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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.

December 14, 2023

Neil's Notes

We had an amazing week of swimming last week during Winter Junior Nationals, Single Age State, and our Conference Meet! Congratulations to all the swimmers who raced during these meets ... read all about the highlights in the next three sections.

Tuesday (12.19) we'll be training at Park High School ... make a note and we hope to SEA you there!

Our Christmas Break Practice Schedule is now finalized. Please refer to it from December 17 through January 6. Thanks.

Don't forget to sign-up to volunteer during our January Penguin Challenge and also don't forget to send an email indicating what day(s) you would like your swimmer(s) entered.

We did not get into the Circle City Classic. We have scheduled another meet on the same weekend basically in the same city. Please don't forget to cancel your hotel rooms. We will have rooms available for the ChaseStrong meet we are attending, but are still waiting for confirmation from the hotel. Entries are due 12.28 if your family is planning on attending.

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

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 15th 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. Rates will be \$30 monthly beginning January 2 (currently the youth rate is \$20 per month). Families receive a \$120 discount if the membership is paid in full (\$240 for the year). 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. Our insurance is through the YMCA and all our athletes need to be members of our Y. Thanks.

If you have a Facebook account, please consider 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. 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).

Winter Junior National Highlights & Recap

TEAM SEA had an amazing meet down in Westmont, IL during last week's Winter Junior Nationals notching 67% best times with every swim taking down a team record.

Mac Thomas broke her Senior team record in the 50 Freestyle touching in 23.31 (old mark was 23.55). She went on to break her Senior team record in the 100 Breaststroke, 1:02.22 (old record was 1:03.09). Finally, she broke her 17-18 200 Breaststroke record of 2:21.74 with an effort of 2:20.30.

Hugo Arteaga broke James Weslaski's Senior team record in the 50 Freestyle, 21.11 from 2016 with his swim of 20.61. He smashed Ivar Iverson's Senior 100 Butterfly record of 48.58 from 2016 touching in 47.66. Finally, he crushed his Senior 100 Freestyle record of 46.07 from earlier this year with an impressive swim of 44.98.

These results are a direct result of sustained hard work and dedication over many, many years. Congratulations! Our next meet is our Penguin Challenge ... don't forget to enter!!

Single Age State Highlights & Recap

When the waves settled Sunday night in Verona, TEAM SEA finished with 48% best times and 123-points (good enough for 14th place in Division Two).

New State qualifying were posted by Bennett Menken 11-12 50 Backstroke 34.64 and Vivienne Yanke 11-12 100 Breaststroke 1:24.98 (a 7.47-second time drop), 50 Breaststroke 40.48.

Even Steenrod posted the 10th fastest times in our team's history for 9-10 100 Backstroke 1:17.59.

Three of our swimmers made it to the podium, Ireland Byrne 4th in the 100 Butterfly 1:22.04, Even Steenrod 8th in the 100 Backstroke, and Harrison Yanke 3rd in the 25 Breaststroke 22.03, 7th in the 25 Freestyle 16.48, 5th in the 100 IM 1:33.74.

Jordan Borynzski had a solid outing scoring points in five of the six events you raced.

Way to go TEAM SEA! Our next meet is our Penguin Challenge ... don't forget to enter!!

Conference Meet Highlights & Recap

Our final meet of the weekend, we notched 61% best times (39 of 64 swims).

Nate Steenrod picked up two State qualifying times, 25 Backstroke 22.15 and 25 Freestyle 18.28.

Rylie Bergemann posted 9th fastest time in our team's history for 17-18 100 IM 1:13.75 and Matilda Gutjahr posted the 2nd fastest time in our team's history for 8&U 200 Breaststroke 4:22.12.

Dropping five or more seconds in an event included Aisling Fahy -12.66 200 Freestyle, Ciara Fahy -5.16 100 IM, Matilda Gutjahr -24.07 100 Freestyle, Sophie Gutknecht -26.12 500 Freestyle, Charlotte Horton -19.92 200 IM, Levi Jansen -32.33 200 Breaststroke, Piper Johnson -28.83 200 IM, Kaylee Staniger -5.29 100 Butterfly, Zack Steenrod -14.20 500 Freestyle, and Mason Walker -5.41 100 Breaststroke.

Posting 100% best times were Aisling Fahy, Julie Horton, Levi Jansen, Claire Speers, and Nate Steenrod.

Gold Medalist: Rylie Bergemann, Nate Steenrod, Mason Walker

Silver Medalist: Rylie Bergemann, Nate Steenrod, Mason Walker

Bronze Medalist: Rylie Bergemann, Sophie Gutknecht, Levi Jansen, Molly Staniger, Zack Steenrod

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Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Jan 13-14	SEA Penguin Challenge	1/2
Jan 21	Conference Meet	TBA
Jan 26-28	ChaseStrong Invite	12/28
Feb 4	J-HK 8&U Meet	1/14
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 40th 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) - you can also read about PrestoPay on that page too.

Your order can be placed at www.shopwithscrip.com by use the SEA enrollment cord (please email Coach Neil at 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>
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.

November Birthdays

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

December Birthdays

Savannah Allison, Ale Arteaga, Caleb Bergman, Ethan Bergman, Logan Buska, Hannah Daams, Nathaniel Foster, Valerie Himin, Ava Kerbaway, Deliah Kuhl, Ian Lopez, Mac Thomas, Logan Walker, John Westfall.

Extended Calendar

December

25 No practice, Merry Christmas

January

1 No practice, Happy New Year

13-14 SEA Penguin Challenge

21 Conference Meet

26-28 ChaseStrong Invite

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
- 19 Swim for a Cause
- 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
- 13 Annual Awards Banquet

September

- 23 Tryouts
- 23 First day of practice for Fall & Winter
- 28 40th Anniversary TEAM SEA Celebration

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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