

# Shark Alert

May 6, 2011

**The spring session is in full swing with our first spring meet (Springfield, MA) a little more than 3 weeks away!** Spring session will end with the Meter Madness Meet on June 5th. Summer session will begin on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Try-out dates for new swimmers for the upcoming summer session are as follows:**

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Skidmore College at 12 noon

Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Union College at 7:00pm

**New swimmers may try-out** at any practice site-regardless of where they intend to practice. Individual try-outs can also be arranged. If you know of any swimmers who might be interested in our team, have them contact us for further information.

**Please take note of the Spring/Summer Meet Schedule** posted on our website. The Meet Schedule includes **opt-in/opt-out dates** that are applicable to each scheduled meet. All parents are reminded of their responsibility to monitor the meet schedule as posted on our website and comply with any opt-in/opt-out dates that may be applicable to their swimmer(s). Meets with "opt-out" dates, such as the upcoming June 5<sup>th</sup> Meter Madness Meet in Niskayuna, means that all swimmers in a Practice Group scheduled to attend that meet will be entered and their meet fee account charged, unless an opt-out notice is received prior to the opt-out date by Coach Jerry by e-mail at [Meets@schenectadyswimclub.org](mailto:Meets@schenectadyswimclub.org). Once an opt-in/opt-out date has passed and swimmers have been entered in a meet, meet fee accounts will be charged as of such date and are not refundable (as meet fees have been sent to the host team), even if a swimmer later does not swim in that meet for any reason. **The opt-out date for the Meter Madness Meet is May 10<sup>th</sup>. All spring-registered swimmers in Groups 1, 2 & 3 will be entered** in that meet as of such date, and their meet fee account charged, unless they have timely opted-out.

**Those families with swimmers entered in the Springfield, MA Meet (May 28-29)** have until May 13<sup>th</sup> to secure hotel reservations, if desired. Meet Entries and hotel information for that meet have been posted on our website. We are also planning a team outing to Six Flags-New England during that meet, with details to be provided later.

**The Colgate Classic Meet at Colgate University is scheduled for June 11-12 this year.** This meet is an opt-in meet for all swimmers registered in the summer session. **The opt-in date for the Colgate Classic Meet is May 13<sup>th</sup>.** There will be on-campus housing available at Colgate for this meet. See the meet schedule as posted on the SSC website for details and housing information. We will not be getting rooms as a group for this meet.

**Save the date!** We have reserved on-campus housing for our families at **Colgate for Long Course Championships (July 22-24)**. It is our tradition to stay together as a team. Please make your reservations through the Club for this meet. **Housing reservation and team family dinner forms for the LC District Championships at Colgate will be distributed in mid-June.** Forms will be posted on-line as well as distributed through the family folders at both the Skidmore and BH-BL/Union sites.

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**The Annual Budget Meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake HS, in the lower portion of the main cafeteria.** All members are encouraged to attend. Election of Board members will also take place on May 25<sup>th</sup> at BH-BL during scheduled practice. Skidmore site families will be given an opportunity to vote during practice at Skidmore on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Please remember to check your Shark suit and caps** as we enter the long course meet season. If you are new to our team and need to order equipment, go to our website and click the tab, "Equipment Ordering", on the top of our home page. Bryce & Ellie Colby, our Team Equipment Managers, are available to answer any questions and their contact information is on the form.

**SSC Members** who swim for a summer league during Summer session are welcome and encouraged to compete with our team at AD Long Course District Championships the weekend of July 22-24, even if they are not practicing with our team during the summer session. Please notify Coach Jerry at [Meets@schenectadyswimclub.org](mailto:Meets@schenectadyswimclub.org) if you are interested, and be sure to sign up for housing and dinners.

**Please remember to check our website ([www.schenectadyswimclub.org](http://www.schenectadyswimclub.org)) often for updates and changes!** Also, please remember to check your family folders. All families registered for spring and/ or summer have family folders located at their home practice site (Skidmore or BH-BL).