

## Serpent Times

newsletter for

Southeastern Aquatics

Racine Family YMCA Swim TEAM

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### **TEAM SEA's Mission:**

*To empower the youth of southeastern Wisconsin in a safe and supportive way to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.*

November 16, 2023

### **Neil's Notes**

There was a lot of outstanding swimming last weekend throughout the TEAM SEA swim family. Congratulations to Mac Thomas on her State Championship during WIAA State (100 Breaststroke, 1:02.87). Callie Klepp also raced at the meet and finished 22<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 Breaststroke, 1:09.35).

Meanwhile we were in action in Brown Deer ... read all out our efforts in the column to the right.

Good luck to our high school boys who are now plugged in with their high school swim teams and welcome back to our high school girls who just finished up their high school season!

Thank you to Shay Borzynski for organizing another successful Elegant Farmer fundraiser. TEAM SEA profited \$1,844.75. Great job families!

Still on the fence about having your swimmer(s) race at the Y-Finalist? Entries open until November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please take a look at the escrow reports and zero out any negative balances from the last two seasons. Thanks in advance!

The road heading to RAC will be limited to one lane until Thanksgiving. Please use caution when arriving and leaving for practice.

There remains a handful of swimmers currently not registered. Please ensure you register your son/daughter ASAP. For those families paying monthly, payments are due the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thank you.

In addition to swim tuition, please take a moment to secure your swimmer(s) YMCA membership. Stop by the Image Management Family YMCA to complete this process. For those wondering why we need to have a YMCA membership ... we are a dually affiliated YMCA & USA swimming team. We race in YMCA and USA meets. To race in YMCA meets, swimmers need to be members of their local YMCA. To race in sanctioned USA Swimming meets, athletes need to have a current USA Swimming membership.

If you have a Facebook account, please considering joining TEAM SEA. We use Facebook to send out reminders and post pics from the meets and events we attend. Joining will help you stay in the loop with all things TEAM SEA related.

I can be reached at 262.994.3157 or [south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com](mailto:south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com). Please contact me when you have any questions, concerns, or comments.

Are you social? TEAM SEA is - find us at Instagram (seaswimteam) and Facebook (SEA Swim Team - this page is set to private and you'll need to request to join).

### **Y-Finalist Meet Information**

Coming soon.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

### **SSTY Invite Pentathlon Highlights & Recap**

We continue to post strong results at the meets we attend. This past weekend we notched 67% best times and only six DQs (three Backstroke, two IM, and one Breaststroke).

New State qualifying times were achieved by Ireland Byrne 10yo 100 Freestyle 1:14.26, 100 Butterfly 1:25.02, Nathaniel Foster Open 1650 Freestyle 18:55.69, and Nate Steenrod 8yo 50 Freestyle 43.02.

Congratulations to Brady Moore and Ellie Palermo on their new team records! Brady broke our Senior 100 IM record with his effort of 56.12 (old mark was held by Hugo Arteaga from 5/7/2020, 56.15 and Ellie broke our 17-18 100 IM record with her effort of 1:07.92 (old mark was held by Kinzie Reischl from 2019, 1:09.84).

Posting some of the fastest times in our team's history were Ale Arteaga 11-12 9<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke 1:17.98, 5<sup>th</sup> 100 Butterfly 1:09.27, Hugo Arteaga 17-18 5<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 21.77, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 Butterfly 51.06, Jack Borzynski 15-16 9<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 22.65, 9<sup>th</sup> 100 Freestyle 49.63, Jordan Borzynski 9-10 4<sup>th</sup> 500 Freestyle 6:51.67, Nathan Breit 15-16 7<sup>th</sup> 200 Backstroke 2:07.89, Ireland Byrne 9-10 7<sup>th</sup> 100 Butterfly 1:25.02,

Nathaniel Foster 15-16 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 IM 1:02.26, 10<sup>th</sup> 1650 Freestyle 18:55.69, Callie Klepp 17-18 100 Breaststroke 1:09.76, Brady Moore 15-16 4<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 22.12, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 Freestyle 47.27, and Gabi Peterman 15-16 8<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 25.18, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 IM 1:05.46.

