



## Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation

# NEWSLETTER

THE COMPETITIVE EDGE ~ FEBRUARY 2022



Above: Jah-Nhai Perinchief



Above: Caitlyn Bobb



Above: Nathan Armstrong

### Bermuda National Athletics Association

**Jah-Nhai Perinchief's** growing reputation as an elite triple jumper continues in the ascendancy after a stunning performance at the Tyson Invitational athletics meet in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on Saturday.

The Bermudian star jumped to an indoor personal best of 16.91 metres (55ft 5¾in), the world-leading distance for 2022, to nicely follow up a runner-up finish in a stellar field at the New Balance Indoor Grand Prix in Staten Island, New York, last weekend.

Perinchief's effort at the Randal Tyson Track Centre, where he was part of a ten-man invitational field, would have been

good enough to see him comfortably overcome the celebrated American Donald Scott (16.68) six days earlier.

**Mikal Dill and Stephen Dill** contributed to Johnson C. Smith's 2nd place finish at the CIAA indoor championships.

**Caitlyn Bobb** continued her impressive start to collegiate competition with a second place finish in the 400m dash and helped the 4x400m relay to a win as the anchor leg at the Fast track National Invite. Bobb nearly matched her school record in the 400m that she set earlier in the year, finishing in a time of 54.92. Bobb also ran the anchor leg of the 4x400m relay,

teaming up with Ariella Garcia, Collese Daley, and Ayanna Johnson to win in a time of 3:51.14.

**Nathan Armstrong's** indoor season gained further momentum after he achieved the Carifta Games qualifying standard in the boys' under-20 800 meters at the Rutgers Invite in Staten Island, New York. He also competed at the New Balance Track & Field Centre at The Armory, where the Rider University freshman finished tenth among a field of 46 athletes with a time of 1min 54.87sec, which was just within the Carifta qualifying standard of 1:55.



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FOR OUR BELOVED ATHLETES

# BERMUDA WOMENS RUGBY

Join the Bermuda Women's National Team

Training  
Monday - 6:30  
- Berkeley Institute  
Thursdays - 6:30 -  
Warwick Academy

Contact: 747-8760  
Email: gcwcross@gmail.com

## KIDS SUNDAY RUGBY

JAN 9 – MAY 1  
10:30AM – 12:00PM  
NATIONAL STADIUM

**ADJUSTED END TIMES**  
Due to COVID-19 safety restrictions, session timings will vary by age group:

- U6 / U10 >> 10:30am - 11:30am
- U10 / U12 >> 10:30am - 11:45am
- U14 / U16 >> 10:30am - 12:00pm

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**

- ✓ Under 6s (year 1 + under)
- ✓ Under 8s (years 2 + 3)
- ✓ Under 10s (years 4 + 5)
- ✓ Under 12s (years 6 + 7)
- ✓ Under 14s (years 8 + 9)
- ✓ Under 16s (years 10 + 11)

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED TO PLAY**

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## Bermuda Rugby Football Union

The Bermuda Rugby Football Union has returned with excitement and consistency! They commenced the first round of its 2021/22 league fixtures. The four representative clubs have dealt with a myriad of setbacks to do with Covid-19 regulations, but have shown determination in their efforts to field regular teams for games. The structure of the men's 15s schedule has adopted a 3-team rotation for the first round, with one game a week to ensure all available and able players have an opportunity to take part in the league.

Sean Field Lamont, the president of the BRFU, said regarding the league: "Rugby in Bermuda has gone through a tough time in the last few years...with things easing up, they are finding that players are getting back to the game. The general message is rugby is back on its feet and we're looking to increase participation. The sport is very welcoming both on and off the field and doing well!"

The women's touch league continues to perform with the Policewomen dominating

the league, while the Teacher's women's team saw their first win against Mariners in the last game of the month. Bermuda women's contact rugby continues to progress as the team continues to bring on new recruits and build the program.

The Sunday youth rugby has been successfully operating since January, providing rugby to 200 – 300 children aged up to under 16s. Registration is still open, with the program scheduled to end May 1st, 2022.

## Bermuda Sanshou Association

### Fight Night Champion held at The Shed in Dockyard on 29th January

It was a busy night for head coach Garon Wilkinson and the BSA squad who had five fighters in action in kick-boxing bouts.

Up first was Enzi Johnson who defeated American Samantha Knight on points, while teammate Kallan Todd also enjoyed a points win over another US fighter, Schaeffer Underwood.

Samantha had about 20 pounds on Enzi but she did well and managed to strike and circle to claim victory in the end.

“Kallan had his first official match, and he fought well.

Twins Cole and Che Durham took on Aston Bell and Tyler Kerr, respectively, from Fight City Muay Thai and Fitness.

Debutant Cole came up short against Bell, who enhanced his record to four wins from five outings with a point's victory. Ashton was composed, calm, collected, and executed a flawless game plan. Che proved to be too big and strong for Kerr who showed plenty of heart and pushed his opponent all of the way.

Krista Dyer, the BSA's top fighter, delivered a controlled display against Canadian Taylor Gerow in about which could have gone either way. Krista landed some big shots at the end of the second round. It was a solid match, and it was great to have Krista back in the ring.

