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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Welcome back swimmers and parents!
- Saturday practices begin tomorrow at both the Lakefront (diving practice) and Sealed Air. Take advantage!
- The next parent board meeting will be held October 13, 6:00 p.m. at Case. All welcome!

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Neil's Kickboard

Welcome back! I bet many parents are happy swimming has started up again as your kids were probably bouncing off the walls ... I know my were.

If you are testing the waters here at SEA, welcome! Please enjoy your time this week and call or email me if you have any questions.

We are coming off an exciting season of swimming this past summer! We won the 5th Summer Sizzler we hosted, we moved from the 17th overall team in 2013 to 9th place team this summer at the Bird Bath Invite (William Buhler broke the 13-14 boys 50Br meet record too), we broke three relay team records, 11 individual team records, had 25 athletes post 171 Top Ten efforts in the history of our team, sent two swimmers to 14&U Zones, Jacob Trask won four state titles, and our 13&O swimmers won the D2 team title!

Don't think for a second the coaching is satisfied with those great results

though. ;)

We have established team goals for this season and will be working with our student-athletes on pointing them in the right direction when it comes to



Welcome back swimmers and families! To date, we are at 85 swimmers on the team. Room for 65 more - tell your friends!

establishing their individual goals.

On top of all the great news from this past summer, we will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary all season long!

That's right, SEA was 'born' in September of 1984. 30th Anniversary t-shirts can be ordered through November 10th (posted on the homepage of our website) and watch for other 30th Anniversary items for sale in the coming months.

A couple of reminders as we begin practice this week: 1) never leave anything in the locker rooms - please bring all items to the bench on the pool deck, 2) never drop your swimmers off at pools without first making sure coaches are on deck, 3) for training groups that practice until 8:00 p.m., please plan to pick-up your swimmers no later than 8:15 p.m., 4) all parents must view practices from the balconies, 5) if you have a question or concern address it with a coach, and 6) get involved and have fun!

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

Sprint Time Trials Information

Sprint Time Trials will be held Thursday evening, October 16 at Park High School. Warm-ups will begin at 5:30 p.m. (probably best to be on deck at 5:15 p.m.) and the meet will get underway at 6:15 p.m.

Parent volunteers are needed to

assist with timing and officiating. Please meet at the first aid closet on the pool deck at 6:05 p.m. if you are able to help. We are looking for 13 timers!

Heat sheets will be posted on the homepage of the website a day or two prior to October 16.

(They will also be emailed.)

This event usually finishes by 7:15 p.m., but this year Senior level swimmers will stay and train until 8:00 p.m.

To have your student-athlete attend this fun team event, simply email Neil your intentions.

SEA Captures State Championship



A handful of swimmers were still at the meet when we were crowned D2 State Champions!

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

We won our first State Championship last month in Pleasant Prairie and I could not be more proud of our swimmers and parents commitment over the past season and over the years. Congratulations to EVERYONE.

When the waves settled, we had scored 503 points to runner-up J-HK 404 and third place finishing team WBSC 262.

Our victory was supported well by our relays scoring 234 points throughout the four day event.

Emily Bollendorf reset the 15-16 girls 1Bf record with her effort of 1:05.27. Ivar Iverson broke the senior 1Ba record with his swim of 1:01.25 (old

mark was held by Josh Griffey, 2004, 1:02.40), Jacob MacKenzie broke the senior 8Fr record with his swim of 9:10.56 (old mark was held by Adam Lewno, 2001, 9:19.62), and Kayla Rose, Caitlin Mertins, Emelia Selky, and Marlee Reischl broke the 13-14 2M Relay with their effort of 2:16.22 (old record was set last year by Maria Villalobos, Caitlin Mertins, Emily Bollendorf, and Emelia Selky, 2:16.37).

Posting some of the fastest times in our history were Bailey Bleser 3rd 8Fr, 4th 4IM, 7th 2Ba, 4th 4Fr, 7th 2IM, 2nd Mile, Emily Bollendorf 6th 1Fr, 5th 2Fr, 10th 50Fr, William Buhler 4th 2Br, 3rd 1Br, Collin Flynn 5th 1Ba, 9th 2IM, Maren Hoferitza-Palermo 5th 1Ba, Ivar Iverson 4th 1Fr,

4th 2Fr, 2nd 1Br, 3rd 1Bf, 2nd 50Fr, Charles Julius 4th 1Br, Jacob MacKenzie 3rd 2Fr, 5th 4IM, 3rd 4Fr, 5th 1Bf, 2nd Mile, Caitlin Mertins 2nd 1Br, Emelia Selky 10th 2Fr, 10th 1Fr, 9th 4Fr, 10th 50Fr, and James Weslaski 6th 1Fr, 5th 1Bf, 4th 50Fr.

