



Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation

# NEWSLETTER

THE COMPETITIVE EDGE ~ JUNE 2021



Trey Mallory, Ricky Mallory, Tariq Simons, James Finnigan and Gavin Manders  
 Not pictured, but traveling with team: Michael Wolfe (BLTA President).



Trey Mallory and Ricky Mallory.



Top row: Evan Heyliger, Lionel Bartley, Steve Bean, James Finnigan, Trey Mallory and Ricky Mallory  
 Bottom row: Tariq Simons, Ben Jones, SVB Coach and Gavin Manders.

## Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association Highlights

In preparation for the Davis Cup competition, the Bermuda team travelled to Tampa, Florida for a training camp at the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center, prior to traveling south. Due to covid-19 restrictions, teams were not allowed to arrive in Panama more than three days before the start of the tournament. Bermuda were drawn in Pool B in the Davis Cup competition, up against Costa Rica, Trinidad & Tobago and Honduras; in total,

there are two groups of four teams and one group of three teams.

Bermuda opened their campaign with a victory against Honduras on June 30. Richard Mallory defeated Keny Turcois in straight sets (7-6, 6-4) in the first match to get Bermuda off to a flying start. Honduras bounced back in the second match with Alejandro Obando Maldonado defeating Tariq Simons 6-1, 6-3. With the pressure on and Bermuda needing victory in the 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Rescheduled Davis Cup Americas Group III qualifying in Panama - June 30 - July 3

#### Team Bermuda

- Tariq Simons
- Trey Mallory
- James Finnigan
- Gavin Manders

#### Non-playing Captain

- Ricky Mallory

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NJASP recipient Szaine Williams.



Wushu training at Kai Yun Shaolin Academy.



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## Bermuda Lawn Tennis Highlights continued

match to complete an historical first victory against Honduras, Gavin Manders and James Finnigan defeated Ricardo Cooper Lau and Alejandro Obando Maldonado in doubles **6-1, 6-2**.

Bermuda continue play on July 1–2 against Costa Rica and Trinidad & Tobago respectively.

Nations finishing top of their group, as well as the best second-placed nation, will play-off for promotion to the World Group II Play-offs in 2022 on July 3.

## Bermuda Sanshou Association Highlights



Coach Stephanie and Nathan with Wing Lam Kung Fu School.

The second set of wushu development coaches spent half of February and March in Bermuda continuing with the coaching of the wushu development team as BSA push towards qualification at the 2026 Youth Olympics in Dakar, Senegal. Coaches Stephanie Lim and Nathan Andrus-Hughes from Elite Kungfu Academy in California spent time with associate schools Wing Lam Kung fu, Kai Yun Shaolin Academy and Aries Sports Center continuing with the initial training that was kicked off by Coach Adriano from Brazil during the last quarter of 2020. Coach Nathan typically started the training with the warm up consisting of taolu (forms) specific stretches and strengthening exercises while Coach Stephanie focused on technique execution and routine learning. The wushu development team along with other members of Wing Lam Kung fu School are now preparing for the 2021 International Kungfu Taiji Online Tournament which is sanctioned by the Pan American Wushu Federation (PAWF) and United States of America Wushu-Kungfu Federations, Inc. (USAWKF) and organized by the National Tai Chi Wellness Foundation.

One of Bermuda top female martial artists and Bermuda National Wushu team member Talia Iris finished 3rd in the 2021 China-Latin American and Caribbean Taijiquan Online Competition. The event, hosted by Chinese Wushu Association and organized by China Interactive Sports Technology Invention Co., Ltd. was officially sanctioned by wushu's international governing body International Wushu Federation (IWuF). Talia competed in the Traditional Sun Style Taijiquan category. This was the first IWuF sanctioned wushu event that has taken place since the 15th World Wushu Championships in Shanghai, China which Bermuda took part in October of 2019.

Bermuda youth wushu san da athlete Szaine Williams was awarded a National Junior Athlete Scholarship Program (**NJASP**) award to train at United Martial Arts Training Center (UMATC) in Lubbock, Texas. Szaine was a recipient of this prestigious award due to his numerous achievements in youth competition and the promise he has shown to carry the level of performance into the senior ranks.

## Gymnastics Federation of Bermuda Highlights

Welcome to gymnastics! It has been a different year with the Covid shutdowns, moving from online training to the gym but our gymnasts are stronger than ever before! Gymnastics has set up a structure where everyone can be part of the sport, regardless of age, level, and motivations. The non-competitive program is organized into different levels to teach the children the foundation they need, not only for gymnastics, but also for any other sport, and to have a healthier and active life (improving flexibility, strength, coordination, agility, spacial and air awareness).

