

Colonies Zone Short Course Yards Championship

April 11 – 13, 2008

Hosted by: Patriot Masters - GMUP

George Mason University Aquatic and Fitness Center, Fairfax, Virginia

Sanctioned by Potomac Valley LMSC for USMS, INC. # 108-02

Welcome to the 2008 Colonies Zone Short Course Yards Championship meet. The swimming facility will be configured as two separate 8-lane competition courses, women in one course and men in the other, with both courses displayed on the scoreboard. The all deep-water lanes, overflow gutters and non-turbulent lane lines should allow for some very *fast* swimming! A separate 6-lane 25-yard pool will be available for continuous warm-up/cool-down throughout the meet.

ENTRIES: Must be postmarked by Saturday March 29, 2008. Competitors may enter up to 5 individual events per day, plus relays. The meet is open to all Masters Swimmers holding a valid 2008 USMS registration card. **A COPY OF THIS CARD MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ENTRY!** Age is determined by a swimmer's age on April 13, 2008. 2008 USMS rules and regulations apply.

SEEDING: Events will be seeded slowest to fastest. Women will swim in the deep end on Saturday and the shallow end on Sunday. Men will swim in the shallow end on Saturday and the deep end on Sunday. The 1000 and 1650 free will be seeded fastest to slowest, men and women combined.

RELAYS: Relay Deck Entries will be accepted **BEFORE 9am** Saturday and Sunday, or Friday night, or they may be mailed in with your meet entry. Relay Entry Forms are available at www.patriotmasters.org.

DISTANCE EVENTS: You must check in Friday night **BEFORE 5:30pm** for the distance events or you will be scratched. *Choose either the 1000 free or the 1650, not both.* The fastest heat of 1000 free will start at 6pm in the shallow end. The 1650 free is limited to the first 48 entries received and the fastest heat will start at 6pm in the deep end. Please ask a friend to count for you in the distance freestyle races.

PSYCH SHEETS: Psych sheets and rosters will be available on our website www.patriotmasters.org before the meet.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to the first three places in each age group, and to each member of a winning relay. Special Championship awards to the highest scoring team in three divisions: Large, Medium and Small Team. Individual events are scored 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, relays 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2.

RESULTS: Available on-line at www.patriotmasters.org and www.colonieszone.org. Results will be submitted for Top-Ten recognition.

DIRECTIONS: To George Mason University Aquatic and Fitness Center:

- **From the West:** Take I66 east to Route 123 (exit 60), south on Route 123 for 2.7 miles to Braddock Rd, left on Braddock, left on Sideburn, park in Lot C.
- **From the South:** Take I95 north to exit 160, north on Route 123 for 14.5 miles to Braddock Rd, right on Braddock, left on Sideburn, park in Lot C.
- **From the North:** Take I95 south to the Capitol Beltway (495), 495 west to Braddock Rd (exit 54), Braddock Rd west 5 miles to Sideburn, right on Sideburn, park in Lot C.

HOTELS: Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks – 703-352-2525 (3 miles from the pool)
Courtyard Fairfax Fair Oaks – 703-273-6161 (2 miles from the pool)
Hyatt Fair Lakes – 703-818-1234 (4 miles from the pool)
Comfort Inn University Center – 1-800-230-0853 (2 miles from the pool)
Best Western Fairfax – 703-591-5500 (2 miles from the pool)
Hampton Inn – 703-385-2600 (2 miles from the pool)

QUESTIONS: Meet Director: Cheryl Ward (703) 359-5366 e-mail cherylaward@yahoo.com

Place Copy of USMS Card Here (Trimmed and Taped)			Please supply the following information also:
USMS Number	Team		Daytime Phone Number:
Name:			Evening Phone Number:
Birth Date:	Age:	Sex:	E-mail:

I, the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby certify that I am physically fit and have not been otherwise informed by a physician. I acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in Masters Swimming (training and competition), including possible permanent disability or death, and agree to assume all of those risks. AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANY ACTIVITIES INCIDENT THERETO, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES, INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE FOLLOWING: UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEES, THE CLUBS, HOST FACILITIES, MEET SPONSORS, MEET COMMITTEES, OR ANY INDIVIDUALS OFFICIATING AT THE MEETS OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS. (Rule Book Article 203.1)

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

WOMEN		MEN	
Event #	Seed Time	Event Name	Seed Time
Friday April 11, 2008 (Warm-up at 5 pm – Meet Start at 6 pm)			
1	_____	1000 Free	_____
3	_____	1650 Free	_____
Saturday April 12, 2008 (Warm-up at 9 am – Meet Start at 10 am)			
5	(use relay form)	400 Mixed Free Relay	(use relay form)
7	(use relay form)	200 Mixed Medley Relay	(use relay form)
9	_____	100 Free	_____
11	_____	200 Back	_____
13	_____	50 Fly	_____
15	_____	200 IM	_____
17	_____	500 Free	_____
19	_____	100 Breast	_____
21	_____	200 Fly	_____
23	_____	50 Back	_____
25	(use relay form)	800 Free Relay	(use relay form)
27	(use relay form)	400 Medley Relay	(use relay form)
29	(use relay form)	200 Free Relay	(use relay form)
Sunday April 13, 2008 (Warm-up at 9 am – Meet Start at 10 am)			
31	(use relay form)	800 Mixed Free Relay	(use relay form)
33	(use relay form)	400 Mixed Medley Relay	(use relay form)
35	(use relay form)	200 Mixed Free Relay	(use relay form)
37	_____	200 Free	_____
39	_____	100 IM	_____
41	_____	200 Breast	_____
43	_____	100 Fly	_____
45	_____	400 IM	_____
47	_____	100 Back	_____
49	_____	50 Breast	_____
51	_____	50 Free	_____
53	(use relay form)	400 Free Relay	(use relay form)
55	(use relay form)	200 Medley Relay	(use relay form)

SURCHARGE (required) \$ <u>20.00</u>	MAIL TO: Cheryl Ward, Entries Chair
Events @ \$5 each: \$ _____	4207 University Dr.
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED: \$ _____	Fairfax, VA 22030
CHECK PAYABLE TO: PATRIOT MASTERS	ENTRIES POSTMARKED: March 29, 2008