

# Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation NEVSLETER THE COMPETITIVE EDGE ~ NOVEMBER 2022

#### **Bermuda Football Association**



BFA Continues to Honour Gregory Grimes—The 2022 U-13 Gregory Grimes Tournament was another success. The late Gregory Grimes was a pillar in the community and a long-serving member of the BFA Executive for over 20 years. He wore many hats, including BFA's Second Vice President, Referee, FIFA trained Referee Instructor and Match Commissioner.

#### **Gregory Grimes Tournament 2022**

Additionally, he was the Chairman of multiple standing committees at BFA, the Head of Delegation on international trips, and Bermudian representative at CFU, CONCACAF and FIFA Congress.

The U13 Gregory Grimes Finals were held at the Clyde Best Centre of Excellence on Thursday, November 10th. The 'B' Division match featured Dandy Town versus North Village Whites. Dandy Town scored in the first half thanks to a long-range free kick by Amai Harvey and a second goal by Ayize Broadley in the second half when he poked home the ball after a goal-mouth scramble. As a result, Dandy Town Hornets were crowned 'B' Division Champions. The MVP was Dandy Town player R'Zanee Evans-Waldron. The 'A' Division final

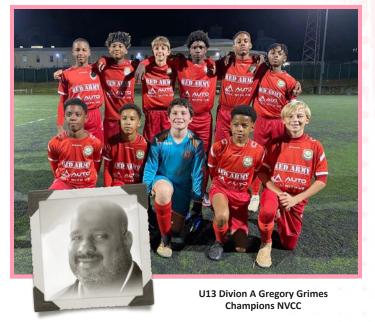


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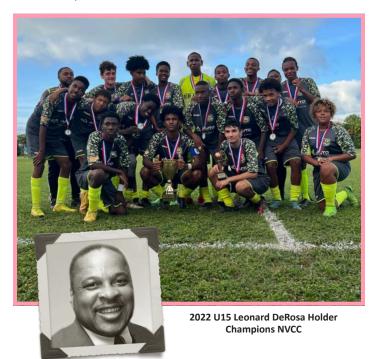




U13 Divion B Gregory Grimes Champions Dandy Town

Rams for becoming the Leonard Holder DeRosa Tournament 2022

featured North Village Reds versus FC Bascome Blues. North Village defeated FC Bascome Blue 2-0, thanks to goals from Norico Furbert and Jason Dixon-DaSilva, making them the A Gregory Grimes 'A' Division Champions. Despite the outcome, Malik Paynter of North Village Reds and Carter Thomas of FC Bascome were both awarded MVP of the match. The Bermuda Football Association is proud of all the teams and players involved, as their participation allows the BFA to keep Gregory Grimes's legacy alive. Congratulations again to our Gregory Grimes Tournament 2022 Champions.



#### Leonard DeRosa Holder Tournament

November 11, 2022, North Village Rams defeat Somerset Trojans at the Leonard DeRosa Holder 2022 Tournament—Join the Bermuda Football Association as we congratulate the North Village Champions. The late Leonard Holder DeRosa or affectionately known as Mr. Lee Holder, Lee or Holder, served Bermuda football in many capacities, such as BFA Executive, BFA Disciplinary Prosecutor, and BFA Chairman of the Referee Committee, Club Development, Physical Infrastructure Committee, Safety and Security, and Leagues Committee. Moreso, Mr. Lee Holder, was a member of the Technical Committee and a Referee between 2010 – 2014, where he enjoyed officiating matches. Lastly, he was a player, coach, and administrator of the Devonshire Colts Club, and we are glad to have someone like Mr. Lee who laid the foundation for success.

North Village Rams played against Somerset Trojans at the Devonshire Recreational Club, where they found themselves taking an early lead thanks to Tiago Correira and a goal by Daeshun Landy scored in the 27th minute. Although Somerset Trojans' pulled a goal back through Michael Tear-Deleon, the final whistle was blown and the North Village Rams' were victorious with a final score of 2-1. The BFA is proud to uphold the legacy of Mr. Lee through this annual tournament and we are proud of all the players involved.