Enzi Johnson defeats American Samantha Knight

Cole Durham took on Aston Bell from Fight City Muay Thai and Fitness



## National Archery Association of Bermuda 19th Annual Lancaster Archery Classic

Three archers traveled to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to compete in a three day tournament with over 1500 archers from various countries.

Camerin Pickering entered the qualifying Men's Olympic Recurve division and after 60 arrows finished with a score of 574/660. He qualified for the elimination rounds and was knocked out in the round of 16. His final position was 25th out of 67 archers.

Jaydon Roberts entered the Men's Youth Olympic Recurve division and after 60 arrows finished with a score of 523/660. He qualified for the elimination rounds

and was knocked out in the quarter-finals. His final position 15th out of 23 archers.

Robin Selley entered the Women's Youth Olympic Recurve division and after 60 arrows finished with a score of 504/660. While she did not progress onto the eliminations rounds she finished 18th out of 31 archers.

Our juniors, Jaydon and Robin then went on to compete in the Eastern Foundation Youth and Collegiate Trophy Tournament. Robin entered the Women's Cub Division and finished 2nd out of 19 archers. Jaydon entered the Men's Cadet Division and finished 7th out of 22 archers.

We are extremely pleased with the results our archers achieved in both of these competitions.

On the 12th March 2022, three archers will be traveling to Puerto Rico to compete in the Puerto Rico Archery Cup which is also a qualifying event for the 2023 Central American and Caribbean Games. Jaydon Roberts, Camerin Pickering and Bernard Wade III will be entering the Men's Olympic Recurve Division shooting 72 arrows at 70 metres. They will also be competing in the Men's Olympic Recurve Team Shoot. All the best to these three archers.

## Bermuda Equestrian Federation

### Jump Schooling Sessions at National Equestrian Show ground

With Bermuda sport returning to competition, the BEF took the opportunity to offer its show jumper equestrians an opportunity to school at the National Equestrian Center prior to the resumption of competition. The NEC was available for schooling sessions for a four-day period and required participants/coaches to sign up ahead of time. As well as experienced riders, these schooling sessions provided a comfortable and confidence building environment to introduce newly arrived horses and novice riders to the NEC show grounds.

### Stardust Jumper Show Series 1 12th February 2022

Following on the heels of the BEF Schooling sessions, jumper enthusiasts were thrilled to return to the competition on 12th February to compete in the Stardust Jumper Series 1. Organized by Philip Correia, the show offered jumping classes ranging from X-rail level through to 1.30m.height. Judging the event was Jumper Judge Pamela Mahoney. Series 2 of the Stardust Jumper show is scheduled for the 5th of March 2022.

### Harness Racing

Harness racing was particularly exciting when Special Gold, driven by Kirista Rabain, broke an 11-year track record in the Free for All division—the DHPC’s fastest racing division! It was

back in 2011 that the dynamic harness pony Big Red Machine set a track record with a time of 1:01.4. However, on the 13th of February saw that record smashed when Special Gold clocked in a new record time of 1.01.2. Special Gold is owned by Sergio and Lee Raynor.



Amber Howard on Storm Watch - Winner of Pony Jumping .75m.



Left: Brittany Rebello on Aceboy winning the .95m class.

## Bermuda Football Association Highlights

### FIFA Badge Presentation

The Bermuda Football Association held a FIFA Badge presentation yesterday for the three officials who were elevated to the to the FIFA list as Assistant Referees for 2022.

Natasha Trott, Clinton Hayward, and Stefan Maybury. Natasha Trott is the first Bermudian female to receive this honor. Head of Referees Crenstant Williams along with President Mark Wade, presented the three officials with their FIFA Badges.

### Appleby Youth Finals

The Appleby Youth Final triple-header was played at the National Sports Centre on Saturday, January 22, 2022. The first match that kicked off at noon was the U13 Gregory Grimes Final which featured FC Bascome and PHC. PHC defeated FC Bascome 5-1 to win the first match of the day. PHC MVP Kalen Brunson scored 4 goals and assisted the 5th. The lone goal scored by FC Bascome Mosias Mills with Keimi Chamberlain being named the MVP.

The U15 Leonard DeRosa Holder Final saw Warwick Archers take on PHC at 4pm.

After a goalless first half, the defending champions took the lead early in the second half. Warwick Archers would go on to score 3 more and end the match 4 goals to 0. Luke Fulton was named the MVP for Warwick Archers and Ricardo Phipps was the MVP for runner-up FC Bascome.

The final match of the day was the U17 Charles Marshall Final which featured PHC and Warwick Archers. Warwick Archers opened the scoring within the first ten minutes with a goal from Daniel Cook. PHC player Antoine Wade equalized soon after by chipping the goalkeeper who was caught off his line. Warwick Archers would finish the first half in the lead with another goal from Nylon Outerbridge. Archers would then increase their lead to 5-1 with goals from Outerbridge, Cook, and Najae Edwards. The match ended 5-2 after a consolation goal from Zaire Weller. Cook was named MVP for the champions with 2 goals and 2 assist in the match, with goalkeeper Toran Place being named MVP for PHC after a good performance.



