

Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation NEWSLETTER

THE COMPETITIVE EDGE ~ JULY 2023

Elite Athlete Sponsorship Recipients



Minister of Youth, Culture and Sport, Sen. Owen Darrell said, "The Government is fully committed to developing our well-known athletes and those in the younger ranks who are showing great potential to become the next generation of international athletes. To fulfil this commitment, the Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sport has introduced the Elite Athlete Sponsorship, designed to assist high-performing Bermudian athletes

who exhibit dedication, promise and achievements in their respective sports. This funding support aims to help athletes reach elite standards to represent Bermuda at major international events. Those who received awards include:

Dage Minors - Track and field
Erica Hawley - Triathlon
Tyler Smith - Triathlon

Liam Flannery - Cycling
Jessica Lewis - Para Track and Field
Jyire Mitchell - Motocross
David Maycock - Bowling
Lamar Richardson - Bowling
Yushae DeSiva-Andrade - Boccia
Jediah Cumbermack - Motor Racing
Nicholas Pilgrim - Triathlon







Congratulations

Bermuda Amateur Swimming Association

Bermuda swimmers Emma Harvey, Jack Harvey, Madelyn Moore and Benedict Parfit travelled to San Salvador, El Salvador for the CAC Games during the last week of June 2023. The Games got off to a great start with Emma Harvey winning Bermuda's first medal over the almost month-long competition. Harvey captured a silver medal in the Women's 50 Backstroke 'A' Final, while Madelyn Moore finished in fourth place, just narrowly missing out on the podium. Harvey broke her own National Record in prelims that morning in a time of 28.75. She went on to finish fourth in the Women's 100M Backstroke 'A' Final on Day 2, finishing with a time of 1:02.74.

The following day brought all four Bermuda swimmers back to the pool with both Moore and Harvey competing in the Women's 100M Freestyle 'A' Final, with

Harvey finishing 5th and Moore finishing 8th. Jack Harvey swam in the Men's 100 Backstroke 'A' Final that evening, finishing in 7th place. Benedict Parfit finished in 13th in the Men's 50M Butterfly 'B' Final. Tuesday brought Jack Harvey to the Men's 200 Backstroke 'A' Final, where he finished in 8th place, while sister Emma again narrowly missed the podium in the Women's 100M Butterfly 'A' final.

Benedict Parfit also competed in the Men's 50M Breaststroke 'B' Final that evening, finishing in 8th place. The following evening saw Jack Harvey also finished 8th place in the Men's 50M Backstroke 'A' final. The final night of competition brought great success to Team Bermuda as Emma Harvey picked up her second medal of the games capturing the Bronze Medal in the women's 50M Butterfly 'A' Final. Madelyn Moore went on to take Bermuda's third

swimming medal in the Women's 50M Freestyle 'A' final where she captured a Silver Medal, with Emma Harvey finishing in 5th place.

The competition brought great results outlined below:

Benedict Parfit – swam in 3 'B' finals and achieved personal bests in all 3 races

Jack Harvey – swam in 3 'A' finals, broke one National record and achieved 1 Pan Am Games 'A' Cut time

Madelyn Moore – one silver medal, swam in 4 'A' finals and achieved 1 Pan Am Games 'A' Cut time

Emma Harvey – one silver and one bronze medal, swam in 6 'A' finals and finished top five in all races, broke 2 National records and achieved 4 Pan Am Games 'A' Cut times



Above: CAC team (coach Ben Smith, Madelyn Moore, Emma Harvey, Benedict Parfit)
Inset: Madelyn Moore and Emma Harvey



Above: Bermuda Cricket Board - Summer Camp
Inset: Arnold Manders - ICC Conference



Bermuda Cricket Board

The Executive of the Bermuda Cricket Board is buzzing with excitement as the BCB has announced their partnership renewal with Athene Life Re. as the title sponsor of the 2023 Athene T20 Men's Cricket League. They plan to continue to support the T20 League in preparation for the inaugural year of the Bermuda Premier League and the ICC Americas Men's T20 World Cup Final.

BCB President Arnold Manders and Executive Director Calvin Blankendal attended the annual ICC Conference from July 10 to July 13 in Durban, South Africa.

