



Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation

NEWSLETTER

THE COMPETITIVE EDGE ~ JULY 2022



Bermuda Sanshou Association

Errin Cann made history for Bermuda winning the country's first Wushu Taolu (forms) medal at the 13th Pan American Wushu Championships in Brasilia, Brazil held July 21 – 25th. Cann's score of 8.250 in Female Group C (11 & under) Jianshu (straight sword) was good enough to capture second place and the silver medal. USA's Sabrina Ding captured the gold and Chile's Sara Bruno rounded out the podium spots. Cann's medal winning performance took place in the final day of competition that began on July 22nd. She also competed in Changquan (longfist) where she finished 12th. The medal winning performance followed the gold and silver medal she also won at the Phoenix Wushu Nationals in December last year. Earlier this year Cann was awarded a Bermuda Government Sports Junior Achievement Award for her accomplishments in the sport of Wushu.

Cox made his debut at the 12th version of the championships in Argentina back in 2018 in san da (Chinese Kickboxing), the discipline where Bermuda has built its reputation in the sport and has held a number of champions.

The first group of the 9-person Bermuda contingent arrived in Brazil on 16th July for the start of the Judges Training Courses. Oscar Lightbourne, Technical Director of the Bermuda Team and member of the Pan American Wushu Federation (PAWF) Technical Committee formed part of the committee that conducted the intense 4 days of training. The courses produced three newly qualified Bermuda Judges – Dwayne Cox, Chaquita Simmons and Nolette Webb, who all passed the final exam and served as san da judges during the championships while Lightbourne served on the arbitration panel. Bermuda Youth Taolu Coach Jecoa Burrows and Errin's mother Champagne Cann also accompanied Bermuda's medal winner to Brazil after spending 2 weeks at Elite Kung Fu in Fremont, California for final competition preparation with Wushu development coaches Stephanie Lim and Nathan Andrus-Hughes. Adriano Lourenco da Silva of Brazil, who spent 3 months in Bermuda back in 2020 to kick off Bermuda's Taolu program accompanied the team as Adult Taolu Coach for Kaelin Cox.

In the first day of competition, Bermuda's veteran martial artist competitor Kaelin Cox placed 8th in Men's Optional Nanquan (southern fist). This was Cox's first time competing in modern Wushu and made a very strong showing for his first time.



Above: Errin Cann with her Wushu Taolu medal at the 13th Pan American Wushu Championships in Brazil.

Inset photo: Wushu-Officials – Dueane Cox and Chaquita Simmons



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation



BBA Basketball Clinic

Bermuda Basketball Association

The BBA was pleased to be able to once again bring in Mr. Jamaal Jackson, Head Coach of Kentucky State University (Division II – HBCU) to conduct an advanced Basketball Clinic from July 18-22 at the Berkeley Institute gymnasium.

The intent of the clinic was to introduce players aged 14-18 to basketball training at a higher level than what they're accustomed to. Participants were shown new aspects to the fundamentals of

basketball i.e. ball handling, shooting and passing. Also, they were shown some of the team strategies used on offense and defense.

Overall, the camp went well and the players left the clinic with a better understanding of the skill, commitment and dedication needed to succeed at the next level of basketball. On the last day of the clinic, Minister of Youth, Culture & Sport, Dr. Ernest Peets was on hand to encourage the players to look for opportunities to use basketball to get a better education.

Bermuda Squash Racquets Association Junior Caribbean Area Squash Championships (CASA) 2022

Team Bermuda has just successfully returned from Georgetown, Guyana after competing in the first Jr. CASA in over two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The team consisted of 7 boys and 5 girls all aged between 8 – 18 yrs. old competing in the age groups U11, U13, U15, U17, and U19. They competed in an individual and team event which spanned between July 10 – 16, 2022. Overall, the fairly novice team competed valiantly leaving Guyana with the following achievements:

Mason Smith BU112nd Place
Owen Rosorea BU132nd Place
Somers Stevenson GU152nd Place

Mckenna Kyme GU13 4th Place
Rose Paulos GU15 4th Place
Eli Carpol BU15 4th Place
Matthew Elliott BU19 4th Place
Andrew Cox BU19 6th Place
Ariana Lowther GU19 6th Place

In the team event Team Bermuda boys finished 3rd place and Team Bermuda girls finished 5th place giving them an overall finish of 4th place, just outside of the podium. Considering this event was some of the players' first overseas tournament, there is great promise for the future of Bermuda Squash.



