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# OLYMPIC LINES

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## President's Message

As you can tell from this edition of Olympic Lines, we have had a very active third quarter. The lead event was, of course, the XXIII Central American and Caribbean Games which took place in Colombia in July/August. We had six very proud moments at those Games. Shane Brathwaite's gold medal in the 100m hurdles and the 4x100m relay team's gold were at the top of our medal table. Mr Brathwaite joined Mario Burke, Burkheart Ellis and Jaquone Hoyte to make up our dream relay team. Sonia Gaskin rounded out the track and field medals with a bronze in the 800m and I was pleased to see our female Athletes earn three more bronze medals in other disciplines – Kimberley Gittens (Boxing - 64kgs) Monique Archer, Zoe Archer and Laura Smith (Equestrian - Eventing) and the team of Meagan Best, Amanda Haywood and Jada Smith-Padmores (Squash). There are few moments in life more inspiring than to see our Athletes on the podium and to hear our national anthem played as our national flag flies high. We at the BOA congratulate all our medalists and wish them much success in future endeavours.



**SANDRA OSBORNE, SCM, QC**  
PRESIDENT

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Barbados' participation in the Olympic Games as an independent nation and we salute all the Athletes and Officials who have represented Barbados with pride over the years. The year 2000 will remain fixed in our hearts as the year when Obadele Thompson won Barbados' first Olympic medal as an independent nation (100m bronze medal). I challenge us all to take Barbados to greater Olympic glory as we move into the next 50 years.

Yours in Sport

Sandra Osborne, QC  
President

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# Barbados at the CAC Games 2018 BARRANQUILLA 2018

For this year edition of the CAC Games, Barbados took a contingent consisting of 170 athletes and officials. Competing in 13 events, the team captured six medals total.

Barbados first medal at the 2018 CAC Games came by the strides of the equestrian team of Monique Archer, Zoe Archer and Laura Smith as they won bronze in the eventing section. The women's squash team of Amanda Haywood, Meagan Best and Jada Smith-Padmore won the second medal by clinching bronze in the team event.

800m sprinter Sonia Gaskin produced a personal best 2 minutes 03.13 seconds to finish third in the women's 800 metres to bring home the third medal of the campaign for team Barbados. Kimberley Gittens joined the medal tally by taking home Barbados' fourth medal by boxing her way to bronze in the light welterweight (64kg) category.

Barbados then won its first gold medal at the CAC Games when Shane Brathwaite won the men's 110 metres hurdles in a season's best 13.38 seconds. Shane then went on to join his 4x100 metres teammates to strike gold as Jaquone Hoyte, the youngest in the group, crossed the line in a new national record of 38.41 seconds, finishing the work started by Shane Brathwaite, Mario Burke and Burkheart Ellis.

Barbados is looking to improve on the achievements at this 2018 edition of the CAC as we look towards the next edition in 2022 scheduled to take place in Panama.



**The Barbados men's 4x100 metres team after they struck gold.**

# Barbados YOG 2018 team announced

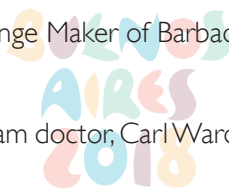
Chef de Mission and BOA General Manager, Glyne Clarke announced the Barbados Team members for the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) scheduled for Buenos Aires, Argentina in October. They are Jack Kirby (Swimming), Luis Sebastian-Weekes (Swimming), Sarah Belle (Athletics) and Darian Clarke (Athletics).



**BOA President, Sandra Osborne SCM, QC, Argentina's Ambassador to Barbados, Gustavo Pandiani, Darian Clarke, Hon. Minister of Sport, John King, Sarah Belle, YOG change maker, Daneka Headley and Chef de Mission, Glyne Clarke.**

This announcement was attended by Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sport, John King, BOA President

Sandra Osborne SCM, QC, Argentina's Ambassador to Barbados Gustavo Pandiani, and Daneka Headley who will be attending as the International Olympic Committee Young Change Maker of Barbados.



Other members of the YOG 2018 contingent are team doctor, Carl Ward, athletics coach and manager, Brian Holder; swimming coach and manager, Aisha Norville.



