



Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation

NEWSLETTER

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Bermuda Sanshou Association Highlights

Early in 2020, Bermuda Sanshou Association (BSA) received the incredible news that their sport of wushu would be included in the 2022 Youth Olympics to be held in Dakar, Senegal. With that news, the BSA were awarded coach and development funding through Bermuda Olympic Association's Pan Am Sport Program. The initial plans of having athletes and coaches travel overseas for intensive training and planned competitions had to be canceled. However, with the incredible job that Bermuda has done in controlling the spread of Covid-19, plans to have coaches visit our shores for intensive athlete and development coaching remained intact.

BSA welcomed wushu coach Adriano Lourenço da Silva to our shores in mid-

September to commence approximately 10 weeks of intensive athlete and coach development training. Training sessions within two of BSA's member associations—Wing Lam Kung fu School and Kai Yun Shaolin Academy have been scheduled to further develop the already existing athletes and coaches. Introductory wushu courses will be offered for youth ages 5 to 12 at Aries Sports Center along with an Acrobatics for Martial Arts course for ages 10+. Coach Adriano will also be conducting a number of one on one sessions with some of our elite athletes.

What is Wushu?

Wushu is modern day Chinese Kung Fu and consists of two elements—taolu (forms) and san da (Chinese Kickboxing). Taolu consists of martial art patterns, acrobatic movements and techniques for which competitors are judged and given points according to specific rules. Coach Adriano will be focusing on the taolu aspect of the sport while here in Bermuda.



Coach Adriano in action

Who is Coach Adriano?

Adriano Lourenço started training at 7 years of age in wushu. He has been a member of the Brazil National Wushu Team since 2006 and competed in his first World Wushu Championships in 2007 in Beijing, China where he qualified for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Wushu Tournament. He is the most decorated wushu athlete in the Pan American region winning a number of regional championships. In addition to being a martial arts coach in Brazil, Adriano has also coached national teams from Chile and Peru and at a number of Universities in the US. Anyone interested in enquiring more about wushu or opportunities to train in taolu or san da should contact Bermuda Sanshou Association at wushubermuda@gmail.com.



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

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Bermuda Rugby Football Union Highlights

Teachers Rugby Football Club has awarded a total of \$7,500 towards supporting the education of three young club members. Congratulations to Tyler Kendall, Corrie Cross, and Cerise Woodley for receiving the Teachers Rugby Football Club Scholarship.

Renegades Rugby Football Club organized a charity golf tournament to raise funds for

injured Bermuda Regiment soldier Private Ndayah Williams, who is a member of their team. The event took place on Saturday, September 12 at Turtle Hill golf club, with over fifty teams participating. The tournament was successful in raising over \$24,000.00 to assist with Private Williams medical expenses.

RIGHT: Organizers of the successful golf tournament from the Renegades Football Club



BELOW: Soldier Ndayah Williams returns to Bermuda



WELCOME
HOME
NDAVYAH!

Bermuda Cricket Board Highlights

The BCB is pleased to announce the winners of the BCB U11 Hiscox and U14 KPMG Summer Leagues—Cleveland County Cricket Club and Somerset Cricket Club. The BCB wishes to congratulate both teams and their clubs for making a dedicated effort to provide an avenue for their members to play cricket during the Covid-19 pandemic. We also take this time to congratulate all of the clubs that participated in both leagues.

The BCB congratulates the Southampton Rangers Sports Club, Warwick Workman's Club and Flatts Victoria Recreation Club on winning the BCB T20 Premier and First Divisions Championships of 2020 and look forward to a full season of matches in 2021. The BCB via the Cricket Committee

hosted and facilitated the first annual All-Star Classic (T20) on Saturday, September 12th at Somerset Bridge Recreation Club (White Hill Field). The intent of the All-Star Classic was to highlight the elite players in our leagues & promote community spirit.

The winners of each match in Premier and First Divisions were the President's XI over the Vice-President's XI. The BCB takes this time to congratulate all of the clubs and players who participated and the fans who came out to support this inaugural event. We also wish to thank the executive and staff of the Somerset Bridge Recreation Club for their first-class support as the host club of this event. We look forward to an even bigger and improved competition in 2021.



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Bermuda Netball Association Highlights

Winter League

Pending government Covid-19 approval the Bermuda Netball Association is working towards a target start date of **21st, November 2020**. Registration details will be released soon!

Email: bdanetball@hotmail.com to join our mailing list.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook: [@bdanetball](https://www.instagram.com/bdanetball)

LOOKING TO JOIN OR START A TEAM?

Email us—we will connect you with junior and senior teams or help you get started. **Need community service hours or interested in volunteering?** Contact us.



Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association Highlights

Educational Piece

Road Racing or Motocross, Do You Know the Difference?

If you aren't quite sure of the difference between "road racing" and "motocross," you aren't the only one. We've noticed a common trend in Bermuda. When discussing motorcycle racing, the term "motocross" tends to be used frequently, though this term is often used incorrectly for the separate sport of road racing. Here's the difference:

Motocross is the sport of racing motorcycles "off-road," on a dirt track with jumps and berms. Many types of "dirt bikes" are used, all of which have knobby tires fitted. Road Racing on the other hand is the sport of racing motorcycles on

paved "road" surfaces, usually on a closed-circuit but also possible on closed public roadways during special events. The bikes used in road racing range from pit bikes (with knobby tires swapped for smooth tires), scooters and GP bikes.

