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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I must start by congratulating our 2015 Pan Am Games medal winners – Ramon Gittens, Akela Jones and Shane Brathwaite who did Barbados very proud in Toronto recently. Such an outstanding effort by these young athletes is worthy of much kudos. The performances of Darren King and Hayden Lewis to place 4th in the tennis doubles, and Jason Wilson 5th in triathlon, are also worthy of praise. With golf and rugby on the programme for the first time, the 2015 Pan American Games were the largest in history and we congratulate all of our athletes for their efforts at these Games. All in all, Toronto did a good job in staging the event, despite the fact that the Games were geographically spread out over Southern Ontario.

Meanwhile, under new leadership, the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) is in the process of reviewing its statutes and working towards making a number of structural changes. These proposals will be discussed during October at a PASO extraordinary General Assembly to be held during the ANOC Assembly in Washington, D.C..

As PASO gears up for major changes, the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) will also put a number of modifications to its Constitution into effect at this year's annual General Assembly scheduled for early September in Auckland, New Zealand. The Executive Board has been restructured and the positions of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer will be abolished, among others. Sir Austin Sealy, the IOC member from Barbados, has held the Honorary Treasurer's position for over 30 years and will therefore be leaving the CGF Board. I am sure that the Assembly will honour him for his many years of service. The new CGF structure calls for three vice-presidents, one of which must be female. One of our own, Sandra Osborne, will be seeking election for the female Vice-President position. However, a key part of the Assembly, will be the election of a President. The incumbent President HRH Prince Tunku Iram of Malaysia is being challenged by outgoing Honorary Secretary Louise Martin of Scotland. Both candidates have made sterling contributions to the Commonwealth Games Movement and it will be very interesting to see who the Assembly will select to lead the CGF over the next four years.

The CGF General Assembly will then be followed by the Commonwealth Youth Games from September 5-11 in Samoa. Barbados will be represented by seven young athletes in Track and Field, Swimming, Tennis and Archery. We wish them the best of luck and we are sure they will be great ambassadors for Barbados.

I close my remarks on what was yet another very active quarter for the Barbados Olympic Movement. I would like to extend my best wishes to Ryan Brathwaite, who is leaving the BOA at the end of August. Ryan was assigned to our Olympic Academy for a number of years – first as an intern, then as a staff member. We are proud to announce that he has been awarded an ANOC scholarship at the Russian International Olympic University to study an MA in Sports Administration. This scholarship, to a Barbadian, was mentioned at the PASO General Assembly in July. It is the first awarded to date, and is indeed an achievement for our country and for Ryan. Ryan will be missed at the Barbados Olympic Centre for his enthusiasm and zeal which has enhanced the work of our Academy and its many projects and programmes. I am sure he will handle the challenges of being in a different country, with a different language and culture with his usual determined efficiency. Ryan – the best of luck to you, and God speed.

Countdown to Rio 2016 Olympic Games

To mark just one year to go until the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, The Barbados Olympic Association Inc. held a press conference at the Olympic Centre on August 12, 2015. The press conference was attended by His Excellency, Luiz de Andrade, Ambassador of Brazil to Barbados, President of the Barbados Olympic Association Inc. Mr. Steve Stoute, and Manager of Olympic Operations, Mr. Glyne Clarke. At the conference, team Barbados also received our official invitation to the Games from the Brazilian Ambassador. President of the BOA, Steve Stoute commented that he was pleased with the progress of the Games preparations and was looking forward to seeing who will qualify to represent Barbados at the Games in Brazil. The Rio Games will take place from August 5-21, 2016. (From left to right, Mr. Glyne Clarke, Manager of Olympic Operations, Mr. Steve Stoute, President of BOA, His Excellency, Luiz de Andrade, Brazilian Ambassador)





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PAN AM Games Toronto 2015

Educational Feature

The Olympic Hymn

The Olympic Hymn, played when the Olympic Flag is raised, was composed by Spyros Samaras and the words added by Kostis Palamas. The Olympic Hymn was first played at the 1896 Olympic Games in Athens but wasn't declared the official hymn by the IOC until 1957.

