



Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation

# NEWSLETTER

THE COMPETITIVE EDGE ~ JANUARY 2023

## National Archery Association of Bermuda



NAAB Jr. and Sr. Team Training

The 2023 archery season will result in a few first time opportunities for this sport. This year will be the first time Bermuda will have participants in the CAC Games, The NFAA Las Vegas Shoot and the European Youth Games Championships.

Our first official international event and a first for Bermuda is to compete in National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Las Vegas Shoot. This is the largest and most prestigious indoor archery tournament

in the World. This event brings together nearly 4,000 archers from around the world which includes Olympic champions. This is a three day competition at 18m with archers shooting in total 90 arrows. The tournament will take place from February 2nd – February 5th.

Bermuda will be represented by three youth archers, three senior archers and accompanied by two coaches.

**3 Youth Recurve archers:** Jaydon Roberts, Robin Selley and N'Dera Smith.

**3 Senior Recurve archers:** Camerin Pickering, Bernard Wade III and Alleyne Weeks.

**Coaches:** Ross Roberts and Trina Roberts.

This is the first event of seven scheduled for this year.





Yushae Desilva-Andrade and Omar Hayward



Yushae Desilva-Andrade

## BOCCIA BERMUDA

### Boccia Bermuda 2022 Highlights

Our Bermuda Boccia athletes competed in 3 international competitions during 2022 and made their mark on the world stage with some excellent results. In August Yushae Desilva-Andrade and Omar Hayward both won a bronze medal at the Veldhoven Boccia Challenger in the Netherlands. Yushae also finished 5th in the World Championships in Rio Brazil in December in what was undoubtedly her greatest achievement to date.

### Boccia World Championships, Rio Brazil, December 3-10th

Yushae was Bermuda's sole representative at the 2023 Boccia World Championships in Rio having met the qualifying standards. More than 170 athletes from 40 countries competed in the Carioca 1 Arena at the Olympic Park for the ultimate prize of being crowned World Champion. Yushae was given a tough draw and played the world number one player, Andreza De Oliveira, from Brazil in her opening match in the women's BC1 division. Yushae pushed the world number 1 all the way and the scores were level, 2-2, after 3 ends. Unfortunately, the Brazilian scored 3 points in the final end to clinch the match. Yushae's next match was against World number 6 Kinga Koza from Poland. Yushae had a convincing win in this match 5-1 and then beat Katerina Kurinova from the Czech Republic 4-1 to book her place in the quarter finals. She then faced world number 2 Dora Basic from Croatia and lost by the slimmest of margins 3-2. Yushae finished 5th overall and proved she has the skills to compete with the world's best.

### Veldhoven Boccia Challenger, Netherlands, 1-6th August

Yushae and Omar competed in the Veldhoven Boccia Challenger in the Netherlands joining over 80 athletes from 24 countries. Omar competed in the BC1 Male Division and Yushae the BC1 women's division. Both Omar and Yushae progressed to the semi-final stage after impressive victories in the group and quarter final stages. Omar upset the world number 11 Riccardo Zanella from Italy in the quarter final and then matched off against Panagiotis Soulanis from Greece unfortunately losing 5-2. Omar bounced back strongly in his final match beating Spanish player Alvaro Cascales 5-3 to claim the bronze medal and his first podium finish of his career. Yushae lost her semi-final to Barbara Skopalova from Czech Republic 4-1 before storming to a 7-2 victory over her Spanish opponent Desiree Segarra to also claim the bronze medal. Having 2 athletes from Bermuda on the podium was a proud moment for our small Bermuda team.

### Pova De Varzim World Boccia Cup, Portugal, July 3rd-8th

Yushae also competed in Portugal in July and narrowly lost both her pool games and did not progress to the finals.

### Current World Ranking

Yushae is currently ranked 10th in the world and Omar 29th.



## Bermuda Sanshou Association

Bermuda Sanshou Association Kickboxers win 2 Golds and 4 Silvers at WKA Kickboxing Worlds

Garon Wilkinson, the Bermuda Sanshou Association president, has hailed the island's successful debut at the WKA World Kickboxing and Karate World Championships.

On November 2nd and 3rd 2022, Bermuda's team of Kallan Todd, Che Durham and Krista Dyer punched and kicked well above their weight as they came away with an impressive six medals combined at Prestatyn Sands Holiday Park in Wales.

Todd led the charge with a pair of gold medals competing in the +95.1kg K1 division for 16 to 17-year-olds.

