



Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation

NEWSLETTER

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Bermuda Football Association



Bermuda U17 Boys Qualify for Concacaf U17 Boys Championship

The Bermuda Football Association (BFA) is proud to announce that the Bermuda U17s have qualified for the Concacaf U17 Championship. Bermuda U17 participated in the Concacaf U17 Qualifiers in September 2022 in Florida at the IMG

Academy. Bermuda topped Group A of the Qualifiers with 12 points and over Bonaire on goal difference. Bermuda defeated British Virgin Islands in their opening match of the qualifiers 4-0. They went on to beat Saint Martin 9-0 on match day 2. Bermuda made it four wins in a row after defeating Bonaire 2-0 and Bahamas 4-0. Bermuda

lost their final match of the qualifiers with a 3-2 defeat to Guyana.

Bermuda qualified for the Concacaf U17 Championship which will take place in February 2023 in Guatemala. Bermuda have qualified directly to the KO round of 16 and will join the tournament after the Group stages are played.



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BERMUDA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION.

Since the last newsletter, Bermuda cyclists have continued to shine internationally with a growing number of our riders venturing overseas and showing that they can compete on the bigger world stage. All this as the result of a steady development over the years of our junior riders that are now reaping the benefits of the guidance and encouragement that they have received from the Bermuda Bicycle Association and senior riders before them who have encouraged them to believe that they too can do it. And do it they are, like never before, particularly in such numbers.

Their names are now often seen in our local media channels; Kaden Hopkins, Conor White, Caitlin Conyers, Alexander Miller, Nicholas Narraway, Liam Flannery and more recently a resurfacing on the US racing scene, of Gabriella Arnold.

Our Commonwealth Games riders, Hopkins, White and Narraway, perhaps surprised many when they all finished the road race beating out many riders from much bigger countries, and Hopkins in particular drew plaudits from the commentators, not just for himself but more importantly, Bermuda when he finished 11th in the time-trial and 14th in the road race where he was seen in the breakaway of the day with 15 top professional riders, former Tour De France winner, World Champion and more. White and Narraway also brought Bermudas name to the lips of observers with their performances. Next it was Caitlin Conyers turn, as she raced in Belgium, and more impressively the tough demanding Tour of Ireland where she excelled, bringing Bermuda women's cycling to the fore.

It goes on. Hopkins in the World Championships in Australia last week finishing 11th in the time-trial in the Under 23 category, White, Flannery and Narraway racing one of the biggest US stage races, Green Mountain Stage Race amongst other US races around the country. So, there is no doubt, Bermuda is very visible on the world map of cycling. In addition to BBA developing international cyclist, Robin Horsfield is making a name for himself and Bermuda in the mountain bike racing in Canada.

As we know everything starts somewhere, and for our cyclists it is here on our small island where our new group of young riders who look up to those forementioned that as we have seen have already spread their wings to compete at the next level. Make no mistake about it, Bermuda, we have a strong, dedicated bunch of young riders just itching to get their chance to shine. We are confident they will.

Unfortunately, and I say unfortunately, the road, not to mention the roads, has not been as smooth for them, particularly in the last two years. Covid of course took its toll on Bermuda in every regard, including sport, and still does. Cycling's very active program screeched to a halt. Even riding a bike at all was restricted, and when it did resume it was only permitted individually, and then small groups. Understandable of course but not exactly conducive to bike racing where it is all about numbers, except for the individual time-trials. And so, the development slowed to some extent for reasons beyond the control of the sports leaders.

As 'normal life' resumed it looked as if 2022 was going to see a fully schedule of events for our riders, and there was a buzz of anticipation. Except, the only buzz that has been heard is that of diggers, shovels, trucks, and workers as road after road became construction sites with traffic lights, it seemed around every corner. Necessary, and beneficial work of course, but a curse on the bike racing scene as event after event, was at first postponed and in some cases cancelled. They say consistency is key to development of an athlete, so for our athletes the key has been temporarily, we hope, hung up on the hook. That said, the less visible than racing, behind the scenes work continues in earnest.

