

Highlights

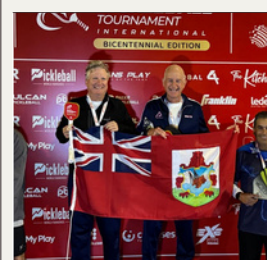
LIMA, PERU, PICKLEBALL WORLD CUP OFFICIAL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT - INTERNATIONAL



Melisa Judd & Imani Phillips



Benjamin Jones & Gavin Manders



Michael Way & Stuart Smith



Stuart Smith & Val Stevenson



Kiernan Bell



Jaden Jones



Kai Manders



Imani Phillips



Sarah Fox & Val Stevenson



Mark Cordeiro & Tori Powell



Alvaro Triana & Jaden Jones



Gavin Manders



Tori Powell & Christine Todd



Mark Cordeiro & George Thomas



Jaden Jones



George Thomas
Fair Play Award

Pickleball Association of Bermuda - Tournament Results

Official Pickleball Tournament - International
 Oct 23, 2024 - Oct 25, 2024
 Villa Deportiva Nacional Lima, Peru

Open Division (Any Age)			
Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Womens Doubles Skill: (3.5)	1		
Mens Doubles Skill: (4.5)	1		
Mens Doubles Skill: (4.0)			1
Womens Singles Skill: (3.5)		1	
Mens Singles Skill: (4.5)			1

Team Bermuda Medal Winner(s)	
Imani Phillips	Melisa Judd
Gavin Manders	Benjamin Jones
Alvaro Triana	Jaden Jones
Imani Phillips	
Gavin Manders	

Senior Division (50 and Above)			
Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Womens Doubles Skill: (4.0)			1
Womens Doubles Skill: (3.0)		1	
Mens Doubles Skill: (4.5)	1		
Mens Doubles Skill: (4.0)			1
Mixed Doubles Skill: (4.5)		1	
Mixed Doubles Skill: (4.0)	1		
Mixed Doubles Skill: (3.0)	1		

Team Bermuda Medal Winner(s)	
Christine Todd	Victoria Powell
Sarah Fox	Val Stevenson
Michael Way	Stuart Smith
Mark Cordeiro	George Thomas
Tori Powell	Mark Cordeiro
Val Stevenson	Stuart Smith
Kiernan Bell	

Junior Division (Under 18)			
Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Boys Doubles Age: (13 To 18)	1		
Boys Singles Age: (13 To 18)			1
Kids Singles 5-8 years old	1		

Team Bermuda Medal Winner(s)	
Jaden Jones	
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Kai Manders	

	Total	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Medal Count	15	7	3	5

	Total	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Open Medals	5	2	1	2
Senior Medals	7	3	2	2
Junior Medals	3	2	0	1

PAB are pleased to report on Bermuda's outstanding performance at the 2024 Pickleball World Cup and the preceding International Tournament in Lima, Peru.

The World Cup competition saw both our Elite and Senior teams achieve a historic milestone by advancing from their respective group stages to the knockout rounds. To put this achievement in perspective, our nation of 63,000 people competed against global powerhouses like India and China, each with populations of 1.4 billion - more than 22,000 times our size.

Our Elite team delivered exceptional performances in Group E, securing victories against Chile (population 19.5 million) and Canada (38.2 million) to clinch second place in their group. This remarkable achievement saw our small island nation defeat countries with populations hundreds of times larger than ours. In the Senior Edition, our team dominated their Group B matches, defeating Colombia (52 million), Panama (4.4 million), and Uruguay (3.5 million) to advance alongside group winners USA (333 million). Our Elite team's journey ended in a thrilling battle against the Cayman Islands in the round of 16, with the match ultimately being decided in a dream breaker tiebreaker after being deadlocked at 2-2. While we fell just short in this dramatic encounter, the match was particularly compelling as it featured two of the tournament's smallest nations (Bermuda at 63,000 and Cayman Islands at 66,000) competing at the highest level.