Durham secured a pair of silver medals fighting in the men's 70kg K1 division and "Glory Rules" divisions and there was also success for Dyer, who also bagged two silver medals in the women's 63.5kg K1 division and Unified Kickboxing "Glory Rules" categories.

Todd earned his two gold medals with victory over New Zealand's Te Au Pounamu in both of his finals. Durham secured his silver medals after losing to New Zealand's Corban Mita in back-to-back finals.

Dyer claimed second spot on the podium after also losing in back-to-back finals to American Ellen Martin.

"Krista, Che and Kallan are certainly some of our more dedicated athletes and are in top physical conditioning. These athletes put in a lot of work. Wilkinson is extremely pleased and this just reiterates the fact that our programme is solid. Whether it's Sanda, boxing or kickboxing. BSA's programmes are sound and it's based on hard training, a lot of research and time and effort."



Silver Medalist Che Durham



Krista Dyer and Ellen Martin



Kallan Todd and New Zealand Te Au Pounamu Warren



Jaylon Roberts Spars with Kallan Todd

## Bermuda Boxing Federation

Bermuda Boxing Federation has been coaching boxing to Cedarbridge Academy students every Thursday afternoon from 2:00pm – 3:30pm which has been proven to be a hit.

Over 16 boys had signed up initially in October when the club began but we are actively looking for others to join and especially females to bring about gender equality. However, the conditions are perfect in being able to offer co-curricular activities during the school day versus afterschool and the hope is that all other schools begin to follow this model.

The challenge with having clubs after-school is in students having to balance homework, the logistics of students

finding their way home from Prospect and competing with a number of other after-school activities like tutoring, community service and work. As a sports administrator and educator, the change to include clubs as part of the school day made sense and also provided an exciting opportunity for us to reach students who would not otherwise engage in boxing says BBF president Nathan Dill.

Funding made available from the Department of Youth and Sport has allowed us to retain Coach Jaylon Roberts of Royalty Fitness an elite amateur boxer and personal trainer which has worked out well.



## Bermuda Cricket Board

The Executive of the Bermuda Cricket Board (BCB) is pleased to announce the following selected team for the ICC Americas T20 Sub-Regional Qualifier Argentina from February 25 – March 6, 2023.

1. **Delray Rawlins #9** – Sussex CCC (Captain)
2. **Kamau Leverock #22** – Somerset Cricket Club/Handsworth Cricket Club
3. **Tre Manders #50** – Western Stars Sports Club
4. **Terryn Fray #4** – Bailey’s Bay Cricket Club
5. **Allan Douglas #11** – St. George’s Cricket Club
6. **Dominic Sabir #29** – Somerset Cricket Club
7. **Jacob Albertze #16** – Somerset Cricket Club
8. **Matthew Watson #15** – Somerset Cricket Club/CV Chargers
9. **Justin Pitcher #87** – St. David’s County Cricket Club
10. **Zeko Burgess #14** – St. George’s Cricket Club
11. **Sinclair Smith #19** – St. George’s Cricket Club (Wicket Keeper)
12. **Derrick Brangman #21** – St. David’s County Cricket Club
13. **Charles Trott #25** – Southampton Rangers Sports Club
14. **Malachi Jones #28** – Warwick Workmen’s Club
15. **Jabari Darrell #24** – St. George’s Cricket Club

### Standbys

16. **Cejay Outerbridge #99** – St. David’s Cricket Club
17. **Alje Richardson #32** – Somerset Cricket Club
18. **Stefan Kelly #3** – Newport Cricket Club

### Coaching Staff

1. **Niraj Odedra** – Head Coach
2. **Cal Waldron** – Assistant Coach
3. **Courtney Trott** – Manager

The Bermuda Cricket Board presents

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International Sports Psychologist



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In an effort to create a new culture surrounding our National Team programme, the BCB hosted a series of workshops from January 22 – 27, titled Passion to Performance with International Sports Psychologist, Dr. David Scott.



## Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association

Jalon Smith is a 16-year-old Bermudian motorcycle racing prodigy who has quickly made a name for himself in the racing world within the span of six months. Starting at the young age of 15, Jalon began competing in 80cc races and quickly proved to be a natural on the track.

Winning his very first race as an 80cc Rookie, Jalon continued to collect more and more points, therefore pushing him further ahead in the Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association championship lead! After some 33 races, Jalon crossed the chequered flag in first place 28 times! Jalon also collected four 2nd places, and crashed out once. This allowed him to collect exactly 780 points in the 2022 race season!

