

# Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation NEWSLETTER

THE COMPETITIVE EDGE ~ JUNE 2022

## Bermuda Bicycle Association

Congratulations to our cyclists who were selected last week by the Bermuda Olympic Association to represent Bermuda in the upcoming Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England in August. Kaden Hopkins, Conor White and Nicholas Narraway will contest the men's events, and Caitlin Conyers, the women's. What a proud moment for these riders who have worked so hard over the past few years to qualify for the Games, and make no mistake, this has been a long-term goal for all of them.

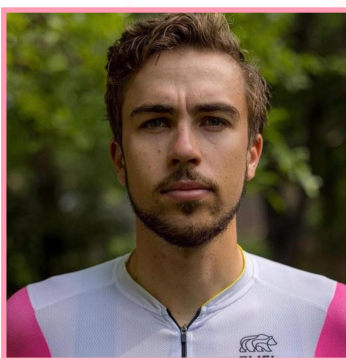
No strangers to international competition (as highlighted in last month's newsletter), these riders have based themselves overseas in an effort to raise their performance level and meet the tough, demanding challenges of international cycling. They are also no strangers to the winning circle, having tasted success, of course locally, but also internationally, at Caribbean Championships, both Junior and Elite level, Junior Pan American Games as well as other major overseas events. In Birmingham, they will need to put all that experience and preparation to the fore as they face the most formidable opposition that they have competed against to date.

As some of the countries announced their teams this week, it is abundantly clear, as it has been at previous Commonwealth Games, that they take this competition very seriously. Often referred to as the 'Friendly Games', there is no doubt that as the 72 countries/

territories descend on Birmingham there will be a tremendous atmosphere, and 'friendliness', especially in the Games Village, opening ceremonies and no doubt at post event celebrations. However, on event day, it will be fierce competition until the final whistle blows or the flag drops.

Looking at the riders that have already been announced by competing countries, it is a who's who of world class cyclists. Welshman, Geraint Thomas for example, a former Olympic and World champion, and Tour De France winner in 2018 will travel to Birmingham after the conclusion of this year's Tour. Legend Mark Cavendish from the Isle of Man, whose palmares is arm and leg length, including 34 stage wins at the Tour De France will also be on the start line, as will former World Time Trial Champion, Australian, Rohan Dennis and sprinter Caleb Ewan. The list goes on, Ethan Hayter, Conor Swift, Luke Rowe, Daryl Impey, and Shane Archbold and more, all World Tour riders. The women's field will be no less challenging with Australian Grace Brown, English woman Alice Barnes, and South Africans Ashleigh Moolman-Pasio and Niamh Fisher-Black to name a few.

The beauty of Commonwealth Games however, is that whilst all the sports, will contain some of the world's best athletes, the majority will be amateur athletes, as are our cyclists, who have



Bermuda 2022 Common Wealth Cycling Team (Left to Right): Kaden Hopkins, Nicholas Narraway, Conor White, Caitlin Conyers



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## Bermuda Bicycle Association cont'd

earned the right, through vigorous qualifying standards, to rub shoulders with the best the sport can offer. And so, putting it into perspective, do we expect to see Kaden, Conor, Nicholas, or Caitlyn on the podium? The answer is probably not! Do we expect them to give 100% for Bermuda? Do we expect them to be an

integral part of their competitions? Do we expect them to bring pride to Bermuda cycling, the island, their families, and friends? And finally, do we expect them to come home with their heads held high knowing they did everything within their power to do all these things? ABSOLUTELY!

Good luck Team Bermuda!

## Bermuda National Athletics Association

Bermuda National Athletics Association is gearing up for an exciting summer!

Fresh off of two Bermudians reaching the NCAA Division I National Championship Finals and earning All-American designation, Caitlyn Bobb and Sakari Famous will be part of a five-member team that will compete in the Bahamas National championship from June 23rd to June 25th. Also competing in this Championship will Jah Nhai Perinchief, and Tiara DeRosa, completing this team is college student Stephan Dill who is making his international debut at the senior level.

This opportunity will give these athletes intense competition prior to the Bermuda National Championship, (July 1st and 2nd) and the Commonwealth Games (Aug 2nd to the 7th) in which Jah Nhai, Caitlyn, Tiara, Sakari, and Dage Minors will be representing Bermuda.

