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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Spring & Summer returning registration will be held at Sealed Air YMCA on Monday, April 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Next board meeting is March 4 at 6:30 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

I think I have finally come to the realization that Spring will never arrive here in Wisconsin. Seriously ... :)

It really seems we are riding a great wave of awesomeness the last couple of weeks in terms of our performances at the meets we attend and last weekend in Mequon (air quality notwithstanding) and Madison was no different. Read about our most recent successes later in this newsletter.

Rebecca Scharff has finalized her volunteers for our upcoming Wine Tasting fundraiser. Thank you to the following parents who have stepped forward to help out:

Pups - Lydia Bollendorf (point of fact, Lydia doesn't even have a Pup swimmer)

Lions - Stacy Suprak-Spanske

Dragons - Beth Gilmore

Green - Stacy Kehl

Blue - Missy Reischl

Senior 1 - Andrea Gendreau

Senior 2 - Molly Buhler

Expect to be contacted from these lead-

ers soon. (This event raised \$4,000 last year and was A LOT of fun. Tickets will be available soon.)

Our annual team picture is right around the corner. This year's team picture will take place at Case on Tuesday, March 4. I



Pictured left to right are Natalia, Jake, Mackenzie, Maya and along with Isabelle, Sara, and Ali head to I2&U State this weekend on the campus of UW-Madison. Good luck and HAVE FUN!!!

will hand out forms a week prior to that date. Swimmers who want individual or sibling pictures taken should be ready to go at 5:30 p.m. The team picture will follow at 6:00-6:15 p.m. We usually have

about 70% of the team in attendance - let's have 100% of the team this year! Save the date - Team Picture on March 4th!

With YMCA Sectionals & YMCA State approaching, be aware a swimmer's age for these meets is determined by the date of December 1, 2013 and not the first day of the meet as every other meet we attend. What does this mean? How ever old a swimmer is on December 1, 2013 is the age s/he will compete in the meet. It's an antiquated YMCA rule which needs to go away, but seems to have a life of its own.

Speaking of YMCA Sectionals, ALL swimmers are encouraged to attend this event as our season ending meet for those athletes not attending YMCA State or Nationals. Don't forget, YMCA Sectionals also represents an athletes last opportunity to qualify for YMCA State. The event will be held in Oconomowoc on March 15 and 16. Deadline to register as been extended to March 3. Go for it!

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

I2&U State Information

This weekend we head to Madison for I2&U State ... good luck to our swimmers! Be advised we have assigned warm-ups for the duration of the meet.

Friday warm-ups are 1:15-1:40 p.m., meet begins at 2:05 p.m. and will finish up for us at 3:42 p.m. This session includes Sara Bollendorf, Jake Trask, Mackenzie Reischl and Maya Frodl.

Saturday AM warm-ups are 7:25-7:50

a.m. and the meet begins at 8:35 a.m. Natalia Badillo will be competing during this session.

Saturday PM warm-ups are 12:35-1:00 p.m. and the meet begins at 1:20 p.m. This session includes Maya Frodl, Mackenzie Reischl, Sara Bollendorf, Ali Scharff, Jake Trask, and Isabelle Buhler.

Sunday AM warm-ups are 7:50-8:15 a.m. and the meet begins at 8:35 a.m.

Natalia Badillo will be swimming this session.

Sunday PM warm-ups are 12:30-1:00 p.m. and the meet begins at 1:40 p.m. Mackenzie Reischl, Sara Bollendorf, Maya Frodl, Ali Scharff, and Jake Trask compete in this session.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

GO SEA!!!



One of the strengths of our team is the strong pool of officials we have. Please think about becoming an official.

Sometimes it seems the process of building a pool lasts forever. As of the end of February, the powers that be at the YMCA are in the final stages of pulling together three committees to research the following needs 1) expanding Sealed Air, 2) doing something with the Downtown Y, and 3) expanding to Burlington. Pat Lewno and Coach Neil have been nominated to serve on the Sealed Air committee. More to follow.

Aging up, it happens to everyone.



Become an Official ... it's easy

It's that time of year again ... time to solicit parents to take that step to become officials.

We had an outstanding response last year and certified six new officials during our current Fall & Winter Season. Thanks to those who went through the process!

At this point, we are just taking names of interested parents who would be willing to take the first officials

class - Stroke & Turn Officials Clinic.

Parents who desire to become a USA Swimming Official will pay for their class and Background Check and once they have gone through their apprenticeship, SEA reimburses all expenses incurred during the process.

Moving forward, parents who continue to maintain their USA Swimming Membership as an Official and

support our hosted meets as officials, SEA will continue to cover their membership fees.

Once we have 5-6 parents listed in this section, we'll schedule a clinic.

Parents interested in becoming an Official, please contact Neil at 262.898.4766 or via email south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com. Thanks!

SCRIP - The Easiest Way to Fundraise

Here are the current order by/delivery on dates for SCRIP: order by order by order by order by order by 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.