With the help of his two mechanics, his Father (Josonne Smith) and his Grandfather, (Joseph Smith) spent countless hours and dollars fixing, preparing, checking, and tuning Jalon's bike to ensure that he got the most out of his machine; each and every race! Jalon has a cluster of good people in his corner: Josonne Smith, Joseph Smith, David Jones, Billy Dunn, Shannon Caisey, Ross Smith, Lincon Smith, Jediah Cumbermack, Bruce DeGrilla, Ed Daniels, and many more people that gave him great advice throughout the season to help him advance quickly in his career. Over the next six months, Jalon would soak up these pieces of advice like a sponge, trying out each and every technique that people told him to give a go, and quickly made each piece of advice his own in his riding style.

As he grew more mature in the racing world, Jalon advanced his skills in the 80cc class, continuing to dominate the competition. His skills and determination caught the attention of top teams and sponsors, and he soon found himself getting a once-in-a-lifetime offer to race in one of the US premier classes of motorcycle racing: the 400cc class.

Despite the step up in competition, Jalon has continued to excel on the track. His aggressive riding style and ability to push the limits of his motorcycle have made him a fan favorite, and he has the potential to become one of the top riders in the 400cc class.

Jalon's success on the track is not just limited to his racing skills, but his dedication to training and preparation. He spends countless hours working on his fitness and studying data to gain an edge on the competition. He also works closely with his team to develop and improve the performance of his motorcycle.

Off the track, Jalon is a humble and gracious individual, always willing to give back to the sport that has given him so much. He is a role model for young riders, showing that with hard work and determination, anything is possible.

With his talent and dedication, Jalon Smith is a rising star in the motorcycle racing world, and is sure to be a force to be reckoned with for years to come.



TOP & LEFT: Jalon Smith



## Bermuda Sailing Association

The 2023 Bermuda Foil Fest was organized by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and was aimed at attracting Youth and other sailors eager to apply their foiling skills to the race track. Over three days (Jan 4-6th) 9 youth sailors ranging in age from 14-17 were divided into 2 groups and raced in Hamilton Harbour in morning and afternoon sessions.

Following the America's Cup held in Bermuda there are a number of clubs and training centres in Bermuda that support the Waszp foiling boat, offering lessons and instruction to youth and sailors of all ages. The SailGP event also uses the Waszp foiler in their Inspire Racing program and local sailor Rachael Betschart will be representing Bermuda at the final Championships in San Francisco later this spring. She was eager to get some practice training and racing against other sailors taking part, in particular Sebastian Kempe who was home for the holidays and is also proficient in the Waszp.

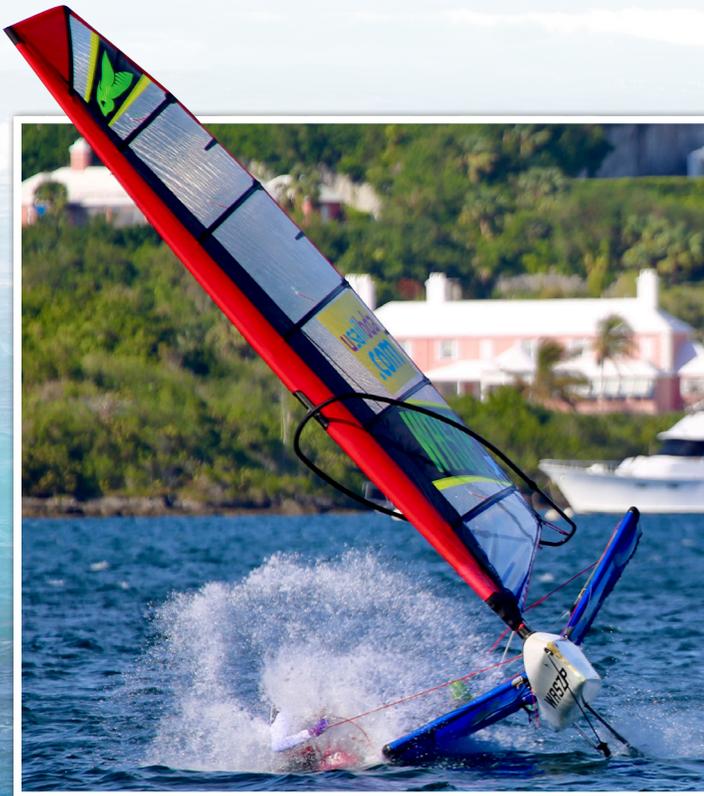
The first day of racing saw Group A racing in the morning, and the light 8-11 knot southerly breeze in the harbour was making it very tricky for sailors to get up and foil. Those that could were able to extend around the reaching course race track. 4 races were completed in the morning and it was apparent that Sebastian Kempe and Rachael Betschart would be the leading sailors in the group. Jade Smith had a notable performance in race 4 with a 2nd place behind Rachael. At the end of the morning session Rachael Betschart led over Sebastian Kempe, followed by Jade Smith, Ahzai Smith, and Jack Adderley.