Bermuda Football Association Highlights

Bermuda U15 Squad for Concacaf U15 Girls Championship



Above: BAA U23 KO Champions Below: SCC Womens KO Champions



The Bermuda Football Association (BFA) is proud to announce the travelling squad for the upcoming Concacaf U15 Girls' Championships that will take place between July 31st and August 7th. The 18-player squad will travel to Tampa, Florida as the tournament will be played at the Hillsborough County Tournament Sportsplex.

The Bermuda U15 Girls were placed in Group C of League B with, Belize, Anguilla, and Martinique. The winner of the group will advance to the semi-final with the other 3 group winners and the best second place team will also advance.

The Bermuda U15 Girls play their first match of the tournament on Sunday July, 31st, at 12:00pm ADT against Martinique. The second group match will be played against Anguilla on Monday, August 1st, at 10:00am ADT. The final group match will be played on Wednesday, August 3rd, at 12:00pm ADT against Belize.

The Bermuda U15 Girls Squad is as follows:

Alessandra Hughes, Amiya James, Avani Patton , Ayshalay Simons, Sanoy Trott, Karis Brooks-Smith, Empress O'Loughlin, Eva Tuzo, Evans Welch, Ja'Shay Trott, Zelaye Showers, Jayla Peets -Butterfield, Keyandae Lightbourne, R-Zanee Evans-Waldron, Robin-Valana Pearman, Ziae Castle, Sioma Rudo, Taya Rodrigues

Satia Burchall Officiates in Concacaf U15 Girls Championships

The Bermuda Football Association is proud to announce another milestone for Bermuda referees. Satia Burchall will officiate in the Concacaf U15 Girls tournament that takes place in Tampa. Satia is the youngest Bermudian referee to achieve this.

Bermuda Volleyball Association

2022 ECVA Senior Men's Volleyball Championships

The 2022 ECVA Senior Men's Volleyball Championship was held from July 6-11th in St. John's, Antigua with 8 countries participating – including hosts Antigua and Barbuda, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Kitts and Nevis, Dutch St Maarten, Anguilla, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, and Bermuda.

On day one, Bermuda won their first match of the day in 3 sets against Anguilla, winning **25-15**, **25-22** and **27-25**. The second match of the day was against one of the toughest in the group, hosts Antigua & Barbuda. They lost the first two sets **22-25** and **20-25** but fought back extremely hard to take the next sets **27-25** and **28-26**, taking them to the deciding fifth set. They won the match after defeating Antigua 15-11 in a thrilling final set, placing them 2nd in the pool.

On day two, Bermuda suffered an initial defeat against Grenada in 3 sets losing **20-25**, **22-25** and **17-25**. They later went on to beat St. Kitts and Nevis in 3 sets, winning **25-21**, **25-12** and **25-14**.

The final Pool A results saw Bermuda tied for 2nd but forced to place 3rd based on net points. The men were left to face the 3rd place team in Pool B, St. Kitts & Nevis, for a final classification match for 5th/6th place. In a hard-fought match, Bermuda were defeated in 3 sets **25-20**, **25-10** and **25-20**.

Over the 3-day tournament, Bermuda won a total of 9 sets and 3 matches, placing them 6th overall. In addition to the overall placement, Bermuda ranked top in the many of the point categories, including 5th overall in Best Scorers, 3rd overall in Best Serving, and 4th overall in Best Blockers, with Brandon Sousa claiming 3rd Best Setter.

Beach Volleyball Tournaments

The BVA hosted two beach tournaments in July – the BDA Spirits Same Sex Tournament on Saturday, July 2nd and the BDA Spirits Coed Tournament on Saturday, July 23rd. Both tournaments took place at Horseshoe Bay on beautiful, sunny days and were successful events sponsored by BDA Spirits. The fourth and final tournament of the summer is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 13th. Registration will be open from August 3rd to 10th at www.bva.bm.



ECVA Bermuda Team Photo



MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

ECVA SENIOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Jaden Malpas
Setter



Tiago Ferreira
Libero



Jake Roberts
Libero



Ryan Davies
Outside Hitter



Tyler Hurdle
Middle Blocker/Right Side



Eron Woods
Middle Blocker



Kyle Hamilton
Outside Hitter



Tyler Siese
Middle Blocker/Right Side



Brandon Sousa
Setter



Mike Sakata
Outside Hitter



Robert Saraiva
Middle Blocker



Chad Stoddard
Head Coach

ECVA Senior Volleyball Championship
Bermuda Men's National Team Photo

2022 BDA Spirits Same Sex Beach Tournament 2

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH
HORSESHOE BAY | 10AM TO 3PM

- VOLLEYBALL
- LIVE DJ
- BDA SPIRITS BEVERAGES

VISIT BVA.BM TO SIGN UP

MEN'S / WOMEN'S 2S: \$60/TEAM
MEN'S / WOMEN'S 4S: \$120/TEAM

LAST BEACH TOURNAMENT OF 2022!