We took the COVID gym closures as an opportunity to keep working with our gymnasts in a new and unique way by offering online training sessions with a focus on improving strength, flexibility, fundamental technique and mental

toughness, to all athletes. The coaches did a phenomenal job keeping the gymnasts motivated and focused during online training.

We have planted the seeds and are collecting the fruits of our labour. The gymnasts are stronger than ever before, and with the pit finally open at the National training center in St David's the athletes can attempt new and challenging skills in a safe and fun environment.

At the top level, Bermuda has a very promising team of young gymnasts that are preparing the skills needed to represent our country in the years to come.

With the regular season coming to an end the gymnast had an opportunity to showcase their talent and show their parents what they had be doing all year. We have included a few pictures.

As summer approaches the clubs have many exciting camp options for all, from Parkour, to Cheer, to weekly themed gymnastics camp. The gymnastics community encourages all children and athletes to participate in gymnastics. Our philosophy is to create a safe, fun platform where all kids can come and engage in a sport that will stimulate them physically, emotionally, and socially. It is a fun complimentary sport which can benefit all athletes and sports.

Check our website out at <https://gymfedbda.bm/>



## Bermuda Volleyball Association Highlights

Following the latest wave of COVID-19, the BVA is excited to be able to get back on the beach for beach volleyball! The Summer Beach league kicks off the week of June 28th with leagues running Monday through Friday nights from 6-8pm at Horseshoe Bay. We are hosting coed recreational leagues on Monday and Thursday nights, coed competitive leagues on Wednesday and Fridays and men's & women's 2-a-side league on Tuesdays. The BVA would like to extend a big thank-you to BDA Spirits for sponsoring beach volleyball again this year.

In addition to leagues, BVA have been able to get their National Beach Athletes back on the beach for training. Both of Bermuda's senior & junior beach athletes are already working hard in hopes of getting a shot at international competition this year.

The BVA is also pleased to be able to once again offer a series of beach volleyball tournaments over the summer. They will host coed tournaments on July 3 and Aug 7; and men's and women's tournaments on July 24 and Aug 21.

In compliance with Government guidance the BVA has worked diligently to ensure that all participants who are not fully vaccinated, test every 28-30 days.

The BVA are also proud to announce the recipients of this year's Junior Development Award: **Arima Turner, Ayshalay Simons, Imojen Judd and Raphael Rudolf**. Each of these individuals have been noted for their growth in skills, eagerness to improve and commitment to the sport and have all been recommended by their National Team coaches. The BVA is excited to support their training abroad and wish them all the best with their future endeavors within the sport. Congratulations!

Following the BVA's Bursaries, Junior Player, Natalie Gazzard was also awarded a bursary through the National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Program.



**Ayshalay Simons**



**Arima Turner**



**Raphael Rudolf**



**Imojen Judd**

### **BERMUDA VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION 2021 BURSARY AWARDEES**



## Bermuda Equestrian Federation Highlights

Whilst Bermuda's equestrian competitions have diminished due to the global pandemic and our local return to sport restrictions, Bermuda's Junior equestrians are clearly making their mark overseas. Please see brief reports and photos of BEF's following outstanding junior members: Robin Stempel, Kayla Bardgett, Cody Rego and Julia Slade

### ROBIN STEMPEL



Having secured the requisite qualifying scores, Robin Stempel is nearing her goal to represent Bermuda at the **2021 FEI North American Youth Championships to be held from 9th – 15th August in Traverse City, Michigan, USA**. During the weekend of 7th May, Stempel and her majestic dressage gelding, Rossano Royal 2 competed in the **DRESSAGE IN THE SANDHILLS** event held in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Stempel and Rossano Royal II secured commendable qualifying scores in all 3 of their Dressage Tests! This team earned a total score of 67.721% in the 2018 FEI Young Rider PSG Team Test and a total score of 66.029% in the 2018 FEI Young Riders Individual Test. In the FEI Young Riders Freestyle Test, this team was awarded an impressive, combined score of 69.125%. Stempel is currently training with Tami Batts of Friendship Farms, North Carolina. Batts has earned her USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals and is an "S" dressage judge. When in Bermuda Stempel trains with Bermuda National Dressage Coach, Angela Halloran-Smith. Robin has just completed her freshman year at High Point University in North Carolina.