Regardless, the present, in our sport, is bright, and the future looks brighter. Our sports leaders are a tough resilient bunch, our young riders are cut from the same cloth, which they need to be in one of the toughest sports around. See you on the road.



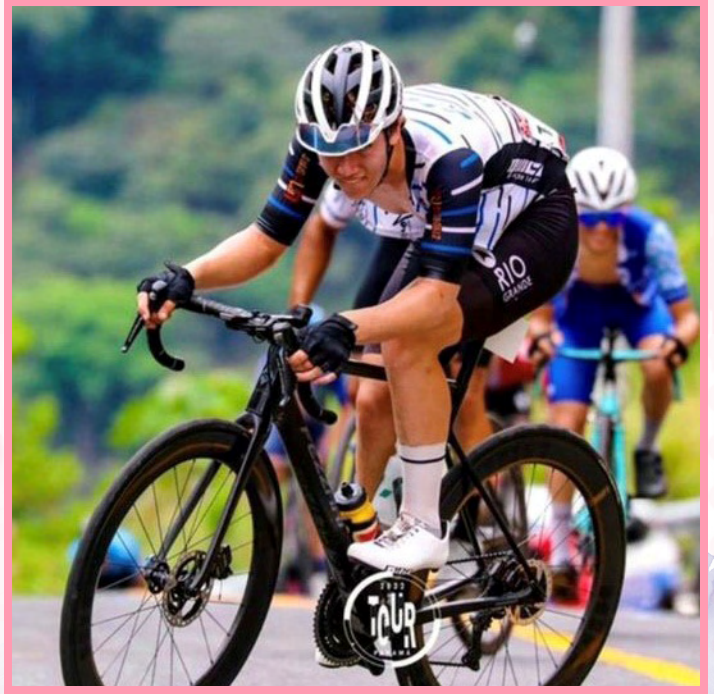
Nickolas Narraway



Gabriella Arnold



Kayden Hopkins



Liam Flannery



Robin Horsfield



Conor White



Caitlin Conyers



Skyla White jumping Kingston

The Bermuda Equestrian Federation is delighted to share that Bermuda equestrians Cody Rego, Julia Slade and Skyla White have successfully qualified and are formally invited to compete in the upcoming 2022 ASPCA MACLAY FINALS.

The ASPCA Maclay Championship is one of the most prestigious competitions for junior rider (18 yrs. & under) in the USA. Indeed, throughout the year, hundreds of top junior riders from across the USA, compete in numerous Regional competitions, with the focused goal of qualifying and competing in the annual ASPCA Maclay FINALS.

The 2022 ASPCA Maclay FINALS will be held during the National Horse Show at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington from 26th October – 6th November and is considered to be one of the most competitive classes in the show.

This will be Cody Rego’s second occasion to compete in the ASPCA MACLAY FINALS. Cody successfully competed in the 2022 ASPCA Maclay FINALS where he achieved a very, very commendable 7th place!



Cody Rego onboard Tanzanite De Semilly



Julia Slade jumping Love Dreamer 2

Bermuda Cricket Board

On Monday, September 12th, the Bermuda Cricket Board hosted an awards social event for the members the 2022 Senior Men's National Team. The purpose of the event was to show appreciation and recognise players who performed exceptionally throughout the 2022 ICC International Season.

This year's recipients are:

Emerging Player – Dominic Sabir

Most Runs – Kamau Leverock

Best Fielders – Dominic Sabir

Most Wickets – Kamau Leverock

Best Player – Kamau Leverock

The BCB also hosted a women's hardball cricket session, on Wednesday, September 21st at BCB training nets at the National Sports Centre led by female cricketer Briana Ray.

Briana who has been playing cricket in the UK for five years is currently studying at Loughborough University and has been playing cricket for the U18, U19 and university sides.

Since winter of 2021, the BCB has been facilitating a women's cricket development programme in partnership with BF&M with over 60 participants and three club teams – Warwick Workmen's, Bailey's Bay, and Western Stars.

To register for our women's programmes visit www.cricketermuda.com/womens-cricket-registration/

As the 2022 Domestic League season comes to an end with the finals of the BCB Athene T20 Cricket League, the BCB would like to thank our sponsor Athene Life Re, our member clubs, players and staff for another successful year.