Gymnastics Federation of Bermuda

Under the direction of Coach Anna Balada, boys and girls competitive teams train for domestic and international competition. The facility in St. Davids is world class, with foam safety pit and Olympic trampoline. The Gym also has classes in the new Olympic discipline of Parkour.

For those in Hamilton, Recreational Gymnastics is available at the Saltus Gym.

During Olympic Week, June 18th National Championships was held at National Training Centre at BGA in St Davids.

National Champions training at BGA include Ben Mello (L8), Kennedy Kowalski (L6), Ella Newton (L7), and Tse Burgess (L8).

LINKS: Gymnastics Association of Bermuda:

<http://www.bermudagymnastics.bm/>

Bermuda Gymnastics Federation: <https://gymfedbda.bm>



Above: Kennedy Kowalski



Above: BGA Bridges

Bermuda Triathlon Association

1. Hawley Finishes 3rd in Americas Triathlon Cup – Erica Hawley had an impressive performance finishing 3rd in the 2022 Americas Triathlon Cup Long Beach Elite Women Division. Hawley would finish just 18 seconds behind the winner Gina Sereno from United States, who clocked 1:00:08, Renata De La Pena Schott was second clocking a time of 1:00:10, and Hawley finished third with a time of 1:00:26. Hawley clocked a time of 10:12 on the Swim, 30:52 on the Bike, before clocking 17:14 on the Run Course.

2. Flora Duffy wins Hamburg Triathlon - Dame Flora Duffy showed her class as she showed she is one of the best Triathletes of all-time to win in Hamburg. Duffy clocked a time of 58:37, she clocked a time of 9:41 on the Swim, 31:34 on the bike, before clocking a run time of 16:17 on the Run.

3. Petty and Wightman Compete in Sprint Championships – Steven Petty and Authur Wightman competed in the 2022 World Triathlon Sprint Championships in Montreal, while Patty Petty served as a Head Judge. Wightman finished 55th in the Men’s 45-49 Age Group Division clocking a time of 1:18:44. Petty competing in the Men’s 70 – 74 Age group Division finished 21st clocking a time of 1:36:11.

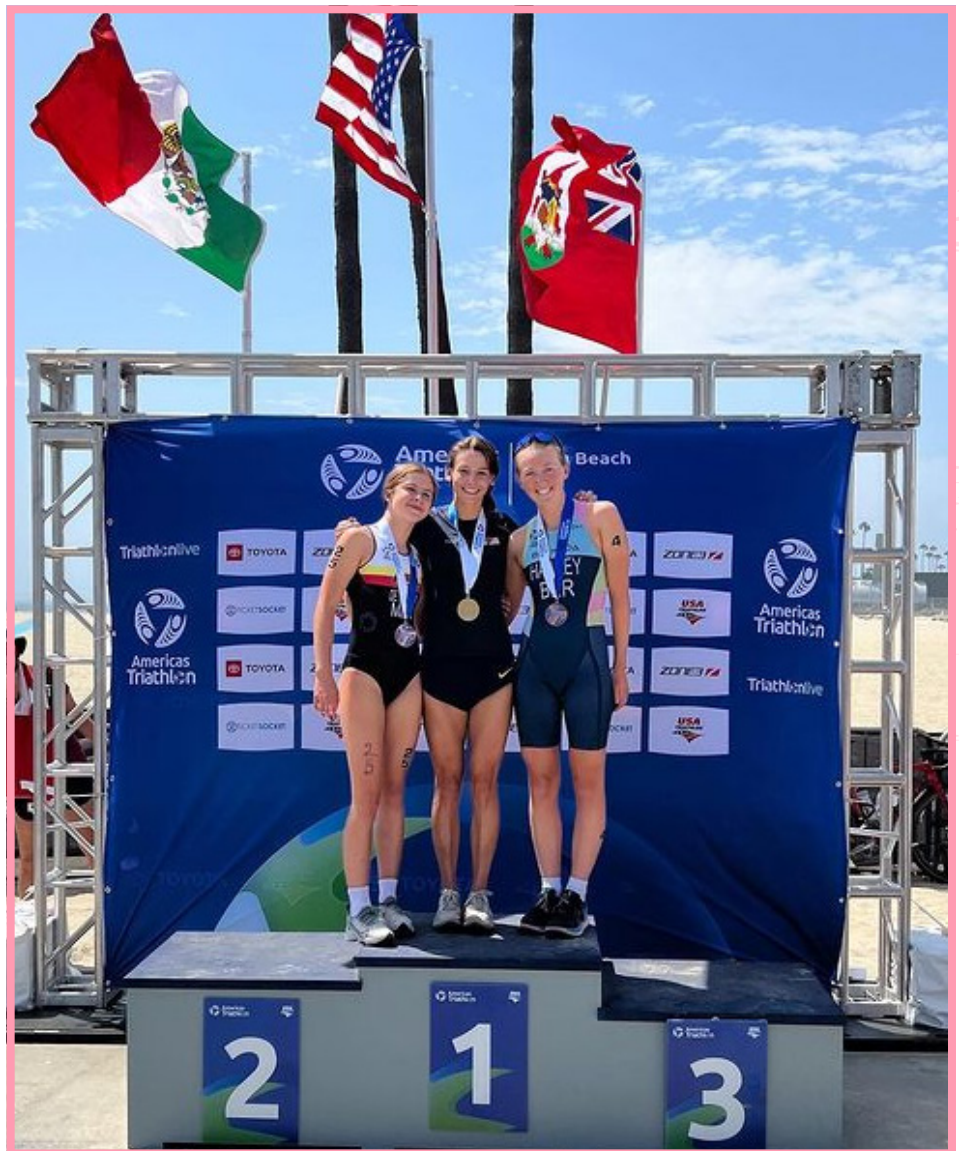
4. Four Fly Bermuda Flag in Frankfurt Germany Ironman – The Bermuda Flag was flying high during the Mainova IRONMAN European Championship in Frankfurt, Germany. Louise and Steven Wells, Dirk Hasselkuss, and Daniel Samilski all took part.

