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STUBBS FOCUSED ON BOXING PROMINENCE PUSH

Sponsors have long been the collective mainstay, essential to the very foundation of the sports landscape in The Bahamas.

While there are those who, based on their business brand, become synonymous with their contributions, others are not showcased that much. Such as Tommy Stubbs the businessman extraordinaire, do much more than what is attached to his brand. He is the czar of Buttons Bridal and Formal Wear, but, has a strong sports identity many are not aware of.

I knew Stubbs long before he became an affordable stylish wear magnate. In fact, I bridge the generation gap between his father, the taxi driver supreme, and Tommy, the young sports reporter at the *Nassau Guardian*.

The younger Stubbs is the ultimate sports aficionado, has been an athlete, is a sponsor and promoter. It's in that latter aspect that he is inclined to put a lot of focus in the immediate future.

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The national sports fraternity is enhanced and emboldened by the presence of Stubbs and others of his ilk.

Those who coordinate the sport of boxing in The Baha-



Tommy Stubbs, right at press conference

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Sports Scope

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mas, are fortunate to have Stubbs concentrated on helping to create the kind of activity vibrancy the professional sector of boxing was once known for, through several previous glorious eras.

I salute Stubbs for his dedication to nation building, especially through his various sports-support forums.

Major immediately following his last ring appearance detailed events, two of them for the ending part of this year, stretching through 2019. The expectancy is that Stubbs will be prominently a part of the mix.

Best wishes to him as he goes forth with efforts to assist in crafting another bountiful era for boxing in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

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IronKids shine once again during GBPA Conchman Triathlon

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While the senior performers in the 2018 GBPA Conchman Triathlon competed vigorously this past Saturday, the IronKids also put on a show for the crowd as they've become accustomed to.

The junior edition of the Conchman Triathlon held on Taino Beach expanded across two divisions - male and female - with four age categories in each.

The male age group, one-six, featured two competitors. Nitayo Knowles (six years old) won that category in the time of 17 minutes and 37 seconds (17:37). Second place went to Kamaro Wiggins (five years old) who completed the course in a time of 34:44.

The winner of the female one-six age group was none other than Karis Knowles (five years old), who was clocked crossing the line at 20:12. Kaleha Seymour (six years old) trailed closely behind to take second in the time of 20:29.

Dylan Mellor (age seven) was crowned the top IronKid in the male seven-eight age group. He finished the course in a time of 16:21. Isaac Leal (eight years old) took second place in a time of 16:47. Mason Knowles (eight years old) rounded out the top three in a time of 17:37.

As for the female seven-eight age group, Amelie Dormans (eight years old) finished ahead of Isabela Cuccurullo (seven years old) to take first place in that category. Dormans finished the course in 16:28, while Cuccurullo completed the race in 17:32.

Ayden Bain (10 years old) was the top male in the Nine-10 age group. He bested the field of 10 in a time of 11:57. Brody Thompson (nine years old) came across the finish line in second place in a time of 13:49. Dimitri Lescure (10 years old) rounded out the top three in that category with a time of 15:10.

Passion Daniel finished atop of the female Nine-10 age group. The 10-year-old completed the course in the time of 14:53. Zoe Williamson (10 years old) came in second place and finished in the time of 15:14. Gabriella Thompson (nine years old) took third place and came across the finish line in 17:29.

The top male in the 11-12 age group was revealed to be Marvin Johnson Jr. The 12-year old bested the field in a time of 12:37. Launy Duncombe (11 years old) took second place in a time of 14:18. rounding out the top three was Tafari Fountain (11 years old) who completed the course in 14:30.

The winner and sole competitor in the female 11-12 age group was Seannia Norville-Smith (12 years old), in the time of 17:47.

Due to a delivery hiccup, the IronKids will receive their official awards at a later date.



IRONKIDS - Pictured above left, Nitayo Knowles, center, was recognized as the top place finisher in the male one-six age group of the IronKids Triathlon held this past Saturday at Taino Beach. Pictured above right, Amelie Dormans, center, was the top place finisher in the female seven-eight age group. Pictured below left, Passion Daniel, center finished first among the young ladies in the female Nine-10 age group. Pictured below right Marvin Johnson Jr., center, bested the field in the male 11-12 age group. Standing left and right respectively of each competitor are Conchman Committee members Rod Purvis, and John Bradley. (PHOTOS: SHAYNE STUBBS)