In an effort to become more sustainable on and off the field, the BCB has partnered up with Keep Bermuda Beautiful (KBB) to help reach their goal of reducing waste by encouraging clubs, players, vendors and spectators to recycle and prevent litter at the Bermuda Premier League (BPL) and International Cricket Council (ICC) America's Men's T20 World Cup Final in September – October. To achieve their goal of having a clean and safe facility, the BCB will be introducing a waste management plan for the 2024 cricket season.

The BCB is also pleased to announce the travelling team that will compete in the Under 19 Men's National Team for the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup Americas Qualifier in Canada from August 11 – 18. The U19's will be playing against Canada, USA, and Argentina.

In addition, the HOWZAT! Action Cricket Summer Camp which started on July 3 is wrapping up after four weeks of cricket skills, drills and other fun activities. The annual camp, sponsored by AXIS, run by BCB Vice President and Development Chair Ms. Kellie Smith, gave children (male and female) between the ages 7-13 the opportunity to be coached by Senior Men's National Team players Delray Rawlins and Kamau Leverock.



Bermuda Karate Federation

BKF are thrilled to share the remarkable achievements and celebrated moments from the recently concluded 2nd Annual Shotocup Awards. This grand event, hosted by the Bermuda Karate Federation, took place at the prestigious Royal Hamilton Dinghy Club, bringing together the local karate community for an unforgettable evening of recognition and appreciation.

The Shotocup Awards served as a platform to honour the extraordinary karate athletes who showcased exceptional dedication, talent, and sportsmanship throughout the 2022/2023 Coral League season. We are proud to announce that all the esteemed athletes recognized and honoured during the event are proud members of the Bermuda Karate Federation.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the coveted Director's Awards, honouring twenty outstanding individuals who met the stringent criteria set forth by the Shotocup committee. Each recipient had either competed in three or more Shotocup events or achieved a remarkable score of 100 or more in the Shotocup rankings. We commend the following recipients for their outstanding achievements:

- Alessia Vianello
- Amarriah Vaughans
- Chan Simons
- Charles Issa Ndiaye
- Dash Bailey
- Dominique Brown
- Geraldine Sidders
- Giovanni Vianello
- Khwai Mendoza
- Marleigh Williams
- Marsille Williams
- Michael Burgess
- Miguel Bolarinho
- Noah Lowe
- Talaya Sousa
- Talia Iris
- Taylor Ming
- T'orie Russell
- Toni Cabral
- Vincent Lightbourne

Furthermore, the event paid tribute to the dedicated volunteers who played an integral role in the success of the Coral League season. Their unwavering commitment and selfless efforts were acknowledged with special service awards.

The evening concluded with the presentation of top honours, recognizing exceptional individuals in various categories. Gladwin "Roots" Phillips was awarded Coach of the Year, while the Athlete of the Year accolades were bestowed upon the following remarkable individuals:

Adult Male Athlete of the Year: Tony Cabral

Adult Female Athlete of the Year: Talia Iris

Youth Male Athlete of the Year: Michael Burgess

Youth Female Athlete of the Year: Geraldine Sidders

Michael Burgess, in addition to his extraordinary achievements, earned the highest ranking on the point chart, further showcasing his remarkable skills.

We were honoured to have esteemed guests, including Jr. Minister for Sport Kim Swan, MP Renee Ming, and the Honorable Michael Weeks JP, MP, Minister of National Security, gracing the event. Minister Weeks presented the Community Award to Charles Butterfield, recognizing his commendable efforts in fostering unity within the karate community through kindness and collaboration.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Bermuda Karate Federation, the Shotocup committee, and all the dedicated athletes and volunteers for making the 2nd Annual Shotocup Awards an immense success. Together, we celebrate the growth and progress of karate in Bermuda and look forward to an even brighter future for our local karate athletes.

For more information on upcoming events and competitions within the Coral League season and the Bermuda Karate Federation, we invite you to visit the official Shotocup website at www.shotocup.com and the Bermuda Karate Federation website at www.bermudakarate.com.