Save the Dates for our Spring & Summer Meets



Please mark your calendars and update your smart phones for our upcoming meets.

We will be hosting three meets during the upcoming Spring & Summer Season. These events are huge fundraisers for our team and all families benefit for the revenue generated from these events with economical swim fees.

Our first meet will be the 6th Annual SEA

Early Bird. This meet will be held May 3-4 in Brown Deer at Schroeder.

The second meet we host will be the 5th Annual SEA Summer Sizzler. This meet will be held June 20-21 in Pleasant Prairie at the Rec Plex.

The final meet of the summer we are hosting will be the 13&O State Championships. This meet will be held July 31-August 3 in Pleasant Prairie at the Rec Plex.

To give families an idea of what kind of meet income is generated from the meets we run ... this year's budgeted meet revenue is \$65,000, roughly 40% of the operating budget.

With our vision to build a pool, hosting meets also builds a next egg for that project.

Your continued support working SEA hosted meets has been and always will be greatly appreciated.

YMCA National Hotel Rooms

Rooms have been reserved for the upcoming YMCA National swim meet in Greensboro, North Carolina, April 1-4.

Rooms have been reserved at the Quality Inn & Suites, 7067 Albert Pick Road, Greensboro, NC 27409. (Roughly eight miles from the event venue.)

Rooms are reserved from Sunday, March 30 with check-out happening on Friday, April 4. Room rates are \$89.99 per night plus tax, come with two queen beds and include a full hot breakfast.

If you need a room, please call 336.668.3638 and pull a room

from the reserved block of rooms held under the South Eastern Aquatics, Racine Family YMCA Swim Team.

The deadline to reserve a room is Friday, March 14. The group account number is 1597884.



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 and as of February 27th all groups have been covered. Thanks to Lydia Bollendorf, Stacy Suprak-Spanske, Beth Gilmore, Stacy Kehl, Missy Reischl, Andrea Gendreau, and Molly Buhler. When these great

volunteers reach out and contact you, please help them out in any way you can. Thanks!

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. Tickets will be available soon. Won't you join us?

Regional Recap



We experienced awful air quality during last weekend's meet.

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

Although the air quality was substandard, our swims for the most part were exemplary.

New State qualifying standards were achieved by Mackenzie Reischl (2Fr, 50Ba, 1Ba, 50Bf), Bailey Bleser (2Fr, Mile, 2Ba, 2IM), Natalia Badillo (50Fr, 2Fr, 50Ba), Sara Bollendorf (2IM), Marlee Reischl (50Fr), Maren Hoferitza-Palermo (1K), and Will Buhler (2Fr).

Athletes taking home a high point trophy included Natalia Badillo, Sara Badillo, and Mackenzie Reischl.

Posting some of the fastest times in team history were Bailey Bleser (9th 2Ba, 9th 2IM, 9th Mile) and Will Buhler (5th 2Br).

Notching 100% best times included Will Buhler and Mackenzie Reischl.

Cutting more than five seconds in an individual event - Natalia Badillo -17.95 2Fr, Sofia Badillo - 6.57 1IM, Bailey Bleser -8.29 2IM, Isabelle Buhler -6.29 1Ba, Will Buhler -12.30 2Fr, Maritxell Chavez-Alvarado -5.41 1Fr, Rachel Christensen -11.30 2Fr, Maren Hoferitza-Palermo -31.27

1K, and Ali Scharff -9.74 2Fr.

One thing evident is our age-groupers have been working really hard and with a focus not seen in previous years. Maintain your attendance and focus for greater results during our remaining meets!

Don't forget, ALL swimmers should sign-up to swim YMCA Sectionals as this is our season ending meet for those swimmers not participating in YMCA State and YMCA Nationals. Take advantage and don't miss out on this fun event - water slide!!!

Carthage College, Week of March 10

With RUSD's Spring Recess right around the corner, this section of the newsletter serves as a reminder and contains important updated practice times as the Carthage pool is not available until 6:00 p.m.

We will practice at Carthage College March 10-14. RUSD keeps outside organizations from using their facilities when

school is not in session (if you are wondering why we can't train at Case and Park).

Practice times for March 10-14 will be:

Pups/Lions - 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Dragons - 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Green - 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Blue - 6:15-8:00 p.m.

Senior 1 & 2 - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

At this point in the season maybe you are wondering where our Spring & Summer practices will be held?

Well, currently Carthage College for all PM practices and once school ends we will offer AM practices at Meadowbrook Country Club. There is an attempt to keep Park High School open this Spring & Summer ... time will tell.

Bird Bath Open ... this summer



Last summer we attended the Bird Bath Open in Appleton at the outdoor 50-meter pool (Erb Park) after not attending this event for many years.

Similar to the Green Bay meet, this travel meet offers our families an opportunity to bond in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

The park where the pool is located is surrounded by

acres and acres of green grass and trees along with playgrounds and other recreational fields.

Families who attended last year brought their shade tents and folding chairs and relaxed in the shade enjoying each others company while they waited for their swimmers to compete.