TOP: BCB Best Fielder: Dominic Sabir
INSET: BCB Women's Hardball Team

Bermuda Sanshou Association BSA celebrates World Wushu Kungfu Day

World Wushu Kung Fu Day (WWKD) is celebrated globally each year on the first Saturday on or following August 8th. There are many methods in which countries may participate including demonstrations and/or submitting content such as videos and photos to the International Wushu Federation (IWuF). This year, the Bermuda Construction Safety Council's Premier's Awards coincided with the week of WWKD and the BSA Wushu demo team including President and Head Coach Garon Wilkinson, Talia Iris, Kent Bean Jr., Krista Dyer, Kallan Todd and recent Pan American Wushu Championships silver medalist Errin Cann, displayed their wushu skills in a demonstration at the Earl Cameron Theater. The demonstration consisted of open hand and weapons forms in traditional and modern wushu as well as a display of san da (Chinese Kickboxing). Aries Sports Center, headquarters of Bermuda Sanshou Association was awarded with the "Martial Artists of the Year" award which Wilkinson graciously accepted on behalf of Aries.

The BSA san da team hasn't competed overseas since the World Wushu Championships in 2019, but the fighting team is looking forward to returning to international competition at the World Kickboxing Association (WKA) World Championships taking place in Prestatyn, Wales from November 1 – 4th.

TOP RIGHT: Premier's Awards Demo Team

BOTTOM RIGHT: Kent Bean



Bermuda Sailing Association



2022 WSYWC Hague Podium – Sebastain Kempe

Olympic Classes ILCA 6 & 7 (Laser) North American-Championship – (Pan-Am Country Qualifier)

June 30th to July 4th Bermuda had 3 sailors at this North America Championship – **Adrianna Penruddocke** (AP) was the lone Bermudian female in an open field of 118 (41 women) sailors in the ILCA 6. **Benn Smith** (MBS) and **Campbell Patton** (CP) representing the men in the ILCA 7 field of 49 (men only). Over the 5 day event with breezy conditions in Kingston, Ontario there were a lot of ups and downs for all of them.

Day 2 for **AP** she leaped up the field with 1, 3, 3 results. Finishing the event in 3rd overall, 2nd female, and more importantly 2nd country in the female category behind MEX and ahead of CAN. This 2nd place qualified Bermuda for the 2023 Pan Am Games in this event – which in turn is a qualifier for the 2024 Olympic Games. Huge congrats to AP on achieving this.

The boys finished 12th (**CP**) and 20th (**MBS**) respectively. Both excellent results but 4th country in the class so just out of the Pan Am qualifications for this event. They will be back at it in February in Clearwater, Florida working to qualify Bermuda in the Men's ILCA 7 event.

Congratulations to all three of them. We have full faith that the boys will qualify Bermuda for the PanAms at the next qualifying event.

ILCA Atlantic Coast Championships (ACC) & ILCA US National Championships (Larchmount. NY)

Benn and **Campbell** went on to other events in the US – the ILCA Atlantic Coast Championships and the ILCA US Nationals where Campbell was 1st at the ACCs, with Benn finishing 8th out a fleet of 35.

Benn went onto the US Nationals (Brant Beach, NJ) where he finished 2nd in a fleet of 53.

Superb results for each of them in their respective events.

World Sailing Youth World Championships (The Hague, NL)

Also in July **Nicole Stovell** (NS) and **Sebastian Kempe** (SK) were back at the World Championships – **SK** the defending Champion from Oman in December.

Nicole had a strong and steady week, improving on her results from December with a 23rd of 56 of the best Singlehanded Youth sailors in the world. She missed her Top-20 goal but was still happy with her results in challenging tidal current and light wind conditions.

In the Male Single-Handed Championship defending champion **Sebastian** had an up and down week. Starting the event with two 1st's on Day 1, but lost some momentum by day 3 (with 2 11th's and 2 8th's on Day 2 & 3, and was in a fight by the last day sitting in 4th with one race to go. Finishing 2nd and beating the boats he had to beat he ended up moving onto 2nd overall, one point out of first (30 vs 31 points).

