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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 16, 2022

Neil's Notes

Christmas Break is fast approaching ... with that in mind, please note we will be moving practices to Sealed Air during the break. Our final practice for 2022 at RAC will take place on Thursday, December 22. We will train at Sealed Air YMCA Friday, December 23 through Monday, January 2. We will return back to RAC on Tuesday, January 3. We will have different practice times while at Sealed Air. Read all about it in the next section of this newsletter.

I received an email from the building supervisor at RAC in regard to how messy the locker rooms have been as of late. Please remind your swimmers that the locker rooms are not playrooms. Thank you.

If you have not registered your high school female swimmer and she has returned to practice, please take a moment and do so. Thanks!

Now is the time to sign-up your swimmer to attend our second hosted meet of the season, 17th Annual Penguin Challenge! We currently have 28 or 98 athletes entered in the meet.

If you ordered a TEAM SEA towel, please be sure to forward payment. \$40 per towel.

Don't forget to consider attending this season's team travel meet. We are heading to St. John, IN (about two hours southeast of us) the weekend of January 20-22. Deadline to enter is December 20 (more information can be found on page two of this).

The deadline to declare your intentions to attend 2023's 13&O Training Trip is January 2. Please contact me if you plan to have your swimmer attend so plans can be made. There must be a minimum of 12 swimmers signed up to attend for this event to take place. Please read additional information on page three of this newsletter.

Save the date ... we have added an 8&U meet on February 5th. It would be amazing if all our 8&U swimmers attended this meet in Whitewater.

This represents the final newsletter of 2022. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns and have an amazing Christmas!

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), Facebook (SEA Swim Team – this page is set to private and you'll need to request to join), or Twitter (@SEAWisconsin).

Christmas Break Practice Schedule

All practices will be held at Sealed Air YMCA.

December 23, 26-30, and January 2:

Senior, 8:30-10:30 AM

Bronze/Silver, 10:30-11:30 AM

Gold, 11:30-1:00 PM

We will run normal Saturday practices for Gold and Senior on December 24 and 31.

We will head back to our normal practice schedule at RAC on January 3.

Winter Junior Nationals Recap & Highlights

Hugo Arteaga had a great experience at this first Winter Junior Nationals meet in Austin, Texas last week.

Junior Nationals is the fastest 18&U meet in the USA! Many pool records, meet records, and NAG records (National Age-Group) were broken during the five-day meet.

Hugo broke his own 15-16 team record in the 100 Butterfly breaking the 50-second barrier for the first time in his career – finished in 49.50 (broke the record he set last April at YMCA Nationals, 50.10).

He also posted the second fastest time in our team's history in the 15-16 100 Backstroke, 53.41 and finished with 50% best times for the meet.

Way to go!

12&U Single Age State Recap & Highlights

We had an excellent outing during last weekend's State meet in Verona. As a team we finished 31st scoring 73-points, 66% best times and only two DQs.

A lot of new State qualifying times were achieved during the meet! Congratulations to Sophie Gutknecht 50 Breaststroke, 41.68, Evan Steenrod 50 Backstroke, 40.58, Harrison Yanke 50 Freestyle, 41.99, 25 Freestyle, 18.38, and Vivienne Yanke 100 Breaststroke, 1:36.87, 100 Butterfly, 1:27.44 (Vivienne also posted 100% best times and dropped 12.97-seconds in the 100 Breaststroke).

Making the podium included Jordan Borzynski, Evan Steenrod, and Zack Steenrod.

Amazing efforts TEAM SEA!

Conference Meet Recap & Highlights

Last Sunday's Conference Meet was really good! We posted 71% best times (29 of 41 swims) and posted four DQs (one each in Backstroke, IM, Breaststroke, and Butterfly).

Congratulations to David Binder on picking up the YMCA State cut in the 50 Freestyle, 37.86.

Notching some of the fastest times in our team's history were Sophia Marini 3rd 13-14 IM and Brennan Meyer 4th 13-14 100 IM.

Slicing five or more seconds in a single event were Julie Horton -5.28 50 Freestyle, Grayson Kirchenberg -17.11 50 Backstroke, and Sophia Marini -5.39 100 IM.

