

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Attempting to find some practice time for December 31 & January 1 ... stay tuned.
- The next parent board meeting will be held December 9, 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

Slight change in practice this coming Monday and Tuesday (December 8 & 9). Monday night's practices will run as Primary. Tuesday night's practices will run as Combined at Case.

Great job signing up to work our final two meets of the season! If you have not done so, 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.

Don't forget to sign-up your swimmers to compete in our final two team hosted meets! Entry deadlines are 1/1 for the Oddball Challenge and 1/16 for the Groundhog Grand Prix.

I'm hosting another New Parent meeting tomorrow at Case beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Hope you can make it!

I left the hotel information in this newsletter just in case a family has a change of plans and decides to stay in Beloit (information is available on page two).

Have you asked any of your children if they would be interested in designing a

heat sheet cover for our upcoming meets (Oddball Challenge and Groundhog Grand Prix)? Read more about this on page two.

Sign-ups for the Titledown Freeze are beginning to roll in - 26 swimmers attend-



(Pictured above is the downtown YMCA in Green Bay.) Last year we had close to 40 swimmers attend the Green Bay Titledown Freeze. Read all about this fun team event on page two and seriously consider attending!

ing to date. This is a great weekend in Green Bay and if you are free, I hope you can join us - read more on page two.

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 you should attend (yes, this meet is faster than the WI State Championships). I will submit our first round of entries in early December and can update our entries through mid-January (so if you qualify during the Oddball Challenge or the Titledown Freeze you can probably still attend).

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

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.

## BAT Prelim/Final Information

This event has changed slightly and now all swimmers will compete together in the Prelim Session regardless of age.

Remember, for swimmers 11-and-older, the top 16 finishers during Prelims move forward to Finals (taking a look at the Psych Sheet, every SEA 11-and-older swimmer should make Finals - be aware!).

There are assigned warm-ups and for Saturday we will swim in lanes 5-6 beginning at 9:55 a.m. Sunday we will swim in lanes 7-8 beginning at 9:55 a.m. Remember, all swimmers entered in the meet and regardless of age will swim these warm-ups.

Swimmers making it to Finals should be on deck at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday (the session begins at 5:05 p.m.) and

at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday (the session begins at 4:35 p.m.).

FYI - only water is allowed into the pool area.

The pool address is 1225 Fourth Street, Beloit. The hotel address is 500 Pleasant Street, Beloit.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun ... have lots of 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!

**26** swimmers attending to date ... take advantage!

## 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!

*Thank you to all the parents from both SEA and NBSC who stepped forward and volunteered during last Friday's dual meet.*

## SEA vs. NBSC Recap

Great two Fridays ago and what really stood out were the efforts from all our first year athletes! Keep up the great work!

As a team we posted a healthy best time percentage of 65, a bit high on the DQs at 19 and scored 1,920 points to NBSC 659 points.

New team records were established by Jacob Trask for 11-12 in the 2Ba at 2:15.23 (broke Ivar Iverson's mark of

2:21.77 from 2010) and the 50Ba at 29.10 (broke Andrew Griffey's mark of 29.40 from 2003).

New State qualifying times achieved by Mackenzie Reischl in the 2Ba and 500Fr and CJ Trask in the 11M and 1Fr.

Notching some of the fastest times in our history were Emily Bollendorf (7th Mile), Sara Bollendorf (5th 1Br), Jacob MacKenzie (8th in the Mile and

1K), Caitlin Mertins (9th Mile), Emelia Selky (8th Mile), CJ Trask (6th 50Bf), and Jacob Trask (4th 50Fr).

Posting all best times in their events were Sofia Badillo, Sara Bollendorf, Arev Buchaklian, Joanna Caro, Helena Chryst, Ella Druktenis, Drew Esson, Cole Johnson, Amanda Lopez, Sarah Mercer, Elena Palermo, Scott Palmer, Ella Pier, Alex Pudzisz, Josephine Redig, Nathan Strickland, CJ Trask, Mason Wolf, and Grace Zygowski.

## SEA vs. NBSC Recap ... continued

Dropping more than ten seconds in a single event included Joey Abel - 12.88 11M, Natalia Badillo - 33.06 2Ba, Sofia Badillo - 26 2Fr, Isabelle Buhler - 11.18 2Fr, Maritxell Chavez - Alvarado - 17.17 21M, Ella Druktenis - 13.24 1Fr, Carter Johnson - 23.07 50Br, Hannah Kehl - 21.99 41M, Austin Lentz - 18.86 2Ba, Caitlin Mertins - 73.45 Mile, Samyukta Munagavalasa - 19.98 2Ba,

Scott Palmer - 11.33 1Ba, Jordan Pier - 13.04 1Br, Abby Polzin - 73.08 Mile, Alex Pudzisz - 10.26 1Fr, Chris Pudzisz - 18.57 1Fr, Helena Pudzisz - 12.16 25Br, Mackenzie Reischl - 19.65 2Ba, Marlee Reischl - 208.61 1K, CJ Trask - 15.18 50Br, Neil Wright III - 95.57 2Fr, and Grace Zygowski - 19.14 11M.

Great job swimmers and parents!

We have two more dual meets remaining on our schedule and they both take place in February (one in Lake Geneva and one here at home). Dual meets are great meets for newer swimmers to attend as they tend not to be overly crowded and many teammates attend them. Take advantage of the remaining dual meets by emailing Neil to sign-up!



# 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 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 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!

# November & December Birthdays



Aging up, it happens to everyone.

Lauren F.

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

## 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, 12&U State

## March 2015

5-8, 13&O State

9, Team Picture

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

30-3, YMCA Nationals

## April 2015

13, First day of practice



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