Sebastian was disappointed in this result but took away some strong 'lessons learned' from the event and the experience.

The BSA are extremely proud of Sebastian's and Nicole's achievements in this event. For Sebastian this likely his last opportunity in this event as, although he will still be young enough, he has essentially sized out of the equipment used in this event.

This event for Sebastian was partially funded by his NJASP Award for which he and the BSA are most grateful.

ILCA 6 Youth World Championships (Shoreacres, TX)

Straight from The Hague Nicole and Sebastian headed to Texas for another World Championship – *effectively the manufacturer WC.*

This event was completely different scenario from The Hague with minimal current but lots of wind over 6 long days. It was also extremely hot, into the 100's with humidity. **Nicole** was pleasantly surprised that the training since her previous windy event in San Francisco the year before had paid off and she was able to hike harder and longer.

This and other training propelled Nicole into 17th of 50 – meeting her top 20 goals, although she was disappointed that she let 15th slip from her grasp on the last day.

Sebastian was hoping for a better event than the WSYWC as he knew he could beat the contenders there and the wind conditions suited his physiology better. Inconsistent results got the better of him and he finished 6th of 52 (for perspective the 1st place finisher from the previous event was 32nd).

This would be Sebastian's last event in this equipment before moving to the Olympic Single-Handed Men's event in the ILCA 7.

Summary

Overall some amazing results on the international stage for multiple Bermudian sailors. These results are through the end of July and we had more great results from these and other sailors.

Congratulations from the BSA to all of them and good luck in their upcoming events.

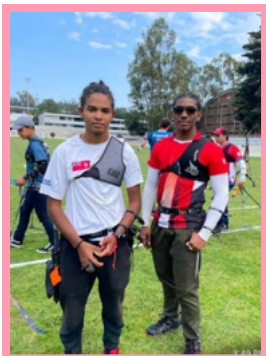


2022 WSYWC – Nicole Stovell



2022 WSYWC Bermuda's – Nicole Stovell & Sebastian Kempe

National Archery Association of Bermuda



Jaydon Roberts (Bermuda)
and Darnell Garcia (Trinidad)-
Team Event, Mexico

Bermuda continues to compete and perform well in the Belgium Icenation shoots. In the 50m Compound Division, William Pickering has scored a personal best of 675 finishing first in his division. Camerin Pickering shot in the Recurve Division at 70m and finished in 1st place with a score of 620. Robin Selley also competed in the Recurve Division at 70m and finished in 3rd place.

Four archers competed in the VIII Copa Merengue Tournament held in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic in the early part of September. In the final rankings of the Men's Individual Recurve 70m division, Jaydon Roberts finished 13th, Bernard Wade III 16th and Camerin Pickering placed 27th. In the Women's Individual Recurve 70m division, Robin Selley finished 25th.

For the 2023 Central American and Caribbean Games, Bermuda has secured one Men's Recurve position and one Women's Recurve position.

Training and development of our archers and coaches is key for our future success. Ross Roberts, Head Coach and Jaydon Roberts, Junior Recurve male attended a week's training and competition in Mexico City, Mexico. This was organized by World Archery Americas with support from PanAm Sports. The training and events were scheduled from Sept 19th – 25th. The training was instructed under top coaches/instructors, Filippo Cini from Italy, Juan Rene Serrano from Mexico and Julio Soler from Mexico.

In the Men's Individual Recurve event held on 24 September, Jaydon finished qualifications with a score of 607. In the elimination rounds he finished in 3rd place. In the Men's Team Recurve event, Jaydon teamed up with Darnell Garcia from Trinidad and Tobago and they finished in 3rd place.



Trina Roberts (coach), Camrin Pickering,
Jaydon Roberts, Robin Selley, Bernard Wade III,
Ross Roberts (coach)

Bermuda Volleyball Association



2022 Summer Beach Group Photo

September saw the conclusion of a successful summer season. This summer saw our outdoor beach season go back to normal with four weekend beach tournaments taking place and six weeknight summer leagues, including coed recreational 4s leagues, coed competitive 4s leagues and men's/women's competitive 2s leagues. The End of Season (EOS) party took place at Dockside's on Saturday, September 17th where winners of each league were presented with their prizes from our sponsors, BDA Spirits and Dockside's, and all participants were welcome to join in for drinks, food and fun to celebrate the season's success. This

year we saw staggering number of attendees which was great to see after the past couple years of restrictions!

