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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Practice will be held at Sealed Air & Lakefront this Saturday - take advantage!
- Attendance awards will be handed out again on July 21.
- The next parent board meeting will be held August 25th, 6:00 p.m. at Charco Grill on HWY 20. All welcome!

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SERPENT TIMES



EST. 1984

JULY 17, 2014

Neil's Kickboard

We had a fun time in Appleton last weekend and the weather ended up working out perfectly. Read all about the meet later in this newsletter.

So I have updated the number of GOALS t-shirts I have remaining (only 22) and you can view the sizes and colors on page three. You know you want one! :)

The number of swimmers planning on attending OST is slowly rising. OST is an opportunity for those athletes who do not want to take a break from training to maintain a feel for the water during our off-season. It's just three days a week and is held at MCC. Won't you join us?

Our final Packers vs. Brewers time trial will be held next week. These events did not turn out as

exciting as I had hoped they would. In the upcoming Fall & Winter Season we'll continue to offer something similar to our Pups, Lions and Dragons as I feel



We are heading into the championship season with Silver State and Speedo Sectionals this weekend. Good luck!

these events facilitate a better understanding of meet type situations.

Beginning this fall season the Li-

ons practice time will be extended 15 minutes. Their new practice time will be 5:30-6:30 p.m. With this change, Coach Mike will now be the lead coach for both Lions and Dragons and Coach Katie will assist.

The final diving practices will take place July 19 and 26.

Don't forget, I'll be handing out Attendance Awards this Monday. These awards are color-coded swim caps and are handed out to swimmers when they reach 25, 50, 75, and 100 practices.

Those swimmers attending State will receive a t-shirt email soon.

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

Silver State & Speedo Sectionals Information

Silver State will be held in Brown Deer this Friday-Saturday. We have assigned warm-ups.

Friday early PM warm-ups (events 1-12) will run 11:00-11:55 a.m. and the meet begins at Noon.

Friday late PM warm-ups (events 13-24) will run 3:45-4:30 p.m. and the meet begins at 4:35 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday AM warm-ups (12&U) - Saturday (lane 8, 7:40-8:05) and Sunday (lane 8, 7:15-7:40) - with assigned warm-ups, it's important to be timely.

Saturday & Sunday PM warm-ups (13&O) in lane 6 Saturday and lane 8 Sunday, will run Noon-1:00 p.m. and the meet begins at 1:05 p.m. (meet is scheduled to end at 5:45-6:00 p.m.)

Speedo Sectionals will be held in Iowa City, IA this Thursday-Sunday.

Prelim warm-ups will run 7:30-8:50 a.m. and the meet begins at 9:00 a.m. each day.

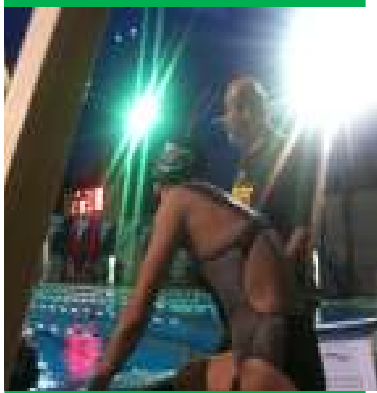
Final warm-ups will run 4:30-5:50 p.m. and the meet begins at 6:00 p.m. each evening.

Drive safe, swim fast, have FUN!



We will be hosting the 13&0 State Championships July 31 - August 3 at the RecPlex.

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



We finished 9th of 37 teams this year (last year we finished 17th).

13&0 State Championships

We were once again awarded the privilege of hosting the 13&0 State Championships this summer (the voting process took place over a year ago during one of the LSC meetings in Waukesha). In addition, we have also been awarded the 2015 summer meet as well.

The meet will take place Thursday-Sunday, July 31 - August 3 at the RecPlex facility. The Meet Worker Sign-up page on our website is live. Please take a moment and sign-up to work (each family is required to work two Prelim sessions and two Final sessions).

