

<p><b>GCBS 4.4 MILE BAY SWIM &amp; 1 Mile Bay Challenge - June 11, 2017</b> Hemingway's Marina at the Bay Bridge Marina Eastern Shores of the Twin Bridges, Exit 37 S. of Rt. 50 – Pier One Rd., Stevensville, MD 21666 Eastern Shores of Bay Bridge</p>	<p><b>2017 4.4 GCBS LOTTERY NAME REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS</b></p> <p><b>2017 GCBS ONE MILE BAY SWIM ENTRY TIME LINE &amp; INSTRUCTIONS</b></p>
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**4.4 QUESTIONS**

**4.4 INFO. REPLY**

<p><b>1. How do I enter either swim, the 4.4 or 1 Miler?</b></p>	<p><b>4.4 entry is only through registering your name onto the 4.4 Lottery Name Registration List.</b> One Mile Bay Challenge will open to live on-line entry on February 1, 2017. It will remain open to public entry until 500 are entered. Or, we are at the 1-mile deadline to enter by: June 6, 2017. There is no event day entry!</p>
<p><b>2. When can I register my name onto the 4.4 Lottery Name registration list?</b></p>	<p><b>The 4.4 lottery name list will open to the public on Nov. 1, 2016.</b> The link to this process will be featured on the LINMARK Sports web site – home page feature, as well as on our calendar EVENTS page, where all events are featured. All events are listed in their event day order. <b>Web link:</b> <a href="http://www.linmarksports.com">www.linmarksports.com</a></p>
<p><b>3. Exactly what do I have to do to register my name onto the list?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Click on the link provided which will transport you to our on-line event vendor: Chronotrack, and directly to the GCBS lottery name registration page.</b></li> <li><b>2. You will type in YOUR email address, where IF YOU ARE SELECTED IN ONE OF THE 4.4 SELECTION/ENTRY ROUNDS, YOUR EMAIL SELECTION NOTICE WILL BE SENT.</b></li> <li><b>3. You will also type in a password.</b> Please write it down for future reference.</li> <li><b>4. If you currently have an account, use that account login.</b></li> <li><b>5. OR: you can just select the proceed AS A GUEST OPTION. OR: LOGIN WITH FACEBOOK.</b></li> </ol>

	<p>6. You will receive an email confirmation that your name has been successfully registered. THIS IS NOT AN EVENT ENTRY.</p>
<p>4. Are there other processes which a person can enter the 4.4?</p> <p><b>NOTE: ONLY ENTRANTS</b> from a current year's swim can participate in the GCBS Champions Challenge Charitable Contributions program.</p> <p>This has been announced and posted with all 2016 swim info. which was conducted this past June.</p>	<p><b>YES! All finishers from the June 12, 2016 swim who participated in the GCBS charitable contributions program the "CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE" and met the incentive goal level . . .received the EARLY BIRD designation, and will be able to directly enter the 2017 4.4 GCBS on-line.</b></p> <p>They will complete the entry form, and pay the entry fee in one process to become a 2017 4.4 GCBS entrant. CHARITABLE EARLY BIRDS COMPLETELY BY-PASS THE LOTTERY PROCESS, AND SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN IT.</p>
<p>5. HOW DOES SOMEONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CHARITABLE PROGRAM, KNOW THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE EARLY BIRD DESIGNATION?</p>	<p><b>&gt;&gt; A CHAMPION'S CHALLENGE Early Bird Name List will be posted on or about Oct. 10, 2016. &lt;&lt;</b></p> <p><b>ADDITIONALLY, QUALIFIERS WILL BE EMAILED THE SECURED CODE WHICH THEY MUST TYPE WHEN THEY ARE TRANSPORTED TO THE CHRONOTRACK GCBS ENTRY PAGE, FROM LINMARK Sports, website.</b></p> <p><b>.. This year, we will again also mail a notice, with the by-pass the lottery code, directly to their mailing address on record.</b></p> <p>If you see your name on the Champions Challenge Qualified Charitable Early Bird List for 2017, you will be emailed, and US postal mailed the secured code which will permit you to proceed directly on-line to complete the entry form and pay the GCBS 2017 4.4 Entry Fee. <b>IF YOUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED SINCE THE JUNE 2016 SWIM – PLEASE EMAIL <a href="mailto:lindat@linmarksports.com">lindat@linmarksports.com</a></b> your new address so we can update your data record.</p>
<p>How long will the GCBS 4.4 Lottery Name Registration remain up for me to register my name?</p> <p>- Page 2 -</p>	<p><b>The GCBS 4.4 Lottery Name Registration DATES ARE:</b></p> <p><b>NOV. 1, 2016 thru WED. JAN. 6, 2017, midnight.</b></p> <p><b>Absolutely no additional name registrations after Jan. 6, 2017 – Lottery will be closed!</b></p> <p><b>PLEASE WRITE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS</b></p>