Now that summer is over, we are switching gears to indoor volleyball. Training sessions for both senior and junior national teams began in September and will continue until December, making up the first half of the 2022/23 Season. Junior training programs are split into Under 11 Girls, Under 13 Girls, Under 14 Girls, Under 16 Girls and Under 18 Girls as well as Under 14 Boys, Under 16 Boys and Under 18 Boys.

Bermuda Volleyball Association cont'd

2022/2023 INDOOR WINTER LEAGUE



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WOMEN'S

MSA

6-8PM
8-10PM

MONDAYS: NOV 7, 14, 21, 28 | DEC 5 | JAN 9, 16, 23, 30 | FEB 13, 20, 27

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MEN'S

MSA

7-9PM

TUESDAYS: NOV 8, 15, 22, 29 | DEC 6 | JAN 10, 17, 24, 31 | FEB 14, 21, 28

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COED

SOMERSFIELD

6-8PM
8-10PM

WEDNESDAYS: NOV 9, 16, 23, 30 | DEC 7 | JAN 11, 18, 25 | FEB 1, 15, 22 | MAR 1

- 12 weeks of league play with 2 rungs for Women's and Coed, 1 rung for Men's
- Limit of 10 teams per Women's and Coed leagues, 6 teams for Men's
- NEW** Individual registration available for Men's League only
- \$800 per team to be paid by credit card at time of online registration
- Captains must complete rosters and ensure all players are current BVA members

REGISTER AT BVA.BM/2022-WL-REGISTRATION FROM OCT 1 - 20

2022 FALL VOLLEYBALL CAMP



October 24th to 28th -- half day sessions

9am-12pm: ages 9-11

1pm-4pm: ages 12-15

\$175
per child

Warwick Academy

REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 21
 visit www.bva.bm/youth-camps for more info and to register
 email us at bdavb@hotmail.com if you have any questions

Bermuda Triathlon Association

1 Erica Hawley finished 38th in the Elite Women's Division of the 2022 World Triathlon Cup Valencia in Valencia Spain. Hawley clocked a time of 57:21, she finished 2 minutes and 4 seconds behind the winner Lisa Tersch from Germany who clocked 55:17. Hawley clocked 10:05 on the swim, she would then clock 27:48 on the bike course before closing out with a run time of 18:15.

Hawley was also named to the ASICS World Triathlon Team for 2022.

2 Flora Duffy Finishes 6th in PTO Open in Dallas – The 2022 Professional Triathletes Organization (PTO) US Open brought the PTO Tour to Texas for the first time. Olympic Champion Flora Duffy competed in the Women's Elite Field and finished 6th with a time of 3:45:17. Duffy had the 4th fastest Swim time of 28:03, the 6th fastest Bike time of 2:01:25, and then finished the run in a time of 1:13:40, which was the 14th fastest.



Erica Hawley



2022 UPCOMING EVENTS



Bermuda Triathlon Association

World Triathlon Championship Series – 5-6 November 2022
Visit <https://bermuda.triathlon.org/> to Register



Bermuda Volley Ball Association

The 2022/23 Indoor Winter League season kicks off the week of November 7th but registration will open from October 1st to 20th. Monday night is Women’s League, Tuesday night is Men’s League and Wednesday night is Coed League. Teams can sign up or get more information by going to www.bva.bm/2022-WL-Registration.

The BVA 2022 Fall Volleyball Camp will be held during the fall school break, from October 24th to 28th. Each day will be split into a morning and afternoon session with the 9–11-year-old age group playing from 9am-12pm and the 12–15-year-old age group playing from 1pm-4pm. Registration is already open and will remain open until October 21st (or until spots are full). Parents can sign their children up by visiting www.bva.bm/youth-camps/.



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