



Virgin Islands Archery Association

'Pull em back and let em fly!'

Virgin Islands Archery Association 2018/2019 Annual Report

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After hurricanes Irma and Maria, we suffered some losses just as many other organizations.

We have lost quite a few athletes who were displaced or forced to relocate for educational purposes, or their parents were forced to relocate because of job relocation etc.

We also have three (3) recurve shooters and one (1) compound shooter away to college. We are working on keeping them all active, but it will take some time.

Equipment

Our equipment is still limited, and we are still working on raising funds and gaining sponsors to replace what was lost and build further.

Needs

Our needs remain similar to the previous year. This includes a few compound bows for training and beginner level competition. Through sponsors and donations were able to secure a bow press and we are looking other ways to utilize everyday mechanics to assist in other areas.

Proper storage is also needed and a venue for night training. It has been quite some time since Coach Graves visited and some things that we should have had in place have fallen by the wayside. I would like to see these initiatives put in place to offer all athletes the ability to be prepared and in shape both physically and mentally to compete on the global stage.

Organization:

National Coaches: 3

Active Instructors: 7-9

National Team Members: 12 (8 Developmental Members)

Active Board Members: 4

Training

August 2018

I attended WA general assembly in Medellin Columbia from August 17, 2018 through August 27, 2018. I also had the privilege to learn from some of the best people in the sport. Dan Rabska, former Hoyt/Easton employee and Coach Kisik Lee, NTS Level 5 Head Coach of the USA team.

October 2018

Ms. Winnette Lawrence, captain of the women's compound team attended a compound seminar and training session in San Salvador, which was very beneficial. It will aid in redesigning and better preparing our compound shooters for competition.

August 2019

While competing in Chile, we met with many top coaches. One of which invited us to join him in St. Thomas for a coaching session he had with his US VI athlete. The two-day course was offered to us at no cost other than transportation and lodging. Approximately 8 members of the team traveled with us and two stayed for the second day.

November 2019

One of our coaches, Winnette Lawrence, attended the KSL Archery Thanksgiving Camp in Yucaipa, CA. A course which was tailored to the Professional and Advanced level archers. This training was held by the leading coach in the modern era of the archery, Kisik Lee. His development of the KSL shot cycle is internationally recognized. He has been the Head Archery Coach for Korea, Australia and is currently Head Coach of the USA. His coaching experience had led to medals in the last nine Olympics and most recently, a YSA Gold medal in the 2019 World Championships with Brady Ellison.

Tournaments/Championships/Games Attended

March/April 2019 - II PanAmerican Games Qualifier 2019 World Ranking Event – Santiago, Chile

Accompanying National Coach – Patrick Smith Bow Mechanic - Xavier Buxo

We had two athletes compete at the II PanAmerican Games Qualifier 2019 World Ranking Event. Report included in the Schedule 2.

June 2019 – III Caribbean Developmental Championships (3rd CDC), DR

Accompanying National Coaches – Ritseeniyah Georges, Patrick Smith and Winnette Lawrence

We had 8 young athletes, ages ranging from 9 – 22 compete at the 3rd CDC. We brought home a total of 13 medals across divisions. 7 Gold, 5 Silver and 1 Bronze. NOTE: Report included in Schedule 2

October 2019 – Brazil Cup World Ranking Event Marica – South American Championship– Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Accompanying Coach - None

We had 1 athlete compete at the Brazil Cup world Ranking event.

Working with YEP

YEP is now recognized by the Boys and Girls Club of America. We continue to work closely with this organization.

HLSCC

HLSCC Stingray Club is in full swing. We have twenty (26) students registered in the program. The majority will be shooting during the week. We also have a dedicated coach for those from the club for those who wish to compete. With HLSCC being our current home, we have partnered with them in providing an archery organization and are working on building the Archery Collegiate Program. We have reached out to other institutions and are working on the development of the program locally.

VI National Archery in the Schools Program (VI NASP®)

The VI NASP® program is slowly building. We now have 5 schools running the program with a few more to start in 2019. NOTE: 2019 NASP Report is also included.

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Upcoming

We have won the bid with World Archery and will be hosting the 4th Annual Caribbean Developmental Championships. This event is a very important event for the Caribbean region. This event assist developing archer gain the competition experience they need before getting to the global stage. World Archery had developed this event for our region due to the many countries needed assistance in developing archery in their respective countries. We are in the developing stages and working on securing sponsors and lodging.

Our plans are to name the event in honor of Mr. Xavier ‘Dag’ Samuel.

Immediate needs

8 Compound bows - (6 Right Hand 2 Left Hand)

12 Recurve sights - (8 Right Hand 4 Left Hand)

8 Stabilizer sets

20 Bow stands

20 Quivers (Right Hand and Left Hand)

Storage and office space

Transportation assistance

And equipment for the CDC 2020.

Schedule 2

**Event Reports
2019 NASP(R) Report**