



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA  
Ministry of Social Development and Sports

**Department of Community and Cultural Affairs**

# OUR SPORTING HERITAGE

**THE BERMUDA DAY HERITAGE PARADE 2017**



# BERMUDA DAY 2017

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### MORNING

**8:50 AM** Sinclair Packwood Memorial Cycle Race  
START: Somerset  
FINISH: Cedar Avenue

**9:00 AM** Annual Bermuda Day Marathon  
START: St. George's  
FINISH: Bernard Park

**9:45 AM** Heritage Junior Classic Race  
START: Docksidiers, 121 Front Street  
FINISH: Bernard Park

### AFTERNOON

**1:30 PM** Bermuda Day Heritage Parade  
START: Marsh Folly Road  
FINISH: City Hall Car Park

Parade coverage will be streaming live on CITV and Facebook Live from 1:30 PM





## MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

There could not be a more fitting theme for Bermuda Day this year than a 'celebration of Bermudian sporting heroes and Bermuda's favourite sports and games.'

Bermudians love their sports, their sporting heroes and the many events that bring them together. I grew up an avid fan, idolizing Clyde Best, Clarence Parfitt and Calvin 'Bummy' Symonds. They were role models whose qualities I sought to emulate every time I took the field. My peers at the time were equally inspired. As Premier, I see that same desire today in young Bermudians following the successes of Nahki Wells, Flora Duffy and Nikki Bascome.

That we have decided to celebrate our love of sport this Bermuda Day speaks to the qualities of leadership, hard work, skill and team spirit that enables us to succeed far beyond the playing fields.

What's more, despite the rivalries and competition it thrives on, sport brings Bermudians together in the best ways possible - through appreciation for homegrown talent and the Bermudian pride it engenders.

There is no question the sporting life of Bermuda is rich, for the number of great athletes we produce but also for the amazing variety of sports we play - golf, track and field, cycling, boxing, swimming, tennis, netball, triathlons and long distance running. The sheer variety of activity week in, week out, speaks to an active and competitive national spirit, always striving to do better. Sport, in short, is a perpetual source of Bermudian pride and there can be no more fitting theme for Bermuda Day than that.

On behalf of the Government of Bermuda, I wish everyone a happy 24th of May, Bermuda Day. Let's make it a safe, and happy holiday.

**The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley JP, MP**  
Premier of Bermuda



## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Greetings and Happy Bermuda Day!

Bermuda Day is one of our most anticipated and festive holidays that reflects our shared pride and love for Bermuda. It is a holiday filled with celebration for our beloved Bermuda, our history and our people.

This year, the theme for Heritage Month is "Our Sporting Heritage". The 2017 Heritage Month theme is a celebration of Bermudian sporting heroes and Bermuda's favourite sports and games. More than simply a past-time for children, sport has always been an opportunity for demonstrating determination, teaching teamwork, and exemplifying excellence. Whether you reflect on Bermuda's nautical beginnings and current historic hosting of the America's Cup, if you are a fan of football, or if you hit sixes at cricket, there is no denying the passion that sport inspires. From the fierce loyalty to Cup Match teams, to the rallying unity to support a Bermudian Olympian, Bermuda has continued to build a sporting heritage to be proud of.

I wish to thank the Heritage Month Advisory Committee and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs who have organized a wonderful month of activities and worked tirelessly on executing the events, especially of course, the Bermuda Day Parade.

Today traditionally marks the beginning of summer and traditions vary among families as to how to spend the day. However you choose to enjoy Bermuda Day - watching the Annual Half-Marathon Derby; taking your first dip of the season; watching the Fitted Dingy Race, participating in the Bermuda Day Parade or just relaxing at home, let us take the time to give thanks for our rich heritage.

Enjoy your day.

**The Hon. Nandi Outerbridge, JP, MP**  
Minister of Social Development and Sports



## MESSAGE FROM THE OPPOSITION LEADER

On behalf of my Opposition colleagues, it is my sincere pleasure to extend Bermuda Day greetings to all in our community.