There's an awful lot of work that goes into hosting a meet this size and everyone plays an important role in ensuring the meet is conducted in a successful manner.

Everyone's help is needed! Please don't think you will not be missed if you don't sign-up to work ... you will be missed!

A handful of the parents serving on the parent board have already logged a number of hours in preparation for this summer's meet. Melissa Abel is the Meet Director for this event and her contact number is (262) 331-0225. Please contact her if you have any ques-

tions regarding this meet.

Everyone benefits from this meet in the form inexpensive swim fees (yes, SEA's fees are some of the most inexpensive fees in South-eastern Wisconsin).

We host six meets annually (12 days) and between those meets, \$62,500 is generated on the income side of the operating budget or roughly 45% of the budget. Hosting swim meets is a team wide fundraiser. To that end, any additional help you can volunteer will be well received. Thank you for your continued support of one of Racine's hidden gems.

50-meter Training Opportunities

A few months ago a survey was sent out to see if there was any interest in training in the outdoor 50-meter pool in Kenosha (Anderson). 19 responses were recorded and the results were evenly split with nine wanting to keep things as are posted and ten wanting to see some type of 50-meter training opportunity extended to the swimmers.

In the past (over a decade ago), we used to train at Wilson Park in Milwaukee three days a week.

After Meadowbrook Country Club became available, we got away from driving to Milwaukee.

As it turns out, Anderson pool does not have lane-lines or back-stroke flags and is probably not our best option for 50-meter training.

However, RecPlex is available and 10 days of practice have been added to our current training schedule.

The RecPlex practices are available

for swimmers training in the Green, Blue, Senior 1 & 2 groups and will be held on the following dates (Tuesdays & Thursdays): June 19, July 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, and 29 (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.).

All Meadowbrook Country Club practices will be offered during the above dates and swimmers can attend either practice (it's not advised to attend both :).

Take advantage of this great opportunity!

Bird Bath Recap

Emelia Selky (left) got to swim under the lights and the weather cooperated for the most part during this year's Bird Bath Invite.

Contratulations to Emily Bollendorf on breakout our Senior Girls 2Bf team record (2:29.75) that had stood since 1997. Not to be out done, William Buhler broke the meet record for 13-14 Boys in the 50Br (33.55).

Emily also qualified for State in the 4Fr as did Bailey Bleser in the 2Fr.

Posted some of the quickest times in our history were Mackenzie Reischl 6th 1Ba, Sara Bollendorf 7th 2IM, 3rd 4IM, Emelia 7th 8Fr, Emily 4th 4Fr, 2nd 1Bf, Neil Wright III 9th 50Fr, 7th 1Fr, 7th 1Ba, Carter Johnson 9th 1Ba, Bailey Bleser 4th 4Fr, 9th 2IM, 4th 4IM, and William Buhler 4th 1Br, 5th 2Br.

Notching 100% best times included Bailey, Isabelle Buhler, William, Carter, Ava Knaus, Scott Palmer,

Dominic Ricchio, and Ali Scharff.

Improving a single event by more than ten seconds were Bailey -29.61 4Fr, Emily Cain -22.88 1Br, Erin Cain -10.35 50Bf, Carter -15.94 1Ba, Ashton Karabiak -11.58 2Fr, Scott -15.79 1Ba, Tia Ricchio -11.81 50Br, Emelia -13.56 4Fr, and Neil -17.83 1Ba.

We hope to SEA even more Serpents racing at the Bird Bath next year!

Great job swimmers!!!

OST (off season training) Scheduled



When pool time is available, we like to offer OST (off season training) between seasons.

At the end of this season, OST

Not every swimmer wants to take a break between seasons. OST is the perfect solution.

9:15 a.m.

Green, Blue, Senior 1, and Senior 2 will train from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

The cost is \$50 for Pups, Lions, and Dragons.

will be offered three days a week in the mornings at Meadowbrook Country Club.

Pups, Lions, and Dragons will train from 8:15 a.m. to

The cost is \$80 for Green, Blue, Senior 1, and Senior 2.