<p><b>How do I check to see if my name was selected in one of the selection rounds . . . and how much time do I have to proceed with the on-line entry?</b></p>	<p><b>When a current round is selected</b>, that round of selected names will be posted on the LINMARK Sports website <b><u>YOU MUST CHECK EACH WEEK WHEN A NEW ROUND IS SELECTED AND POSTED FOR YOUR NAME.</u></b></p> <p>Each round has an open window for those listed to proceed directly on line to complete the entry form, and charge the entry fee. On a round’s deadline entry date, that open window is then <b>CLOSED</b> to those who did not proceed on-line with the entry process. We are already working on the following round of selection notices, and posting of the next selection-round.</p>
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<p><b><u>SELECTION TIMELINE DATES – BY 10 AM:</u></b>  <b>ROUND 1 Name Selection Date: <u>Sun. 1/8</u></b>   <b>ROUND 2 Name Selection Date: <u>Sun. 1/15</u></b>   <b>ROUND 3 Name Selection Date: <u>Sun. 1/22</u></b>   <b>ROUND 4 Name Selection Date: <u>Sun. 1/29</u></b></p> <p>Individual email notices are automatically emailed to the email address you typed in when you register your name on the lottery name sign-up form.</p> <p>Be sure it is a personal email box and not one which will see the email as spam and block it. *</p>	<p><b><u>ENTRY DEADLINE DATES FOR EACH ROUND:</u></b></p> <p><b>ROUND 1 ENTRY DEADLINE DATE: <u>Thur. 1/12 Midnight</u></b>   <b>ROUND 2 ENTRY DEADLINE DATE: <u>Thur. 1/19 Midnight</u></b>   <b>ROUND 3 ENTRY DEADLINE DATE: <u>Thur. 1/26 Midnight</u></b>   <b>ROUND 4 ENTRY DEADLINE DATE: <u>Thur. 2/2 Midnight</u></b></p> <p><b>PLEASE SET LINMARK Sports as a safe sender of emails to the address you register along with your name.</b></p> <p><b>*THIS IS ANOTHER REASON why we post a Name Selected List, when each round is conducted, so you can have a “fail save method to double check should your email box encounter a problem. CHECK THE POSTED LOTTERY NAME LIST, each SUN. OR MON. MORNING.</b></p>
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<p><b>What will the email selection notice advise?</b></p>	<p>It will congratulate you on your selection and advise to proceed as soon as possible, prior to the rounds entry deadline date.  <b>PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME WHEN COMPLETING THE 4.4 Entry form.</b> It will not process unless you complete all required information.</p>
<p><b>What is the entry fee, and refund date should I not be able to participate?</b></p> <p>- Page 3 -</p>	<p><b>\$300, payment via on-line credit card charge</b></p> <p><b>REFUND DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2017.</b> Send refund request email to: <a href="mailto:lindat@linmarksports.com">lindat@linmarksports.com</a></p>