College athletes Ryan Outerbridge and Mikal Dill have met the standard and will compete in the 1st ever U23 Caribbean Games in Guadeloupe. This is an exciting opportunity for these young men as they both enjoyed very good collegiate seasons and they are hoping to extend their stellar performances at the International level.

The Bermuda National Track and Field Championships sponsored by the Moongate Group, will be held on July 1st and July 2nd at the Flora Duffy National Stadium.

Friday evening's competition (July 1st) will feature our elite athletes who will be competing in Commonwealth Games Athletes, College Athletes, Carifta athletes, and Secondary School Stars. National Records could fall on July 1st as Nairobi Smith-Mills looks to break 1:46.26 in the 800m, Nathan Armstrong looks to run faster than his father Terrance who holds the 1500m record in a time of 3:41.97. Grant Rivers who will be throwing on Saturday, July 2nd, is looking to establish a new Javelin record by throwing beyond 62.12.

Caitlyn Bobb, (400m) 51.84 and Sakari Famous (HJ) 1.84 who both are the current National Record holders look to improve their standard. While 4 x 100m relay teammates, Katura Bulford-Trott, Sanaa Rae Morris, ZaKayza Parsons, and Caitlyn Bobb look to improve their junior record of 46.13 while striving to chip away at the senior record of 45.6. The senior women's record in the 4 x 400m could also be in jeopardy as the current junior record-holders (3:48.69) Shayla Cann, Katura Bulford-Trott, Sanaa Rae Morris, and Caitlyn Bobb look to attack the senior record of 3:47.5.

BNA is inviting corporate, service organizations, gym facilities, and all other interested athletes to participate in individual and

relay events.

On Saturday, July 2nd BNA's focus turns to the younger athletes as the event will feature athletes U 6 to U 15 athletes in sprints, middle distance jumps, and throws.

**Admission is FREE on both days.**

All Athletes register at [Trackie.com](http://Trackie.com)

BNA will conclude the 2022 season at the NACAC Championships, in Freeport Bahamas on August 19th and 20th. This regional Championship will feature athletic stars of the North American, Canadian, and Caribbean regions. BNA is excited to have a team of young senior athletes taking the regional stage and we hope that Bermuda Day Half Marathon Champion, Isabella Dutranoit is available for this opportunity.



**Bermuda 4 x 100m Relay Teammates (Left to Right):** Sanaa Rae Morris, Zakayza Parsons, Caitlyn Bobb, Katura Bulford-Trott



**Nairobi Smith-Mills**





Nina Gottfredsen – Race to the Rock



Race to the Rock Participants

## **Bermuda Sailing Association**

### **Race to the Rock**

The day looked promising with winds out of the SW at 12-15kts as thirteen young sailors left the RBYC on the Bermuda Marine Services Barge with nine tiny Optimist Dinghies strapped to the deck heading out to North Rock Beacon, 11.5 nautical miles North East of Bermuda, to compete in the semi-annual challenge event called 'Race to the Rock'. As the sailors laughed and chatted whilst sitting on the barge deck, a flotilla followed behind as they made their way to the extreme point of Bermuda's barrier reef.

This would be the top speeds they would be experiencing this day because as they beginning racing they would be traveling a mere 3 miles per hour to get back to Bermuda, the final end point of Hog Fish Beacon off Spanish Point.

As the barge picked its way through the reefs, they look behind them, the island is getting smaller and smaller. The large Norwegian cruise in port at dockyard now looks tiny and blends in with the landscape, lowers parts of the island are not seen with the naked eye and the horizon is mere bumps of land, nothing recognizable. For many of the young sailors, aged 11-14yrs old, this is the furthest they have been off of Bermuda by boat.

As they approach North Rock Beacon, they can see the waves crashing on the barrier reef. The barge picks up a buoy and gets into position to launch the brave sailors, to start the race back to Bermuda. The sun was high and the breeze was fresh. The once simple task of rigging the boats and launching became more difficult as the barge rode up and down on the mooring in the choppy swell. With the waves crashing on the reef behind them, it becomes evident to the sailors that it will be a long day racing back to Hog Fish Beacon. The straight line of 11.5 miles will be much longer now as they realized they will have to tack back and forth (zig zag) ultimately meaning they will have to sail over 20 miles. They have a time limit of 6 hours. After everyone if launched safely in the water, they sail to their support boats for final words of encouragement before the start.

