**Serpent Times** *newsletter for* Southeastern Aquatics Racine Family YMCA Swim TEAM est. 1984







#### TEAM SEA's Mission: To empower the youth of Southeastern Wisconsin in a safe and supportive environment to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.

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#### **Neil's Notes**

Bradford High School turned out okay after we figured out the exterior door protocols KUSD has in place. With RAC still undergoing maintenance when we return Thuesday, please be aware during the week of June 2<sup>nd</sup> we will only be able to use the southside locker rooms (the ones to the left).

Our next team hosted meet is our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pirate Plunge, June 6-7 in Brown Deer. All swimmers are encouraged to race in this meet. Families need to secure four volunteer positions for this event ... thank in you advance for supporting your swimmers' team! If you would like your swimmer entered into the meet, please contact me by Wednesday, May 21.

With Memorial Day this Monday, please remember, all practices are canceled.

We will be attending the Bird Bath Invite in Appleton the weekend of July 11-13. I attempted to secure a small block of rooms last week, but every hotel I contacted had rates around \$300 per night (must be something happening in the area besides the swim meet). If your family is planning on attending, please reach out to me so I can slot your swimmer(s) into the meet. Additionally, please secure your own accommodations so everyone locks in where they are most comfortable.

Save the date! Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> is our annual team picture date. Pictures begin at 5:00 PM ... all swimmers currently on the team or who raced last Fall & Winter are welcome to attend!

Reminder, please ensure your swimmers carry a YMCA membership – either a youth membership or part of your family membership.

I can be reached at 262.994.3157 or <u>south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com</u>. 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).

#### **Upcoming Meets**

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Date	Meet Entry Dea	dline
Jun 6-8	SEA Pirate Plunge	5/21
Jun 20-21	SEA Summer Sizzler	6/8
Jun 27	Conference Meet	6/19
Jun 28	CMSA Invite C.	losed
Jul 10-13	Speedo Sectionals	7/1
Jul 11-13	Bird Bath Invite	6/10
Jul 18-20	WI LSC Regionals	TBA
Jul 25-27	12&U State	TBA
Jul 29	Conference Champs	TBA
Jul 31-3	13&O State	TBA
Aug 7-10	14&U Zones	TBA
Oct 10-12	OZ Fall Classic	TBA
Nov 2	SEA Pentathlon	TBA
Jan 10-11	SEA Penguin Challenge	TBA
Feb 20-22	Regionals	TBA
Feb 27-28	10&U State	TBA
Feb 28-1	Senior State	TBA
Mar 6-8	11-14 State	TBA
Mar 14-15	YMCA Sectionals	TBA
Mar 20-22	YMCA State	TBA

## **Conference Meet Bird Recap & Highlights**

We had a nice outing during the first Conference Meet of out new season. As a team, we posted zero DQs and 66% best times (33 of 50 swims).

Congratulations of Matilda Gutjahr on breaking her 8&U 100 Breaststroke team record of 1:36.85 with her effort of 1:32.11 and Rayann Jaryszak's 2006 mark in the 500 Freestyle of 7:42.86 with her swim of 7:20.06.

Nathaniel Foster swam the 7<sup>th</sup> fastest time in out team's history in the 100 IM, 58.44.

Achieving 100% best times included Ciara Fahy, Sarina Foster, Aviana Gelden, Zach James, John Westfall, and Valeria Zavala Lopez.

Slicing five or more seconds in an event were Sarina Foster -5.86 100 Breaststroke, Summer Gustafson-Binger -10.42 100 Breaststroke, Matilda Gutjahr -40.63 500 Freestyle, John Westfall -9.69 200 Freestyle, and Valeria Zavala Lopez -17.60 200 Freestyle.

Gold Medalist: Jack Borzynski, Ireland Byrne, Nathaniel Foster, Nicholas Foster Silver Medalist: Jack Borzynski, Nathaniel Foster, Charlotte Gruettner, Ashlyn Malzewski, Ryan McGillis, Valeria Zavala Lopez

Bronze Medalist: Jordan Borzynski, Zach James

Out next meet on the books is scheduled for June 6-8 in Brown Deer, our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pirate Plunge. Sign-up today by emailing Coach Neil.

## Team Picture Scheduled for June 16

Our annual team picture is scheduled for Monday, June 16 at RAC. Pictures will begin at 5:00 PM. This event is for all TEAM SEA swimmers who were on the team last Fall & Winter and this Spring & Summer. Watch this section of the newsletter for additional information as we get closer to the date.

## AM Training For Seniors

AM practice for Seniors will begin June 16 (weather permitting). Practices are conducted at the SCJ outdoor community pool, Monday-Friday, 7-9 AM. The decision to cancel practice will be made at 6:15 AM and pushed out via email and social media (Facebook and Instagram).

Swimmers will need to secure a membership to the pool, \$25 for the season. This pass can be purchased online or at the check-in desk at the facility.

## **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 PrestroPay on that page too.

Your order can be placed at www.shopw<u>ithscrip.com</u> by SEA use the 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 By	Delivery On		
June 9	June 12-13		
July 13	July 17-18		

If you have any questions or need help, please reach out to Coach Neil at 262.994.3157 or at <u>south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com</u>.

#### May Birthdays

Jack Borzynski, Aram Buchaklian, Sylvie Carlson, Haylee Clouse, Ezra Couglin, Emma Ebert, Aisling Fahy, Sophie Gutknecht, Olivia Hayes, Adriana Hotchkiss, Carter Justman, Makenna Menken, Alanna Peterson, Molly Staniger, Zack Steenrod.

# Extended Calendar

May		
26	No practice, Memorial Day	
<u>June</u>		
6-8	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Pirate Plunge	
16	AM practices begin for Seniors	
16	Team Picture, 5:00 PM @ RAC	
20-21	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Summer Sizzler	
22-29	13&O Training Trip	
27	Conference Meet	
<u>July</u>		
4	No practice, 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	
	Speedo Sectionals	
11-13	Bird Bath Invite	
18-20	WI LSC Regionals	
25-27	12&U State	
31-3	13&O State	
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<u>September</u>		
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23	Fall & Winter Season begins	
<u>October</u>		
24	Annual Halloween Party	
<u>November</u>		
	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Pentathlon	
15	WIAA Division 2 Girls State	
16	WIAA Division 1 Girls State	
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13-14 Single Age State		
<u>January</u>		
	20 <sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Penguin Challenge	
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- 20 WIAA Division 2 Boys State
- 21 WIAA Division 1 Boys State
- 20-22 USA Regionals

March

- 14-15 YMCA Sectionals
- 20-22 YMCA State
- <u>April</u>
- 20 Spring & Summer Season begins

## F.A.Q.

- 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 the 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
- 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 reach out to Coach Neil at 262.994.3157.

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