### KAYLA BARDGETT



The Bermuda Equestrian Federation is delighted to advise that its nominated equestrian, Kayla Bardgett was presented with a Special Recognition Award from the Bermuda Government as an **"Outstanding Junior Athlete from the sport of Equestrian"**. Kayla was also the recipient of **Bermuda Governments 2021 National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Award**. Highlighting two of Kayla's many equestrian achievements to date are placing 1st in the Regional Category A (1.20m) division of the **2020 FEI Jumping World Challenge** and securing an extremely commendable 4th place in the OVERALL World Ranking for the Category A division. Kayla is currently training in South Carolina with well known clinician/trainer Wendy Arndt. Kayla will be competing at numerous USA competition. Most recently competed in Lexington, Kentucky in the 1.20m and 1.30m jumping division where she achieved a commendable 30th place out of 101 competitors!

**Below:** Congratulations to Julia Slade and Sur La Mer on successfully qualifying for the 2021 USHJA FINALS.



### CODY REGO



Cody and Asgard jumping for joy with success at Tryon Spring Series 1 and Series 2.

Bermuda's Cody Rego is continuing his fine performances with consistent success in USA equestrian competitions – on this occasion at the **2021 Tryon Spring Series held in North Carolina** – home to the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games. In Series 1, Cody and his mount Asgard secured a commendable 2nd place in the ASPCA Maclay 3'6" thus qualifying for the Maclay Regional/Final to be held later this year. Riding Achtung Baby in the Low Junior 1.20m division, this dynamic duo was declared CHAMPION of the division. Congratulations Cody on your achievements!

### JULIA SLADE

#### QUALIFIES FOR 2021 USHJA FINALS

Julia Slade and her own horse, Sur La Mer, have successfully qualified for the following **USHJA FINALS**, all of which will be held in the USA in October 2021.

**EMO Insurance USHJA 3'3" Jumping Finals**  
**EMO Insurance USHJA 3.3" Hunter Seat Medals**

**Hamel Foundation NHS 3'3" Equitation Championship.**

 Concacaf <b>WOMEN'S UNDER-20                  CHAMPIONSHIP</b>		<b>QUALIFIER                  DRAW RESULTS</b>	
<b>GROUP A</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>	<b>GROUP C</b>	<b>GROUP D</b>
Bermuda St. Vincent & the Grenadines Dominica US Virgin Islands	Cayman Islands Anguilla Martinique	St. Lucia Antigua & Barbuda Curaçao	Grenada Suriname Belize

### Referee Awards

The Bermuda Football Association held its annual Referee Awards during the Referee's Committee End of Season Social. The Awards are as follows:

**Assistant Referee of the Year:**

Amaury Majors

**Perseverance Award:**

Stefan Maybury

**Referee of the Year**

Dwight Jackson & Anthony Francis

### Bermuda Women's U20 National Team

On Thursday, June 23, 2021, the draw for the 2022 Concacaf Women's Under-20 Championship Qualifiers took place at Concacaf Headquarters. "The 2022 CWU20 will include the participation of 29 Member Associations split into three rounds: Qualifiers, Group Stage and Knockout Stage. The teams participating in the Qualifiers are as follows: Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Grenada, Saint Lucia, Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Suriname, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Curaçao, Dominica, Belize, Martinique, and US Virgin Islands. The teams in the Qualifiers will be split into four groups, with three groups consisting of three teams and one group consisting of four teams." The results of the Draw are as follows:

**Group A:**

Bermuda, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Dominica, US Virgin Islands

**Group B:**

Cayman Islands, Anguilla, Martinique

**Group C:**

St. Lucia, Antigua & Barbuda, Curacao

**Group D:**

Grenada, Suriname, Belize

"Round-robin play for the Qualifiers will take place in September 2021, with the winners of each group advancing directly to the Knockout Stage of the **2022 CWU20.**" The Bermuda U20 Women's are scheduled to play the US Virgin Islands on September 13. They will then play Dominica on September 15th, and finally St. Vincent & the Grenadines on September 17th.