Bermuda Day and Heritage Month bring us a yearly opportunity to reflect on our culture and what truly matters to us. The theme for this year's Heritage Month "Our Sporting Heritage" allows us to embrace as a country the spirit of sportsmanship; a spirit of togetherness, teamwork and determination.

As is the case with team players, Bermudians are at our best when we are moving towards a common goal. This Bermuda Day let us remember that by working together for a fair, just and equitable Bermuda we can reduce the divide that plagues our island. With this shared vision, we can make everyday life better for all our Bermuda family.

Let us take today to celebrate our community's victories and learn from our losses. One cannot exist without the other and they both form the threads that tie our community together.

As we celebrate Bermuda this Heritage Month, I wish you and your family a safe, happy and sporting Bermuda Day 2017.

**E. David Burt, JP, MP**  
Leader of the Opposition

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT

Warm holiday wishes to you on this 38<sup>th</sup> annual Bermuda Day.

The 2017 Heritage Month theme, Our Sporting Heritage, provides an opportunity to contemplate the unique way that sports galvanizes the pride of our people. We feel a fierce loyalty to our favourite teams and the local stars that have continually put our island in the international headlines. When a Bermudian athlete succeeds on a global level, the atmosphere is electric: we all win. During Cup Match, teams are praised and defended with abundant, relentless passion. These expressions of identity are inspiring and one of my favourite ways to reflect on our deep Bermudian national pride.

Our Sporting Heritage also applies well beyond winning tournaments and prizes. This month we salute the legacy of coaches, teachers, and parents that instil the important lessons of dedication, persistence, and resilience that our youth learn through participating in sports. The Pitt Report of 1978 referenced the community-wide interest in the May 24<sup>th</sup> Half Marathon Derby and suggested that an annual celebration be used to facilitate increased equity, social justice, and respect within Bermuda, and Heritage Month is a reflection of an effort to achieve those goals.

The Bermuda Day Parade is a celebration of the same traits that sports teach us. Dance troupes begin practicing up to eight months in advance of the parade, Gombey's toil patiently while crafting suits that perfectly depict their cultural heritage, and float builders find innovative ways to create something beautiful for just a day. The amount of time, energy, money, and passion poured into these efforts from our community groups cannot be overstated; and I hope you will join me in applauding their incredible efforts to create an enjoyable Bermuda Day for everyone.

I wish to recognise the participants of the Bermuda Day Parade, past and present, for their motivation and dedication to celebrating our country. Many thanks go to the wonderful and helpful Heritage Advisory Committee members and my colleagues at the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs. Our appreciation and gratitude is also extended to our partners at the Department of Corrections, the Department of Communication and Information, the Royal Bermuda Regiment, and the Corporation of Hamilton.

The broader Bermudian story from our very beginning has been one of persistence and innovation, and Our Sporting Heritage is an important thread that weaves through this tale. Happy Bermuda Day to each of you – I wish you abundant inspiration, limitless national pride, and boasty vibes.

**Carlita Lodge**  
Cultural Affairs Programme Manager

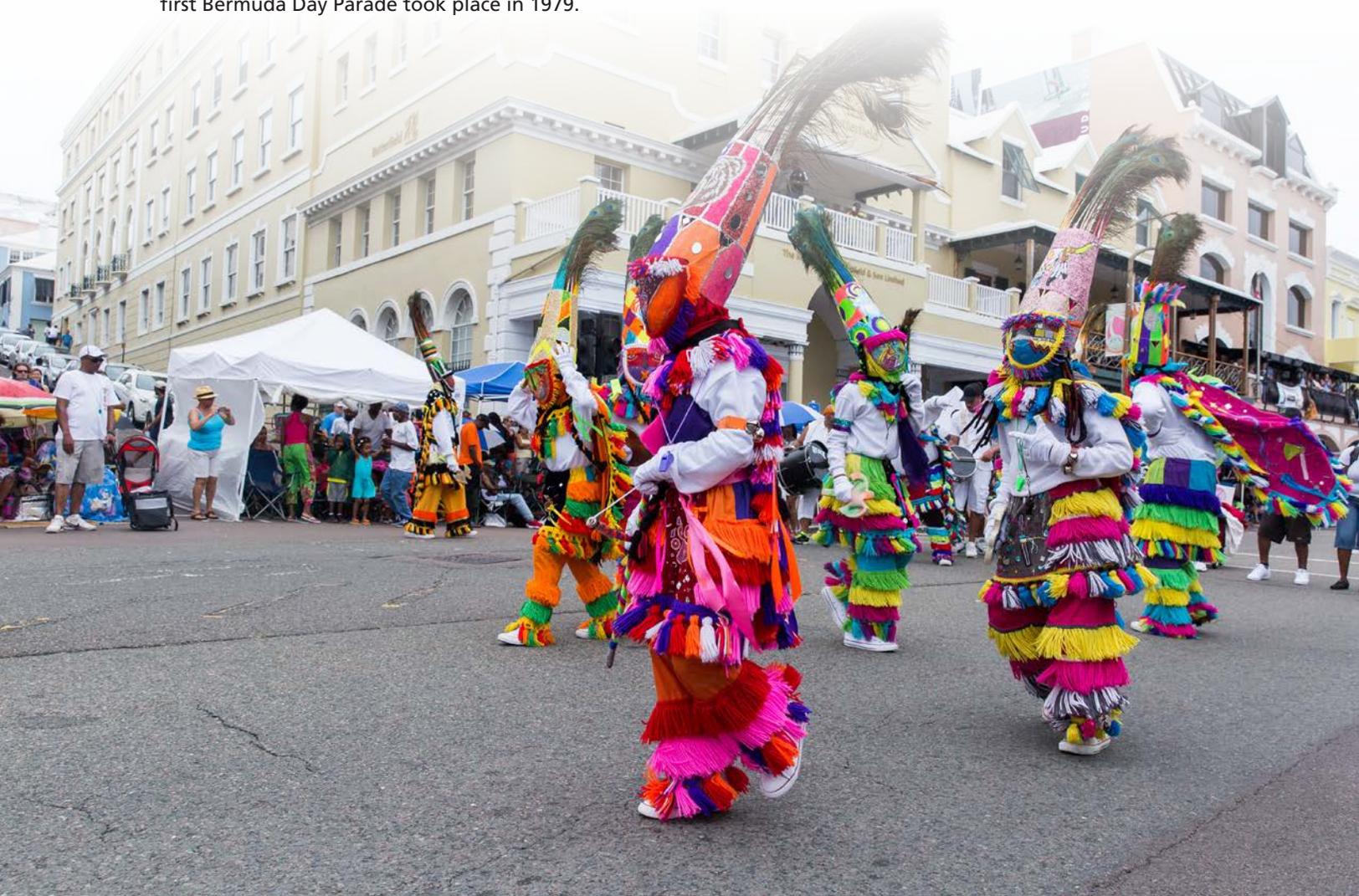
# THE ORIGINS OF **HERITAGE MONTH** AND **BERMUDA DAY**

Civil unrest in the 1960s and 1970s prompted the Bermuda Government to commission a report examining the social conditions in Bermuda and make recommendations to promote a more unified and peaceful social atmosphere. The Pitt Report of 1978 gave an accurate representation of the social and racially tense atmosphere at the time, and included feedback from many Bermudians that suggested an event should be organised to bring Bermudians together in harmony and to build a sense of civic pride.

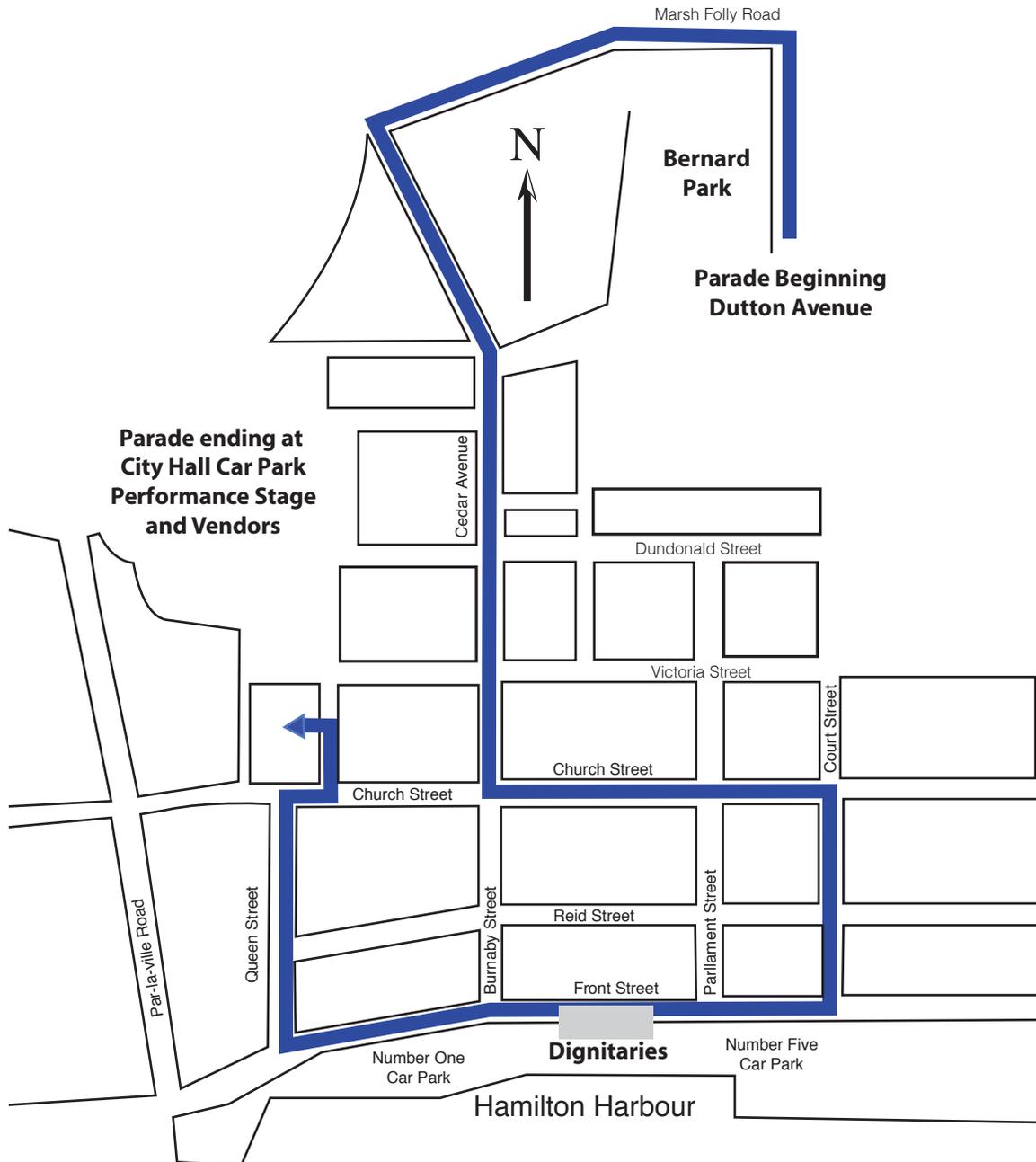
It was decided that a parade would provide an opportunity for camaraderie and celebration, similar to the Easter Parade that ran from the 1930s through to the 1960s. During that time, many farmers grew flowers so that they could be in full bloom for the Easter period. It was also suggested in the Pitt Report that the proposed event capture the unifying spirit of the existing May 24 half-marathon. These events both served as inspiration for the Bermuda Day Heritage Parade which replaced Empire Day, the annual public holiday recognising Queen Victoria's birthday. The first Bermuda Day Parade took place in 1979.

Bermuda quickly realised that one day of celebration was not enough time to recognise the broad spectrum of Bermudian heritage and traditions. Heritage Week was born, celebrated in the last week in May. By the mid-1980's, this was expanded further into Heritage Month with a calendar full of events through May that celebrates Bermudian culture, heritage, and traditions.

Bermuda Day has become the culminating point of Heritage Month and one of the most beloved cultural holidays alongside Cup Match (Emancipation Day & Somers Day). On Bermuda Day, Bermudians showcase their pride in the beauty and diverse culture of our island – whether they participate in the parade, the half-marathon, go for their first swim of the year, attend the season's first fitted dinghy boat races, or follow the Gombeyes through the streets crying, "Ay-oh!".