The start, a short count down of 5 minutes and crossing an imaginary line between the barge and a smaller marker was inconspicuous as the sailors patiently waited, but once the final horn was blasted, it was like watching nine marbles drop onto a tile floor. While the boats sailed off slowly, they all separated early in the race and decided on one of two directions. It would be five hours before the group of sailors would meet up again at the finish.

As the barge slowly followed the same route back as it took out to North Rock, its Race Officers now needed binoculars to maintain visual contact on each Optimist. Grateful for the mandatory rule that each sailboat requires its own support boat, there were times they would lose site of the support boats as well. Relying solely on radio contact to ensure that everyone was safe and accounted for, radio check ins every hour were maintained for the couple of hours.

The sail back for the sailors was long and slow. The support boats could hand them food and water as needed but no other assistance could be rendered. They were on their own, making their own decisions on the best course back to Bermuda.

The nine boats competing consisted of six individual sailors and three teams. Under the rules of the event, a team of three sailors could swap in and out of the boat as desired. This allows our young sailors to compete in the event and still be competitive.



However, even Race to the Rock was not spared by COVID this year. One team had two of its three-team members test positive the night before the event which meant their team mate had to sail the race solo.

The five plus hours ticked away slowly on the Race Committee Boat, while not the most comfortable vessel, it was dry and we could see the shoreline as we stood on the deck. For the competitors, who sat a few feet above the water, their visibility was considerably less. At times not able to see land at all and the Cruise ship in the distance still looking rather small.

Once we got to the 4 1/2 hour time mark, the finish boat, now sitting at Hog Fish Beacon watch the Optimists slowly approach. Now dwarfed by the large cruise ship in the background at Dockyard, the small boats and their skippers approached the finish line with big smiles on their faces. All looking a little crispy from the sun and salt, but filled with happiness as they crossed the finish line.

The top finisher, Shiloh Cruickshank finished the race in 4:39:42. The next seven boats finished within the next 45 mins, with one sailor withdrawing from the race earlier.

Shiloh Cruickshank	4:39:42
Team Sophia Dias/Miguel Power/James Ganel	4:41:54
Oliver Soares	4:49:47
Dylan Menzies	4:50:01
Trystan Hocking	5:03:29
Nate Wiseman/Rory Savage/Joseph Lau	5:07:45
Noah Amaradasa/Aiden Mahoney/Evan Davis	5:10:09
Nina Gottfredsen	5:27:01
Finbar Lohan	DNF

To finish off this successful challenge we had a prize giving at Spanish Point Boat Club with DeGraff's Lunch Wagon cooking up the best burgers!

We asked the sailors what they thought of the challenge. In reality, the biggest challenge was mental. The challenge to maintain concentration for an extended period of time under trying conditions, boredom being the biggest challenging condition. The continued focus to keep their sails trimmed and the boat flat, managing any hunger and ensuring that they didn't dehydrate, all that with the visual aspect, seeing your goal far off

in the distance and feeling like you're not moving forward. A few of the sailors had done this race in 2018 as part of team and chose to do it solo this time. All sailors thought they could do better if given another chance and that they could have made better decisions to complete it faster. All were tired, but happy with their achievement and get full bragging rights for it!



Shiloh Cruickshank – R2R Winner







Cody Rego and Tanzanite De Semilly

## Bermuda Equestrian Federation Kiwon Waldron sets world record in harness racing!

Racing the 9 year old, 'BA Show Stopper' in the Quebec's North Shore Raceway, Kiwon Waldron skillfully guided the gelding to victory on the ¼ mile track and, in addition, set a **NEW GELDING WORLD RECORD!** Kiwon shared that, "right from the start the

gelding had a gate speed and lead out of the gate faster than any he has ever sat behind!" Having achieved a world record, young Kiwon is extremely excited to learn that his name, together with 'BA Show Stopper', will appear in the world record books for eternity!

## Cody Rego enjoys success at overseas Devon Horseshow

Cody Rego had another successful showing experience, this time at the Devon Horse Show recently held from 27th May – 5th June. This historical competition has been held in Devon, Pennsylvania since 1896 and is the oldest and largest outdoor multi-breed horse competition held in the United States.

