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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Personalized swim caps are in the process of being ordered. Read more on page four.
- The next parent board meeting will be held February 23, 6:00 p.m. at Case. All welcome!
- Need a swim cap? Please speak with Neil. \$12 per cap.

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Neil's Kickboard

I hope everyone survived the blizzard unscathed. Thanks to all the families who attended our meet in Pleasant Prairie and to the families who drove up to Brown Deer this past Sunday!

We have a very busy schedule this weekend ...

- 1) SEA vs. OZ on Feb. 6
- 2) SEA vs. LGSC vs. BAT on Feb. 7
- 3) Practice this Saturday at Sealed Air Y (diving practice is canceled) on Feb. 8
- 4) Lions & Green swimmers private movie - invite a friend if you like (new SpongeBob one) - Swim-a-Thon reward for raising the most pledges, will take place at the Sturtevant Renaissance Theater at 10 a.m. on

Feb. 8

- 5) Team bowling party at Castle Lanes, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (only \$10) on Feb. 9



Seven of our swimmers were in action in Brown Deer last weekend competing against some of the Midwest's best athletes.

Remember to sign-up to attend our final "big" team meet of the season, YMCA Sectionals on Saturday & Sunday, March 14-15.

Even if you can only make one day we would love to see you racing in Oconomowoc.

Change in the Practice Calendar ... we will be combined at Case on Monday, February 23.

I've heard a lot of great highlights from our meet last Sunday from both swimmers and coaches alike. Good job! I'm still waiting for results and I will post a Recap here in the newsletter when I have a chance to go through the results.

Don't forget to order your personalized SEA swim caps. Read more about this opportunity on page four.

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

SEA vs. OZ & SEA vs. LGSC vs. BAT Information

For the second week in a row we have two meets on the same weekend.

First up we are playing host to our peers to the north as the land of OZ rolls into town Friday night.

The SEA vs. OZ event will take

place at Case with 5:00 p.m. warm-ups and a 6:05 p.m. meet start. The heat sheet was emailed and posted on our website and parent volunteers are needed to assist with timing/running/officiating ... please meet in the pool office at 5:50 p.m. if you can help.

Saturday we head to Badger High School in Lake Geneva (220 E. South St., Lake Geneva) for a tri-dual against LGSC and BAT. Warm-ups begin at 8:00 a.m., meet begins at 9:05 a.m. and is scheduled to finish at 12:32 p.m.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!



Not sure what's going on? Read this section to stay connected and in the loop.

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



If you are looking for a way to give of your time please consider joining the parent board.

Friday, February 6

(no practice, dual with OZ at Case)

Saturday, February 7

(practice combined at Sealed Air - no diving practice at Lakefront Y, Tri-dual w/LGSC & BAT, Lions and Green private movie at 10 AM, Sturtevant Renaissance Theaters)

Sunday, February 8

(team bowling party at Castle Lanes - read more on page three)

Monday, February 9

(practice combined at Case)

Tuesday, February 10

(practice combined at Case)

Wednesday, February 11

(practice combined at

Case)

Thursday, February 12

(practice combined at Case)

Friday, February 13

(practice combined at Case)

Saturday, February 14

(practice at Sealed Air and diving practice at Lakefront, LAKE Open in Brown Deer)

Spring & Summer Registration Schedule

Although the weather outside is frightful, it's about time to begin planning for the upcoming Spring & Summer Season.

The Spring & Summer Season will begin April 13 and run through July 29.

The Spring only dates are April 13 through June 20.

The Summer only dates are June 1 through July 29.

PM practice times remain as

they are now through the Spring & Summer Seasons.

AM practices are added once school is finished and those practices will be held at Meadowbrook Country Club between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

The registration schedule looks like this:

Returning Registration will take place at Sealed Air Y on March

30 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and also on the first day of practice - April 13 (location TBA). Registration for Summer Only will take place on May 18 (location TBA).

If you have never been with SEA for a summer session you are in for a treat as it's way more fun to swim outside than indoors (as long as the weather cooperates). Summer will be here soon!

Looking for a few Good Parents

The parent board is a great group of committed parents who work together to ensure SEA and the swimming community here in Southeastern Wisconsin is given the opportunity to swim year-round as so many children have done in the past. Parents who serve on the board do not serve the needs of their own children, but instead serve the needs of every SEA swimmer on the team.