On island, both road racing and motocross events take place at the St. David's Motorsports Park with the tracks sitting opposite each other. The Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association's road racing series takes place over the summer from May to October annually and shares a track with the Bermuda Karting Club while the Bermuda Motocross Club runs from October to May annually and is based on the dirt track.





L to R: Robert Horton, Dante Leverock & Mark Wade



Southampton Rangers celebrating their win.



Southampton Rangers Captain M. Burch presented trophy from Premier David Burt & BFA President Mark Wade.

Bermuda Football Association Highlights

The Bermuda Football Association are pleased to announce that National Squad captain Dante' Leverock was presented with a Special Scholarship for one year from the BFA's Legend's Scholarship Selection Committee in the amount of \$5,000.00. The presentation was held at the Clyde Best Centre of Excellence on Wednesday, 9th September. The grateful Leverock was presented with the scholarship by BFA President Mark Wade and committee chair Robert Horton.

Mr. Leverock will be completing a Master's Degree in Education, specializing in Leadership & Development. Leverock is looking to continue his educational development as he said, "I have a passion for education and helping young people reach their goals. Combining education with professional sports has helped me gain a unique insight that I hope to pass onto the next generation."

Football made an exciting return in September with Southampton Rangers and North Village Rams competing for the Charity Cup. Southampton Rangers ran out 4-0 in an exciting game held at the National Sports Center in front of a boisterous crowd.

Bermuda Volleyball Highlights

The Bermuda Volleyball Association is happy to announce that their Junior National Teams have begun training for the upcoming 2020/21 school calendar year in September. Gary LeBlanc, the Junior National Team coach commented, "We are very excited to have started training after such a large break caused by COVID-19. We currently have about 110 girls and 45 boys participating in the program which shatters all previous participation records held by the association. We look forward to a very busy, but successful season."

Members of the junior male and female Junior National Teams practice under coach Gary LeBlanc.



Aeziah Divine – Motorcycle Racing *Ones to Watch*

10-year-old road racer, Aeziah Divine, is currently advancing his race career in the UK where he started racing in the MiniGP 50 race class in the 2020 FAB-Racing Minibike British Championships from July this year.

Aeziah is a graduate of the Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association's youth riding clinics, which he first joined in February 2016. He began road racing with the association in 2017 in the Minibike Junior race class on his PitsterPro 90cc pit bike. He won the class championship that year. In 2018, he trained and raced alongside a group of BMRA youth racers in California with race club M1GP.

He moved to England in late 2018 and was awarded a National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Programme bursary from the Department of Youth, Sport & Recreation in 2019 to assist him breaking into junior British minibike racing. In early 2020, he trained with KSB race academy in Fortuna, Spain as part of a pre-season testing trip with a group of racers from across Europe. He has been travelling across England for the past 4 months to complete his rookie season with races held bi-weekly until October. He is showing an abundance of potential, climbing from a race finish of P19 in Round 1 to P13 in Round 2. FAB-Racing is an official partner series to Bennetts British Superbikes (BSB) and is Aeziah's first official step on the Dorna "Road to MotoGP."



Tommy Marshall – Triathlon

Tommy Marshall's first foray into the sport of triathlon was during the Bermuda Iron Kids Tiny Tots at the age 5 and he immediately took to the sport which combined his love of running and cycling, as well as swimming in the sea. Throughout his development, Tommy has been Coached by top coaches Neil de St. Croix and Matt Valyo, which provided an excellent foundation in triathlon, learning beach starts and water exits, bike handling and transition skills. In the last year, he has enjoyed assisting at these triathlon camps and helping younger triathletes learn these skills.

Tommy has represented Bermuda at the Carifta Games Triathlon and Aquathlon Championships in 2018 and 2019, competing against top athletes from the Caribbean and learning about their training regimes. He gained 4th place in

both the Triathlon and Aquathlon races in Carifta Tobago in 2018 and a gold medal in the Aquathlon at Carifta Jamaica in 2019 to further cement his potential as a strong competitor. Following his solid performance in Jamaica, Tommy won all the Bermuda triathlons in his age group including the AON, AXA and Clarien Bank Iron Kids triathlons while also winning team in the Bank of Bermuda Foundation BTA mixed team relay which led him to being crowned Bermuda Triathlon Association 'Junior Male Triathlete of the Year'.

Having international triathletes such as Flora Duffy, Tyler Butterfield and Tyler Smith as Bermudian role models as well as promising young triathlete Nick Pilgrim to train and compete alongside, Tommy has been inspired to set his goals high. He has embarked on a more serious triathlon training regime

in the last 18 months and has competed in UK triathlon super sprint races. Tommy was grateful to have been awarded the Flora Fund in March 2020 which helped fund his participation this summer in the USA TAF Nationals triathlon skills training camp and a training programme with Coach Matt Valyo from USA TAF Racing Junior Triathlon Development Team.





2020 UPCOMING EVENTS



Bermuda Netball Association invites everyone to NETFIT Netball is hosting a continuous FREE 24-hour Live Broadcast, aimed at uniting all netballers from all around the globe.

24 HOUR LIVE NETBALL MARATHON

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 3PM (AEST)

via the NETFIT Netball Facebook Page

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