Competing on the chestnut gelding **Tanzanite De Semilly**, Cody captured first place in the ASPCA Maclay Horsemanship Class Section A. Cody and Tanzanite continued with a commendable 5th place in the **Dover Saddlery/USEF Hunter Seat Medal Section C** and a 9th placing in the WIHS Equitation Classic - Jumper Phase. Each year hundreds of top junior riders (18 years of age and under) from across the United States compete to qualify for the ASPCA Maclay National Championship which will be held during the National Horse Show from 26th October – 6th November 2022.



Kids Participating in the Liberty Mutual Event

## Bermuda Triathlon Association 32nd Annual Clarien IronKids Triathlon

Another successful event was held on June 18th at the Clearwater Beach in St. David's. A much anticipated event by the children and parents in Bermuda. Jackson Langley, and Fenella Wightman were crowned the Male and Female Champions in the 11-15 Racing Bike Division. Langley clocked a time of 22:38, with Jake Smith finishing second clocking 23:10, and Jacob Wright was third with a time of 24:29. Wightman was the 6th finisher overall with a time of 24:58, Kelsey Wade was the second female finisher and 11th overall clocking 27:42 and Ella Shepard was the third female finisher and 16th overall with a time of 29:33. The 7-10 triathlon racing bike group was won by Caleb Mello in a time of

14:56, followed by Mathis Stevens in 15:10 and Lewis MacFarlane in 15:38. The 7-10 Non Racing bike was won by Liam Horrobin in 17:48, William Leman in second place in a time of 18:43 and Ronan Davidge in 19:11.

### Liberty Mutual Roundup

The Liberty Mutual National Sprint Triathlon took place along Front Street on June 12. Alex Pilgrim and Maddie Durkin were the Male and Female Champions. Pilgrim clocked a time of 1:06:16, with Maddie Durkin finishing two seconds back in 1:06:18.

The 11-12 Junior Carifta group was won by Rory Shepherd in 31:06, Sanchez Smith in 31:10 and Jens Drea in 31:44.

The 13-15 Junior Carifta group was won by Jackson Langley in





Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon participants (Left to Right): Jennifer Lightbourne, Sharon Hammond, Frances, Caroline Black



32nd Annual Clarien IronKids Triathlon

35:22, Jake Smith in 36:41 and Jacob Wright in 37:01.

The 7-10 Junior Duathlon was won by Caleb Mello in 20:18, followed by Mathis Stevens in 20:54 and Xonti Burch in 21:02.

The 11-15 Junior Duathlon was won by Owen Stewart in 42:30, Oliver Thompson in 45:41 and Henry Conway in 52:32.

**Escape from Alcatraz**

Four female triathletes took place in the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon in San Francisco. Sharon Hammond, Caroline Black, Frances Betts, and Jennifer Lightbourne took on the challenging course. Hammond finished the course in 3:05:29, Lightbourne finished in 3:18:57, Black finished in 3:27:02, and Betts finished in 3:38:47.

**Mexico World Cup Triathlon**

Erica Hawley Finished 20th out of 50 women in the Mexico World Cup Triathlon in a time of 1:01:40.

**BTA Primary School Program**

The BTA partnered with Prospect Primary School with the help of the HSBC grant to offer a 4 weeks after school “Introduction to Triathlon”. This took place at Northfield, National Stadium and all equipment including bicycles was provided by the BTA.

14 children participated in this program whereby children were introduced to the skill for bike and run required for participation

in triathlon.

4 children took part in the Liberty Mutual triathlon and a further 4 in the Iron kids’ triathlon. None of the children had had any experience of multi-sport and this proved to be a hugely successful pilot program which the BTA is hoping to offer to other primary schools.

Please contact President of the BTA Sharon Hammond at [sharonalikhani@icloud.com](mailto:sharonalikhani@icloud.com) if you are a PE teacher or principal of a primary school whom you think would benefit from this type of program.