This summer we'll be heading back to the Bird Bath Open and the dates are set ... July 11-13 and rooms have been blocked off at the same hotel as last year

(County Inn & Suites). The rate is \$105 + tax. Five rooms are king suites (w/ pullout sofa) and 25 rooms are come with two queen beds (all rooms are equipped with microwaves and refrigerators). The hotel offers a hot breakfast too. Call 920.830.3240 by June 11 to reserve your room.

Mark your calendars and join us won't you? Good times (both in and out of the pool) are guaranteed to be had by all.

WIAA State Recap



The results are in and our six high school boys had a great meet last Saturday in Madison.

Ivar Iverson led the way with two

Fast swimming and best times achieved by SEA high school boys during WIAA State. podium efforts. He finished 3rd in the 1Br and 5th in the 2IM. His effort of 57.51 in the Br notched his first Junior National cut (Winter event).

Along with David Donnell, the Bradford 200 Medley Relay finished 19th.

Collin Flynn PR'ed in the 1Ba and took 18th and joined Zach Hovan and Charlie Julius to finish 20th in the 200 Medley Relay.

Nick Galis was tenths of his best times and finished 21st in the 2Fr and 22nd in the 1Fr.

It's been a couple years since SEA has had this many athletes competing at the WIAA Boys State meet. Our high school boys are staying plugged into year-round swimming and their dedication is beginning to pay dividends. Now it's time to recalibrate the goal from making it to WIAA State to scoring points and making the podium at the State meet. Great swimming boys, now get back to practice!!!

“Tentatively, this year’s 13&O Training Trip will take place June 22-29. We will be heading back to Laguna Beach, FL.”

13&Over Training Trip Information

Every two years we offer a 13&O Training Trip and if you have attended any SEA Banquet and heard the graduating seniors speak, almost everyone shares memories about their training trip and that if you (other swimmers) get a chance to go ... go.

Tentatively, this year's trip will take place June 22-29. We will be staying in the same location as the past two trips (Laguna Beach, FL) and be training at the same facility as the last two trips (the Panama City Beach Aquatic Center).

Two year's ago the cost for transportation

(via van), lodging and pool rental was \$678 per swimmer.

Swimmers will need additional funds to cover meals and incidentals.

As this is a training-trip, there's no side excursions really planned except for dinner at the Red Bar in Grayton Beach and an afternoon trip to the quaint town of Seaside (where the movie *The Truman Show* was filmed).

At this time, please forward your name to Neil if you are planning on attending and if you are willing to chaperone (first come

first served).

To date, Erin Cain, Rachel Zenisek, Kayla Rose, Emily Bollendorf, Josh Bote, Ivar Iverson, Caitlin Mertins, Jason Lewis, Maren Hoferitza-Palermo, Will Buhler, Bailey Bleser, Tiffany Steffes, Claire Holewinski, Paige Betthausen, Jacob MacKenzie and Marlee Reischl is planning on attending. A minimum of 12 swimmers are needed for this trip to happen.

More information will be available towards the end of the Fall & Winter Season.

Please contact Neil if you have questions.

Locker-room Behavior

A couple of locker-room issues have been brought to the attention of our Head Coach and what follows are a couple of reminders to share with your swimmers. Thank you in advance for your assistance in getting the word out about acceptable locker-room behavior.

- 1) Please keep voices to a conversational tone. Appropriate language and content should be used at all times, especially when younger swimmers are present.
- 2) USA Swimming and SEA have adopted

a No Bullying Policy that is applied to all swim participants - swimmers, parents, coaches, officials, etc. Please remind your children about the rules we all learned growing up - keep your hands to yourself, if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.

- 3) Please be respectful of your teammates and their belongings.
- 4) No running or horseplay.
- 5) As a YMCA Swim Team, we strive to live by the four core values of the

YMCA and these four words really cover all the bases in terms of locker-room behavior - caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

- 6) Do not use cell phones or cameras while in the locker-room.

Again, please share this information with your swimmers. SEA is and will always be a safe place to be.

Let's ensure our swimmers understand the value of their teammates and the boundaries for their behavior. Thank you.





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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 this year!

On the Starting Blocks

February 2014

28-2, I2&U State

March 2014

4, Team Picture

4, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - all welcome!

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

7, Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. - all welcome

14, Returning Registration, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
at the Sealed Air Y

May 2014

1, Sprint Time Trials

3-4, 6th Annual SEA Early Bird

8, Annual Awards Banquet - no practice

9, SEA vs. NBSC

16-18, BDSC Open

22, Packers vs. Brewers Dual (for Pups,
Lions and Dragons)

30-1, PX3 Invite

June 2014

5, Packers vs. Brewers Dual (for Pups,

Lions and Dragons)

6, EBSC 8&U Swim Your Own Age

6-8, SHOR Open

13, Tri-Dual w/LGSC & KYST

20-21, 5th Annual SEA Summer Sizzler

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

July 2014

11-13, Bird Bath Open

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.**