEAM Travel Meet



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

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.

Protocol for Canceling Practice

With winter sneaking up on us, it's a good time to review the protocol for canceling practice.

If RUSD cancels afterschool activities or school in general, SEA swim practice will be canceled as well.

The notification process is as follows: emails are sent to all members, an announcement is posted on the homepage of our website under the NEWS sec-

tion, and notification goes out via Facebook and Twitter too.

When in doubt, please email or call Coach Neil.

Although it does not happen often, sometimes pools have mechanical issues and practices have to be canceled or moved to an alternate site.

In the same manner as a weather cancelation, emails and postings will go into effect.

If you are not receiving email updates from Coach Neil or not yet plugged into one of our social media websites, maybe now's the time?

Finally, sometimes practice will be offered, but the weather is not the greatest. When this happens, please use your best judgment in regards to attending practice or taking the night off.

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 cover for our heat sheets! So what's involved in this process ... read on.

Besides the meet we will host this weekend (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 on December 10 for consideration for our January event and 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) please use 8.5x11 inch paper (normal printer sized paper)

2) Leave a 1.5x6 inch section empty for information 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!



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?

Sometimes it's Best to Setup a Carpool



If your swimmers are enjoying attending practice and want to come

If you need help setting up a carpool, please contact Coach Neil or get to know other parents in the stands. to more, but your hands are tied in terms of getting them to additional practices, maybe a carpool is in your future?

Setting up carpools can be a little difficult, especially if you are new to the team. In an effort to facilitate the carpool process, please speak with parents in the stands to see if there are any families in your swimmers training group that live close to you.

A bit shy and not sure you can? Just

email Coach Neil or call him and he can put you in contact with a family or two or three who live close by and maybe a carpool would be feasible.

Don't be shy and hey, carpooling is good for the environment right? It's also a great way to free up some time to get ahead of the laundry or dishes or the winter prep on the old home.

Coach Neil can be reached at 262.898.4766 or via email at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com.

Take advantage!

There's a large learning curve when joining a competitive swim team.

Entering your child in a meet is a lot easier than you probably think it is.

How to Enter Your Swimmer in Meets

So you've filled out all the necessary paperwork, you have been following the practice calendar and have been getting your child to practice 2-3 times a week (or more), and even purchased a cool SEA swim cap. Now it's time to sign-up for a swim meet, but how do you do that?

Signing up for swim meets is an easy process and only requires a quick email, phone call, or chat with our Head Coach, Neil.

If you would like your child to attend a meet, simply contact Neil stating the meet name and the day or days you plan on taking your child to the meet - it's that easy.

After a few days you'll be able to double-check your child's events on the SEA website (MEMBERS / MEET INFORMATION - click on ENTRIES).

Meet information is also listed on that page along with entry fees too.

After you sign your child up for a meet,

please open a meet escrow account with the team's treasurer (read more about this process under Neil's Kickboard in this newsletter and also by visiting the website at MEMBERS / MEET ESCROW ACCOUNT).

Finalized arrival times for the meets we attend will be listed in the most current newsletter.

If you need assistance with this process, please don't hesitate to speak with a coach!

5th Annual SEA Fall Starter Recap

When the waves settled, we won our own meet with 2804 points (Iguanas Swim Club from Chicago was second with 1082.50 points). Good job swimmers!

Two team records fell during the course of the meet. Sara Bollendorf broke Jackie Bereiter's 2003 11-12 50 Breaststroke record of 33.86 with her swim of 33.80 and Jacob Trask broke Ivar Iverson's 2010 11-12 100 Backstroke record of 1:04.11 with his swim of 1:01.54.

Achieving new State qualifying times were Sara Bollendorf (1Fr), Mackenzie Reischl (500Fr), and CJ Trask (25Ba).

Cracking into the Top Ten all time for SEA were Mackenzie Reischl (8th 1Fr, 6th 1Ba), Sara Bollendorf (5th 50Bf, 5th 2IM), CJ Trask (10th 25Ba, 3rd 25Bf), Jacob Trask (4th 1Fr, 5th 500Fr, 7th 50Fr), and Ivar Iverson (3rd 1Br, 2nd 1Bf, 9th 500Fr).

Achieving 100% best times were Rachel Christensen, Bailey Chryst, Ella Druktenis, Collin Flynn, Chad Helland, Alexandra Johnson, Nick Kirchner, Taylor Knaus, Scott Palmer, Jordan Pier, Alice Stratman, Laurel Sutherland, and Kaitlyn Weyenberg.

Dropping more than 10 seconds in a single event included Natalia Badillo -20.66 500Fr,

Sofia Badillo -11.65 1Ba, Isabelle Buhler -12.43 2IM, Drew Esson -38.97 2Ba, Lauren Flynn -10.82 1Ba, Chad Helland -25.75 1Fr, Alexandra Johnson -10.71 1Ba, Cayla Julius -38.21 2IM, Charles Julius -13.69, Samyukta Munagavalasa -23.97 2IM, Scott Palmer -15.96 2IM, Abby Povkovich -25.79 1Ba, Mackenzie Reischl -55.43 500Fr, Ali Scharff -35.33 500Fr, Tiffany Steffes -44.79 500Fr, Stephanie Strange -23.54 50Br, Elizabeth Stratman -11.54 1Ba, CJ Trask -14.43 1IM, Jacob Trask -27.86 500Fr, and Neil Wright III -11.87 1Ba.

Great job swimmers and good luck this weekend in Kenosha!



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 download and print your own from our team 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 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!

"Great minds

discuss ideas.

Average minds

discuss events.

Small minds

discuss people." -

Eleanor Roosevelt

SCRIP, the Easiest Way to Fundraise

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 during the off season.

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.

Currently there are no upcoming order deadlines for SCRIP.

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!

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

9, KYST Invite

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

12, Elegant Farmer pick-up at Case, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

13, PLD Time Trial

14-16, PX3 Invite

16, SSTY Invite

21, SEA vs. NBSC

27-28, No practice

December 2014

6-7, BAT Prelim/Final Open

8, 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



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