BTA Primary School Program – Prospect Primary School Students



## Bermuda Football Association

Reece Jones Jr. and Rahzir Smith-Jones Sign Agreement with Hartley Wintney FC

The Bermuda Football Association (BFA) is proud to announce National Team players Reece Jones Jr. and Rahzir Smith-Jones have signed an agreement with Hartley Wintney FC at the Clyde Best Centre of Excellence. Hartley Wintney FC is a semi-professional football club based in Hartley Wintney, England, and is currently a member of the Southern League Premier Division South.

Ross Weatherstone, General Manager of the International Development Academy UK (IDA) and joint 1st Team Manager of Hartley Wintney FC along with Ty Newton, is on the island to sign the players to the club. "Reece and Rahzir have been in the Academy program for the last season," said Weatherstone. "They both deserve the opportunity, and I am excited to see what they can achieve."

"We are trying to generate pathways for future athletes," Weatherstone added. He is also here to meet with BFA President Mark Wade and SMNT Head Coach Kyle Lightbourne to monitor other athletes as the IDA is currently looking at 10 Bermudian players in the academy.

### Bermuda in League B of U15 Girls Championship

Concacaf has announced that the 2022 Concacaf Girls' U-15 Championship is scheduled to take place from July 31 to August 7 and will feature the participation of 31 Concacaf Member Associations, as well as one invited guest. The 2022 edition of the developmental tournament will be hosted in its entirety at the Hillsborough County Tournament Sportsplex in Tampa, Florida, United States.

To ensure sporting balance and fully leverage this exceptional development opportunity for all young players, the 32 participating teams will be divided into three leagues according to their Concacaf Women's Under-17 Ranking of May 2022 as follows:

**League A (seven highest ranked teams and guest team):** Canada, Costa Rica, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Puerto Rico, United States, and the guest nation.

**League B (next 12 best ranked teams):** Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, **Bermuda**, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guyana, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Trinidad and Tobago.

**League C (lowest ranked teams):** Anguilla, Aruba, Belize, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Saint Lucia, Saint Martin, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Turks and Caicos Islands, and US Virgin Islands.

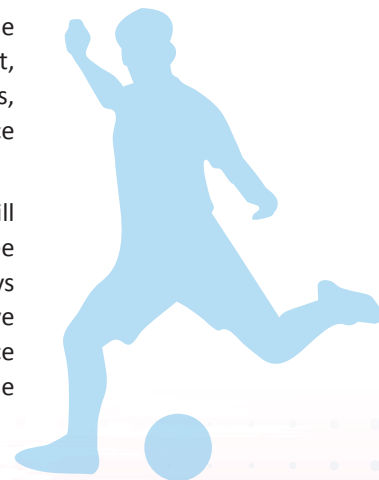
### Competition Format

Within each League, the participating teams will be divided into groups of four teams each. After round robin play, the two group winners and second place finishers of League A will advance to the knockout stage and will play for the tournament's championship.

For Leagues B and C, the three group winners and the best second place finisher will advance to the semifinals of their respective League. Furthermore, the remaining teams in each League will dispute an additional match for final position in the competition.

The knockout stage of each League will be disputed in a single match direct elimination format, beginning with the semifinals, followed by a final and third place match.

With this format, each League will crown a Champion and guarantee that every participating team plays a minimum of four competitive matches. Concacaf will announce the groups and schedule in the upcoming weeks.



Reece Jones Jr. signs with Hartley Wintney FC



Rahzir Jones signs with Hartley Wintney FC



## Bermuda U17 Men Draw into Group A

Concacaf held the Draw for the 2022 Concacaf Men's Under-17 Championship Qualifiers took place in which the 22 participating teams were divided into four groups.

The results of the Draw are as follows:

**Group A:** Bermuda, Guyana, Bahamas, Bonaire, Saint Martin, British Virgin Islands

**Group B:** Saint Lucia, Puerto Rico, Aruba, Martinique, Anguilla, US Virgin Islands

**Group C:** Dominican Republic, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Cayman Islands, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Dominica

**Group D:** Nicaragua, Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Belize, Turks and Caicos Islands

The Qualifying round robin group stage will be played between August 30 and September 8.

The four group winners will advance to the 2023 Concacaf Men's Under-17 Championship, joining the top 16 ranked nations that have been seeded directly into the group stage of the 2023 CMU17 Championship.

