

## 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.*

December 7, 2023

### **Neil's Notes**

We have a busy week of meets! I'm currently in Westmont, Illinois attending Winter Junior Nationals through Saturday. Coach Joanna will be in Verona for this weekend's Single Age State meet and Coaches Parker and Kelli will be working with our athletes in Lake Geneva during our Conference Meet. Good luck to all athletes racing this week!

We are conducting Saturday practice this weekend for Senior and Gold swimmers at the Y, 8:00-9:30 AM ... take advantage!

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.

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 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. 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](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).

### **Junior National Meet Information**

Wednesday-Saturday we'll be attending Winter Junior Nationals in Westmont, IL. Good luck to Mac Thomas and Hugo Arteaga during the four-day meet.

They had a great start to the meet today! Mac broke her team record in the 50 Freestyle touching in 23.31 and Hugo broke our team record in the 50 Freestyle finishing in 20.61. Two more days!

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

### **Single Age State Meet Information**

This weekend we'll be racing at the Verona Area High School Aquatic Center (234 Wildcat Way).

We have assigned warm-ups during the meet ... please be on time!

Saturday AM (girls) warm-up in lane 4-5 in the warm-up pool, 9:00-9:25 AM, the meet begins at 10:05 AM, and is scheduled to end at 1:21 PM.

Saturday PM (boys) warm-up in lane 4-5 in the competition pool, 3:05-3:30 PM, the meet begins at 3:45 PM, and is scheduled to end at 6:16 PM.

Sunday AM (girls) warm-up in lane 4-5 in the competition pool, 7:55-8:20 AM, the meet begins at 8:35 AM, and is scheduled to end at 12:22 PM.

Sunday PM (boys) warm-up in lane 4-5 in the warm-up pool, 12:55-1:20 PM, the meet begins at 2:00 PM, and is scheduled to end at 5:38 PM.

Good luck! Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!!

### Conference Meet Information

This Sunday we'll be racing in our first Conference Meet of the season. The meet is held at Lake Geneva YMCA (203 Wells Street).

Warm-ups begin at 8:00 AM and the meet gets underway at 9:00 AM. Heat sheets will be posted on the home page of our website and will be emailed as well. At the time of sending this email, heat sheets have not been received yet.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

### Y-Finalist Recap & Highlights

TEAM SEA put together another strong outing last weekend in Brown Deer finishing with 62% best times (104 best times out of 169 efforts) and seven DQs (three Butterfly, two IM, and one each for Backstroke and Breaststroke).

New State qualifying times were posted by Ale Arteaga 12-year-old YMCA State 200 Freestyle 2:14.43, Jordan Borzynski 11-year-old Single Age State 100 Breaststroke 1:34.29, 100 Backstroke 1:14.41, and 11-12 USA State 100 Butterfly 1:16.62, Nathan Breit Open YMCA and USA State 100 Butterfly 55.89, Ireland Byrne 10-year-old YMCA State 200 Freestyle 2:40.41, 50 Freestyle 33.16, and 10-year-old Single Age State 50 Freestyle 33.16, and Bennett Menken 11-year-old Single Age State and YMCA State 100 Breaststroke 1:29.17 and 100 Backstroke 1:17.37.

Notching some of the fastest times in our team's history included Ale Arteaga 11-12 9<sup>th</sup> 200 Freestyle, 5<sup>th</sup> 100 Butterfly, 8<sup>th</sup> 50 Butterfly, Hugo Arteaga 17-18 3<sup>rd</sup> 50 Freestyle, Jack Borzynski 15-16 9<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke, 5<sup>th</sup> 200 Freestyle, 7<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle, 10<sup>th</sup> 200 Breaststroke, 5<sup>th</sup> 200 IM, 9<sup>th</sup> 100 Freestyle, Nathan Breit 15-16 5<sup>th</sup> 100 Backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200 Backstroke, Ireland Byrne 9-10 10<sup>th</sup> 50 Butterfly, Zoe D'Alessandro 17-18 7<sup>th</sup> 200 Backstroke, Ellie Palermo 17-18 8<sup>th</sup> 200 Backstroke, and Gabi Peterman 15-16 7<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle.

Achieving 100% best times were Ale Arteaga, Ireland Byrne, Eli Ehmcke, Nicholas Foster, Sophie Gutknecht, Levi Jansen, Ava Kerbawy, Bennett Menken, Kaylee Staniger, Molly Staniger, and Aubree Van Dyke.

Slicing five of more seconds from a single event included Ale Arteaga -10.08 200 Freestyle, Ireland Byrne -12.67 200 IM, Amalia Ehmcke -27.93 100 Freestyle, Eli Ehmcke -8.92 100 Freestyle, Summer Gustafson-Binger -11.92 100 Freestyle, Sophie Gutknecht -11.87 200 IM,

Levi Jansen -8.74 200 Backstroke, Ava Kerbawy -7.19 100 Backstroke, Allie Mertins -5.11 200 IM, Gabi Peterman -14.57 500 Freestyle, Olivia Speers -14.16 100 Breaststroke, and John Westfall -15.85 100 IM.

Gold Medalist: Hugo Arteaga, Jack Borzynski, Jordan Borzynski, Nathan Breit, Ireland Byrne, Mac Thomas

Silver Medalist: Ale Arteaga, Jordan Borzynski, Nathan Breit, Bennett Menken

Bronze Medalist: Ale Arteaga, Jack Borzynski, Jordan Borzynski, Ireland Byrne, Bennett Menken

Great efforts TEAM SEA! Good luck this week during Junior Nationals and our Conference Meet!!

### 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 6-9	Junior Nationals	Closed
Dec 9-10	Single Age State	Closed
Dec 10	Conference Meet	Closed
Jan 13-14	SEA Penguin Challenge	1/2
Jan 21	Conference Meet	TBA
Jan 26-28	Circle City Classic	Closed
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 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).

**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

- 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
- 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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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