5. Maddie Durkin and Dustin Luck book 70.3 World Championship berths – Maddie Durkin and Dustin Luck secured spots at the Ironman 70.3 World Championship after impressive performances in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Luck competed in the 30-34 age group. He clocked 36:57 on the swim, 2:33:24 on the bike and finished the run in 1:35:36 for eleventh place in a total time of 4:51:40. Durkin competed in the 40-44 age group completing the swim in 32min 55sec, the bike discipline in 2hr 31min 58sec and finished off with 1:35:38 half-marathon for a total elapsed time of 4:47:08 and second place, just two minutes adrift of winner Susan Fanning.



Above: Durkin and Luck



Above: Erica Hawley

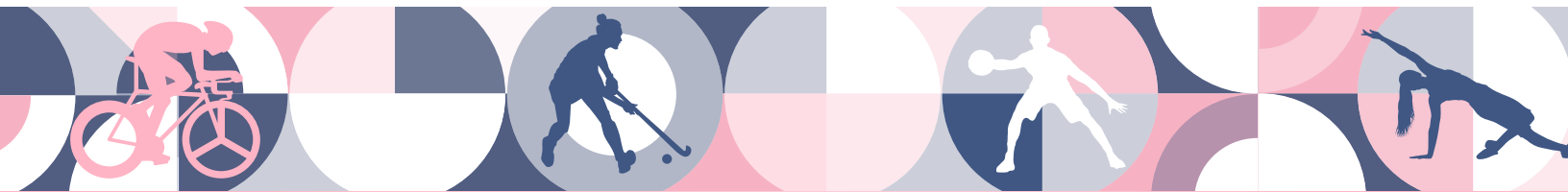
Bermuda Equestrian Federation Highlights

On the heels of the July 9th announcement that, in a time of 1.01.0, Bermuda's Candyce Martins had skillfully steered MI's Where's the Party to claim a New Mare World Record this talented team have done it again!

Amazingly on 16th July, this dynamic duo broke their previously held record with a time of 1:00.4, thereby securing a new Mare World Record and equals all horse world record. As reported in the Royal Gazette, this record time is the fastest posted by a mare at the Nappanee Raceways and also ties the overall fastest time at the facility.



Above: Candyce Martins and MI's Where's the Party Photo credit: Captured Soul Photography



2022 UPCOMING EVENTS



Bermuda Triathlon Association

BTA Thursday Night Supersprints happening every Thursday night at 6:30pm at Clearwater Beach Bermuda. Sign up for the one or all of them here:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/BM/StDavids/BTATHursdayNightSupersprints>





GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation