

Bermuda and Olympism

" We the Bermuda Olympic Association, pledge ourselves to the ideals of Baron de Coubertin—Founder of the "Modern Olympics"—and we intend to uphold the dignity and sportsmanship of amateur sport in Bermuda. "

Reginald Cooper, 1977
President of the
Bermuda Olympic Association

BERMUDA

52 sq. km.

56,000 inhabitants (approx.)



BERMUDA OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION (BOA)

Founded in 1935.

Recognised by the IOC in 1936.

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Role of the BOA

- To encourage and stimulate interest in both the Olympic Games and Regional Games in which Bermuda is invited to take part.
- To reinforce the principles of the Olympic movement by the celebration of an annual Olympic day.
- To offer advice and assistance to the Government in the planning, organisation and implementation of schemes of public recreation and sport.

Creation and development

The idea of forming a National Olympic Committee originated in 1930. This idea rapidly caught on and after lengthy correspondence between James Murray and the IOC, Bermuda was on February 13, 1936, recognised by the IOC, and the BOA was formed. Sir Howard Trott was named as the first President of the BOA and Bermuda was shortly thereafter invited to compete in the 11th Modern Olympic Games in Berlin. 1936.

Successive Presidents of the BOA

1935-1958 : Sir Howard Trott.

1958-1972 : W. F. «Chummy» Hayward *.

Since 1972 : Reginald C. Cooper * .

BERMUDA AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES



*1936 - The first Bermudian Olympic delegation : (from left to right) Forster Cooper, John Young, Percy Belvin, Leonard Spence, Edmund Cooper, Chummy Hayward *.*

- **Date of first participation** : 1936.

Bermudian athletes have taken part in each e edition of the Olympic Games held since the inception of the BOA (except in 1980). None of the nation's athlete has yet participated in the Winter Games.

1964 - Tokyo : The Bermudian delegation.



Representation of Bermuda at the Olympic Games from 1936 to 1980 ¹

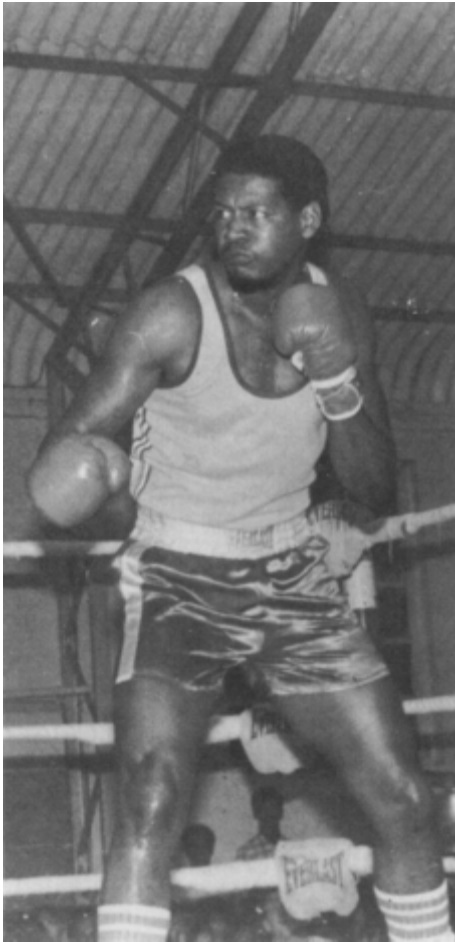
| | Athletics | Rowing | Basketball | Boxing | Canoeing | Cycling | Equestrian Events | Fencing | Football | Gymnastics | Weightlifting |
|------|-----------|--------|------------|--------|----------|---------|-------------------|---------|----------|------------|---------------|
| 1936 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948 | 5(2) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1952 | 2(2) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1960 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1964 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1968 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1972 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 1976 | 12(5) | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | | | | |

| | Handball | Hockey | Judo | Wrestling | Swimming | Modern Pentathlon | Shooting | Archery | Volleyball | Yachting | Total |
|------|----------------|--------|------|-----------|----------|-------------------|----------|---------|------------|----------|-------|
| 1936 | 0 ² | | ● | | 6 | | | ● | ● | | 6 |
| 1948 | ● | | ● | | 6 | | | ● | ● | | 11(2) |
| 1952 | ● | | ● | | 4 | | | ● | ● | | 6(2) |
| 1956 | ● | | ● | | | | | ● | ● | 3 | 3 |
| 1960 | ● | | ● | | | | | ● | ● | 10 | 10 |
| 1964 | ● | | | | | | | ● | | 4 | 4 |
| 1968 | ● | | ● | | | | | ● | | 4 | 6 |
| 1972 | | | | | | | | | | 7 | 9 |
| 1976 | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 22(5) |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |

¹ The figures in brackets represent the number of women included in the first figure

² Demonstration Sport.

● Not included on the programme.



Clarence Hill.

PRESENT ORGANISATION OF THE BOA

- *The BOA's current statutes* were adopted on 28th March 1978.

- *Composition*

The Association is made up of two representatives from each national sports federation affiliated to International Federations whose sports are included on the Olympic programme, as well as individuals felt to have rendered exceptional service to the Olympic movement. Provision is also made for the honorific titles of Patron, Life President and Life Vice-President.

- *The General Assembly* is the Association's highest authority and meets four times annually. Among its numerous tasks, the Assembly is responsible for electing the Association's officers, namely, the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer.

