

Dynamo Swim Club - Weekly Swimmers Ear

20 April 2009

Upcoming Events:

April 25-26	Dynamo Spring Splash (all groups; AG1/SR1 Sunday only, AG2/SR2 Saturday only)
April 25	Sign up deadline for May 3 special (Dixie Non-Qualifiers)
April 28	Sign up deadline for Dixie Classic (Qualifiers)
May 3	Saturday Special
May 15-17	Dynamo Dixie Classic and UGA Senior Meet (info to come)
June 14	Dynamo Senior Recognition/Banquet (date tentative)

Dynamo Scrip Program

Dynamo is pleased to share some exciting news about a new fundraising program for our organization. It's called "scrip", and it's the fundraising program that works while you shop for everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials. With every Scrip purchase you make, Dynamo earns revenue.

Scrip is simply a word that means "substitute money, in other words, gift cards. These gift cards are purchased directly through Great Lakes Scrip which offers national and local retailers. Many popular retailers participate in the scrip program including Macy's, Home Depot/Lowe's, BP, Amazon, iTunes, Sports Authority, Wal-Mart and many, many others. These merchants want to support non-profit organizations like Dynamo, and in return we support them by shopping with scrip at their stores.

In order for Dynamo to earn revenue credit the cards must be purchased online through Great Lakes Scrip program. Each Dynamo family will be provided information on establishing an online account soon.

We plan on having a table set-up at the Spring Splash to provide information about our new scrip program, and we urge you to stop by. You can also visit the Great Lakes Scrip site for more information at: <http://www.glscrip.com/howscripworks/index.aspx>. For a list of participating retailers, please go to: www.shopwithscrip.com/Shop/default.aspx.

USA Swimming Diving Safety Initiative

Effective May 1, 2009, USA Swimming's Board of Directors has modified the racing start rule, 103.2.2 (which already provides that racing starts should only be taught in at least six feet of water) to further clarify that racing starts should only be taught under the direct supervision of a USA

Swimming member coach, and to expand the definition of teaching racing starts to make clear that no swimmer who has not been certified as proficient by his or her coach should be performing racing starts into less than six feet of water. To be in compliance, all Dynamo swimmers must be certified by their coaches as proficient in order to dive at meets. This is not an issue for Dynamo hosted meets, as we dive into at least 7 feet of water in all the pools, but could be for away meets.

Billing and Invoices (Read/Important)

Invoices through the online/billing website have been posted. The invoices were produced on the 21st of January, and due on the first of February.

- o **Bills are late after the 10th of the month, and when invoices are generated (automatically through the website) on the 21st, those with an outstanding balance will be charged a \$25.00 late fee.**
- o Make sure you are checking your accounts to see all payments that are posted, and charges incurred are correct. If you need to have your password re-sent please email [Jason](#).
- o With the dissolution of our Meet Entry Account (remaining balance at that time credited to November 2008 bills) we now roll a \$3.00 fee into our meet entries to offset the meet entry administration and costs. This is an industry standard, with many Teams charging \$5.00 per meet entry.

Dynamo Parka Orders

With the winter months fast approaching don't forget to place your Parka orders. Orders are placed the 1st and 15th of each month with a four week turn around time...remember to plan ahead for holiday shopping. For your convenience the [order form](#) can be found on Dynamo's website.

Facility Reminders:

- +Dynamo no longer accepts the American Express card.
- +Dynamo is not responsible for equipment bags or contents left at the facility.
- + When paying for dues with a Credit Card, always write the name of the swimmer account on the receipt. The same is true for the memo portion of a check that is submitted for dues payment.
- + Please stay alert when driving through the parking lot - look out for Dynamo swimmers participating in dry land activities.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE CHANGES	
<u>Alpharetta Swim Center</u>	<u>Chamblee Swim Center</u>
Saturday April 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG2 no practice 	Saturday April 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR1 and AG1 6:00-7:45 AM combined • No other practices