## Barbados YOG 2018 Young Reporter



**Anmar Goodridge-Boyce**

The IOC Young Reporters Programme is well on the way in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Barbados is being represented by 19-year-old sports journalist Anmar Goodridge-Boyce. The young reporters will receive intensive class and field training in writing, photography, television, radio and social media sports blogging. They will have the opportunity to gain insights and training from leading journalists and specialists as well as conducting interviews with athletes, Olympic officials and the sporting community that supports the YOG. #TeamBarbados #YOG2018

# Celebrating 50 years participation in the Olympics

It was in 1952 that the first Barbadian, Cyclist Ken Farnum, competed in the modern Summer Olympics. Jim Wedderburn went on to become the second at the 1960 games when he was part of the West Indies Federation which competed in the 4×400 meters relay in Rome and won bronze. It would be another two installments of the Olympic Games before another Barbadian would grace that world stage.

With the collapse of the Federation in 1962 and the country attaining Independence in 1966, it opened the door for Barbados to compete as an independent nation. The year was 1968 that Barbados made its debut, and in the 50 years and 13 Olympic Games since, bar one, Barbadian athletes have proudly displayed the National Flag and worn their country's colours of ultramarine and gold at the Summer Olympic Games. The 1968 Games held in Mexico City, Mexico was a historic one for Barbados, of the 5,516 athletes to participate, nine were from Barbados.

The nine-member team, all men, ranging in age from 19 to 47 years were Ezra Burnham, Angus Edghill, Colin Forde, Hadley Andrew Hinds, Anthony Philips, Alva Kensley Reece, Richard Roett, Michael Stoute and Milton Tucker. Today, four of them are no longer with us – Burnham, Philips, Roett and Tucker – but their efforts then and overall contribution to their respective sporting fields, will forever be in our memory. The team competed in 10 events in five sports – Athletics, Cycling, Swimming, Shooting and Weightlifting and though they failed to secure any medals, they nonetheless did this nation proud. In fact, two of the four cyclists, Forde and Reece, established two national records at the Mexico Games. Accompanying the team on that journey were President of the Barbados Olympic Association (BOA), Louis Lynch; Chef de Mission and BOA Secretary General, Michael Simmons; Team General Manager, Kenneth Ince; Assistant Team General Manager, Randolph Field; Team Doctor Harold Forde; Track & Field Manager/Coach, James Wedderburn; Cycling Manager, Hilary Roett; Cycling Coach, Steve Stoute and Shooting Manager/Coach, Cavour Morris.



**The Barbados Team at the 1968 Olympic Games Parade.**

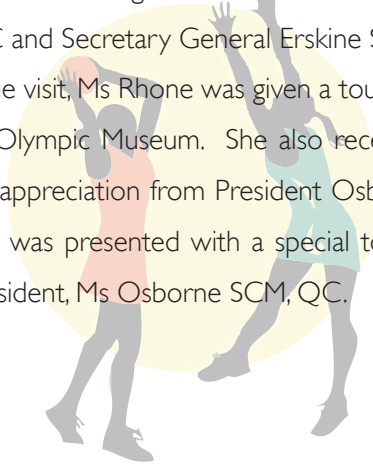


**Members of the 1968 Barbados Olympic delegation.**

From then until now, Barbados has shown consistent determination in its participation in the games, gaining its first and only medal thus far, in the 2000 Olympic Games held in Sydney, Australia. It was won by Obadele Thompson, who secured the bronze medal in the men's 100 meters and placed fourth in the men's 200 meters. Though medaling only once in the past five decades, this has not daunted our athletes resolve to represent their country, as they strive to be one of the three, in their chosen sport, to mount the podium for the medal ceremony. But throughout the years the athletes have set new national and personal records which have been celebrated by all across the 166 square miles that is Barbados.

# INF President visits Olympic Centre

International Netball Federation (INF) President - Honourable Molly Rhone OJ, CD paid an official visit to the BOA meeting with President Sandra Osborne, SCM, QC and Secretary General Erskine Simmons, BSM. During the visit, Ms Rhone was given a tour of the facility and the Olympic Museum. She also received a special token of appreciation from President Osborne. The INF President was presented with a special token from the BOA President, Ms Osborne SCM, QC.



**BOA President, Ms Osborne SCM, QC presented the INF President with a special token from the BOA.**

# BOA supports Senior Games



**BOA President Sandra Osborne, SCM QC presenting to National Senior Games Co-ordinator Rawle Clarke.**

The Barbados Olympic Association Inc. (BOA) showed its support to the senior athletes of Barbados by making a monetary donation to aid the senior team in taking part in the upcoming Huntsman World Senior Games scheduled to start October 8 in Utah.

Co-ordinator of the National Senior Games, Rawle Clarke, who received the \$4000 donation on behalf of the senior game's delegation, thanked the BOA for understanding the importance of the Games and giving generously.