Our Senior team's World Cup campaign continued with a memorable victory over Mexico (population 132 million) in the round of 16, before facing the eventual champions, the United States, in the quarterfinals. The victory over Mexico was particularly impressive given their population is over 2,000 times larger than ours. While the U.S. proved too strong, reaching the quarterfinals of a global competition represents a remarkable achievement for Bermuda's senior players and sets a new benchmark for future tournaments.

These results across both tournaments demonstrate the continuing development of pickleball in Bermuda and highlight the effectiveness of our national program in cultivating talent across all age groups. Our success against nations many times our size brings positive recognition to Bermuda and inspires the next generation of athletes in our community, proving that with dedication and proper development, population size need not determine competitive success.

Read the full article in the Bermuda Sport and Recreation newsletter [here](#).



Highlights continued.....



NATIONAL PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The inaugural National Pickleball Championships closed a busy month by showcasing the deep playing talent in Bermuda.

232 entries!

315 matches and 372 games.

While weather delayed play during the week, the Finals on Sunday saw sunny if breezy conditions. The energy was great to see with the pickleball community turning out in force, grooving to the tunes of DJ Brian Purvey of Allstar Productions.

Huge shout out to the Tournament directors, the referees, the many volunteers, the amazing players and all the supporters.

Speaking of referees, this was the first tournament officiated by Bermuda's own recently qualified referees. See more on this important development inside.

Full results and photos inside

COMMERCIAL PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

The fall season of the Commercial League saw 16 teams competing in 2 divisions. Arch (pictured) won Division 1 with Tuckers Farm the Runners Up.

Division 2 saw Bacardi take gold with Fidelis the Runners Up.

145 participants, and great fun had by all.

(Pictured: Arch. Top row L-R: LaVerne Stowe, Alvaro Triana-Zan, Jamie Stowe, Melisa Judd, Matt Dragonetti. Bottom Row: Claire Gemmel, Nasri Toutoungi, Chris Binnie, Christine Todd)



Pictured: Singles players Massimo Arzani, Hasan Khan, Gavin Manders, Richard Madeiros.

Tournament results and more photos inside



CHANGES AT THE TOP

The PAB extends huge thanks to outgoing President Matt Dragonetti who has worked tirelessly on behalf of the PAB, and welcomes incoming President George Thomas.

Programme Updates

The PAB successfully conducted an **intensive referee training program** led by Patricia Stewart, the Head Referee for the Pickleball Federation of the Americas and a USA Pickleball Senior Referee. Stewart, who served as head referee at the recent World Cup in Peru, brought world-class expertise to Bermuda's officiating development program.

The eight-hour certification course conducted over two days in Bermuda, based on USA Pickleball rules and sanctioned by the Global Pickleball Federation, resulted in the successful certification of six local officials:

- **Bill Bucci (PAB Director of Officiating)**
- **Ryan Hayward**
- **Ryon Outerbridge**
- **John Singleton**
- **LaVerne Stowe**
- **George Thomas**



Bill Bucci, Director of Officiating.

Immediate Impact at National Championships

The newly certified officials immediately put their training into practice at the PAB National Championships, demonstrating the program's value to the local pickleball community. The officials presided over numerous matches throughout the tournament, including most finals and the majority of semi-final matches.

"This certification program represents a significant investment in our officiating infrastructure," said Bill Bucci, PAB Director of Officiating. *"Having internationally certified officials enhances our ability to conduct high-level tournaments and provides our players with officially sanctioned competition experiences. The National Championships showcased the immediate benefits of this training as our officials delivered professional-level officiating across all divisions."*

Strategic Impact

This development aligns with the PAB's strategic goals of enhancing player development and elevating competition standards in Bermuda. The combination of international federation memberships (see below) and certified officials strengthens Bermuda's position in the global pickleball community and supports our ability to host international events.