Group B in the afternoon had slightly more breeze than the morning session and the four sailors took to the water to also get 4 reaching races completed. Kipling Rossouw showed that he had a good handle of the skills required to end the day in 1st place overall with a string of 1st place finishes in all the races except the fourth. Overall at the end of the afternoon Eli Furbert

was one point behind Kipling, with Aiden Mahoney and Evan Davis both relatively new to foiling in 3rd and 4th respectively.

The second day of the regatta and the breeze had increased slightly, and looked to provide all the sailors with more opportunity to keep the boats on the foils in the stronger wind. Group B was the first to sail in the day and they completed 4 more races on a reaching course with Kipling continuing to lead the fleet with a string of all 1st place finishes to put him well clear of the rest in the group. Eli Furbert continued to show that he has a solid understanding of the skillset, and was in 2nd place at the end of the day. Evan and Aiden were battling it out between themselves, the stringer wind being a challenge for the lighter younger sailors.

Following a promising morning of racing Group A launched into the afternoon in 13-16 knots of wind with the plan for the race course to use a more traditional windward/leeward format. This is more challenging



WASZP Foiling Boat



WASZP Boat

## Bermuda Sailing Association Continued

to sail around, and in Hamilton Harbour where the breeze can be shifty, it would prove a great test for the group. Rachael scored 3 wins out of 4 as she was able to sail well throughout the rise and fall of the wind velocity, often leaving the heavier (and less consistent) sailors Sebastian, Jade, and Ahzai wallowing behind in the 3 races she scored race wins in. At the end of the day Jade and Ahzai were tied on points for 3rd place, lining up a showdown for the final day.

The final day of racing had the most wind of the regatta – 17-20 knots of wind. For Group B in the morning session it was decided that the lighter sailors would use a smaller sail size to help them manage the conditions better—in addition to trading in and out of a shared boat each race—all in the name of fun. There were many spills and thrills by the sailors and at the end

of the morning Kipling Rossouw had won the Group B series followed by Eli Furbert, Evan Davis, and Aiden Mahoney.

The afternoon session was expected to be full on with the strong wind holding, promising more high speed action packed racing. Sebastian Kempe started with two 1st place wins over Rachael Betschart and it looked like with the stronger wind conditions that he had a distinct advantage over her around the race track. A slowly developing technical issue with Sebastian's foiling mechanism in race 3 saw him struggle to stay in control of the boat, and was lucky to come away with a 2nd place behind Rachael in that race. The score line now set up a winner take all final race. Following a short delay to try to effect repair to Sebastian's boat the race got away clean, with the pair neck and neck off the start line. It was

soon apparent though that the technical gremlin had not been fully resolved and Sebastian fell off the foils numerous times, allowing Rachael to extend a lead around the race track and handing a deserved win to Rachael Betschart. Jack Adderley had a close finish with Sebastian who was struggling to foil coming into the final race finish line. Group B overall results were Racheal Betschart, Sebastian Kempe, Jade Smith, Jack Adderley, and Ahzai Smith.

While there was a wide skill set of foiling abilities, it was concluded that the event was a great success with all sailors eager to continue with the foiling discipline of the sport. The organisers are keen to host the event again in the future to provide a platform for the youth of the sport to showcase their developing skills.



WASZP boat

## Bermuda Equestrian Federation BERMUDA EQUESTRIANS CLAIM TOP PLACINGS IN CARIBBEAN EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION'S CHALLENGES!

The Bermuda Equestrian Federation is delighted to share that, once again, Bermuda equestrians have achieved strong performances in the annual Caribbean Equestrian Association (CEA) Jumping Challenge as well as in the Caribbean Equestrian Association Dressage Challenge. Details and results from these competitions below.