Decisions made must be in the best interest of SEA's financial stability and for all swimmers currently involved with the team. With that said, there are a few openings on the parent board and Coach Neil is actively looking for well balanced parents who feel they possess the skill sets necessary to ensure SEA's continued success. Positions currently opening up at the end of this season

include, President, Meet Director and although not a board position, someone to manage the Scrip program.

If you are interested to learn more about any of the positions listed above, please call or email Coach Neil at 262.898.4766 or at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com.

30th Anniversary Wine & Beer Tasting!



Exciting news! Friday, March 27th we will be hosting a Wine

This event is always fun and a great way to get to know your parent peers away from the pool deck.

& Beer Tasting to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the SEA Swim Team!

Details to follow in the next few weeks, but make sure you put this date on the calendar and spread the word!

The event will take place at the Masonic Center on Main Street (across from Gateway Technical College) in Racine from

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with light appetizers provided by Ivanhoe's of Racine.

In addition we will have two signature cocktails, lots of raffle baskets and tours of the historic mansion. If you have never taken a tour of this building and you have an interest in history/architecture, you don't want to miss the tour!

Hope to SEA all of you there!

We'll need all hands on deck in the upcoming Spring & Summer Season when we will be hosting one additional swim meet.

BIG Plans for the Spring & Summer Season

This Spring & Summer Season we'll be hosting one additional meet compared to previous seasons.

Details are still being worked out, but the dates are set ... please save these dates!

Adding an additional meet was not taken lightly at the board level, but it is seen as a means to an end. It's the parent boards plan to stop

bidding (and thus hosting) the I3&O State Championship Meet. We will be hosting this summer's meet as the bid and voting process took place in April of 2014, but the plan moving forward is not to bid any further I3&O State meets. (Of course, with time things can change, but that's the current plan as of now.)

With that said, here is the list of

SEA hosted meets for the upcoming Spring & Summer Season:

- 1) 7th Annual Early Bird, May 2-3
- 2) TBD, May 29-31
- 3) 6th Annual Summer Sizzler, June 19-20
- 4) I3&O State, July 30-August 2

Please save these dates and support your swimmer's team!

Bowling Party Planned for February 8

Every year around this time we host a team bowling party and this year is no different.

Mark your calendars as we descend upon Castle Lanes on Sunday, February 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for

two hours of bowling and memory making away from the pool.

The cost is \$10 per bowler and includes two hours of bowling and shoes. If you want to order drinks/food please bring extra spending

money. Registration is not necessary ... simply show-up! Feel free to invite your friends too.

Who will be crowned this year's SEA Swim Team bowling champion?

Hope to SEA you there!



Personalized SEA Swim Caps



Neil will be taking orders for personalized SEA swim caps. Orders are February 15.

Personalized SEA swim caps are our normal team caps (silicone) with the swimmers last night on both sides of the cap under our team logo.

Cost is \$30 per order (two caps included in that price). Please forward payment when you place your order.

As orders come in, Neil will list names here ... please double check the spelling when you see your name listed in this section of the newsletter.

Orders to date:
 BUCHAKLIAN
 GIFFORD
 PUDZISZ (2 orders)
 WRIGHT

Stand out from the crowd with personalized SEA swim caps.

“Great minds

discuss ideas.

Average minds

discuss events.

Small minds

discuss people.” -

Eleanor Roosevelt

SCRIP, the Easiest Way to Fundraise

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 deliver-

ies 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 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



Aging up, it happens to everyone.

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| Sofia B. | Scott P. | Megan G. |
| Kate B. | Abby P. | Jacob H. |
| Halina C. | Sebastian R. | Adara J. |
| Jack E. | Marlee R. | Ava K. |
| Lindsey F. | Ali S. | Jason L. |
| Katelyn G. | Robin S. | Mitchell M. |
| Abby K. | Tiffany S. | Cooper S. |
| Emaleigh N. | Grace Z. | Alyssa S. |
| Elena P. | Drew E. | |

SSTY A+ Recap



All the snow we received Sunday couldn't put an end to fast swimming

The 35th A+ meet took place last weekend in drew over 1,100 swimmers for seven states.

16 girls team records. Jacob broke JJ Lipo's 2000 2Fr record with an effort of 2:00.61, reset the 50Ba 27.99, reset the 1Ba 59.94, reset the 50Bf 26.55, reset the 1Bf 58.36, and broke Ivar Iverson's 11M record with a 1:02.20 swim. Mackenzie broke Madeline Clark's 2006 1Fr record with a 57.02

going on in Brown Deer last weekend.