<p><b>WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR SUBMITTING SWIM DOUCMENTATION?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>If an entrant completed either the GCBS One Mile Bay Challenge, or the GCBS 4.4 swim in either 2015 or 2016 . . . NO DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.</b> We will have your records in our data GCBS records. The entry form will have a YES – NO box for you to check.</li> <li>2. <b>IF YES</b>, you are <b>exempt</b> from having to submit the 4.4 swim documentation. We have your results as proof of your ability.</li> <li>3. <b>IF NO, you are mandated to submit 4.4 swim documentation within two weeks of completing your on-line entry form, and fee payment.</b></li> <li>4. <b>We follow up on all those required to submit.</b></li> <li>5. <b>If an entrant does not submit if required . . .NO SWIM, your fee will be refunded.</b></li> <li>6. <b>If you require a time extension to submit</b>, email your Extension Request to: <a href="mailto:lindat@linmarksports.com">lindat@linmarksports.com</a></li> </ol>
<p><b>Why is swim documentation required?</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>All submissions are to be via email attachment to:</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:lindat@linmarksports.com">lindat@linmarksports.com</a></p> <p><b>No faxes.</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>- Page 4 -</b></p>	<p>To be permitted to participate in the 4.4 GCBS you must have a level of fitness and swim ability to participate in a 4.4 miles' open water swim, and the challenges it will present.</p> <p><b>- IF YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT SWIM DOCUMENTATION HERE ARE YOUR OPTIONS: Event must be completed in 2015 or 2016</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Swim results from an Olympic distance or longer triathlon race from 1500 meters or longer swim distance, at pace of 40 mins. or under, per mile. You may also submit results from a 1 mi. or longer swim race.</li> <li>2. Completion of a continuous 3-mile pool-swim, in 2 hours 15 minutes, or under. . . in the past two years (2015 – 2016). <b>SUBMIT BY A LETTER OF VERIFICATION WITNESSED &amp; SIGNED BY THE POOL MANAGEMENT COACH OR LIFEGUARD, OR A SWIM COACH.</b> Must be submitted on pool letterhead. If submitted by your swim coach, letter must contain, his affiliation, address, email and phone number. He or she must cc the swimmer on the submission of their swim documentation. Letter must state that your swim was witnessed, the distance, and time completed.</li> </ol> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> All submitted documentation must contain the date, event title, location, or pool completed.</p> <p><b>DO NOT JUST SEND ME A LINK AND EXPECT ME TO SEARCH FOR YOUR NAME AND RESULTS IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING A RACE TIME FROM A 1 MILE SWIM OR LONGER, YOU MUST: SEND JUST THE PAGE/SECTION WHERE YOUR SWIM RESULTS ARE, AND CIRCLE YOUR NAME, IF IT IS A FULL PAGE.</b></p> <p>A page screen shot is also acceptable. Hundreds will be submitting</p>

	<p>swim documentation; all will be acknowledged as received . . . it will be impossible to go to sites to find an entrant’s swim results.</p> <p>Again, a list is compiled of all entrants who will be required to submit documentation. It will be followed for those who do not follow this very important safety requirement.</p> <p><b>AFTER YOUR 4.4 ENTRY FORM IS COMPLETED, AND IF YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION, YOU WILL HAVE THREE WEEKS, IN WHICH TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION from your entry date.</b></p> <p>If injured, or other circumstances result in an applicant requiring more time, just email LINDA with circumstance and request a time extension.</p> <p>&gt;&gt; DO NOT SUBMIT SWIM DOCUMENTATION WHEN YOU REGISTER YOUR NAME ON THE 4.4 LOTTERY NAME REGISTRATION FORM, IT WILL BE DISCARDED. Only after &amp; if your name is selected in January, and you have completed the 4.4 entry requirements.</p>
<p><b>PLEASE be sure to periodically check the LINMARKSPORTS, website for on-going updates pre and post swim day:</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.linmarksports.com">www.linmarksports.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>WHEN WILL THE 2017 CHARITABLE PROGRAM OPEN? THE GCBS CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE</b> Once the 4.4 Lottery name selections and entry process is completed -- MORE ON THIS WILL BE POSTED AT A LATER DATE. Traditionally the 4.4 GCBS closes out by Jan. 31.</li> <li>- A 2016 CHAMPION'S CHALLENGE FORM WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AND POSTED ON FUTURE UPDATES.</li> </ul> <p>All supporting swim info. will be posted and continually updated. If you still have questions, or require clarifications, (after reading the info.) direct email: <a href="mailto:lindat@linmarksports.com">lindat@linmarksports.com</a></p> <p>On behalf of Chuck Nabit, Great Chesapeake Bay Swim Director -- Good luck to all! We hope to see many of you “on the beach” for a most exciting, inspiring, and full-filling another year of swimming excellence with the hundreds who will support you from start to finish.</p> <p>Regards, Linda Toretzky, GCBS Swim Processing Coordinator Direct Email: <a href="mailto:lindat@linmarksports.com">lindat@linmarksports.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.linmarksports.com">www.linmarksports.com</a></p>
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