- *The Executive Board* is to meet as often as deemed necessary. Sub-committees drawn from Association's membership may be appointed by the President who is also empowered to co-opt persons from outside the Association.

- **Bermudian medal winners**

In 1976 at the Games in Montreal, boxer Clarence Hill earned the honour of being Bermuda's first medallist, capturing the bronze medal in the heavyweight category.

- **Federations affiliated to the BOA**

| Federation | Date Of IF affiliation | Members in 1978 |
|------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Athletics | 1948 | 150 |
| Boxing | 1949 | 50 |
| Cycling | 1976 | |
| Equestrian | 1976 | 525 |
| Football | 1960 | 1 140 |
| Swimming | 1949 | 125 |
| Shooting | 1971 | 25 |
| Yachting | 1965 | 500 |



Our photograph shows Mr. Reginald Cooper and Mr. W.F. Hayward (front row, 2nd and 3rd from the left), respectively President and Honorary President of the NOC, surrounded by members of the Executive Board and former Bermudian athletes who have participated in the Olympic Games.

• **Present members of the Executive Board**

PT : Mr. Reginald C. Cooper * ; *VPT* : Dr. Gerard W. Bean ; *SG* : Mr. Donald J. Williams ; *Hon. T.* : Mr. John R. Hoskins *.

• **Financing of the BOA**

The Association raises funds through a series of promotions including an Olympic Tag day—the sale of Olympic memorabilia, an annual Telethon. The Government for the first time granted the BOA in 1976 a sum of \$10,000 to help with the cost of funding the Olympic team in Montreal. The Government again helped in 1979 with a \$20,000 grant for the Pan-American Games Team.

In May 1979 the BOA formed the National Olympic Council under the Chairmanship of the former Premier—the Hon. Sir John Sharpe.

Its objective was to raise the necessary funds, not less than \$ 200 000, required for Bermuda's representation at the Olympic Games in Moscow in 1980.

THE BOA AND OLYMPISM

• **Olympic Day**

The BOA's 1977 Olympic Day celebration, held on 19th November, was highlighted by the screening of the official film from the 1976 Olympic Games. The two thousand persons who attended the showing were given a pamphlet outlining the background and objectives of the nation's Olympic movement. An Olympic sports seminar was also organised by the BOA, on 18th February, 1978, and featured the participation of sports dignitaries from Bermuda and abroad.

• **Olympic Awards obtained**

Prix de la reconnaissance Olympique, 1973 to W.F. «Chummy» Hayward *, one of the founders of the BOA, for his many years of dedication to the Olympic movement.

• **Protection of the Olympic Emblems**

The BOA has secured protection for its emblem, as well as that of the IOC, through its national Government. It further intends to co-operate in obtaining intergovernmental protection for the Olympic symbols.

SPORT IN BERMUDA

• **State aid for the sports movement**

The Government's policy has always been to aid in programmes locally and provide aid to Federations for coaches and equipment. The Government is writing a *White Paper*, which will in fact be its policy on sport, a milestone for sport in Bermuda.

- **Sport at school**

Sport at school is not standardised. There are inter-school competitions.

- **Sports facilities in Bermuda**

School playing fields, and one large playing field on which international soccer and cricket are played.

Development of Sports in Bermuda is in direct proportion to the amount of money spent on sports installations. SO far we have been severely handicapped due to almost total lack of facilities.

- **Sports which draw biggest crowds**

Soccer, boxing, marathon running.

- **Sports undergoing the greatest expansion**

Swimming, soccer, cycling (Road), cricket.



46 Bermudians decided to take part in the 'I see the world' poster competition organised by the Moscow OCOG for the 1980 Games. Our photo shows three young entrants - Alvin Busby (13), Leo Simmons (12) and Vanessa Covell(9) - together with (from left to right) Dr. Gerard Bean, Vice-President of the BOA, Mr. Cary S. Maddern, of the Ministry for Education, and Mr. Reginald C. Cooper, President of the BOA.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Reginald C. Cooper

President of the BOA since 1972.

Born in 1921, he attended schools in Bermuda and the United States before setting on a career in hotel management in the field of sports, he excelled in tennis, diving, and yachting, winning the Bermuda mens singles tennis titles from 1952 to 1954, serving as a reserve for the Finn class in the yachting events at the 1964 Olympic Games and acting as the manager for the 1968 Olympic yachting team. A member of the BOA since 1964, his other duties include a position on the Government Race Relations Board ; Executive Committee Bermuda Hotel Association ; Chairman, Bermuda Sports Council.

W. F. "Chummy" Hayward

Hon. Life President of the BOA.

One of the founders of the BOA and President of the Association from 1958 to 1973.

Born in Pembroke, he now serves as President of the Vallis Company. His sports activities at school were varied and included cricket, football and swimming as well as diving in which he had particular talent. He served as the chef de mission for the Bermudian delegation at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, and was the first to carry his nation's flag into an Olympic stadium. Many decades of service to the Olympic movement culminated in the honour of receiving the Prix de la Reconnaissance Olympique in 1973. The most recent demonstration of his devotion to the sports movement in his country was a gift of \$50,000 he offered to the BOA. In 1979 he was appointed chairman of the finance commission of the American confederation of boxing

John R. Hoskins

Treasurer of the BOA.

Born December 14, 1931, he has actively competed in soccer, cricket, tennis, golf and rugby. He is past President of the Bermuda Hockey Association and has represented Bermuda internationally since 1957 including representation in the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg (CAN). He has served on the Bermuda Olympic Association Since 1967 and has also served on the Sports Development Council.

