



Hello GCBS 4.4 Miles and 1 Mile 2017 Swimmers: First, thank you all for your most excellent GCBS support and your swim day participation!

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Following is GCBS 2017 post swim information which should address many email questions now being sent.

- **Lost and found questions** should now be sent directly to: **Sherri Tolley** [stolley@spfg.net](mailto:stolley@spfg.net)  
Sherri Tolley, GCBS, Executive Assistant to Chuck Nabit, 20 Commerce Street, Baltimore, MD

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- **Award Winners who were not present during the awards ceremony:** Please click on awards overall alpha list to see if you are listed. SWIMMERS who could not participate on swim day, and did not receive and entry fee refund, may also send an email request & mail a check to Sherri -- **requesting that their swim day shirt be sent to them.**

The results page also contains links to view your 1 miles and/or 4.4 finishline videos which we had running for both events . . . also another means of your swim day accountability.

**If you see you were an award winner:** cost to mail awards via Priority Mail is \$7.15 and checks should be made payable to GCBS, mailed to: GCBS-Awards, c/o Westport Group, 20 Commerce Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

- **QUESTIONS FOR LONGEVITY AWARDS:** Please contact Sherri Tolley at: [stolley@spfg.net](mailto:stolley@spfg.net)
- **GCBS CHAMPION'S CHALLENGE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS PROGRAM FORM:**  
DEADLINE to still participate in the charitable contributions program is 9/30/2017.  
CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE BALTIMORE OFFICE PRIOR BUT NOT LATER THAN 9/30/201.  
See link below.
- **How to receive the Charitable Early Bird distinction, is detailed within the contributions form.** Attaining the Early Bird distinction gives the ability to receive a special 2018 direct entry – by-passing the entire lottery process. I send all Early Birds a special email, and 1<sup>st</sup> class postcard, with the entry code giving direct access to the 2018 swim entry form, and fee payment. PLEASE take you time and read the form's instructions, prior to emailing me questions on the process.
- **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FORM DIRECT LINK** [>>>CLICK HERE<<](#)

#### SWIM DAY DETAILS:

**\*647 - 4.4 Swimmers: Officially & confirmed as scanned on their swim start at the secured start beach Sandy Point State Park. (Two swim waves – 15 min. apart. Wave 1 were swimmers who selected, on their entry form – predicting over 2 ½ hrs. to finish, Wave 2 under 2 ½ hrs. to finish.**

**621 - 4.4 Swimmers: Officially finished and scored on their finish at the secured finish line on the eastern shores at Hemingway's Marina beach next to the twin bridges.**

**\*26 - 4.4 DNF due to being pulled for not meeting their mile mark deadline times, or pulled for electing to be removed.**

**Swim day swimmer accountability: 100%.**

**294 – 1 MI. BAY CHALLENGE swimmers officially confirmed starting in three separate swim waves (starts were 5 mins. apart) One mile swimmers were placed in waves as to when they entered i.e., first 100 first wave, second 100 second, wave, etc.**

**280 - 1 Mi. BAY CHALLENGE confirmed finishers.**

**Overall comments:** Water conditions and water temp. (72 degrees), were near perfection this year. Optimum tide conditions, and hardly no wind to affect our swimmers. Many, many in-water support volunteers, from kayakers who directly lined the swim course . . . with a large fleet of boats just outside the perimeter, to which swimmers could be transported, if removed from water.

**Hundreds of volunteers in water and on land, who make and elevate this swim to the national level it deserves.** Not only are our swimmers all champions, as well as all the outstanding volunteers who spend hours above swimmers times. They also provide support to provide all swimmers with their support both physically, and mentally encouraging them when it starts to get tough.

**Received a special email on how one of our swimmers, who was beginning to feel overwhelmed** by the large wave she wrote how she was close to panic, but the kayaker came up to her, and stayed with her “telling to just breathe, slow down, I am staying by you, until you Let me know you are OK. She recovered, and had a good and emotionally grateful swim finish. This is what the swim is about, YOU THE SWIMMERS, your support and the step-by-step support you will receive from the hundreds there who just want to see you as you pull yourself out of the water, and take that finish line. (Many “newbies” this year.)

Just to see all the large boats, start to form a line, and follow the final swimmers when they come from out under the bridge span and around that bulk head bend, heading for that final half mile to their finish. JUST AWESOME, and inspiring.

**As Chuck announced, GCBS is all about their charitable contributions. Through the years, well over \$2.400 MILLION dollars has been donated to various Maryland charities.** The largest recipient of funds is the Maryland March of Dimes.

From start to finish on swim day, they are a major volunteer force on both sides of the bridges. It is also in their deep gratification to you, because of your entry fees, including the participation by many through the GCBS Champion's Challenge program. A major reason why Chuck Nabit, has been directing the event for 26 years! Kudos to all on all levels. . . Sponsors, Volunteers, Swimmers and swim staff.

Note: About mid-Sept. 2017, initial 2018 Entry Info. will again be featured on the LINMARK Sports home page/Announcement column, and on our Events Calendar, date order, (traditionally the second Sunday in June): JUNE 10, 2018.

Note: You will receive a direct email from our official GCBS photographer, when their photos are ready to view and purchase: CBMT creative, web site <http://www.backprint.com/cbmtcreative> One Mile and 4.4 photos

Note: LINMARK Sports, digital Linda's view, will be posted by late afternoon today, 6/13 as well as available on our site's Gallery page <http://www.linmarksports.com/gallery/>

If any live contact links, within this email blast, do not transmit live to your computer, please go on-line to LINMARK Sports site, where they should all transmit for your ability to contact directly.

Best Regards to you, for safe, fun and competitive swimming . . . plus, keep supporting your fellow swimmers!

Linda Toretsky - GCBS Swim Processing Coordinator

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*Your Main Resource for All GCBS PRE & Post Swim Info. – updated through the year.*