

# Update



February 2006

**Welcome** to the February update with news on Jamaica's national learn to swim programme.

## SwimJamaica Children's Programme

We welcome two new schools onto the programme this term; Galilee Early Childhood Development Centre and Dors Quick Learn Basic School.



**Students in Level 4.** The Children's Programme comprises seven Progressive levels. Students at the American International School of Kingston are learning Level 4 skills this term and will be the first to reach Level 5 next term.

## SwimJamaica Adult Programme

Lessons are taking place this term at a private pool in Hope Pastures on Saturday afternoons. For further information, call the office on 926-1514 or email [info@swimjamaica.com](mailto:info@swimjamaica.com)

## SwimJamaica Career Development Programme

We welcome five new staff onto our instructional team (one Assistant and four Trainee Instructors). All our staff have passed a SwimJamaica training course. Our Instructors hold a lifeguard qualification.



**Training course dates** for 2006 have been set. For more information please contact the office.

A workshop for SwimJamaica instructors and ASAJ coaches on 'When to Cooperate and When Not to Cooperate: That is the Question' was presented by Dr. Brad McRae this month. The workshop was fun, informative and interactive.

## SwimJamaica Summer Programme

Plans are underway for our second Summer Programme. There will be lessons available for children (including schools/organisations) and adults.

## Sun Island Sponsorship

We are grateful to Sun Island who are continuing their sponsorship of SwimJamaica through 2006, donating children's t-shirts and staff uniforms.



## Seeking Sponsorship

As news of SwimJamaica spreads there are numerous schools from inner city communities contacting us for sponsored places on the Children's Programme. We are seeking funding to enable these children to join the 100 children currently sponsored on the Programme.

## Successful Fundraising Workshops

We say a big thank you to Brad McRae who returned to Jamaica this month to present two more fundraising workshops for SwimJamaica in partnership with the University College of the Caribbean.

The workshops, The seven strategies of Mater Negotiators and The seven strategies of Master Presenters received excellent reviews.

Brad will return in November to present more workshops in both Kingston and Montego Bay

We also thank the workshop sponsors:

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## SwimJamaica Office

The set up of our office at the stadium pool is now complete. Thank you to all who made this possible including INC for donating a desk.

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