



Hammer Head Swim Club

February 2012

HHSC NEWS BITES

SILVERS MEET

Congratulations to the 24 HHSC swimmers have already achieved BB (Silver) times in numerous events!

Mackenzie Quinn * Hannah Saye * Grace Mroczka * Esel Ro * Tess Thompson * Kaelyn Zebraski * Riley Drummond * Omosafe Osula * Lindsey Lovern * Katie Webster * Mikayla Reynolds * Haley Zebraski * Katie Cymerman * Ericka Eades * Sarah Fournain * Lauren Skellie * Meg Phillips * Hanna Rubin * Sofia Rubin * Monika Voltman * Osasere Osula * Joshua Saye * Trystan Meyer * Jonathan Fountain

The Championship Qualifiers Meet, also known as the Silver's Meet, in which they qualify to swim in will take place on Feb. 24-26th in Tonawanda. **BUT, there is STILL time for more swimmers to qualify!** Times achieved in Salamanca or Hamburg will count as well! Even if you only have 1 silver time, the league will let you swim up to an additional 2 events so it is worth it for you to participate!

This meet is a lot of fun, but it does start early and can end late especially if you qualify for a final so the following hotels in the area for those interested.

In Tonawanda

Budget Inn (Sheridan Dr.)

Days Inn (Niagara Falls Blvd.)

In Amherst

Homewood Suites (Millersport Hwy)

Courtyard (Sheridan Dr.)

Marriott (Millersport Hwy)

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Calendar Updates

February 1st

Individual pictures may be taken.

February 2nd

Last night to sign up for free Hamburg meet.

February 3rd

No practice

February 4th

Free league meet at Salamanca High School (50 Iroquois Drive, Salamanca, NY 14779). 9am warm up and 10am start time.

February 11th

This is a free league meet hosted by the Hamburg club which will take place at Hamburg High School (4111 Legion Drive, Hamburg NY 14075). 11:30am warm-up with a 12:30pm start.

February 14th

Last day to turn in registration form for those eligible to enter in the Silver Meet.

February 17th

No practice.

Team Spaghetti Dinner at St. Hyacinth's Lyceum on Lake Shore Drive E. in Dunkirk from 6-8pm. There will be a sign-up sheet for families on the door to the bleachers starting 2/6. We will be seeking donations of meatballs, salad, noodles, and beverages as well. More detail to follow.

February 18th

Free league meet sponsored by TWST at Orchard Park. Sign-up next to bulletin board by February 10th.

February 21st

No practice. Snow tubing event at Peak and Peak in Findley Lake. For families interested in going the group cost is \$10 for 2 hours or \$15 for 3 hours (per person). The group will meet at Peak and Peak for 6pm. This activity has been a lot of fun in the past and we hope to see you there.

February 24th-26th

Niagara Championship Qualifiers (Silver) Meet at Tonawanda (1 Pool Plaza, Tonawanda, NY 14223). Must have a "BB" time in one or more events to participate.



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LOOKING TO CHAMPIONSHIPS

League Championships will be held at Fredonia State on March 10th-11th. This is great for our swimmers because they have the "home pool" advantage and it makes attending significantly easier on families!

What families need to know right now:

1.) Championship times are slower than Silver and Gold times. The Championship times and events are set by the league and are broken down by age and gender. Most swimmers can achieve a qualifying time, but they **MUST** attend at least one league meet to be able to attend.

2.) There is still time to qualify for Championships! We have 3 free meets this month! So if your swimmer has never attended a meet, now is the time to try one out! If you have any questions or concerns about your child's times, please talk to a Coach.

3) Qualified swimmers may only swim 3 events at the championship meet. So if a swimmer qualifies for more than three events they must pick 3 to participate in.

4.) The board will send out an email naming those swimmers that qualify and what events they may swim in the near future.

5.) **ALL teams must help at this event!** HHSC will be asked to handle all the hospitality (feeding coaches and officials), be responsible for timing a lane or two, and providing some officiating. So mark your calendars NOW! Again, Erin Mroczka will assign volunteer jobs to families like she did for the BB-Qualifier, but it won't be as extensive!



BB-Qualifier Awards

COACHES CORNER

The BB-Qualifier Meet in Eden was AWESOME! I am so proud of all our swimmers. So many of you not only participated, but swam really hard! Our bag of ribbons, medals, and certificates was so impressive. Way to go! I'd also like to thank all those families that volunteered their time during the meet, it made all the difference in our success.

Incase you haven't noticed, competition is really warming up as we begin to approach the end of the season with the upcoming Silvers Meet and our league Championships. If your swimmer's goal to achieve a time to participate in those meets, they have many many opportunities to try for it with three free league meets during the month. I am confident that all of our swimmers could participate in championships, however, it may take some extra effort in practice on the part of the swimmer to get there.

To balance all our hard work, there are two great team traditions planned to relax and just have fun: the spaghetti dinner and tubing. I hope the whole team will come out to share a meal and have some serious play time in the snow too. After all, snow is just frozen water!

Keep up the great work,

Coach Justin