Talia Iris



TOP: Nick Pilgrim at Americas Triathlon Cup 2023 **INSET:** Nick Pilgrim at Americas Triathlon Cup 2023 Long Beach

Bermuda Triathlon Association

Erica triumphant in Montreal

On July 8th, Erica Hawley put in an outstanding performance to win her first elite race at the Americas Triathlon Cup, Montreal. The Bermudian completed the event in a time of 58:15, beating elite athletes from Canada, the United States, Chile, Japan, Mexico, and New Zealand. She commented after the race, "It's not every day you get to break the tape and hear 'Hail to Bermuda' in the medal ceremony. I will cherish this moment!"

Tyler Smith started the month racing in the World Triathlon Cup in Tiszauvaros, Hungary, where he made it through the repechage and into the final. He then headed to the Alps to race in the Bundesliga Schliersee in Germany. On his "favourite course to date" Tyler finished 14th amongst the elite field.

Following his success on home soil, Nick Pilgrim has also had a busy month overseas. Nick competed in a World Triathlon Continental Cup event in Long Beach, California as well as proudly representing Bermuda in the CAC Games in San Salvador.

Marie Lynn Dore competed in the inaugural Ironman Penn State 70.3 event on the 2nd of July and was 4th female overall and 1st in her age group.

Island Games success

Congratulations go out to the Island Games team who put in some impressive performances in Guernsey this month. Elizabeth

Brewin finished 9th and Meghan Diel 12th in the women's division, with Will Green finishing 16th in the men's event. Unfortunately, Christopher Hands-Jackson picked up a last-minute injury and was unable to race.

National Champions

Back in Bermuda, Ashley Couper and Nicholas Pilgrim were crowned as the 2023 Liberty Mutual Bermuda National Sprint Triathlon Champions. Nicholas Pilgrim put in a commanding display, leading the race from start to finish, crossing the line in a time of 57:51. Fourteen-year-old Jackson Langley delivered an exceptional performance coming in second in a time of 1:02:27, followed by Philip Mace in third in 1:03:27. In the women's race, Ashley Couper was triumphant in a winning time of 1:08:12 closely followed by Maddie Durkin 19 seconds later. Karen Smith rounded out the top three in a time of 1:09:55. Over 100 triathletes took to the streets and harbour of Hamilton, with impressive performances in both the junior, team and senior individual events.

Triathlon Camp

Over 30 juniors aged from 7 to 16 took part in a week-long camp at the beginning of July practicing their swimming, biking and running as well as their transitions. Bermuda's juniors showed off what they had learnt on the final morning, racing each other individually and in teams. New skills were gained and new friendships were made!



Yushae DeSilva-Andrade and Omar Hayward

Boccia Bermuda

2023 has been a very successful year for our Boccia athletes who have produced outstanding results.

Yushae Desilva-Andrade and Omar Hayward competed in the Montreal World Boccia Cup in April, joining athletes from 25 countries. Yushae won the silver medal, narrowly losing the gold medal match against world #2 Yee Ting Jeralyn Tan from Singapore 5-3. Despite the loss, she proved that she can compete with the world's best. Unfortunately, Omar did not progress past the pool stage, narrowly losing by a single point 4-3 to the world number 10 which knocked him out.

Yushae and Omar also competed in the Santiago World Boccia Challenger in June, winning the silver medal in their respective divisions. Both athletes went through the competition undefeated until they were finally defeated in the gold medal match. Yushae played World #7 Ailen Flores from Argentina, losing a tight match 5-3 and Omar lost 9-0 to world #8 Eduardo Sanchez from Mexico. Both players had impressive victories throughout the competition beating competitors from much larger countries such as Canada, Brazil and Argentina.

Due to their excellent results this year, both athletes have qualified for the Para-

Pan American Games in November and are looking forward to returning to Chile alongside Bermudian teammate and track athlete Jessica Lewis for this major multi-sport event. They will also be competing in the Fortaleza Boccia World Cup in Brazil in September. These two competitions will be the final chance for our athletes to gain valuable world ranking points which will contribute towards qualification for the 2024 Paralympics.

WORLD RANKINGS

Omar has moved up 6 places in the world ranking from 27th to 21st and Yushae is ranked 8th.

National Archery Association of Bermuda

CAC Games, World Youth Championships and Island Games

July 2023 was a busy month scheduled for our athletes. Some events were a success however one event the team was unable to compete.

