



Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation

NEWSLETTER

THE COMPETITIVE EDGE ~ AUGUST 2020



Sports has an amazing and unique way of making a positive impact in society and it's no different in Bermuda. The local sporting scene has adapted well to the complexities of hosting sporting events during these unprecedented times. In an effort to raise awareness of the many positive sporting lights permeating through our country, it is the perfect opportunity for Department of Youth, Sport & Recreation to partner with National Sports Governing Bodies to share exciting news and highlights within all sports in Bermuda monthly.

Bermuda Sailing Association Highlights

A number of regattas and races were cancelled unfortunately, as were overseas events such as Optimist World Championships, South and North American Championships to which Bermudian's were hoping to travel. This is especially frustrating and unfortunate for our youngsters who are stepping "up" from Optimists into more "adult" classes of craft and need international competition in order to improve. The BSA is providing guidance where we can and remain open minded with what qualification might look like for World Sailing or International Championships.

Overseas, a number of Bermudians are resuming training and sailing but as discussed previously their progress will

be dependent on how the world deals with the pandemic. Emily Nagel has been phenomenal as she develops as an offshore sailor of some considerable experience, but also as a one-design Moth sailor. Emily recently completed a transatlantic delivery of a 60 foot Ocean Racer.



'Edward Cross Long Distance Comet Race'
Winners: Maxwell Curtis & Stefan Furbert



Emily Nagel competes in Transatlantic (France to Newport, Rhode Island) with 11th Hour Race Team



'Heineken Round the Islands Race' in 29er Division
Winners: Christian Ebbin & Magnus Ringsted



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

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Men's Champion: **Eric West**



Ladies Champion:
Tariqah Walikraam



Senior Men's Champion:
Calvin Hendrickson



Senior Ladies Champion:
Anne O'Neill

◀ **Bermuda Golf Association Highlights**

One of the most prestigious events on the Bermuda Golf Association (BGA) calendar, the Bermuda Amateur Stroke Play Championships, was played at Port Royal Golf Course on 26th – 28th June 2020, right in the midst of the worst pandemic the world has known! Throughout the world, we were hearing about major events being cancelled due to safety concerns. So, it was against this backdrop that the Bermuda

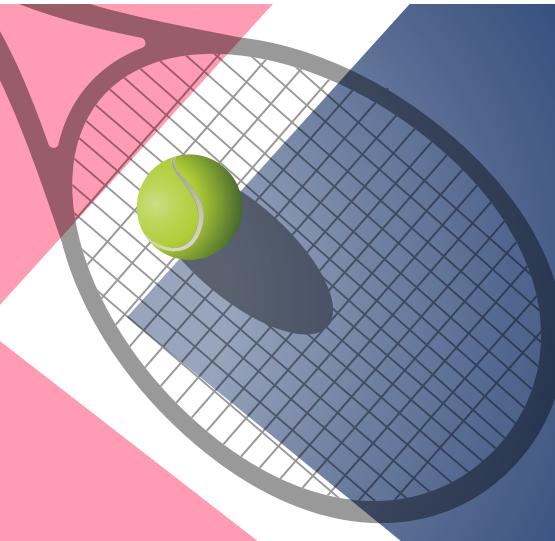
Golf Association decided to proceed with the Bermuda Amateur Stroke Play.

Overall, the Bermuda Golf Association was very pleased with the event. We would like to thank Tournament Director, Gary Venning, the Port Royal and Bella Vista staff that all worked together to make this event a success for our membership.

Congratulations to all the winners!

▼ **Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association Highlights**

The local tennis scene has been buzzing since the re-start of sports and the BLTA sanctioned, Manders Tennis Management organized Craig Bean Memorial Championship was no different. Tournament organizers Gavin Manders and Jevon Whitter said.



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Hosting the tournament was special to us. Not only was it special for me to be able to honor Craig's memory, but it was also the biggest tournament I've been involved with!" We've certainly not seen anything quite as big as this tournament. From the number of participants that entered to the passion and energy the crowd bought everyday embodied Craig in every way.

Craig Bean Memorial Championship

Winners: **Tariq Simons (A), Moziah Selassie (B), Kirstin Saltus (Women's),
Malahku Selassie (Green ball), Ollie Anderson (Orange ball)
Jon Brunson (O-45) and Arnold Manders (O-55)**



Category A Winner: **Tariq Simons**



Category B Winner: **Moziah Selassie**

Bermuda Football Association Highlights

The Bermuda Football Association held the Legends Scholarship Awards Presentation on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at the Clyde Best Centre of Excellence. Five BFA Legends and five student football players received scholarships during the presentation.



BFA Legends Scholarship Awards

Arnold West Award – Julian Roser who plays for Western Stars Sports Club. He will be attending the Bermuda College, graduating in 2022.

Chevonne Furbert Award – Ka’Ri Richards

Ka’Ri is a member of the Bermuda Referees Association. She will be studying Business Administration at the St. Francis Xavier University, in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Lance Brown Award – Zaire Smith

Zaire plays for Somerset Cricket Club and will be attending Hoosac High School on a college prep course.

Ellsworth Lambert Award – Christian Lugo-Elibox who plays for the St. David’s Cricket Club and will be attending The Calverton School on an International Baccalaureate course.

