

# Shark Alert

December 5, 2011

**Thank-you to all of the SSC families & swimmers who volunteered their time to help out with the Cardiac Classic on Thanksgiving morning! A record number of runners participated in the race this year!** Also, thanks to the families/swimmers that helped with t-shirt folding, packet preparation and pick-up during the weeks leading up to the race. Your support of this community-based event is very much appreciated!

**Good luck to Amy Bopp, Maggie Jordan and Kathryn Rowe** as they compete at **Short Course Junior National Championships** this weekend in Austin, Texas! Swim fast-we'll be cheering for you!

**Good luck to the 44 Shark Swimmers** who will be competing this weekend at the **North Shore Swim Club Team Invitational Meet** at MIT in Cambridge/Boston! Swim fast!

**The Saratoga 12 & Under Mini-Meet (Saturday, December, 17<sup>th</sup>) at Skidmore College** is less than 2 weeks away! This meet is hosted by SSC and is being held at the Skidmore Pool in order to highlight our Club's presence at Skidmore. Skidmore families, this is your opportunity to take ownership of this meet. **On-line Parent Work Sign-up Sheets** for this meet will be posted on the SSC website by the end of the day on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. All families are expected to sign-up and work at least one shift per swimmer that is entered in the meet. SSC swimmers not swimming in the meet may also sign-up to work and can receive community service credit, if desired. We are especially in need of helpers with 8 & under seeding (bullpen). Also, **Concession Donation** sign-up sheets will be posted on-line as well. Please sign-up to bring a food/drink donation (Gatorade, baked goods, etc.) to the meet. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**Swimathon is Coming!** Our annual fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, January 21st in the mid-morning at BH-BL High School Pool**. Materials for collecting pledges and prize announcements will be placed in your family folders later this month. **The SSC Team Photo** will also be taken on Saturday, January 21st during the Swimathon.

**The 2011-2012 Pre-Competitive Group Picture** will be taken during our SSC-hosted Chris Goody Mini-Meet at Union College on **Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**. This meet will be the first meet of the fall/winter season that our Pre-Competitive Group swimmers are entered in.

Our annual **Swimmer's Holiday Party** will be held on **Thursday, December 22nd** from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the **Vista Restaurant at Van Patten Golf Club in Jonesville/Clifton Park!** We hope all Shark swimmers can attend (all groups are invited, Pre-Comp. through Senior). Although there is no charge (the Club pays for this event for the swimmers), it is very important that we know the number of attending swimmers so we can plan for food/refreshments. On-line sign-up sheets will be posted on the SSC website by the end of this week. Sign-up deadline for the Holiday party is Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. As is our tradition, we will collect gift cards (Price Chopper, Target, etc.) for the women and children at the YWCA Domestic Violence Center (\$5-\$10 is great). We'll have pizza, drinks and cookies, as well as our annual dance contest. Swimmers, come join the fun! A **Parent Winter Social** is also being planned for **Saturday evening, January 21st, at the Vista Restaurant (Van Patten Golf Club)** in Jonesville/Clifton Park. It's a casual, unstructured evening. Please save the date! Sign-up sheets will be posted in January.

**The Deadline for Ads and Sponsorships** for the Saratoga 12 & under Mini-Meet is **December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that you receive 50% credit of the ad value that you obtain in credit toward future registration. If you have questions or if you have ads to submit, please e-mail them to Vic Romanov at: [vicromanov@schenectadyswimclub.org](mailto:vicromanov@schenectadyswimclub.org). Opportunities for **Team and Meet Sponsorships** are still available!

The **Spring Banquet** will be held on **Tuesday, April 3rd** in the early evening at the Vista Restaurant in Jonesville/Clifton Park. Please mark your calendars and save the date!

**Timing by parents at non-SSC hosted meets is a responsibility to be shared equally by all SSC parents!** If you have a swimmer entered in a meet, **you are obligated to do your share of the timing**. SSC is assigned meet timing responsibilities based upon the number of SSC swimmers entered in a meet. Meets cannot be run without parent timers. **Please cooperate by doing your share of the timing!**

**Please remember to check the SSC website frequently!** Now that the winter season is upon us, practice schedules are subject to change just prior to scheduled practice times due to weather. The Club will also use its best efforts to e-mail last minute practice changes to members in those practice groups affected by such change.