Jacob Trask reset or broke six team records, Mackenzie Reischl grab one and Emily Bollendorf began her assault of the 15-

effort. Emily broke Carina Tennesen's 1Bf record with her swim of 58.18.

Posting some of the fastest times in our history included Mackenzie 7th 11M, Emily 8th 2Fr, 7th 500Fr, 2nd 2Bf, 6th 21M, Caitlin Mertins 3rd 1Bf, CJ Trask 7th 50Fr, 2nd 50Bf, 6th 11M, Jacob 4th 50Fr, and Jacob MacKenzie 10th 500Fr, 4th 1K, 8th 41M.

Emelia Selky grabbed a new State qualifying time in the 50Fr.

We finished 29th of 54 teams and posted zero DQs. Great job swimmers!

Donations will be taken through the end of this season ...

March 20.

Currently we have raised

\$7,786.62! A new record.

Swim-a-Thon Recap

This year's Swim-a-Thon is moving along great. We have raised a team record \$7,786.62 and will accept donations through the end of the this season ... March 20.

Here is the list of the prize winners:

- 1) Nathan Mudry raised \$607.58 - \$100 Best Buy gift card
- 2) Arev Buchaklian raised \$468.30 - \$100 Toys 'R Us gift card
- 3) Sammie Spanske raised \$456.82 -

\$100 Speedo shopping spree

- 4) Oliver Redig raised \$401 - \$100 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card
- 5) Helena Chryst raised \$357 - \$100 Speedo shopping spree
- 6) Carter Johnson raised \$260.62 - \$100 iTunes gift card
- 7) Emaleigh Neo raised \$235 - \$100 American Eagle gift card
- 8) Joey Abel rasied \$230 - limou-

sine ride to tomorrow's dual meet

- 9) Jordan Willing won the raffle and the \$200 swim fee credit
- 10) Lions & Green raised the most off all the groups and will have a private movie this Saturday
- 11) USA Swimming prizes should arrive by the end of the season

Great job SEA families!

Why Swim? A Swim Dad's Prospective

There are many reasons why I want my sons plugged into a swim program, but now that I'm a Swim Dad, I want to share (in bullet point fashion) my insight as to why they are swimmers.

- 1) Besides being one of the best full body exercises around, swimming is a life long sport. USA Swimming has a 68-year strong age-group program in America and their Master's arm of swimming gives octogenarians and even centenarians an opportunity to compete too (how many 90-year-old foot-

ball players and runners do you see out there?).

- 2) The people involved with swimming (especially their peers) are a cut above the rest. Swimmers are hard working, motivated, and driven.
- 3) Focusing my sons attention on the importance of achieving best times by working hard in practice and paying attention to their coaches lays the groundwork for how to handle school work, part-time jobs, social life (when they get older), and anything else life

will throw at them.

- 4) Role models I can trust. SEA has a great coaching staff and it's no secret as a Y team the coaches follow and live by the four character traits of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.
- 5) Let's face it, swimming is fun - games at practice, travel meets, long showers with their buddies and the conversations they have, outdoor swimming, team trips and banquets - all good times.

Thanks for reading.





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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

February 2015

6, SEA vs. OZ

7, SEA vs. LGSC vs. BAT

7, Lions & Green Private Movie

8, Team Bowling Party

14-15, LAKE Open

19, PLD Time Trial

20-22, Regionals

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

27-1, I2&U State

March 2015

5-8, I3&O State

9, Team Picture

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

14-15, YMCA Sectionals

19, End of SEASON Time Trials

20-22, YMCA State

26-9, OST

27, Wine/BeerTasting & Raffle Event

30-3, YMCA Nationals

30, Returning Registration

April 2015

13, First day of practice

13, Returning Registration (please registration on March 30 if at all possible)

25, LSC Meeting

May 2015

2-3, Early Bird Open (SEA hosted)

29-31, Inaugural Pirate Plunge (SEA hosted)

June 2015

19-21, Summer Sizzler (SEA hosted)

July 2015

15-18, Speedo Champions Series

30-2, I3&O State (SEA hosted)

31-2, I4&U Central Zones

August 2015

3-28, OST at Meadowbrook



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