Camerin Pickering and Coach Ross Roberts left Bermuda on 28th of June for the CAC Games, being held in San Salvador. Camerin was scheduled to shoot in the Men's Individual Recurve 70m event (72 arrows scored out of 720). Unfortunately due to weather in the US, the flight from Bermuda was delayed which impacted their arrival in Newark, New Jersey for their connection to El Salvador. Due to the many cancelled flights out of Newark and New York, the archer and coach were not able to get a new flight out on time to make the event on 2 July 2022. This was disappointing as these games were an opportunity to obtain a spot for the upcoming Pan American Games. Coach Ross said, "Yes, it was disappointing however it was out of our control. While we were unable to attend the Games we took advance of our time waiting for a rescheduled flight by training at a local range. All was not lost."

Jaydon Roberts and Robin Selley arrived in Limerick, Ireland for the World Archery Youth Championships on 1st of July with their Coach Trina Roberts with some disruption. While Robin was without her archery equipment for two days, it arrived just in time for the Official Practice. The two juniors did their best to settle



Camerin Pickering



Bernard Wade III

in, and overall shot well under the weather conditions of wind which at times was 30 knots, consistent rain and temperatures of 45 degrees Fahrenheit. In the Men's Recurve U-21 70m event, Jaydon shot a Personal Best of 619 out of 720 and finished 43rd out of 87 archers. In the Women's Recurve U-21 70m event, Robin Selley shot 536 out of 720 and finished 66th out of 72 archers. Coach Trina said, "We are so pleased with the performances of these two archers despite the conditions. While we do train in Bermuda in the rain at times, this was no comparison. The two were troopers and battled through."

In the team event, the pair finished 28th out of 32 teams.

Bernard Wade III and Robert O'Connor arrived in Guernsey, Channel Islands for the NatWest Island Games on 7th of July with Coach Paul Harshaw. The archers were exposed to some wind gust up to 22 knots, temperatures between 60 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit with the occasional rain shower. In the 1440 Men's Recurve Individual event, which is 36 arrows at 90m, 36 arrows at 70m, 36 arrows at 50m and 36 arrows at 30m, Bernard finished 2nd out of 30 archers and won the Silver Medal for Bermuda with a score of 1193. Robert O'Connor finished 30th with a score of 695.



Robin Selley

The next event was the Men's Individual 720 which is 72 arrows at 70m. Bernard finished 2nd out of 30 archers with a score of 577. Robert O'Connor finished 28th with a score of 394. The two then went on to shoot the Head to Head Rounds where Robert O'Connor was knockout in Round 32. Bernard finished 3rd and Bermuda received a Bronze medal in this event. Coach Paul said, "The last time Bermuda competed in the Island Games for Archery was June 2017 when the mixed team of Bernard Wade III and Tiffany Slaton finished second. Once again Bermuda has performed well in the event to come away with two individual medals."

Great month of competition and training for our archers.

Pickleball Association of Bermuda

In the Kitchen

What's New

Training & Certification

The PAB extends congratulations to Ryan Outerbridge, who has achieved his Pickleball Coaching International Level 1 coaching certification, with honours!




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With Pickleball Pro, Sarah Ansboury

FEE PER PERSON

\$500*

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SEPT 30 AND/OR OCT 1 2023

* FEE INCLUDES PPR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND COURSE FEE COSTS

The course is online and in person. You will get access to the online study guide and information within 48 hours of receipt of payment. The in-person portion will be held over the weekend of Sept 30th at W.E.R. Joell Tennis Stadium. All course info can be found on <https://pprpickleball.org>.

Coach Certification and Training Opportunities

The PAB is working with Sarah Ansboury, 5.5 tennis player, USPTA teacher and NCAA, to locally certify coaches and offer clinics in late September. Sarah delivers the PPR coach certification, which is one of several internationally recognised programmes. She would come to the island for 3-5 days, run the certification programme and run several community clinics to level-up local play. Details are being worked out now, including timing and permit processes. Tennis coaches, club managers and professionals will be invited to certify as pickleball coaches.

Registration of interest can be logged at <https://www.pabermuda.com/training/ppr-coach-certificate>.

- PPR and the USPTA Pickleball are US-based certifications.
- International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association, which is international.
- NCCP/Pickleball Association of Canada, which is Canada's national equivalent.

