



**2022 Virgin  
Islands Archery Association  
Annual Report**



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## Introduction

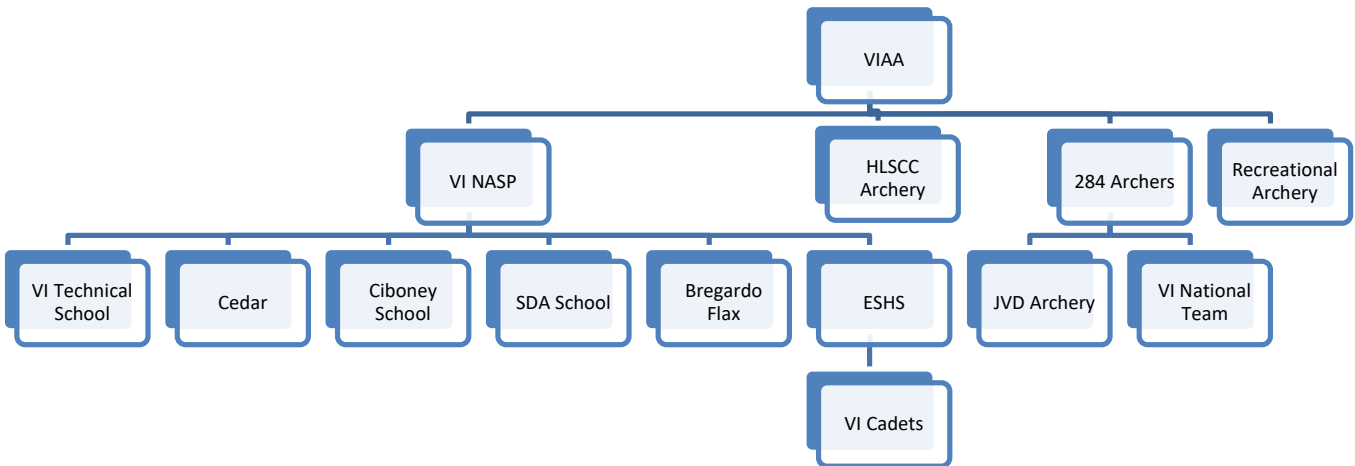
This report covers the activities carried out by the Virgin Islands Archery Association since December 2021.

In December of 2021, there were 12 members and 4 associated schools affiliated to VI Archery. We have had 2 athletes compete internationally this year.

As of November 2022, we have a new school that is now in our National Archery in the school Program VI NASP and will be ordering their equipment before the end of 2022. Once equipment has been ordered, we will schedule a training and certify new instructors that will be associated with the school.

Here is the report of our Executive Board. We invite all queries for further information if needed.

### VI Archery Association Organizational Structure





## Governance

### 1.1 Strategic Development Plan

The VI Archery Association 2016-2020 Development Plan, which was passed by our General Assembly in 2016, has been restructured for 2021-2024 and has been our focus since we restarted after COVID.

Focus Area 1 – Governance

Focus Area 2 – Membership Services and building membership

Focus Area 3 – Development (Grass Root and Elite Performance)

Focus Area 4 – Partnership – Sponsors and formation of local groups and clubs

Focus Area 5 – Promotional Activity

### 1.2 Executive Committee Meetings and Council Decisions

Our Executive Committee formed by the President, the Vice President and the Secretary General and Treasurer has met 6 times in 2022 in addition to one General Assembly.

## Memberships

### Memberships – Total 28

- **Coaches**
  - Level 1 – 1
  - Level 2 – 2
  - Level 3 NTS - 1
- **Instructors (May also be included in the Coaches Above)**
  - VI NASP - Basic Archery Instructor
  - (BAITS) Trainer Specialist – 1
  - (BAIT) Instructor Trainer - 1
  - (BAI) Basic Archery Instructor
    - Active - 7
    - Suspended – Total 7
      - Not Enough Hours – 1
      - No Annual Reporting - 6
    - Terminated - 37
- **Athletes**
  - National Team – 2
  - Developmental Team – 10



## Development

### 1.1 Grassroot Programs and local Clubs

In August of 2022 a meeting was set up by Ms. Weston of the Ministry of Education where our VI NASP Country Coordinator presented the VI National Archery in the Schools program to the PE teachers. At this meeting we were able to determine the challenges with which certain sports were not being added to the PE program. One of which included the CXC structure. Archery is not listed as one of the sports and PE teachers are saying that they don't have enough time with the students to introduce other sports.