# BERMUDA DAY 2017 PARADE ROUTE



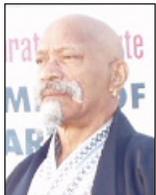
The 2017 Bermuda Day Parade will begin at 1:30 PM. It will move along Marsh Folly Road and continue right through to the top of Cedar Avenue. The parade then turns left onto Church Street, takes a right down Court Street, a right along Front Street, and finally up Queen Street. Groups will have a final performance in **City Hall Car Park**. Floats will make a right turn on to Church Street, park in front of City Hall and remain there on display throughout the afternoon.

# BERMUDA DAY 2017

# PARADE ORDER

1. Bermuda Long Riders Motorcycle Club and ETA Motorcycle Cruises
2. Roger Francis – *Classic Car*
3. St John's Ambulance
4. The Royal Bermuda Regiment Band and Corps of Drums
5. **Grand Marshal:** Skipper Ingham
6. Bermuda Rifle & Drill Team
7. Swan's Running Club
8. DanceSations
9. **Grand Marshal:** Katura Horton-Perinchief
10. Somerset Brigade Band
11. Bermuda Driving Instructors Association – *Art Float*
12. Wheel Builders
13. Lotus Mind Body Spirit Wellness Centre
14. The Bermuda Shrine Club
15. CDC Marching Ligars
16. America's Cup
17. Bermuda National Athletics Association
18. **Grand Marshal:** Cal Simons
19. Sui Generis Dance Team
20. Casa dos Acores Bermuda Ltd. – *Natural Heritage Float*
21. Vanity Dance Group
22. **Grand Marshal:** Debbie Jones-Hunter
23. Anchor Boys Club
24. Bermuda Nurses Association Nurse of the Year: Carys Caisey
25. Club Hobby Zone
26. Department of Corrections – *Art Float*
27. PLP Steppers
28. Department of Youth, Sport & Recreation – *Natural Heritage Float*
29. Passion Bermuda
30. Department of Community and Cultural Affairs – *Natural Heritage Float*
31. **Grand Marshal:** Clarence Hill
32. For God's Purpose
33. Bermuda Public Services Union – *Natural Heritage Float*
34. PHC Majorettes & Drum Corps.
35. X-Road Warriors FC – *Art Float*
36. Rated E
37. Roots-Shoots-Fruits: Profile of Sportsmanship – *Natural Heritage Float*
38. !Xquisite-Styles Dance Group
39. Princess Royal Union Lodge
40. The St George's Original Dancerettes
41. Sandy's Middle School – *Natural Heritage Float*
42. Johns Hopkins Medicine International – *Natural Heritage Float*
43. Bermuda Squad Entertainers
44. Vasco Da Gama Club – *Natural Heritage Float*
45. Bermuda Gymnastics
46. United Dance Productions
47. Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Club – *Upcycled Float*
48. Wilson's New Generation Gombey
49. Gombey Warriors
50. Place's New Generation Gombey
51. Warwick Gombey Troupe
52. Gombey Evolution Troupe
53. H&H Gombey Troupe

## FREDERICK "SKIPPER" *Ingham*



Until 1970 it was impossible for people in Bermuda to study martial arts. Then Grand-Master Skipper Ingham changed that situation by opening Bermuda's first ever martial arts school, the Bermuda Karate Institute. Two years later, he gave Bermuda another first by promoting the first karate tournament ever to be held in Bermuda. Since then, he has taught hundreds of people karate, including his wife, Kristina and his son, Zenji, while also training many to represent Bermuda abroad in international tournaments and championships. Bermuda's highest ranking martial artist, Skipper holds a 10th degree black belt rank, and has himself successfully competed in numerous international martial arts events. In recent years, he never lets his age deter him. He has also been featured in many martial arts magazines and appeared on the cover of "Black Belt" magazine.

