

Shark Alert

January 4, 2012

Thank-you to all of our hard-working parents/volunteers for your time and effort at December's Saratoga Mini-Meet at Skidmore College! Your support of the Club made this meet another success. We can't run a meet without your help!

The Chris Goody Mini-Meet & IMX Challenge Meet (Sat.-Sun., January 14-15) at Union College is less than 2 weeks away! These meets are hosted by SSC. **On-line Parent Work Sign-up Sheets** for these meets will be posted on the SSC website by the end of the day on Thursday, Jan. 5th. Each family is expected to sign-up and work at least one shift per day for each swimmer entered in the meet. Accordingly, if your child is swimming both days of the meet, a parent will be obligated to sign-up and work two work slots at the meet during the weekend. Job slots will also be available for lane timers for some of the sessions. **Concession Donation** sign-up sheets will also be posted on-line as well. Please sign-up to bring a food/drink donation (Gatorade, soda, pasta salad, etc.) to the meet. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

SSC Team Photo will be taken at Burnt Hills High School late morning **during the Swimathon on Saturday, January 21st**. All SSC swimmers are included in the team photo and should be there **in their team suits**. Graduating Seniors should be dressed in their SSC team jackets. Team picture order forms will be distributed next week along with the time that the team photo will be taken.

Swimathon is less than 3 weeks away! Our Annual fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, January 21st at Burnt Hills High School**. Swimmers in Senior and Bronze Groups will swim first in the morning, then participate in the Team Picture mid-morning. Swimmers in Groups 1, 2 & 3, including Journey to Silvers swimmers, will swim following the Team Picture. A pizza party will also be provided during the Swimathon to all Swimathon participants! Pledge packets have been placed in family folders and prize announcements will be distributed next week. Please support this important fundraising event and encourage your swimmer(s) to solicit donations from family, friends and neighbors. After the devastating flooding that occurred this fall from the effects of Hurricane Irene, we are thrilled to be **supporting Schoharie Valley Flood Relief** this year by contributing a portion of the funds that we raise from Swimathon to the **Schoharie Valley Penguins**, a local Adirondack District team that suffered greatly as a result of the flooding, as well as to the **Red Cross** for Schoharie Valley flood relief.

A Pre-Competitive Group Photo will be taken at our SSC-hosted Chris Goody Mini-Meet on Saturday, January 14th, of those Pre-Competitive Group members entered in this meet. Good luck to all of our Pre-Competitive Group swimmers as they swim in their first meet of the fall/winter season!

A Parent Winter Social will be held on Saturday evening (6:30pm), January 21st, at the Vista Restaurant (Van Patten Golf Club) in Jonesville/Clifton Park. It's a casual, unstructured evening. Everyone purchases their own food and beverages. It's a great way to get to know other team parents and to socialize away from the pool. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! Reminders will be e-mailed to parents in mid-January.

Please remember to check your suits and Equipment! If you are need of replacements, please contact our Equipment Managers, Bryce & Ellie Colby at bcolby@nycap.rr.com.

The Deadline for Ads and Sponsorships for the **Chris Goody Meet is January 8th** and the upcoming **Region 1 Meet is February 10th**. Please note that you receive 50% credit of the ad value that you obtain in credit toward future registration. Ad info can be found in the front pocket of your Blue Book. If you have questions or if you have ads to submit, please e-mail them to Vic Romanov at vicromanov@schenectadyswimclub.org. or call him at 882-9850. Opportunities for **Team and Meet Sponsorships** are still available!

Parent Q & A Meetings will be held in **early February** at both Skidmore and BH-BL High School. As Championship season approaches, these informal meetings will provide parents with an opportunity to ask questions regarding Region 1's, Gold & Silver Championships and Zones. Coaches, Board Members and Group liaisons will be available to answer questions about these events or the swim team/season in general. Dates for these meetings will be posted on the SSC website and e-mailed to parents later this month.

2012 USA Swimming Membership Cards for swimmers have been distributed to the family folders at both Skidmore and BH-BL High School. Please remember to check your family folder and pick-up your card as well as Swimathon pledge materials. It is suggested that the membership card, or a copy, be kept in water-proof wrapping in your child's swim bag.

SSC's Spring Banquet will be held on **Tuesday, April 3rd at 5:45pm** at the Vista Restaurant in Jonesville/Clifton Park. Please mark your calendars and save the date!