Bermuda's FIFA Listed Assistant Referees: Clinton Hayward, Natasha Trott and Stefan Maybury.

## Bermuda Triathlon Association The Primary Schools Program Concept

The BTA plans to partner with the Department of Youth, Sport & Recreation as well as Department of Education by providing an after-school programming in Government Primary Schools. It is hoped this program would expose triathlon to more kids, hopefully inspiring some to continue with the sport.

BTA aim to team up with receptive public primary schools to offer a 6-week course of multi-sport sessions, to be held immediately at the end of the school day, starting around 3.30pm/4pm. The sessions would last for around 1 hour, taking place either at the schools themselves, if they have sufficient space, or at a venue such as North Field, NSC. The sessions would be taken by BTA triathlon coaches, working in conjunction with the schools' PE staff, and would be open to all children interested in taking part aged 7+. The reason for choosing 7 as the minimum age is that research and experience has shown that children younger than 7 are not generally mature enough to take on some of the ideas of multi-sport, for example transition and more advance bike handling.

The sessions would be focused on enjoyment, introducing the concepts of triathlon through fun and games. BTA have found from the clinics that the children are extremely receptive to new drills when given the chance to run and cycle in a completely safe, traffic-free environment.

BTA would like to roll out the program for the Summer Term 2022, (i.e. starting in April). We would aim to team up with 2 primary schools for the Summer Term between April and June, then up to 4 more in September for the Autumn Term, up to 4 more in January for the Spring Term.

### 2022 BTA New Board and Executive Committee

The BTA AGM was held on the 7th of February and the following people have kindly agreed to serve for the upcoming year.

Sharon Hammond.....	President
Alec Shepherd.....	Vice President
Sharon Craig.....	Secretary
Charlie Duffy.....	Treasurer
Catherine Mello.....	Youth and Sport Liaison
Charlie Parkinson.....	BOA Representative
Caroline Black.....	Youth Development
Geoff Smith.....	Race Coordinator
Patty Petty.....	ITU Representative

### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### Elite Athletes – Erica Hawley Finishes 5th in Season Opener in Chile

Erica Hawley had a fantastic start to her season as she finished fifth in the 2022 Americas Triathlon Cup Viña del Mar, Chile on the 13th of February.

Competing in the Elite Women's Division, Hawley clocked a time of 1:03:01. She came out of the water in a time of 11:25, she then clocked a time of 32:48 on the bike, before closing out with a time of 17:21 on the run course.

Hawley also finished 5th in the 2022 Americas Triathlon Cup and South Americas Championships Villarrica, Chile on 20th of February. Hawley clocked a time of 19:47 for the swim, 1:04:22 for the bike and 38:48 for the run for an overall time of 2:04:37.



### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### The President of the BTA – Sharon Hammond

Sharon was a relative latecomer to the sport of triathlon. She only got the courage to try the sport after her two boys participated in the iron kids' race when they were 4. From that point, her boys were hooked and they started going to the Thursday night super sprints during the summer months, where Sharon would accompany her youngest son in the swim, bike and run portions. Each year, he would progress, so she accompanied him on the swim and bike portion the next year, only the swim portion the following year, and by his fourth year, he dropped her as his companion and competed on his own. This gave Sharon the freedom and courage to participate on her own terms and she just loved it.



From there, she did her first "Try a Tri" at the AON triathlon, and the same year (2010), she did her first sprint distance triathlon at the women's only "SheRox event".

As with so many people who get into triathlon, Sharon found a community of likeminded individuals and more specifically women, who wanted to improve. They started to train together, and compete in all the local races, and finally getting the courage to do a longer distance triathlon overseas. There remains an active and supportive community of triathletes with wonderful camaraderie here in Bermuda.

Sharon's increased involvement in the local triathlon scene started in 2016 when she joined the BTA Board, and has continued to serve on the Board, and she is currently in her 3rd year as President.



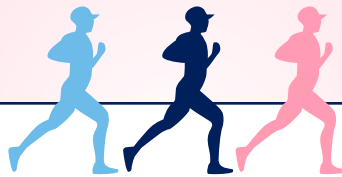
# 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS



The Bermuda Triathlon Association is also excited to announce that **CARIFTA Games** will be held in Bermuda in September. This event is a wonderful platform to showcase our junior elite athletes as well as our island to the other CARIFTA nations. The BTA hopes the public will come out and support these dedicated and talented athletes.



The BTA is also pleased to have been awarded another race on the **World Triathlon Series** calendar in November 2022, where the best of the sport as well as age group qualifiers will be able to race in the city of Hamilton again.



Internationally with the Commonwealth Games taking place in Birmingham, UK in July of this year, Bermuda will hopefully get to see its Elite athletes, Flora Duffy, Tyler Butterfield, Erica Hawley and Tyler Smith competing and flying the flag.

**2022 is starting out as an exciting time for Bermuda triathlon.**

If you are interested in learning more, please go to our website below and follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

**website: <http://bermudatriathlon.com/>**



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