Born in 1930, he was filled with the desire to travel from an early age. After serving in the US Army, he became a merchant seaman and it was on a visit to Japan he noticed a karate school and became intrigued. In 1955 in New York he joined a karate school, studying under Grand-Master Peter Urban, thus beginning his lifetime commitment to the martial arts. In 1994 he was the first martial artist to receive the Queen's Certificate and Badge of Honour for his contributions to the martial arts in Bermuda. In 2007 he was inducted into the Bermuda Sports Hall of Fame.

His personal awards are innumerable, but the achievements of his students, in all areas of their lives are what are most important to him. As he explains, he not only teaches his students his athletic skills; he teaches his philosophy and way of life: to take care of his health, to respect his fellow men and women, to help whenever he can, and to listen to everyone.

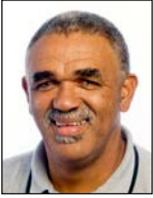
## KATURA *Horton-Perinchief*



When she was five, Katura Horton-Perinchief was one of the only girls in her family and in her neighbourhood to dive off the rocks and the bridges – Somerset Bridge to begin with and then Watford Bridge when she was older. Her mother, Ellen-Kate Horton, herself a famous Bermudian softball player, noticed her talent and arranged for her to have lessons in Toronto where they lived at the time. Katura had no fear and, as she says, felt the rhythm of the diving board was "a rhythm to live by." Aged seven, she was diving competitively in Canada and aged 15 she was the Canadian National Champion regularly winning gold medals. However, by the time she was 19 there came the decision as to which country she would represent: Bermuda or Canada. For her the choice was a "no brainer" and so she represented Bermuda many times at the international level, including twice in the Commonwealth Games, and in the Pan American games. Her proudest moment, of course, was representing Bermuda in diving in the 2004 Olympics held in Athens, the first Bermudian woman, and the first woman of African descent from any nation ever to do so.

She is very proud, too, of her academic achievements, including her Masters in public health and business, and is a strong advocate of being a student athlete. Today, her profession is managing the Bermuda National Tumour Registry. She serves on the Executive Board of the Bermuda Olympic Association. During the summer she conducts her STAR diving camp which she founded in 2014 for five to fourteen year olds. She is very proud of her camp, believing it has life lessons for everyone. Being brave, she says, is not a personality trait. "You can choose to be brave."

## CAL *Simons*



From an early age, Cal Simons showed a keen interest in sport, particularly in competitive track and field. As a young man, he developed his throwing skills by training shot put, discus, javelin and hammer throw. But he also knew early on that he wanted to be a physical education and health teacher. Today he looks back on a successful life dedicated to helping the development of young people in Bermuda through his roles as teacher, coach, football referee and administrator of track and field events. He began his career as a teacher at West End Primary in 1981 and in the same year was a founding member and volunteer head coach of the Bermuda

Pacers Track Club. Through his coaching he has trained innumerable athletes between ages 7 and 18 in various track and field events and is proud that many of Bermuda's top track and field athletes have come through the Bermuda Pacers Track Club. The Club hosts the Bermuda Pacer's School Relay Classic, the largest track event held in Bermuda. In addition, he has spent over 18 years as a referee for the Bermuda Football Association and was on the FIFA list from 1994-1996. For at least 15 years he has been coaching junior footballers at the Pembroke Hamilton Club. In 2005 he became the Senior Sport Development Officer at the Department of Youth, Sport & Recreation. He has received many awards, including the Queen's Certificate and Badge of Honour in 1996, the 2002 Teacher of the Year award, as well as the Bermuda Government Sport Citation Award (1989) and a Bermuda Olympic Association/IOC award for his commitment to the development of track and field in Bermuda. He believes, and indeed is proof, that encouraging young individuals in sports, he can help them become well-rounded and successful individuals.

## DEBBIE *Jones-Hunter*



Now Chief Executive Officer of the Bermuda Anti Doping Authority (BSADA), former track and field athlete Debbie Jones-Hunter can look back on a litany of sporting awards and accomplishments she has achieved during her lifetime. She still holds the record for winning the most medals in the Carifta Games, a total of 21, and is the current holder of Bermuda's National Sprint Records in the 200 and 400 metres. She has received the Austin Sealey Award for outstanding performance during the 1977 Carifta Games in Barbados, the Queen's Silver Jubilee Award, the Bermuda's Sports Citation Award, and the Bermuda Athlete of the Decade

Award for 1970-1979.