Programme Updates

Commercial league

The inaugural event of the Commercial Pickleball League play has come to an end with the winners to be announced at the presentation on Saturday, July 29. The 2023 league ran from May – July with 14 teams from the corporate world. 123 players were registered to play in this very successful event. The next commercial league play will commence in May of 2024. Email pabermuda@gmail.com for more information on next year's league.

PAB Mixers at WER Joell Tennis Stadium

Members of the public continue to engage in the mixers' play. The mixers are over-subscribed (Saturday sessions are completely full. Court Reserve is in the process of being updated to accommodate group sign-ups to make the process of organizing group play easier.

There is a discussion with the community group players about introducing some tournament play and encouraging the community players to register on DUPR to begin to establish their ratings. For an example of the pickleball skill levels and rating system, go to: <https://thepicklesports.com/pickleball-skill-levels-and-the-rating-system/>. Email pabermuda@gmail.com for more info.

Kitchen Table Talk

2023 Membership levels

As at July 28, the PAB had 170 members (June 23: 168; May 31:151 members).

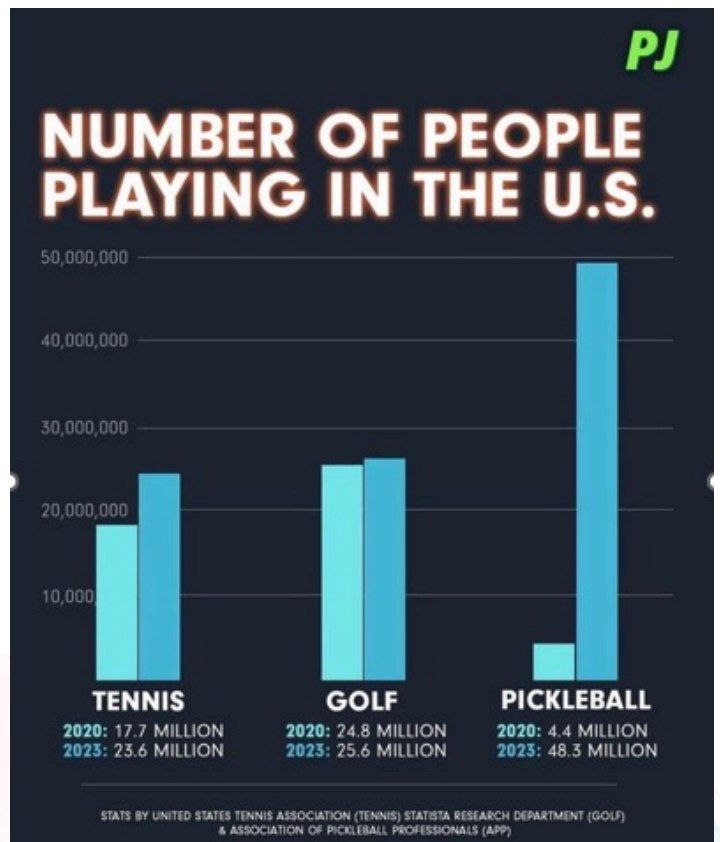
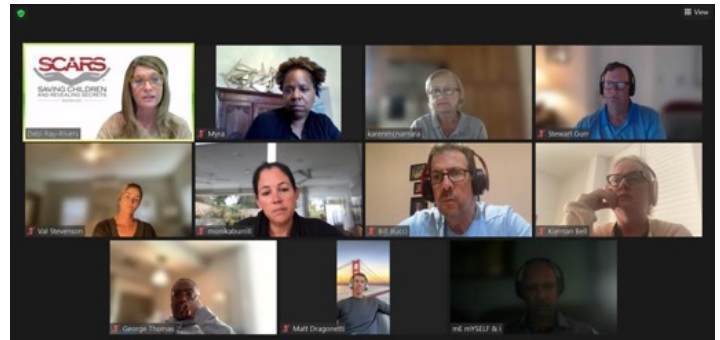
WER Joell Tennis Stadium

Court usage rates are as high as an indicator of uptake. Booking details to be reported when received.

SCARS Training – Respectful Sport

10 PAB members and players earned their SCARS certification, which increases the enables the PAB to meet standards of excellence in terms of protecting children participating in sport.

On the World Stage





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