Practices will be offered Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday and run August 4-August 28.

Families who want their swimmers entered in OST should email Neil and forward payment prior to August 4 (cash or check made payable to SEA). Take advantage!

Signed up to date include: the Pudzisz swimmers, Isabelle Buhler, Jacob MacKenzie and Bailey Christ.

We gained an

important

weekend in

Brown Deer last

weekend in

Appleton.

Beginning in

2015, we'll be

able to host a 2.5

day meet the first

weekend of June.

Good news for the meet schedule

With the long history of meets held at Walter Schroder Aquatic Center and the growing history of meets being held at the RecPlex, a pattern of "good" weekends to host meets can be discerned if one was to look the meet entries from year-to-year.

Our Early Bird May meet we host in Brown Deer has been steadily growing each year and as a single session meet, has been well received in the swimming community. We could even look at expanding that meet into two days/two sessions to accommodate additional teams and swimmers.

Recently though, a team has decided to no longer host their long course meet in Brown Deer and we were approached to see if we would be interested in taking that weekend over.

We accepted that offer and beginning in 2015, we will begin hosting a 2.5 meet in Brown Deer the weekend after Memorial Day (May 29-31, 2015).

This is exciting news as this weekend is traditionally a strong attended meet in Brown Deer (we'll keep our fingers crossed this pattern continues).

The parent board will need to look at the schedule of meets we currently host and decide whether or not to trim them down with the addition of this new event.

Our current list of meets we host include: Fall Starter (November), Oddball Challenge (January), Groundhog Grand Prix (February), Early Bird (May), Summer Sizzler (June), and when awarded by the voting delegates I3&O State (July).

These meets are team wide fundraisers and help bring us closer to one day building a pool or our own.

SEA "Goals" T-shirts available ... \$10

One of the coolest t-shirts ever designed for SEA is now available for only \$10 per shirt. Email Neil if you would like to purchase any of them (cash or check made payable to SEA). Be advise, there are a limited number of sizes and colors. All shirts are unisex

unless specified and are 100% preshrunk cotton.

Unisex sizes and colors:

Small - one royal

Medium - two black, two gray, six royal

Large - one turquoise, one royal, three black

XL - one gray, two red, three black

These shirts will be gobbled up fast so don't wait to send an email.

The design on the back is located to the right. The design on the front includes the team logo with est. 1984 under it.





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

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 and/or the WI LSC 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.

To date, Jose and Anna Arteaga and Heather Hoferitza-Palermo have expressed interest.

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

"Great minds

discuss ideas.

Average minds

discuss events.

Small minds

discuss people." -

Eleanor Roosevelt

SCRIP - The Easiest Way to Fundraise

Here is the current order by/delivery on dates for SCRIP: order by July 21, delivery on July 24. 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!



Aging up, it happens to everyone.

July & August Birthdays

Hugo A.

Natalia B.

Collin F.

Ivar I.

Austin K.

Austin L.

Emilie M.

Abby P.

Dominic R.

Elizabeth S.

William B.

Erin C.

Jacob M.

Madilynn P.

Jack S.

Emelia S.



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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

July 2014

17-20, Speedo Champions Series
18-20, Silver State
24, Packers vs. Brewers Dual (for Pups. Lions and Dragons)
25-27, I2&U State
29, End of SEAsOn Time Trials
31-3, I3&O State (SEA hosted)

August 2014

1-3, I4&U Central Zones
4-26, OST (off-season training)
25, parent board meeting

September 2014

2-18, OST
15, Tryouts for the Fall/Winter Season
22, First day of practice

October 2014

16, Sprint Time Trials, no practice

23, PLD Time Trial

November 2014

2, 5th Annual Fall Starter (SEA hosted)
13, PLD Time Trial

December 2014

11, PLD Time Trial
18, Middle Distance Time Trials, no practice

January 2015

10-11, 9th Annual Oddball Challenge (SEA hosted)



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