Her track and field career began in 1970, the year she first attended the Berkeley Institute where she was noticed by the school's then Physical Education teacher Gerry Swan, who coached her in track and field. After graduating from Berkeley in 1975, she decided to remain in Bermuda to continue preparing for the 1976 Olympics. It was during this time, while representing Bermuda in the 1975 Pan American Games, she fulfilled an important dream: she was recruited to attend Tennessee State University by Edward Temple, renowned coach of Olympic gold medalist and Tigerbelle, Wilma Rudolph. She received a full scholarship. Of all her accomplishments, she is most proud of the fact she was a member of Tigerbelles Indoor World Record Relay Team and was featured on a Nike Sports Poster. But two other achievements are very important to her as well. She won Bermuda's first gold medal in international competition at the 1993 Central and Caribbean Games in Ponce, Puerto Rico. And she was the only woman to be included in Bermuda's Sports Hall of Fame inaugurated in 2004, thereby being the first woman to hold that honour.

## FLORA *Duffy*



2016 was a very good year for triathlon athlete Flora Duffy. Not only did she compete in the Summer Olympics held in Rio, she also won three world championships, becoming the ITU World Champion, the Xterra World Champion and the ITU Cross Triathlon World Champion. Previously she was the winner of the Xterra World Championships in 2014 and 2015, as well as of the ITU Cross Triathlon World Championship in 2015. She is particularly proud of being a three-time Olympian, having also participated in the 2008 Games in Beijing and the 2012 Games in London. She is also very proud of her 2016 ITU Championship and in May 2017 setting the record for the largest winning margin in WTS history.

Born in Bermuda in 1987 to parents Charles and Maria Duffy, she loved sports from an early age. She was in the Sharks swim club and in primary school did every sport from cross country to football. As she says, she grew up doing triathlon, being a member of a local triathlon club, the Tri-Hedz Junior Triathlon Club. Every Saturday she went to Southside for triathlon training and as a child even participated in a few triathlon races abroad. Two people who helped her develop her skills were Dave Morrison, and Neil De Ste Croix, who was her Bermuda team coach during the 2012 Olympics.

However, her life has had its challenges and she is the first to admit she has experienced “the highest highs and the lowest lows”. In 2008 she “retired” from triathlon for two years because of health issues. Her eyes are now on the 2020 Olympics to be held in Tokyo where she hopes to race and win a medal. After that she plans to switch to long course racing. In the meantime, this year she is riding a specially costumed Bermuda themed bike, which includes the colours of Bermuda’s water, the Bermudiana national flower and the Bermuda flag.

**Note:** Unfortunately, Flora is off-island for training and international races and cannot participate in the Bermuda Day Parade. We wish her the best of luck!

## CLARENCE *Hill*



Clarence Hill still savours the time he stood on the podium to receive his bronze medal for heavy weight boxing at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal. Feeling the medal round his neck was his proudest moment. He was the first Bermudian ever to win a Summer Olympic medal and to date is still the only one to do so. His win gave Bermuda the accolade of being the smallest nation and the least populated to win a Summer Olympics medal.