## Bermuda Karate Federation

On June 26th, 2022 the Bermuda Karate Federation sanctioned the 22nd Lepercq Memorial Traditional Martial Arts Tournament. The tournament showcased athletes from all of the Bermuda Karate Federation member dojos. The day was full of surprises and big moments, we saw Khwai Mendoza rise in his division as well as young favorite Dash Bailey, winner of the youth black belt Kata Division. A veteran in the sport, Reuben bean won the men's black belt Kata Division and the overall Black Belt Division as he did almost 22 years ago at the 1st Lepercq Memorial. The U-10 Novice Division had some amazing displays of karate by Chan Simons and division winner T'orie Russell. Spectators witnessed a return of Kumite with a match between Micheal Burgess and Sage Desousa.

Bermuda's kata queen Talia Iris also made an appearance in both the kata and Kobudo divisions. This event marked the end of the tournament season for the Bermuda Karate Federation.

## Bermuda Sanshou Association

Bermuda Sanshou Association made their presence made at both iterations of Fight Night Champion – Bermuda vs Jamaica, which was originally scheduled for May 28th at The Shed in Dockyard. Due to travel complications by the Jamaica Team, only local bouts were held at the original date. In an unsanctioned boxing bout due to age difference, BSA's Kallan Todd defeated Paulo Sousa of Controversy Boxing Gym (CBG) in a super heavyweight match up. BSA's Che Beane made his kickboxing debut against Controversy Gym's Nat'waun Fisher. Fisher went to



U10 Gold Champion Torie Russell



Talia Iris – Bermuda's Kata Queen



Khwai Mendoza

Sage Desousa



on to win the match via TKO over Beane in what would have been both athletes first sanctioned bout. Cole Durham then went on to dominate CBG's Annan Zuill in a sanctioned light heavyweight bout for BSA's second win of the night.

On the rescheduled Bermuda vs Jamaica card, Bermuda did not have any competitive athletes however a demo team made up of BSA President Garon Wilkinson and star athletes Krista Dyer, Kaelin Cox and Kallan Todd put an exhibition of Wushu Taolu as well as san da. The well received performance of open hand southern form, chain whip, monkey vs drunken sword, 2 man fighting set, san da pad work and exhibition sparring kicked off the night of boxing action that followed.

BSA is now in their final preparation for the 13th Pan American Wushu Championships taking place July 21-25th in Brasilia, Brazil.



Bermuda Sanshou Association President **Garon Wilkinson** vs **Krista Dyer**

## National Archery Association of Bermuda

Our archers continue to compete weekly in the Belgium Icenation shoots (online) which is great preparation for several of the upcoming events they have during the months of July, September, October, November and December 2022. Congratulations to our senior archers – Camerin Pickering, Bernard Wade III and junior archers – Jaydon Roberts, Robin Selley and N'Dera Smith each achieving personal best scores in their respective recurve divisions.

June is the month to celebrate Olympic Day and our archers were ready to provide demonstrations and some coaching support to visitors to the range interested in learning more. The weather did not impact the delay the celebrations and the turnout was good.

The Bermuda Archery Mission organized by World Archery Americas was held from May 25th through to June 2, 2022. This mission was supported by Mr. Phil Graves, Chairman of the Development Committee for World Archery and Mr. Derek Davis Head coach for Columbia University. There were nine informative developmental sessions ensuring archers are engaging both their

physical and mental skills. These sessions were available to our coaches, junior and adult archers.

Coach Davis spent time with each archer evaluating their form, equipment and understanding of the sport. He also worked with the adult archers so everyone was able to benefit from his visit. The archers and coaches thoroughly benefited from his visit and are looking forward to his return.



Belgium Icenation Shoots



Olympic Day Celebrate Event

## Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association

The Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association (BLTA) is pleased to introduce three newly certified International Tennis Federation (ITF) Coaching Beginner & Intermediate Players (CBI) Coaches (formerly Level 1).

Tariq Simons, David Leader, and Jovan Whitter recently took part in the ITF Coaches course hosted by the BLTA at the W.E.R. Joell Tennis Stadium over two weeks.

The CBI certification is globally recognized. The course is divided into 2 sections; an ITF Play Tennis section which is a prerequisite course, and the main Coaching Beginner & Intermediate Players section which together require over 100 plus hours of online, practical, and testing work to complete.