"As pickleball continues to grow rapidly in Bermuda, these achievements demonstrate our commitment to developing all aspects of the sport," said PAB President, George Thomas, Jr.. *"From grassroots development to international competition, we are building a sustainable framework to deliver pickleball excellence in Bermuda."*

The certified officials will continue to play crucial roles in upcoming tournaments, including local championships and international events hosted in Bermuda. Their certification ensures that Bermuda's tournaments meet international standards and provides our players with high-quality officiating at all levels of competition.

PAB ACHIEVES TWO NEW INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION MEMBERSHIPS

The PAB has secured membership in two prestigious international organizations: the Global Pickleball Federation (GPF) and the Pickleball Federation of the Americas (PFA), the sub federation that is responsible for Bermuda's geographic region. These are important steps to position Bermuda within the formal structure of international pickleball governance. The memberships provide access to resources, tournaments, and development opportunities for our players and officials.



Pickleball Association of Bermuda - Tournament Statistics

Bermuda National Championships

Nov 18, 2024 - Nov 24, 2024

W. E. R. Joell Tennis Stadium - Pembroke, Bermuda



Division	Matches	Games	Entries	Teams
Women's Singles	11	12	5	
Men's Singles	67	72	24	
Women's 3.5+ Doubles	25	31	28	14
Women's 3.0 Doubles	15	21	16	8
Men's 4.0 Doubles	33	38	26	13
Men's 3.5 Doubles	25	31	28	14
4.0 Mixed Doubles	15	21	18	9
3.5 Mixed Doubles	39	44	36	18
3.0 Mixed	24	30	12	6
Grand Total	254	300	193	82

Junior Division	Matches	Games	Entries	Teams
Girls Under 14 Doubles	11	12	10	5
Girls Under 14 Singles	16	18	6	
Boys Under 14 Doubles	4	6	6	3
Boys Under 14 Singles	15	18	6	
Boys Under 10 Doubles	4	6	6	3
Boys Under 10 Singles	11	12	5	
Grand Total	61	72	39	11
Combined Total	315	372	232	93



Ladies Singles Champion, Imani Phillips, with Gavin Manders



Above Mens Singles Champion, Gavin Manders, with George Thomas

4.0 Mixed Doubles Champions, Imani Phillips and Matt Dragonetti



4.0 mens doubles champions, Gavin Manders and Michael Way, with George Thomas



Left, Mens Singles silver, Tariq Simons



center, Ladies Singles silver, Melisa Judd



4.0 Mixed Doubles Silver, Toby Kempe receiving medal for daughter Patricia Mills, and Tom Mills



Find all the highlights and reels from the Bermuda National Pickleball Championships on [Pickleballbermuda](#) Instagram page brought to us by Bermuda Sports Radar

From Top: George Thomas, officiating, Sue Chiappa and Imani Phillips, Michael Way and Gavin Manders, Melisa Judd and Patricia Mills, Hasan Khan and Numair Khan, Gary Perry and Vincent Chaves and the team from Bermuda Sports Radar

Gold and Silver Medalists

Ladies Singles	Imani Phillips def Melisa Judd	11/7, 11/9
Mens Singles	Gavin Manders def Tariq Simons	11/6, 12/10
4.0 Mens Doubles	Gavin Manders/Michael Way def Ryan Matcham/Tom Mills	11/7, 8/11, 11/5
4.0 Mixed Doubles	Matt Dragonnetti/ Imani Phillips def Tom Mills/Patricia Mills	7/11, 11/7, 11/0
3.5 Ladies Doubles	Melisa Judd/Patricia Mills def Sue Chiappa/Imani Phillips	12/10, 11/9
3.5 Mens Doubles	Gary Perry/Vincent Chaves def Hasan Khan/Numair Khan	11/6, 7/11, 11/9
3.5 Mixed Doubles	Daniel Marshall/Abby Brewer def Elizabeth Schaefer/Jose Barroso	12/10, 11/4
3.0 Ladies Doubles	Natalie Chaves/Ruth Stovell def. Stacia Ming/Natasha Trott	4/11, 11/4, 11/7
3.0 Mixed doubles	Joe Logan/Leslie Jackson def Julie Matthews-Borchardt/Ricky Spence	11/8, 6/11, 11/9