*Immortal spirit of antiquity
Father of the true, beautiful and good
Descend, appear, shed over us thy light
Upon this ground and under this sky
Which has first witnessed thy unperishable fame
Give life and animation to these noble games!
Throw wreaths of fadeless flowers to the victors
In the race and in the strife
Create in our breasts, hearts of steel!
In thy light, plains, mountains and seas
Shine in a roseate hue and form a vast temple
To which all nations throng to adore thee
Oh immortal spirit of antiquity!*

Barbados recently returned home from the 2015 Pan Am Games which were held from July 10-26 in Toronto, Canada. The Barbados team brought home three medals - one silver and two bronze. The Barbados Olympic Association Inc. would like to extend its congratulations to Akela Jones who took home Barbados' first medal in the High Jump Final, winning bronze with a career best performance and new national record jump, clearing 1.91m. Ramon Gittens delivered Barbados' second medal, winning silver in the Men's 100m Final with a season best time of 10.07 seconds, finishing behind Andre De Grasse of Canada. Our final medal came just days later, when Shane Brathwaite delivered a bronze medal performance in the Men's 110m Hurdles Final, with a personal best time of 13.21 seconds. The Barbados Olympic Association Inc. thanks the management and all the athletes for their efforts and support during the Games. (First Picture; Akela Jones during her medal presentation for the winning bronze in High Jump; second Picture; Ramon Gittens during his medal presentation for winning silver in 100m ; third picture; Shane Brathwaite during his medal presentation for winning bronze in the 110 m hurdles)



ACADEMY COURSES

Olympic Education Outreach

National Olympic Academy Assistant, Daneka Headley, recently facilitated a session at the Technique FC Summer School. She spoke to campers aged 11-13 years on leadership, peace-making and problem-solving, as well as on the Olympic values and Anti-Doping. The session consisted of both indoor and outdoor group-oriented activities, and encouraged the young campers to be leaders both on and off the field, and to use their qualities and values to positively influence others. (To the right; Daneka Headley during her presentation).



Quiz Time!!!

- *In which country where the first Winter Olympic games held?*
- *In which Games did the Olympic flame first make its appearance?*
- *Who wrote the Olympic Hymn?*
- *Who was the first president of the International Olympic Committee?*

Summer Camp Museum Tours

During the summer holidays, the Olympic Museum received a number of special visits from summer camps across the island who used the Museum tour as part of their summer camp activities. . Tourers included the Coleridge and Parry Summer Camp, Philip's Taekwondo Summer Camp, Lester Vaughn Youth Development Camp, and the Pinelands Creative Workshop, among others. During this period, over 100 campers and their respective camp leaders visited the Museum. The campers were extremely thrilled with the experience and expressed their interest in visiting the



Olympic Museum again. As the new school term approaches, we extend an invitation to schools and interest groups to visit our Olympic Museum from Monday to Friday, 10am to 3pm. Please phone the Barbados Olympic Centre to make a tour booking. (Above; The Coleridge & Parry Secondary School; below ; Philip's Taekwondo Summer Camp).





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Quiz Time Answers

1. Chamonix, France
2. 1928
3. Kostis Palamas
4. Demetrius Vikelas

NCCP 2015

The Barbados Olympic Association Inc., in collaboration with the Coaching Association of Canada, recently held two National Coaching Certification Programmes in June and July 2015. 101 National Federation, Primary and Secondary school coaches successfully completed the Coaching Certification Programme. Coaches took part in 18 hours of session time and were awarded the Canadian Level 1 Certification in Coaching. Due to the resounding success of these courses, Level 2 Coaching Courses are now being planned for next year to facilitate those who successfully completed the Level 1 Course.



Wrestling Clinic

The Barbados Wrestling Federation held a technical course to improve the standard of play and expose local wrestlers to international wrestling knowledge. A first of its kind for the Barbados Wrestling Federations, the course was held from August 17-25 at the Frederick Smith Secondary School, and was facilitated by two international wrestling coaches - David Lopez from Mexico and Andrey Vorontsov from Canada. The course also afforded local coaches the opportunity to become Level 1 Certified Wrestling coaches. In total, 25 coaches took part, with many of them receiving their Level 1 Certification. *(To the left; participants during the Level 1 Certification Wrestling course)*