Danvers Seymour Sr. Award – Jai Bean plays for Pembroke Hamilton Club and is considering his University offers at this time.

Bermuda Cricket Board Highlights

Like many local organizations, the Bermuda Cricket Board faced uncertainties of the 2020 cricket season due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. With help from the Department of Youth, Sport & Recreation, The Bermuda Government and the Department of Health, the BCB was able to organize a successful Premier and First Division T20 League.

From July 11 through September 6, matches have been played with 13 competing clubs, including the Bermuda U19 training squad, at four host venues across island—Somerset Cricket Club, Somerset Bridge Recreation Club (White Hill Field), St. George’s Cricket Club and St. David’s County Cricket Club. The BCB was also pleased to announce the start of the 2020 U11 and U14 Youth Leagues, sponsored by Hiscox and KPMG, taking place Monday’s, Tuesday’s, Wednesday’s and Friday’s until September 9.

Lloyd Smith, BCB President, said: On behalf of the Executive of the Bermuda Cricket Board we wish to thank all clubs, Ministry of Health, Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, our sponsors, staff, coaches and other officials for their cooperation and support during this time—ensuring that we are able to move cricket forward and operate using best practices as per the guidelines and requirements.”



Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association Highlights

The BMRA's Spark Program offers an array of programs targeted at developing local youth through the sport of motorcycle riding and racing. Year-round Youth Riding Clinics are offered for young riders interested in the sport and skill of motorcycle racing. Structured lessons are based at the RUBiS Southside Raceway in the island's east end and include two-hour sessions led by our team of Bermudian racers.

Children aged 7 to 12 are able to rent one of nine BMRA Pitsterpro 90cc mini motorcycles during Clinics. Teenage riders aged 13 and over (or are over 130 lbs) are able to train on appropriately-sized motorcycles thanks to a new partnership between Spark and Oleander Cycles Ltd. The classes offered are Riding 101: Beginners, Riding 102: Intermediate, and Riding 201: Racing Fundamentals. For more information, please visit <https://www.bmra.bm/spark>.



Boxing – Ones to Watch

Adrian Roach

Adrian started boxing 3 years ago after he had been suspended from school. His father took him to Controversy Boxing Gym and introduced him to his coach Leo Richardson, who was instrumental in molding Adrian into the person he is today. Presently, Adrian is the youngest to ever be invited onto the Bermuda Boxing Federation's Men's National Boxing team at age 17. With undoubted focus and potential, Adrian received a sports scholarship to Crandall University in New Brunswick, Canada where he will continue to compete on the school's varsity boxing team, whilst studying for his undergraduate degree in kinesiology.

Adrian's boxing inspirations are Coach Leo, former and current professionals Troy Darrell and Michael Parsons and former Olympian Clarence Hill. With continued focus and determination, Adrian one day plans to represent Bermuda at major festivals like the Commonwealth Games, Pan-American Games and the Olympics, with a view of entering the pro ranks thereafter.



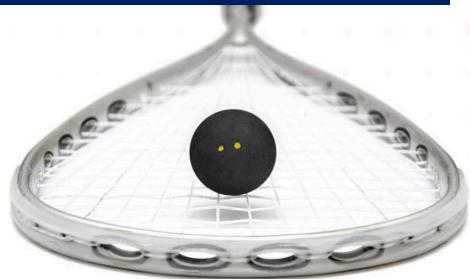
Squash

Anaya Smith

Anaya started playing squash at the age 7 through the Bermuda Squash Racquets Association's school program with Elliott Primary before joining the junior program where he found his passion for squash. By the age 10 he was invited to be a part of the BSRA National Squads to help improve his skills even further. Since then, Anaya has represented Bermuda at the Canadian Junior Open, US Junior Open, Pan American Junior Squash Championships, and the Junior Caribbean Squash Championships. He is now the current #1 U19 junior in Bermuda, and 3rd U19 junior in the Caribbean!

Anaya has also started to compete for Bermuda at the senior level, slowly working his way up the ranks to top 10 on the island. Not only is Anaya a top squash player, he is also a certified level 2 coach after

completing an England Squash coaching course back in January 2020. With his new certification, Anaya is currently employed by the BSRA to assist with lessons, junior programming, and racquet stringing. He is a direct product of the Bermuda Junior Squash Program and validates that with hard work and determination you can reach your goals.



2020 UPCOMING EVENTS



Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association's
Spark Programme Fall Term begins



Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association's
Grassroots Tennis Programme
(Please see poster on next page)





Grass Roots

Tennis Programme

**2020 Fall Term at the
W.E.R. Joell Tennis Stadium**

Starts: September 19

Ends: November 28

Two classes EVERY Saturday:

Beginner Class: 9:00 - 10:00 am

Intermediate Class: 10:00 - 11:00 am

Open to all Primary School aged children

Please bring:

- Sneakers & Programme T-shirt
- Hat/visor/sunscreen
- Water
- Racquet (can be provided if necessary)

\$90/term

Mandatory shirt: \$25

OR

\$10/class

Mandatory shirt: \$25

The BLTA Grass Roots Programme is run under the direction of National Tennis Director: Ricky Mallory

All enquiries can be directed to: info@blta.bm or 296 0834