4.0 Mens Doubles silver medalists Ryan Matcham and Tom Mills



3.5 Ladies Doubles Champions, Melisa Judd and Nancy Kempe receiving medal for daughter Patricia Mills.



3.5 Ladies Doubles silver medalists Sue Chiappa and Imani Phillips



3.5 Mens Doubles Champions Vincent Chaves, and Gary Perry



3.5 Mixed Doubles Champions Daniel Marshall and Abby Brewer



3.5 Mens Doubles Silver Hasan Khan and Numair Khan



3.0 Mixed Doubles Champions Joe Logan and Leslie Jackson



3.5 Mixed Doubles silver medalists Elizabeth Schaefer and Jose Barroso



3.0 ladies doubles champions Natalie Chaves and Ruth Stovell

3.0 Mixed Doubles silver medalists Julie Mathews - Borschardt and Ricky Spence



4.0 Mens Doubles John Singleton, missing Jamie Stowe



3.0 Ladies Bronze Jamie Gutteridge and Kelly Reeves



3.5 mixed doubles bronze medalists Marie-Helene Paré and Gary Perry

Bronze Medalists

Mens Singles	Alvaro Triana-Zan
Mens Doubles 4.0	John Singleton/Jamie Stowe
Ladies Doubles 3.5	Cayla Cross/Zaire Simons
Mens Doubles 3.5	Richard Madeiros/Gabe Peyton
Mixed Doubles 3.5	Gary Perry/Marie-Helene Paré
Ladies Doubles 3.0	Jamie Gutteridge/Kelly Reeves
Mixed Doubles 3.0	Caitlin Conyers/Darren Woods



3.0 Mixed doubles bronze Darren Woods, missing Caitlin Conyers



PICKLEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNIORS



Girls Under 14 Doubles	Arabella Davies/Izzy Neururer def Ella Metschnabel/Chasrose
Girls Under 14 Singles	Ella Metschnabel def Izzy Neururer
Boys Under 14 Doubles	Owen Stewart/George Peniston def Hasan Khan/Jamine Amiral
Boys Under 14 Singles	Hasan Khan def George Peniston
Boys Under 10 Doubles	Gavin Manders/Gionni Araujo def Kai Manders/Isaac Metschnabel
Boys Under 10 Singles	Gionni Araujo def Julian Borschartt



RESULTS!

<p>OPEN SINGLES WINNER: Gavin Manders RUNNER UP: Massimo Arzani</p>	<p>COMPETITIVE SINGLES WINNER: Hasan Khan RUNNER UP: Richard Madeiros</p>
<p>MENS DOUBLES 4.0 & ABOVE WINNERS: Gavin Manders/Mark Cordeiro RUNNERS UP: Tom Mills/Ryan Matcham</p>	<p>LADIES DOUBLES 4.0 & ABOVE WINNERS: Janice Bucci/Melisa Judd RUNNERS UP: Christine Todd/Tori Powell</p>
<p>MENS DOUBLES 3.5 - 3.99 WINNERS: Bill Bucci/Mical Russell RUNNERS UP: Gary Perry/Vince Chaves</p>	<p>LADIES DOUBLES 3.5 - 3.99 WINNERS: Sheila Fisher/Courtney Fisher RUNNERS UP: Mary Ellen Ewles/Sarah Fox</p>
<p>MIXED DOUBLES 4.0 & ABOVE WINNERS: Gavin Manders/Melisa Judd RUNNERS UP: Tom Mills/Christine Todd</p>	<p>LADIES DOUBLES 3.0-3.49 WINNERS: Sarah Tafur/Geraldine Kempe RUNNERS UP: Roisin Moloney/Cara Veale</p>
<p>MIXED DOUBLES 3.0 - 3.49 WINNERS: Tanya Risk/Paul Risk RUNNERS UP: Natalie Chaves/Dylon Pratt</p>	<p>MIXED DOUBLES 3.5 - 3.99 WINNERS: Mary Ellen Ewles/John Ewles RUNNERS UP: Michelle Jackson/Ryan Hayward</p>
<p>MENS DOUBLES 3.0-3.49 WINNERS: Joe Logan/Chris Jackson RUNNERS UP: Owen Stewart/George Peniston (both junior players)</p>	<p><i>Congratulations!!!</i></p>