Our secretary has since spoken with other Caribbean Archery Federations and have been informed that the addition of Archery to the CXC board has been in discussions as it was brought to the board by another Federation.

In 2017 there were 4 schools that were considered NASP Schools. After the Hurricanes of 2017 and the loss of brand-new equipment from the ESHS campus, two of these schools are no longer active. This year we have one new school that has been added and we have assisted with awarding grants and sponsored funds in the amount of \$3,608 to assist with equipment for the school program. In January of 2023 we will have two reactivated schools and one new school for a total of 5 schools in the program.

In 2022 we awarded a total of \$12,000 (twelve thousand US dollars) in CASH scholarships to student archers and have paid out \$2200.00 to colleges for student winners. These funds were provided by our two annual sponsors and matched by US NASP®. On an international level, this program has awarded \$2,364,000 in scholarships in 2022.

1. \$132,000 in National Scholarships, which includes Ream, shoot offs and Random at the Eastern, Western and Open Championships.
2. \$157,000 NASP® state match scholarships
3. \$1,278,000 national Tournament Scholarships

### 1.2 Coaching

To further the education of our instructors and coaches, World Archery usually schedule coaching seminars at competitions. Once such seminar was scheduled at the Copa Merengue competition and VIAA registered one coach who was not able to attend due to flight cancelations from Hurricane Earl.

### 1.3 Training Camp

VIAA hosted one VI NASP Instructor certification and certified 4 new Basic Instructor Trainers.



## **Financials**

### **1.4 Budget Allocation**

Please note that due to the treasurer being ill, the budget report is unavailable but can be provided at a later time if needed.

## **Events**

### **World Ranking Event in Puerto Rico – February 2022**

The first qualifier for the CAC Games was held in February of 2022 in Puerto Rico. The timing of the event came after postponements due to COVID. Due to the many COVID restrictions, hotel and travel prices were too high for our archers to attend.

### **Pan American Youth and Masters’ Championships – June 2022**

The Pan American Youth and Masters’ Championships were held in Halifax, Canada in June. We had one archer in the age category for this championships, Winnette Lawrence, who would have competed in the master’s division. Due to her Canadian VISA approval being completed 4 days after she was due to be in Canada, she did not attend but received funding from the OC. Funds were used for her to compete at the Ohio Double 900, where she brought home a gold medal. We subsequently emailed the NOC and asked if this was an approved reallocation of funds and if the amount that was not considered ‘non-refundable’ should be returned, but we have not yet received a reply.

### **2022 VI NASP National Championships – May 2022**

The 2022 VI National Archery in the Schools Championships was held at HLSCC campus where two schools competed for the chance to win CASH scholarships. \$12,100, (twelve thousand one hundred US dollars) was awarded in addition to trophies, prize bows and medals. This included the 5 top girls and boys and random scholarships for student archers.

### **Copa Merengue – CAC Games Qualifiers**

The 8<sup>th</sup> issue of the traditional Copa Merengue was held in Santo Domingo from the 6<sup>th</sup> of September to the 11 with 118 archers from Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Virgin Islands US, the British Virgin Islands, Martinique, Trinidad & Tobago, the United States and Venezuela.

With the \$5000.00 (five thousand US dollars) that was given from the local NOC, this was only able to fund two archers’ flights, per diem, and partial lodging stay which unfortunately did not include the host hotel. The archers were not able to travel with a coach but was able to earn a spot for the CAC Games in the Compound Women’s division.



## **Caribbean Developmental Championships- CDC 2022 – September 2022**

VIAA, in 2019 placed a bid to host the 4<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Developmental Championships in 2020 but due to COVID the competition was postponed. Once COVID restrictions relaxed, the VIAA board was not able to receive approval from government to host the competition in 2021, nor 2022 and the Dominican Republic was selected to host the competition.

VIAA had 11 registered athletes scheduled to compete. Due to cancelled flights on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September by InterCaribbean Airways, the delegation of 11 athletes were not able to travel to the competition.