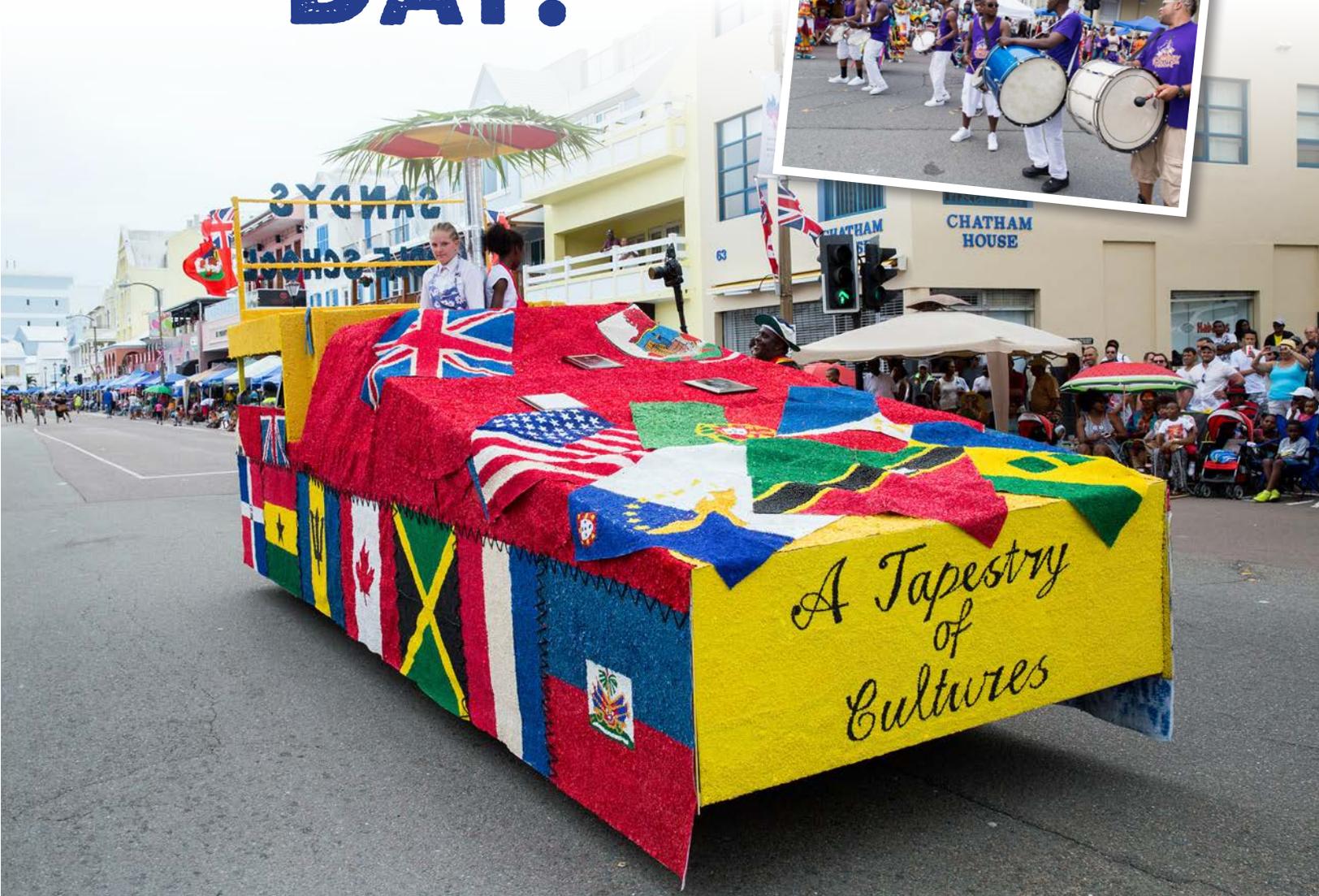
Born in 1951 to parents Ruth and Rupert Hill, he attended the Central School and Heron Bay junior schools in Bermuda. But his first exposure to boxing came when he moved to New Jersey in the US and attended Clinton Place Junior High. As soon as he started, he felt that boxing was something he was born to do. A trainer corroborated this feeling by telling him he was gifted. Watching champion Muhammad Ali box also encouraged him in his decision to become a heavyweight boxer. Aged 17, he returned to Bermuda and took up boxing again with the Bermuda Police and the Bermuda Boxing Association. His gift was soon noticed and he fought heavy weight boxers brought in by the Bermuda Boxing Association. He participated in at least 27 fights, held to packed audiences in the BAA gymnasium, with no losses. As a result he was eligible for the 1976 Olympics and began serious training under Stanley Trimm and Gary Smith. The rest is history. In 2005 he was inducted into the Bermuda Sports Hall of Fame.

After the Olympic games, he became a professional boxer with a record of 18 wins, 3 losses and a draw.

Convinced that boxing keeps boys off the street and gives them self-worth, today he helps young men to train and speaks to students in the schools about the importance of leading self-disciplined and drug free lives.



# Happy BERMUDA DAY!



# Special THANKS!

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