#### **Dudley Eve Tournament 2022**

The 2022 Dudley Eve Tournament has new champions—On November 11, 2022, Somerset Trojans became the 2022 Dudley Eve Champions! The late Alfred 'Dudley' Tucker Eve Sr. was an active member of Bermuda Sports as a cricketer but more so as a footballer who created the island's first integrated football league, now known as the Bermuda Football Association. Mr. Eve is also responsible for jump-starting the careers of many of our Bermudian athletes; his organizational skills in football and is commonly known as "the Gentle Giant". His involvement with Bermuda football has left a long-standing legacy, which has allowed our community to celebrate him via the naming of Dudley Eve Park in 2021. The park, which rests on the corner of Dundonald Street and Court Street, features a mural by artist Alshante Foggo. Mr. Eve was inducted in the Bermuda Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

The 2022 Dudley Eve Finals saw a well-fought game between Somerset Trojans and Devonshire Cougars. Still, Jaz Rattery's goal in the 38th minute from the penalty spot, Khairi Joyiens goal in the 69th minute, and an additional goal from Deandre Wainwright's helped the Trojans to build a 3-0 lead. Despite

**International Day of the Girl** 

Cougars goals from Domico Coddington in the 81st minute and Demetre Daniel during the 5th minute of stoppage time, the final whistle blew and the Somerset Trojans were crowded the Dudley Eve Champions. The Bermuda Football Association is proud to see the Dudley Eve Tournament be a significant continuous staple in the Bermuda Football community, and congratulations again to Somerset Trojans.

United Nations International Day of the Girl

U.N. International Day of the Girl celebrates its 10th Anniversary— Sunday, November 20, 2022, was the official kick-off to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the U.N. International Day of the Girl at a free girls-only event held on North Field at the Bermuda National Sports Center. The Bermuda Football Association's Women's Committee was proud to play a part in the event's overall goal to introduce girls to sports and simultaneously learn about the challenges our young girls face locally and globally. The committee has always advocated for women and girls strides and achievements and strongly supported them through football. The BFA applauds the Women's Committee for their integral role at the International Day of the Girl event by teaching our young girls and their guardians the art of football for a bigger purpose, and for always advocating for our young girls in Bermuda football.

#### **Natasha Continues to Break Barriers**

Natasha Trott was honored by the Bermudian Olympic Association at the Women in Formation event—Natasha Trott is known for breaking barriers not only as a Bermudian in sports, but, more importantly, as a Bermudian woman in Sports as an International Football Referee. Natasha is the first-ever female listed FIFA Referee, and her talents have allowed her to officiate on the world stage as the first Bermudian female to referee at the Under U14, U15, U17 and U20s Women's World Cup Concacaf Tournament. Therefore, it was no surprise to the BFA when she



United Nations International Day of the Girl

was called to be a special guest for the Women in Formation event hosted by the Bermuda Olympic Association to highlight women in sports in Bermuda. The Bermuda Football Association is proud of Natasha for creating a career that allows her to share her journey and offer support, encouragement, and inspiration to women overall and in sports.



#### **Bermuda National Athletics Association**

The Bermuda National Athletics Association is proud and excited to announce the Telford Electric National Cross-Country National Championships. The event will feature races in the following categories: **Under10 years**, **U12**, **U14**, **U17**, **U20**, **Open**, **Masters**, and **Senior categories**.

Athletes featured include Solae Goater, Yara Muhammad, and Ava Clarke-Trott who are vying for the title of U10 girls' Telford Electric National Cross-Country National Championships. While Liam Horrobin, Adrian Myers, and Matthew Hoey will challenge in the U10 boys' field for the title.

In the U12 divisions, Riana Robinson, Sukanya Jobson, and Elena Bortoli have their eyes focused on gaining the Telford championship title. In the boys' division, Ronan Davidge, Shane Reardon, As'ad Muhammad are contending to end the undefeated streak of Chavi Pacheco.

U14 girls will be an exciting race as Saniya Place, Azari Jones, Aria Mosquera, Antoinette Barry, Amaris Munya, and Kelise Wade are all considered to be front runners for the title of Telford Electric National Cross-Country National Championships. U14 boys' field is led by Cameron Adkins who is currently undefeated in crosscountry but athletes like Tobiah Goodchild, Luca Bortoli, and Sanchez Smith have plans to put up a challenge for the Telford title.

U17 young ladies will feature Jaeda Grant, Fenella Wightman, and Daria Desmond; they will be challenging each other while running the three-mile course to be crowned Telford Cross-Country Championship. AJ Harkness, Khari Sharrieff, Aaron Lugo, and Max Reid are expected to battle for the Telford title in the U17 division. U20 division will be missing stars in both divisions as J'Auza James and Shayla Cann will not be competing as they will be taking the SAT test, as a result, these divisions are expected to be wide open and excitingly competitive with athletes like Jayson Simons, Jyier Barnett and Jake Brisbane challenging for the Telford Electric title.