The combined courses focus on

- Working with beginner players and 10 & under children
- Knowledge of basic tactics and technique
- Organization of simple competitions
- Use of the correct equipment and court sizes for starter players
- Understand and be able to apply the basic training principles needed to coach players from beginner to intermediate levels

The course was facilitated by John Goede of Suriname who is Bermuda's Regional ITF Development Officer, who had this to say regarding the course, "The 2022 CBI course in Hamilton, Bermuda can be considered a strong and successful course. With the full support of the National Association, the three young coaches were tested to the border of their skills and they succeeded. This 86-hour course equipped the coaches with the knowledge and insights to make a difference in the world of Tennis Education and Bermuda will benefit from this project in the years to come. Congratulations Bermuda!"

Coach David Leader, when asked about the course stated, "This course was extremely insightful. It often felt as if I was learning the sport again, from a completely different level and perspective."

BLTA President Michael Wolfe was pleased that the BLTA was finally able to host the course which had been postponed for over a year due to Covid-19. "Having the course works towards the continued development of Bermuda's tennis. Bermuda now has over 20 CBI Certified coaches which will help to ensure that instruction and development of tennis from the grassroots level upwards is being delivered at a consistent standard. The certification also allows for these coaches to provide enhanced levels of training at their clubs, work within BLTA tennis programs, and having obtained the ITF prerequisite certification these coaches can now travel with teams and players to ITF events as National Coaches.

The BLTA would like to congratulate Tariq, David, and Jovan on their accomplishment. The BLTA would also like to thank the Department of Youth & Sport who sponsored this course."





## Bermuda Volleyball Association

Bermuda's men's and women's volleyball teams competed in the 2022 USA Volleyball Open National Championships which took place from May 30th to June 1st in Orlando, Florida. The men played under the team name 'Ace Boyz' and the women under the club name 'Devil's Isle VC.' This was the first time the senior teams have competed in an overseas volleyball tournament arena since their last US Open appearance back in 2019.

The women finished with a record of 2 wins and 4 losses, winning a total of 6 sets. The men also finished with a record of 2 wins and 4 losses, winning a total of 6 sets. The final standings saw the women ending up in 26th place and the men in 11th place.

June also marked the start of the summer beach season. The 2022 BDA Spirits Summer League kicked off the first week of June. Mondays and Thursdays are Recreational 4s nights, while Wednesdays and Fridays are Competitive 4s. Men's and Women's 2s play on Tuesday nights. Registration for the league is closed but anyone looking to play beach volleyball is encouraged to come out and play in our beach volleyball tournaments.

The first tournament of the summer, the BDA Spirits Coed Beach Tournament was held on Saturday, June 18th. Like all others, it took place at Horseshoe Bay. There were two divisions: Coed 2s and Coed 4s. The weather was beautiful and all participants had a great day of beach volleyball, music from DJ Arthur and beverages from sponsors BDA Spirits!

There are still three more tournaments taking place this summer: Same Sex on July 2nd, Coed on July 23rd and Same Sex on August 13th. Anyone interested in participating should follow the BVA's Instagram page (@bdavolleyball) to stay up to date on information.



Bermuda Women's Volleyball Team at the 2022 USA Volleyball Open National Championships



Bermuda Men's Volleyball Team at the 2022 USA Volleyball Open National Championships







# 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS



**Bermuda Basketball Association**  
**Annual Youth Summer Basketball Camp** for Boys and Girls age 10-17 years old.  
**Date:** August 8-12, 2022  
**Venue:** Warwick Academy Gymnasium  
**Age Group:** 10-13 Morning session (9am-12 noon) - 14-17 Afternoon session (1pm-4pm)  
**Cost:** \$125.00 to download registration form go to [www.bermudabasketball.net](http://www.bermudabasketball.net)  
For any questions regarding the above, contact **Tim Trott** at **(441) 332-0392**

**THE BERMUDA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS**

**2022 YOUTH SUMMER CAMP  
AUGUST 8-12**

**@ WARWICK ACADEMY GYMNASIUM**

**COST: \$125.00 per child**

**AGE GROUPS: 10 -13yrs 9am - noon session  
14-17yrs 1pm – 4pm session**

**REGISTER: [www.bermudabasketball.net](http://www.bermudabasketball.net)**

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