Collecting 100% best times included Ale Arteaga, Jordan Borzynski, Ireland Byrne, Aisling Fahy, Ciara Fahy, Nathaniel Foster, Sarina Foster, Sophie Gutknecht, Ellie Palermo, Olivia Speers, Zack Steenrod, Mason Walker, Molly Warren, John Westfall, and Valeria Zavala Lopez.

Cutting five or more seconds in a single event were Rylie Bergemann -8.83 200 Freestyle, Jordan Borzynski -8.70 500 Freestyle, Ireland Byrne -7.44 100 Butterfly, Aisling Fahy -9.41 100 IM, Ciara Fahy -9.20 50 Breaststroke, Nathaniel Foster -18.01 100 IM, Sarina Foster -13.97 100 Breaststroke, Sophie Gutknecht -5.94 200 Freestyle, Brady Moore -17.30 100 IM, Evalyn Speers -14.26 100 Breaststroke, Nate Steenrod -16.01 50 Breaststroke, Mason Walker -15.99 200 Breaststroke, Molly Warren -9.59 200 Backstroke, John Westfall -10.36 100 Backstroke, and Valeria Zavala Lopez -15.31 100 Backstroke. Wow!

Gold Medalist – Ireland Byrne, Zoe D’Alessandro, Brady Moore, Evan Steenrod

Silver Medalist – Hugo Arteaga, Nathan Breit, Callie Klepp, John Merrill, Brady Moore, Gabi Peterman, Nate Steenrod

Bronze Medalist – Zoe D’Alessandro, Nathaniel Foster, Matilda Gutjahr, Brady Moore, Evan Steenrod, Mac Thomas, Valeria Zavala Lopez

Our next meet will be held in Brown Deer, December 1-3. The entry window remains open through November 20 if you’ll still on the fence about attending. Additionally, entries are open for December 10’s Conference meet. Take advantage!

### **Circle City Classic Meet Information**

We are planning on entering the Circle City Classic Meet again (it’s been a few years since we last raced at this meet). This is a great meet at an amazing pool.

There are qualifying times to attend this meet. Athletes qualified to race in this event are posted on home page of our website.

Entries are due December 1<sup>st</sup>.

We also have a block of rooms reserved too ... also posted on the homepage of our website.

Hope to SEA you racing in Indy!

### **Upcoming Meets**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Dec 1-3	Y-Finalist	11/20
Dec 6-9	Junior Nationals	Closed
Dec 9-10	Single Age State	12/3
Dec 10	Conference Meet	12/1
Jan 13-14	SEA Penguin Challenge	TBA
Jan 21	Conference Meet	TBA
Jan 26-28	Circle City Classic	12/1
Feb 4	J-HK 8&U Meet	TBA
Feb 11	Conference Champs	TBA
Feb 16-18	Regionals	TBA
Feb 23-25	Senior State	TBA
Feb 24-25	10&U State	TBA
Mar 1-3	11-14 State	TBA
Mar 9-10	SEA YMCA Sectionals	TBA
Mar 15-17	YMCA State	TBA
Apr 2-6	YMCA Nationals	TBA

### **40 For 40 Trophy Available**

To celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a new trophy (it goes without saying that it will be “cool”) will be available during August’s 2024 annual banquet (currently scheduled for August 8, 2024).

To “win” this trophy, athletes need to notch 40 best times during the next two seasons (2023-2024 Fall & Winter and 2024 Spring & Summer). Athletes entered at NT = no time (never having raced in a particular event before), will be credited for a best time if the event is scored legally.

Good luck!

### **Incentive Program for Key Roles**

In an effort to ensure our hosted meets and fundraising continue to run smooth, we will begin incentivizing key positions; these positions include head official, meet director, concessions & hospitality lead (this is one position) and AO (administrative official).

These key roles will have their escrow accounts credited \$100 for each session they attend in their capacity (fundraising lead will be credited \$250 per season).

At this time, we have parents slotted into all positions, but we are always looking at training the next generation of parents so if anyone is interested in learning about any of these positions prior to a spot opening, please do reach out to Coach Neil.