As always we have our open and senior divisions which we expect to be competitive and exciting as athletes Mike Rickards, Tony Riker, Donna-Mae Arorash, Edwina Arorash, Zina Jones, Florence Sharpe, Sean Kelly, Marcello Ausenda, Gavin Simmons, Philip Woolins, Richard Howells, Rose-Anna Hoey, Rebecca Shepard, Wentworth Tucker, Darryl Herrick, Michael Toyer, Mairi Redmond, Jennie Kelly, and Laurie Orchard are some of the participants expected to be strong candidates to run away with the Telford title.

Through the support of the Bermuda Tourism Authority, BNAA has been able to add an additional feature to the Telford Cross-Country Championship with the introduction of American Secondary School Athletes which we are calling the Bermuda Challenge!

The challenge is an invitational for American Secondary School Athletes. Their addition to this field will help to bring out stellar performances of all of the local athletes.

The Telford Electric National Cross-Country Championships will be held at the beautiful Botanical Gardens on Saturday December 3rd, with the first race starting at 8:30 am. The event is free of charge and open to the public. The BNAA is inviting everyone to come and support our athletes and wishes to express a heartfelt thanks to the title sponsor for the event Telford Electric.

### Bermuda Sailing Association

**Optimist North American Championships** 

The final major event of the year for the Bermuda Optimist sailors was in Nassau, Bahamas. The team was made up of six sailors: Shiloh Cruickshank, Trystan Hocking, Dylan Menzies, Nina Gotfredson, Ollie Soares and Miguel Power.

With 155 competitors competing over 10 races, Shiloh Cruickshank managed a Silver fleet podium finish with his 54th, followed closely by Miguel Power in 58th and Trystan Hocking in 66th. Ollie Soares (85th) and Nina Gotfredson (97th) rounded out the Silver fleet results with Dylan Menzies finishing 121st in the Bronze fleet. With a relatively young team there is lots of potential to move up the leader board in the future.

These sailors will be competing against their compatriots at the Bermuda Nationals December 4th to 6th.



Bermuda Team: Shiloh Cruickshank, Trystan Hocking, Dylan Menzies, Nina Gotfredson, Ollie Soares and Miguel Power

#### **Bermuda Equestrian Federation**



2022 Carribean Equestrian Regional Jumping Challenge competitors L to R: Logan Flood riding Storm Watch, Stephanie Kempe riding Good as Gold and Caitlin Neijmeijer riding Helsinki Van Heffinck

2022 Caribbean Equestrian Regional Jumping Challenge The BEF recently hosted the 2022 CEA Regional Jumping Challenge and the CEA Mini Jumping Challenge on the 19th and 20th of November. These annual jumping competitions provide an opportunity for riders of all ages to measure their skills against other Caribbean rider without the need to travel overseas. Rather, riders compete in their own countries over pre-determined jumping courses and various heights. The top scores from three of the four divisions determine the county's team. Bermuda jumping competitors now await the results to see where they have placed overall. Such results will be determined once the remaining Caribbean countries have had an opportunity to complete their jumping competitions. Countries have until the end of the year to host such events. As such, the overall team and individual results will be announced in early 2023. Judging the Bermuda round was FEI Level 1 Judge, Pamela Mahoney of Bermuda. Also in attendance was the President of the Caribbean Equestrian Association, Heidi Shelley Mello also of Bermuda.

#### The 2022 Bermuda Team:

Logan Flood riding: Storm Watch

Height: .75m

Caitlin Neijmeijer riding: Helsinki Van Heffinck

Height: .85m

Stephanie Kemp riding: Good as Gold Height: 1.05m

**Bermuda Triathlon Association** 



Dame Flora Duffy Winning in Abu Dhabi

**Flora Duffy –Wins WTS and Fourth World Triathlon Title** – Flora Duffy won a second World Triathlon Championship Series Bermuda Gold in Hamilton in a time of 2:01:26 and she took victory at the World Triathlon Grand Final in Abu Dhabi to claim her fourth World Triathlon championship in a time of 1:53:24. The title follows her victory at the 2021 Olympic Games – marking her as perhaps the greatest Olympic distance triathlon competitor.

**HSBC Triathlon Clinics** – the Island's young triathletes took part in three HSBC Kids Triathlon Clinics at the North Field, National Sports Centre, on Sunday October 16th, 23rd and 30th. The clinics focused on teaching the children some of the techniques and skills required for the swim-bike-run event during the clinics.