Posting 100% best times were Levi Jansen, Piper Jansen, Natalie Johnson, and Grayson Kirchenberg.

Gold Medalist - Fiona Marini

Silver Medalist - Brennan Meyer

Bronze Medalist - Levi Jansen, Ella Kirchenberg, Sophia Marini

Great job TEAM SEA!

TEAM Travel Meet Scheduled, January 20-22

This season's TEAM travel meet will take place on January 20-22. We are heading to St. John, Indiana (roughly two hours southeast of Racine County).

The meet is Prelim/Final in nature and is open to all athletes (meet information is posted on the website).

TEAM SEA has a block of 25 rooms at the Hilton Hampton Inn & Suites at a rate of \$172 per night. Rooms have two queen beds and the hotel offers free hot breakfast, indoor pool, is pet friendly, fitness center, and free parking. Deadline to reserve a room is December 20. The pool is 7-minutes from the hotel.

The block is reserved under Southeastern Aquatics. Call 219.440.7591 or use the online link forward via email today.

Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Jan 14-15	SEA Penguin Challenge	1/3
Jan 20-22	LCB Prelim/Final	12/20
Jan 29	Conference	TBA
Feb 3-5	A+	12/1
Feb 5	J-HK 8&U All Star	1/7
Feb 12	Conference	TBA
Feb 17-19	Regionals	2/5
Feb 24-26	Senior State	TBA
Feb 25-26	10&U State	TBA
Mar 3-5	11-14 State	TBA
Mar 11-12	YMCA Sectionals	3/1
Mar 17-19	YMCA State	TBA
Apr 3-7	YMCA Nationals	TBA

SCRIP Fundraising Information

SEA offers 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! SCRIP 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 SCRIP webpage (www.sea-y.org/scrrip) - you can also read about PrestoPay on that page too.

Your order can be placed at www.shopwithscrip.com by use the SEA enrollment card (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.

SCRIP 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 8	January 12-13
February 5	February 9-10
March 5	March 9-10

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.

TEAM SEA Amazon Smile

TEAM SEA has had an Amazon Smile account for many years, but it has been a while since we have reached out to families for support.

If you would like to support TEAM SEA via purchases when ordering from Amazon Smile please go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1580537>. Once there, please click on the Start Shopping button to support TEAM SEA. Thank you for helping one of Racine’s Hidden Gems.

13&O Training Trip

Every two year’s all athletes 13&O are extended the opportunity to attend a week-long training trip with their teammates and TEAM SEA.

Our next trip will take place in June of 2023, 9th-16th. A minimum of 12 athletes must attend this trip for it to take place. Athletes interested in attending include: Jordyn Tran, Rylie Bergemann, Sophia Marini, Brady Moore, Lindsey Hohnl, Gabi Peterman.

The trip has averaged out to \$1000 per swimmer over the years and we usually drive to Panama City Beach, FL.

We will also need two chaperones with priority given to those parents who have not had an opportunity to attend. Eric Bergemann and John Marini are interested.

Please contact Coach Neil if you would like to attend or need more information.

December Birthdays

Savannah Allison, Ale Arteaga, Caleb Bergman, Ethan Bergman, Logan Buska, Hannah Daams, Nathaniel Foster, Ava Kerbawy, Ian Lopez, Brennan Meyer, Mac Thomas, Logan Walker, John Westfall.

Extended Calendar

December

22 Last practice at RAC for 2022

January

- 3 Practices return to RAC
- 14-15 SEA Penguin Challenge
- 20-22 LCB Prelim/Final
- 29 Conference Meet

February

- 3-5 A+
- 5 J-HK 8&U All Star Meet
- 11 WIAA Boys Sectionals
- 12 Conference Meet
- 17-19 Regionals
- 24-26 Senior State
- 25-26 10&U State

March

- 3-5 11-14 State
- 11-12 YMCA Sectionals
- 17-19 YMCA State
- 21 Tryouts, 5-6 PM @ Sealed Air YMCA

April

- 3-7 YMCA Nationals
- 17 Spring & Summer Season begins

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. \$17 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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