### Gold Cup Prelims

Bermuda will play Barbados on Friday, July 2, 2021, at 8:00pm at the DRV PNK

Stadium in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The winner of the match will play the winner of the match between Haiti and St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the second round of the Preliminary Round. The second-round winner will advance to Group B of the Concacaf Gold Cup with USA, Canada, and Martinique. The SMNT squad for the Gold Cup Preliminary Round is as follows:

**Keishon Bean, Jomei Bean-Lindo, Detre Bell, Eusebio Blankendal, Willie Clemons, Dante Leverock, Quinaceo Hunt, Richard Jones Jr, Daren Usher, Zeiko Lewis, Jaylon Bather, Calon Minors, Lejaun Simmons, Reginald Lambe, Dale Eve, Roger Lee, Kole Hall, Luke Robinson, Jonte Smith, Justin Donawa, Kacy Butterfield, Kane Crichlow, Nahki Wells**



## Youth Futsal League

On Tuesday, June 22, Footy Promotions held the Youth Futsal league draft via Zoom. Earlier this month the BFA, Player Development Committee announced the sponsorship of the event in May 2021. During the presentation, Footy promotion unveiled their new jerseys and footballs with the BFA logo on them. The draft for the 8-11 year olds and 12-14 year olds can be found below as well as the presentation of the footballs and jerseys. The Footy Promotions Youth Futsal League begins on Sunday, June 27, at the National Sports Centre Hockey Pitch from 4:00pm-7:00pm. The Youth Leagues game will be held every Sunday until August 22nd. For more information visit <http://footypromo.com>



## Bermuda National Athletics Association Highlights

The Bermuda National Track & Field Championships, are due to be held **Friday July 9th @ 5:30pm and Saturday July 10th @ 6:00pm**. COVID-19 protocols will be adhered to.

The National Championships are required to be held annually by International Federation World Athletics (WA), but due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions, most countries were given a bye last year.

There will be three components to this year's Championships. Friday evening will focus on our young athletes aged U10, U12 & U15 consisting of all athletic and track events. During this event, we will have an Open 1-mile event for all the youth age groups.

The second component, "**Carifta 2020: Our Vision**". This segment will begin at 4:00p.m. on Saturday, July 10th. After many hours of planning and organizing, the LOC believed it would be remiss of us to not showcase some of the efforts of the committee and the athletes who have been preparing over the past two years. In lieu of this, they have decided to put together (in pictures and videos) a story to share with all of Bermuda, the journey of preparing for the Games. BNAA will be having a small ceremony honoring sponsors, past Carifta athletes, volunteers, officials and current athletes in the Carifta

uniforms, providing a visual of what the Carifta Games 2020 would have looked like with all of the marketing paraphernalia decorating the National Sports Centre.

This event will begin with a baton relay consisting of past Carifta athletes beginning at Stevedoring and finishing at the NSC with former Olympian and Carifta athlete, Mr. Brian Wellman. They will then be presented with a commemorative Carifta medal. BNAA will also be honoring two of their Elite athletes; Jah-Nhai Perinchief who placed 2nd in the 2021 NCAA athletic championships in triple jump and Tyrone Smith (Bermuda's current National Record Holder in Long Jump) who has represented Bermuda for several years in various international events, including three Olympic Games. He will be retiring from the sport this year. Both of these athletes are aiming to reach the qualifying standards to represent Bermuda at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics and will be competing in our local Championships. We will also be honouring our sponsors by presenting them with commemorative Carifta medals. The LOC contributed two years of intense preparation for these Games and they will also be presented with commemorative medals for all of their hard work and will receive their Carifta uniforms.

The weekend will culminate on Saturday, July 10th with the final component, the

Senior National Championships (U17, U20 and Open divisions) beginning at 6:00 pm. BNAA are excited that several of our overseas and elite athletes will be featured **Jah-Nhai Perinchief, Tyrone Smith, Caitlyn Bobb, Nathan Armstrong, Sanaa Rae Morris, Nirobi Smith-Mills, Sakari Famous, Dage Minors, Suresh Black, Taahira Butterfield** plus several of our local athletes. We will be featuring several of our well-known road racers in the distance events and **Lamont Marshall** competing in the Steeplechase. We will also be inviting **20 overseas athletes** to compete with the aim of enhancing the level of competition for our Elite athletes.

This has been a difficult year and a half for our country and our hope is to close out the Track & Field season with a memorable event. We hope that you will come out and support this event.



# 2021 UPCOMING EVENTS



**BVA Coed Beach Tournament**  
*(Please see poster below)*



**BNAA Nationals**

## 2021 BDA Spirits Coed Beach Tournament



SATURDAY, JULY 3 | HORSESHOE BAY | 10AM TO 3PM

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JUNE 25TH AT MIDNIGHT

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