**WTS** – The 2022 World Triathlon Championships took place in Bermuda during the weekend of November 5th and 6th. Flora Duffy and France's Vincent Luis both won Gold in the World Triathlon Championship Series Bermuda Elite races. The Age Group Championships took place as well and Alex Waldauer and Maddie Durkin claimed the Olympic Distance Age Group Male and Female Titles, while Mik Onions and Megan Diel were the Male and Female Sprint Distance Champions.



Maddie Durkin

#### Carifta Thank your from BTA President Sharon Hammond

Dear Minister Darrell,

On behalf of the Bermuda Triathlon Association and the CARIFTA organizing committee, I wanted to thank you for supporting the event with the generous grant from the Bermuda Government. Without the support of our sponsors this event would certainly not have been possible.

We are also very grateful for your time at the opening ceremony as well as at the prize-giving on Sunday.

The continued support and relationship that we have received from the Department of Youth and Sport is not taken for granted.

The weekend was a resounding success, which was fortunate to occur 1 week after the amazing WTCS event where Flora Duffy won her race. It was meant to be held in September, but was postponed to last weekend due to Hurricane Fiona. On reflection, this may have been a stroke of luck, as the high of the previous weekend was still lingering in the air.

The CARIFTA weekend saw 116 athletes from 9 countries, age's 11-20 race in three separate events.

Saturday was dedicated to the individual triathlon, whilst Sunday saw the individual Aquathlon, as well as the Triathlon Mixed Team Relay, where 2 male and 2 female athletes competed by racing a full supersprint triathlon each.

There was some inspirational performances on both days, with Bermuda getting 13 medals as well as Silver in the Overall Teams Competition. Barbados were the overall winners with some outstanding athletes.

The most heartwarming result however, was the friendships and connections the athletes made with peers in their region. One could see these evolve over the 2 days, and there was a genuine feeling of celebration.

Sharon



2022 Bermuda Carifta Games

**CARIFTA** – The 4th Annual CARIFTA Triathlon, Aquathlon, and Mixed Team Relay (MTR) Championship took place in November at Clearwater Beach, Bermuda. The island welcomed over 100 athletes from around the region along with officials and supporters from the regional triathlon federations. This is the first time that the event was held in Bermuda. Teams were registered from Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and Trinidad and Tobago and 39 athletes from Bermuda.



Bermuda Carifta Squad



2022 Bermuda Junior Carifta Athletes



2022 Bermuda Junior Carifta Games trophies

#### Association of National Sport Governing Bodies



ANSGB Executive team: L – R: Calvin Blankendal (Exec. Member), Nathan Dill (Exec. Member), Mark Clarke (Exec. Member), Mia Bean (Vice President), David Sabir (President), Ranae Cann (Secretary) and James Davis (Treasurer)

#### **General Assembly Meeting – November 2, 2022**

Hamilton, Bermuda – Monday, November 7, 2022 – The Association of National Sports Governing Bodies (ANSGB) held its General Assembly Meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd in the Bermuda Society of Arts Gallery located on the 2nd Floor of City Hall. The following National Sports Governing Bodies attended the Meeting: Bermuda Amateur Swimming Association, Bermuda Badminton Association, Bermuda Basketball Association, Bermuda Bicycle Association, Bermuda Boxing Federation, Bermuda Cricket Board, Bermuda Equestrian Federation, Bermuda Football Association, Gymnastics Federation of Bermuda, Bermuda Hockey Federation, Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association, Bermuda National Athletics Association, Bermuda Netball Association, Bermuda Rowing Association, Bermuda Rugby Football Union, Bermuda Sailing Association, Bermuda Sanshou Association, Bermuda Triathlon Association, National Archery Association of Bermuda, Special **Olympics Bermuda** 

During the meeting the Association once again paid tribute to volunteers who were nominated for providing many years of dedicated service, commitment and for contributing to the development and betterment of their respective sport.

Following the volunteer recognitions awards ceremony, delegates received words of encouragement, and congratulations from Minister Darrell together with his commitment to continue collaborating and supporting the ongoing development of sport in Bermuda. Minister Darrell highlighted the Government's recently released National Sports Policy and his outlook for sport going forward.

Delegates also received a presentation from Jekon Edness, Senior Sports Development Officer of the Department of Youth, Sports & Recreation and Carlita Lodge, Cultural Affairs Programme Manager of the Department of Culture.