Posting 100% best times included Charles Julius, Jacob MacKenzie, Marlee Reischl, Kayla Rose, and Cooper Scarmardo.

Overall all, we posted 85% best times as a team and only recorded one DQ during the meet. Fantastic results!

Congratulations again swimmers and parents on all your hard work and commitment. The coaching staff could not be prouder.

Tryout Families Please Read Me

Welcome to SEA! We are excited to have you join us this week and hope to have you join the hidden gem in Racine that is the South Eastern Aquatics Racine Family YMCA Swim Team (boy, that's a mouthful).

As your swimmers train this week and as you digest the information handed out and emailed to you, please feel free to chat with our veteran families in the balconies. Everyone is very helpful and if they

can't help you with your inquiry, please seek out a coach (they are usually available 15 minutes before practice and 15 minutes after practice to assist you).

Hopefully you have viewed our website at www.sea-y.org. We are also plugged into some social media sites too ... Facebook (search for SEA SWIM TEAM), Twitter (@SEAWisconsin), and YouTube (thepowerofSEA).

If you are interested in joining

SEA, orientation and registration will take place at Case High School this Monday, September 29th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Head Coach Neil Wright at 262.898.4766 or via email at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com.

Finally, please remember, there are no dumb questions! If you are confused about ANYTHING, please speak with a coach and he or she will be happy to help you!

Wine Tasting Turns into ... Help Needed

Spearheaded by Rebecca Scharff, our annual Wine Tasting, Silent Auction and Raffle has turned into a fun evening for our parents and supporters of SEA and as a fundraiser, has sold out each year its been held and has raised \$8,000 the past two years.

This year's event will grow some with a planned addition of a DJ

(so that means dancing) and a sit down dinner. Tentatively, this year's event will be held on Friday, March 27 (mark your calendars) and will be held at the Racine Marriott on HWY 20.

Rebecca Scharff along with Kim Wergin and Neil Wright have been meeting weekly planning this fun event and now are asking

for a handful of interested and invested parent volunteers to serve on this committee to help ensure it's the best event yet.

If you are a people person, have connections with local businesses and enjoy planning parties, please call Neil at 262.898.4766 or send an email. It would be great to have your help!



Save the date ... Friday, March 27th will be our Wine Tasting event tentatively scheduled to be held at the Racine Marriott.

Kiefer Swim Shop will be at practice October 7



A representative from Kiefer will have team suits and equipment for

Purchase all your swim equipment needs on October 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Case. fitting and sales at practice early next month. She will be bringing goggles, caps, and various swim equipment for purchase. The team suit is not required but is encouraged. Kiefer will have suits for your swimmer to try on so you have the perfect fit. Either a Kiefer or Speedo suit will be available with team personalization for swimmers. Check the team page at the Kiefer website for prices. Payment for suits and equipment will

be made at the time of purchase on October 7th to Kiefer (cash, check, credit). If you miss the fitting you can order anytime via Kiefer's website and have the suit mailed to your house. Any special requests for Kiefer to bring with them on the 7th, please direct to our team rep: Edita Emini, Team Sales Account Manager at eemini@kiefer.com or 224.789.2662. Kiefer will be on deck at Case during a combined practice on Tuesday, October 7th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility are some of the cornerstones of the development of SEA and its swimmers, coaches, and parents.

Growing a Team Philosophy and Direction

It has long been recognized competitive swimming, and the countless hours of practice it ultimately requires, is one of the most healthful activities for the human body. In addition, and it has been sufficiently heeded, those same hours of conditioning and dedication mold young minds into purposeful and determined adults, well equipped for the world they grow into.