BDABlue Tournament medalists

More great photos on Pomander Gate's website:
<http://www.pgtc.bm/gallery/bdablue-pickleball-open/>

International Competition

BIOFREEZE USA PICKLEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bermudian players achieved notable success at the prestigious Biofreeze USA Pickleball National Championships in Mesa, Arizona. National Director Gavin Manders partnered with Benjamin Jones to capture bronze in the men's doubles 5.0 division, defeating strong competition including Brandon Smith and Fabian Jacobo in the medal match, and a father-son duo in the quarter-finals before falling to the eventual champions in the semifinals. This achievement was particularly meaningful as it represented a full-circle moment for Manders and Jones, who have worked together for over a decade in a mentor-student relationship. Adding to Bermuda's presence at the National Championships, Sue Chiappa competed in the event after securing her qualification through a gold medal and coveted "golden ticket" in the mixed doubles 3.5, 55-60 bracket at the Miami APP Tournament.



PRO PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION VEOLIA MILWAUKEE OPEN

Pictured - Imani Phillips, winning the silver medal in the women's singles 4.0 division at the Pro Pickleball Association Veolia Milwaukee Open.



LOOK FOR NEWS ON THESE OPEN EVENTS!

The APP Fort Lauderdale Open
January 15-19, 2025



The Fort Established as Official Headquarters,
Training Facility (theapp.global)

A promotional poster for the 1st Caribbean Pickleball Championships. The top half shows an indoor pickleball court with several people playing. A large logo for the 'CAYMAN ISLANDS PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION' is centered above the court. The bottom half of the poster features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. The text reads: 'THE 1ST CARIBBEAN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS', 'FEBRUARY 6-9, 2025', 'PICKLEBALL CAYMAN, 312 SMITH RD GRAND CAYMAN, CAYMAN ISLANDS', and 'FOR MORE INFO CONTACT INFO@PICKLEBALL.KY OR (345) 927 7511'.

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Corporate League

Corporate League starts again in January

Winter league dates:
Div1: 9 weeks Tues Jan 14 – Mar 11
Div2: 9 weeks Thurs Jan 16 – Mar 13

Summer league dates:
Div1: 9 weeks Tues May 27 – July 22
Div2: 9 weeks Thurs May 29 – July 24



PAB MERCH IS HERE JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!



Looking for Christmas ideas for your favourite pickleballer? Look no further: buy them a pickleball membership and/or some PAB merch and support the PAB (a registered charity) at the same time. Employers- buy your employees the corporate wellness gift of entering a corporate league team! Great business development and fun as well!

<https://www.pabermuda.com/>



Become a member today!

Why Join?

- Be a part of the growth of pickleball in Bermuda
- Belong to a fun, social community
- Receive early notification of clinics and tournaments to be held in Bermuda
- Participate in PAB-sanctioned tournaments
- Get involved as a volunteer, referee or coach
- Become connected to international pickleball organizations
- Your fees/donations will help PAB develop more pickleball facilities to encourage participation amongst all ages. To provide options for open rec play through to clinics and competitive events.
- Help Bermuda keep healthy, have fun and compete at an international level.
- Be a part of the pickleball phenomenon!

Sign up here!
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