In the newly introduced **CEA MINI** Jumping Challenge, the Bermuda team successfully captured first place. Team members included Mackenzie Kowalski riding Edelweiss, Amber Howard riding Storm Watch and Ryan Wright riding Sunny Days.

In addition to the **COUNTRY TEAM** placings, riders also competed for **OVERALL INDIVIDUAL** placings in which Bermuda showjumping equestrians also claimed top spots.

In the Overall Individual .50m Jumping Category, Mackenzie Kowalski riding Edelweiss and Helena Baillie riding Storm Watch captured 1st and 2nd placing respectively. In the Overall Individual .60m Jumping Category, Amber Howard & Storm Watch placed 3rd whilst in the Overall Individual .70m Jumping Category Ryan Wright & Sunny Days secured a commendable 2nd place.

In the **CEA REGIONAL** Jumping Challenge, the Bermuda team secured a commendable 2nd place whilst top spot went to the Barbados team. Team members of Bermuda REGIONAL Team were Logan Flood riding Storm Watch, Caitlin Neijmeijer riding Helsinki Van De Heffinck and Stephanie Kemp riding Good as Gold.

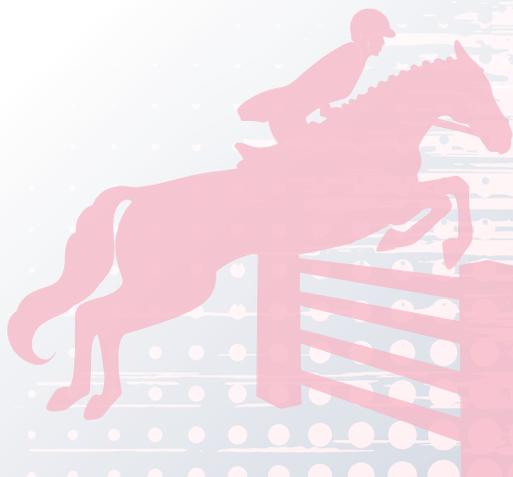
In the **OVERALL INDIVIDUAL** Regional Jumping Categories, Logan Flood placed 2nd in the .75m class, whilst Caitlin Neijmeijer, Nina Wehmeyer, Kamali Tucker, and Ryan Wright captured 2nd-5th places in the .85m class. Similarly, Stephanie Kemp, Isabelle Pelletier and Tyler James placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively in the overall Individual 1.05m class.



Amber Howard riding Storm Watch



Ryan Wright riding Sunny Days



## DRESSAGE – OVERALL COUNTRY & INDIVIDUAL CEA DRESSAGE RESULTS

In the **CEA REGIONAL** Dressage Challenge, the Bermuda Adult Dressage Team secured first place. Members of the Adult Regional team were Angela Halloran Smith riding Evert, Abby Bardgett riding Cruise Control, and Claire Turner riding Balthazar Olympus. Coming in at second place was Barbados and third was Trinidad.

In addition to **COUNTRY** placings, local riders also competed for **OVERALL INDIVIDUAL** placings. Once again, Bermuda riders proved they are on top of their game. Achieving a score of 75.345%, Angela Halloran Smith riding EVERT claimed the top individual score in the Training Level Test 3 division. This dynamic team also claimed overall top score (70.167%) in the Training Level – Freestyle class. With a solid score of 70.000% Abby Bardgett riding Cruise Control received the Overall High Score in the First level Test 3 division.

Congratulations are also extended to young Grace Lightowler riding her lovely horse, Patrick. Achieving an impressive score of 72.500% in the First Level Test 3 division, In addition, Grace was the recipient of the Regional Dressage Challenge Children’s High Score Award.



Photo credit: Laura Williamson

**ABOVE:** Angela Halloran Smith riding Evert claimed the top individual score in the Training Level Test 3 division. Pictured here with FEI 4\* Judge Cesar Torrente

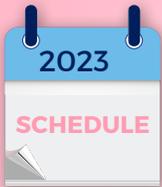


**BOTTOM:** MacKenzie Kowalski Riding Edeweiss





# 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS



## Boccia Bermuda

2023 will be a busy year with 4 international competitions planned. Both Omar and Yushae are hoping to qualify for the Parapan Am Games to be held in Chile in November with the ultimate goal of qualifying for the 2024 Paralympics in Paris. Other competitions this year include the Montreal World Open in April, Santiago World Boccia Challenger in June and the Sao Paulo World Boccia Cup in September.





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