South Eastern Aquatics team's philosophy is:

- To nurture the whole child at every age and, realizing each one is different, allow each to develop as far as their dreams, talents and efforts will take them
- To provide a level of coaching that will lead to the development of world-class swimmers, should they so desire, while at the same time allowing beginning swimmers to develop character, self-confidence and a strong work ethic in an atmosphere of caring and consideration for the individual and for the team
- To encourage parents to share in this development and in the progress of the program as well as that of their children
- To provide the community and the swimming world with individuals who are becoming the best they can be - as individuals, students, citizens and athletes

New Parent Meeting, Get the Inside Scoop

Joining a new youth organization can, sometimes, be a little overwhelming and here at SEA we strive to ensure our communication channels are clear and concise.

With that in mind, all new parents are encouraged and welcome to meet with our Head Coach, Neil Wright to learn a little more about what we call, "one of Racine's hidden gems" - the SEA swim team.

Neil will share his insights on what traits are needed to develop into supportive parents, some of the history of the team, he'll chat about the great staff we are blessed to have here, and field any of your questions or concerns.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about SEA and speak directly with our Head Coach.

The New Parent Meeting will take

place in the cafeteria at Case High School on Tuesday, October 14 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Neil hopes to see all our new parents at the meeting, but if you can't make it and have questions about anything pertaining to SEA, please reach out to him via email at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com or the old fashion way via a phone call at 262.898.4766.



Swim-a-Thon & Halloween Party Practice



Who can forget swimming in the dark at Park with foot long glow sticks? Don't miss out!

Over the past two years, SEA has been hosting a Swim-a-Thon Kickoff & Halloween Party towards the end of October and this year will be no different ... forget about foot long submarine sandwiches, we're talking foot long glow sticks and pumpkin relays.

This year's event will be held at Park High School on Thursday, October 30 beginning at 5:30 p.m. and finishing up at 7:30 p.m.

SEA will provide the pizza and

families are encouraged to supply finger veggies, bite sized fruit, drinks (bottle water and natural juice) and napkins/plates/cups. Please contact Neil if you are able to donate so he can track what items are coming in and what is still needed.

Our annual Swim-a-Thon will take place on Thursday, January 22 at Case. The Swim-a-Thon is one of the easiest fundraisers offered and the prizes for swimmers range from \$100 gift cards to a limousine ride to a dual meet and even a \$250 swim fee

credit. The last two years we have raised close to \$12,000!

Part of the fundraising goals for the team is to continue to fund our 'Build a Pool fund' and live our Vision statement that reads, "As a swim team without a true home, it is SEA's vision to one day build a pool of our own."

Information and documents for this season's Swim-a-Thon will be posted on our website soon ... watch the MEMBERS/SWIM-A-THON section.

"Great minds discuss ideas.

Average minds discuss events.

Small minds

discuss people." -

Eleanor Roosevelt

SCRIP, the Easiest Way to Fundraise

We have completed all Scrip Team orders for Spring & Summer and dates for the Fall & Winter Season will be posted here soon. 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!



Aging up, it happens to everyone.

September & October Birthdays

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| Iman D. | Charles J. | Samyukta N. |
| Caitlin M. | Hannah K. | Yasho P. |
| Kayla R. | Jonah N. | David D. |
| Nathan S. | Ella P. | Jorden H. |
| Kaitlyn W. | Quinn W. | Haley K. |
| Maya F. | Neil W. | Jianna C.V. |
| Claire H. | Maritxell C.A. | |



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SEA's Vision:

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Established in 1984, we are set to celebrate our 30th anniversary this year!

On the Starting Blocks

September 2014

29, New Family Registration at Case, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

October 2014

7, Team Apparel Night ,Case 6-7:30 p.m.

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

16, Sprint Time Trials, no practice

18, SEA vs. SSTY

23, PLD Time Trial

26, J-HK Open

27, Tryouts for the Fall/Winter Season

29, LSC meeting, UW-Waukesha, 7:00 p.m. - all welcome

30, Swim-a-Thon Kickoff & Halloween Swim Party, Park, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

November 2014

2, 5th Annual Fall Starter (SEA hosted)

3, New Family Registration at Case, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

9, KYST Invite

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

13, PLD Time Trial

14-16, PX3 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, Team Travel Meet (TBA)

23, Distance Time Trials

27, LSC meeting, UW-Waukesha, 7:00 p.m. - all welcome

22, Swim-a-Thon



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