### **RaiseRight Fundraising Information**

SEA offers RaiseRight (formally SCRIP) sales as a fundraising option for our families. This has proven to be an easy way for many families to meet their fundraising requirement!

RaiseRight offers gift cards for many favorite merchants and restaurants, including Kohl's, Walmart, Pick 'n Save, Target, Kwik Trip, Starbucks, Amazon, iTunes, and many more. They make great gifts and are easy for families to use for personal use while fundraising. Take a look at the list, watch for specials, and see how easy it is to raise funds while you shop. Read the "how to" pages linked on our RaiseRight webpage ([www.sea-y.org/scrip](http://www.sea-y.org/scrip)) - you can also read about PrestoPay on that page too.

Your order can be placed at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) by use the SEA enrollment cord (please email Coach Neil at [south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com](mailto:south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com) for the code) and registering for PrestoPay at least 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.

RaiseRight delivery is in the pool balcony/bleachers, but individual arrangements can also be made. You may also take advantage of re-load and ScripNow options in between deliveries. Thank you for shopping!

**Order Dates for Spring & Summer**

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
December 10	December 15-16
January 14	January 18-19
February 11	February 15-16
March 10	March 14-15

If you have any questions or need help, please reach out to Coach Neil at 262.994.3157 or at [south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com](mailto:south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com).

**October Birthdays**

Silas Coughlin, Sarina Foster, Shaelyn Jensen, Lenna Karapetian, Nate Steenrod, Ivy Turner, Ted Turner, Molly Warren, Valeria Zavala-Lopez.

**November Birthdays**

Jordan Borzynski, Rylee Clouse, Maran Jagel, Piper Jansen, Natalia Johnson, Maddie Rezmer, Hannah Scherwinski, Kaylee Staniger.

**Extended Calendar**

November

23-24 No practice, Happy Thanksgiving

December

- 1-3 Y-Finalist
- 6-9 Junior Nationals
- 9-10 Single Age State
- 10 Conference Meet

25 No practice, Merry Christmas

January

- 1 No practice, Happy New Year
- 13-14 SEA Penguin Challenge
- 21 Conference Meet
- 26-28 Circle City Classic

February

- 4 J-HK 8&U Meet
- 10 WIAA Sectionals
- 11 Conference Champs Meet
- 16-18 Regionals
- 17 WIAA State
- 23-25 Senior State
- 24-25 10&U State

March

- 1-3 11-14 State
- 9-10 YMCA Sectionals
- 15-17 YMCA State

April

- 2-6 YMCA Nationals
- 22 Tryouts
- 23 First day of Spring & Summer practice

May

- 4-5 SEA Early Bird
- 27 No practice, Memorial Day
- 31-2 SEA Pirate Plunge

June

- 11 Last day of school (RUSD)
- 12 AM practice begins for Seniors
- 21-22 SEA Summer Sizzler

July

- 4 No practice, Happy Independence Day
- 11-14 Speedo Sectionals
- 19-21 Regionals
- 26-28 12&U State
- 31 Last day of Spring & Summer practice

August

- 1-4 13&O State
- 8-11 14&U Zones

September

- 23 Tryouts
- 23 First day of practice for Fall & Winter

**F.A.Q.**

- 1) Where can I get one of those awesome TEAM SEA swim caps and how much do they cost?
  - a. Coach Neil
  - b. \$20 for silicone, \$5 for latex
- 2) How do I sign-up my swimmer for a meet?
  - a. Email Coach Neil and let him know you would like your swimmer entered in "x" meet (please indicate what days of meet if it takes place on multiple days)

- 3) I'm new to the team ... how many practices should my swimmer attend per week?
  - a. Bronze and Silver = 2-3
  - b. Gold = 4-5
  - c. Senior = 5-6
- 4) I'm not receiving emails; how can I be placed on the email list? Contact Coach Neil and he'll be happy to add your email address to the list.
- 5) Where do I sit if I plan on sticking around during practice? Please sit in the stands.
- 6) Got a question you need an answer to? Please text Coach Neil at 262.994.3157.

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