"We understand the trying economic situation in Barbados and I would like to thank the sponsors who came forward and supported this venture. The Huntsman Games are something we look forward to and this year three members of our delegation will be receiving rings for our dedication to the Games. I know the athletes will do well and I don't expect anything different than going out there and performing to our highest standard," said Clarke.

BOA President, Sandra Osborne said that her organisation recognised that the delegation needed help and that sport-for-all is high on the list of priorities for the BOA in its new strategic plan 2018-2024. She also said, "active ageing is very important, and I think the team has been doing a good job, we understand that it is not connected to the Olympic movement directly but at this point we recognise that is still seniors who are actively training for these games and I think it is an important initiative."

# News from the Academy

## Museum Visits

During the period July - September we had the pleasure of hosting four tours of the National Olympic Museum. Approximately 75 students and campers were guided through tours of the Museum by tour facilitators - Sport for Development Officer, Daneka Headley and BOA Project Officer, Ryan Brathwaite.



**Deighton Griffith Secondary School museum tour group.**



**The Calvary Moravian Church Bible Camp tour group.**



**The Deacons Cricket Camp tour group.**



**The Keith Boyce Coaching Clinic tour group.**

## Panam Sports proudly recognizes Steve Stoute



**Immediate Past President, Steve Stoute SCM, as he receives the PanAm Sports Award.**

Panam Sports proudly recognized, BOA immediate Past President, Mr. Steve Stoute with the Panam Sports Award to begin the 56th Panam Sports General Assembly in Lima, Peru. Since becoming Secretary General of the Barbados Olympic Association (BOA) in 1968, Steve has exemplified a deep commitment to the development of sport in Barbados, and the Americas.

From early Mr. Stoute felt a calling to the world of sport, joining the Barbados Cycling Federation in 1964. From these humble beginnings, Steve would go on to become one of the most influential Olympic leaders in the history of the Caribbean. Since his election as Secretary General of the BOA in 1968, Barbados has competed at all but one of the Summer Olympic Games.

In 1996, Steve was elected President of the BOA and has since helped more than 60 athletes achieve their Olympic dreams. Just four years after becoming President, Barbados won a historic first Olympic medal at the Sydney 2000 Olympics. Nearly 20 years later, He continues to demonstrate the true values of Olympism in every position he serves. He founded the Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees and is now the President of the Central American and Caribbean Sports Organization, recently overseeing the successful Barranquilla 2018 Games in Colombia.

Stoute's service to sport has been recognized across the globe, earning the Silver Crown of Merit from his beloved Barbados, as well as the International Olympic Committee's Olympic Order of Merit on top of numerous other awards. He now adds the Panam Sports Award to his long list of honours. "For me this is totally unexpected and deeply appreciated. We have dedicated our life to the youth of the region, to sport and the development of sport. Again, this is a tremendous honour and I would like to thank my colleagues in Barbados who supported me over the years and mostly my Caribbean colleagues. I thank each and every one of you," said CACSO President, Steve Stoute.

# Cuban Wrestling Coach visits BOA

The Barbados Olympic Association Inc. (BOA) officially welcomed Professor Julio Mendieta Cuellar, head coach of the Cuban Olympic wrestling team during a courtesy visit to the BOA. Professor Cuella came to Barbados to lead a five-day Olympic Wrestling Workshop which was held from August 29 to September 2.

He met with senior BOA officials and president of the Barbados Wrestling Association (BWA). The focus was on devising a plan of action to develop wrestling in Barbados. During the visit, the professor took a tour of the Olympic Museum.



**Pictured from L-R are Mr Rollins Alleyne, Barbados Wrestling Association President, Mr Dave Farmer, BOA Academy Director, Ms Sandra Osborne SCM, QC, BOA President, Professor Julio Mendieta Cuellar, Cuban Olympic Wrestling Head Coach and Mr Erskine Simmons BSM, BOA Secretary General.**



**BOA Assistant Secretary General informs of the big changes to this years games.**



**BOA President, Sandra Osborne SCM, QC in discussion with BiiG 2018 partners at the launch.**

## BiiG 2018 Continues to Grow

Barbados Independence Invitational Games (BiiG) hosted by the Barbados Olympic Association (BOA) looks to grow even more going into its third year of action. Hopes are high with the games scheduled to start with a two-day Beach Games festival on November 3 and 4.

The BOA's Assistant Secretary General Cameron Burke highlighted the new partnerships formed with the Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation to help broadcast and stream the events locally. Burke went on to inform that this year's multi-sport event was intended to showcase the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect, over the next 40 days when 23 sports disciplines join forces to make the BiiG 2018 a success.