ANSGB Volunteer Awards: L – R: Sen., the Hon. Owen K. Darrell, JP, Minister of Youth, Culture & Sport, Sharon Hammond (Triathlon 10 yrs), James Barnwell (Rugby 4 yrs), Sacha Richardson (Special Olympics 6 yrs), Oscar Lightbourne on behalf of Talitha Davis (Sanshou 6 yrs), Trina Roberts (Archery 9 yrs), Troy Harvey (Football 25+ yrs), Charles Wade (Boxing 20 yrs), Dexter Basden (Cricket 30+ yrs), Jim Michelsen (Equestrian 40+ yrs), David Sabir, ANSGB President. Missing: Fiona Braidwood (Field Hockey 5+ yrs)

The General Assembly was also the occasion for the election of the ANSGB Executive Board. The following members were elected to serve the Association for the next 2 years when elections will take place in November 2024:

Association of National Sports Governing Bodies (ANSGB) - The formation of the Association of National Sports Governing Bodies by and for the various national sports governing bodies in Bermuda aims to be recognized by the Department of Youth, Sports, and Recreation under the auspices of the Bermuda Government Ministry of Community, Culture and Sports as the collective voice for sport advocacy in Bermuda.

#### The purpose of the Association:

- To provide advice and strategic direction centered on the National Sport Policy to the Ministry and the Department.
- To align national resources with national sports priorities.
- To provide leadership and support to local sports partners.
- To initiate and develop programmes and ways of working to support the vision of the NSP.
- To advocate on behalf of all NSGB on matters relating to Government, sponsorship, and the community.
- To improve public awareness of sporting activities.
- To facilitate resource exchanges between NSGB; and
- To develop best practice guidelines for the NSGB and assist in implementing them.

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#### **Bermuda Volleyball Association**

November was a very busy month for the Bermuda Volleyball Association. Our annual Indoor Winter League season kicked off during the first week of November with Women's Winter League taking place on Mondays, Men's Winter League on Tuesdays and Coed Winter League on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is the first year we have hosted a Coed Winter League on two nights of the week—done so in response to such high interest. It was great to see an increase in demand, especially following two years of uncertainty.

The NORCECA Beach Volleyball Tour took place from November 11-13, 2022, in Cayman Islands. The NORCECA Beach Tour is the signature beach volleyball tour for the North American, Central American and Caribbean Zone. This was the first time that Bermuda participated in the NORCECA Beach Tour and we sent three teams in total-two men's teams and one women's team. The Men's 1 team was made up of partners Ian Bucci and Brandon Sousa, while the Men's 2 team was made up of partners Kyle Hamilton and Ryan Davies. Meanwhile, Allison Settle and Lisa LeBlanc represented the Women's team. The competition was extremely tough, facing strong teams like Canada and Mexico, to name a few. The Men's 2 team (Hamilton/Davies) placed 15th overall, while the Men's 1 (Bucci/Sousa) defeated Cayman in their final match to finish 13th overall. The Women (Settle/LeBlanc) also placed 13th overall. The teams learned a lot from this competition and we view it as a great start to the future of international beach tournaments.

Right: Inset photo -Allison Settle

On Friday, November 18ththe BVA hosted a High School Girls and Boys Volleyball Tournament. The goal of this event was to continue to grow the game and promote high school sport. The winners of the Girls tournament were 1st–BHS, 2nd–Warwick and 3rd–Saltus. The winners of the Boys tournament were 1st– Saltus 1st, 2nd– Warwick and 3rd–MSA. We are looking forward to seeing school teams back out at the BSSF Tournament in the coming weeks.

Finally, on Sunday, November 20th, the BVA participated in the United Nations International Day of the Girl event that took place at NSC. An estimated 250–300 girls came out to enjoy the afternoon and try new activities. After a two-year break it was so great to see so many young, aspirational faces and we are always happy to show support to these girls!







Inset photo above: BKF Kumite Seminar and Below: Bermuda Karate Federation

#### **Bermuda Karate Federation**

The Bermuda Karate Federation [BKF] hosted a free Kumite Seminar facilitated by the international elite athlete, Brian Hilliard. A spokesperson said, "On the 26th & 27th of November, local Karate enthusiasts and athletes of all ages were treated to a free Kumite Seminar facilitated by US karate Team Member, and WKF Competitor Brian Hilliard and hosted by the Bermuda Karate Federation [BKF].

"The 3 seminars spanning 3 hours each incorporated 'Kihon" [the basics] as well as advanced Kumite for both children and adults of varying ranks. Senior members were also givien training in coaching and leadership. General Secretary of the BKF, Edmond Johnson, viewed the event as a success stating, "The BKF sees these events as a success due to our ability to train multiple people at cost savings to our membership and the Ministry.

# 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS



### Bermuda Squash Racquets Association

Bermuda Junior National Championships December 17th – 18th, 2022





**Bermuda Squash Racquets Association** Bermuda Senior National Championships March 6th – 10th, 2023





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