A sponsorship of \$5000.00 was given by Unite BVI of which mostly covered the two coaches and a percentage of the flights for the athletes. Other funds were secured by some athlete's personal sponsors and family. While only 50% the funds paid to the Dominican Republic Archery Federation was refunded the balance of the sponsored funds that were refunded was partially reallocated to assist with equipment purchase for the VI NASP school program and medals for our Nationals.

## **Pan American and Parapan American Championships (Pan AM Qualifiers) – November 2022**

The Pan American and Parapan American Championships that was held in Santiago 2022 in November with record breaking figures of 250 able-bodied and 84 para-archers coming from 26 member associations.

The Pan American and Parapan American Championships are expected to be the main qualifiers for the Pan American and Parapan American Games, and later for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. This has made an impact on the participation growth. Unfortunately, our archers were not able to attend due to lack of funding. Notification on the change of local COVID restrictions came 15 days before the finalization of reservation. Due to the short notice period, we did not have the time it would take to raise the necessary funding to travel.

## **The D'Foster Cup – VIAA Nationals – November 2022**

In 2022, the VIAA board, with the approval of Mr. David Fosters family named the end of year national competition after the first president of the VIAA. Mr. Foster passed in 2021 due to COVID. The competition awarded medals in the following categories, Genesis (beginners), Recurve and Compound disciplines. While registrant from the USVI were expected to attend, complications with travel prevented them from attending. This event is the first of an annual.

## **Judging Continental Seminar in Halifax**

A continental judges' seminar was held in Halifax at the beginning of June. Three new continental judges were accredited: two from the United States and one from Guyana. Our



one national judge, Winnette Lawrence, was scheduled to attend but could not due to her Canadian Visa being approved 4 days after she was scheduled to be in Canada.

### **Continental Judge Education, Appointment,**

VIAA is actively seeking individuals interested in becoming judges, while our current National Judge will be continuing educational opportunities to become a continental judge.

## **Partnerships**

### **Sponsors**

#### **1.1 VI NASP Sponsors**

The National Archery in the Schools program is the only program of its kind that grants CASH scholarships to students to assist with furthering their tertiary education post high school graduation. Since its inception the program has awarded a total of \$52,100 (fifty-two thousand one hundred US dollars) in scholarship funding. Of the funds awarded \$9600.00 (nine thousand six hundred US dollars, has been claimed and paid). This scholarship program is sponsored by two local annual sponsors, Kobre & Kim (BVI) LP and Caribbean Security. Funds are then matched, up to \$10,000 (ten thousand US dollars) by US NASP®.

In addition to the above sponsors, on the local level we have our bronze level sponsors such as Khoy's Mailing services, Unite BVI and one-time sponsors that assist with purchasing of equipment for our schools. As these programs require continues monetary support, we continuously advertise our programs and seek addition sponsors.

World Archery and NASP ® also retain sponsors that assist on a global level with discounts on equipment that we pass on to our members. One of our archers is also listed as a Matthews Shooter and receives equipment discounts.

## **Information Resources and Communications**

### **1.1. Social media**

VIAA maintains a website at [www.archeryvi.org](http://www.archeryvi.org). We also have a Facebook group, 284 Archers and a company Facebook page, Virgin Islands Archery Association. In addition to the above we also have a Twitter account.

## **Challenges to meet in 2023 and forward**

For 2023 we have a few items on calendar. Due to the multiple events, we have started raising funds to accommodate proposed travel plans.





1. In March there is the 2nd Qualifiers for the Pan American Games at the Dominican Republic Copa Merengue Competition.
2. Information for the Caribbean Developmental Championships, which is still out for bid, will be shared once approved.
3. Gaining approval from Government to host the 2024 Caribbean Developmental Championships. VIAA is planning to bid to host the 2024 CDC and will be working with local government, DYAS and local sponsors to cover the event. This will be the first major archery competition hosted in the Virgin Islands and will bring individuals from the US, Canada and the Caribbean.

### Upcoming Events in 2023

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|--|---------|----------------------|
| 1. Pan Am Qualifiers (Copa Merengue)     | - March | - Dominican Republic |
| 2. Caribbean Developmental Championships | - TBD   | - TBD                |
| 3. VI NASP Nationals                     | - May   | - Virgin Islands     |
| 4. Gator Cup                             | - May   | - Florida, US        |
| 5. CAC Games                             | - July  | - El Salvador        |
| 6. NASP Coordinator Conference           | - July  | - TBD                |

### Finals remarks

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