

Ready, Steady, GO!!



Ranch SkyDiving Boogie and Symposium: 5th to 9th August

Rustenburg – In addition to having an organized fun skydiving event, we aim to train 6 South African women to skydive over 5 days at The Ranch SkyDiving Boogie and Symposium from 5th to 9th August 2011. With Graduation (from the 10 level internationally recognised Accelerated FreeFall Course (AFF)) on National Women's Day Tuesday 9th August 2011 at the Protea Hotel Ranch Resort (25km South of Polokwane, Limpopo). AFF Students are sought, and can be self funded, or sponsored... Challenge a friend! Raise awareness or money for charity... Do something outrageously fun!

We will be able to take individuals, as well as small and even large groups for tandem introductory skydives throughout the event. Individual and group bookings are being taken. There will be public areas, displays, talks, and 5 days of active skydiving and parachuting. Firsthand visitors, invited guests and groups will receive an introduction to the range of elements that surround the exciting world of skydiving and parachuting, as

well as some of the personal and career development opportunities, associated with this specialist area of aviation in the 21st Century.

This Weekend 16th and 17th July @ SkyDive Rustenburg

We can facilitate Double and Single AFF Instructor Levels (Levels 1 -10) on Saturday and possibly Sunday morning. Please take the opportunity if you are on AFF to get through. Anyone wanting to book individual or group Tandem Introductory Skydives please let us know ASAP. Anyone wanting to come out and do anything specific please just let us know. Those that have let us know they are coming out, thanks for that. Bring it on! Wheels off Saturday 0830, Sunday 0830. As always... please let us know if you intend to come out, what time you will arrive and what you would like to do. Bookings are essential for Tandem Introductory Skydiving and AFF Training.

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All set for sports awards

Sun City – The 2011 edition of the South Africa Sports Awards, due to be held on 21 August this year, was launched by Minister of Sport and Recreation Fikille Mbalula this week. He dedicated the glittering event to newly crowned world female welterweight champion, Noni Tenge.

Also present at this event, was Miss South Africa, Bokang Montjane. This event was a programme of the Sports and Recreation Department in partnership with the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC), South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) and the North West Department of Sports, Arts and Culture. The theme for this year's awards is "Today's Leaders, Tomorrow's Legends" and will be held in Sun City.

Speaking ahead of what promises to be a world-class event following its temporary absence in the past two years, Sports

Minister – Fikile Mbalula – said; "The Sports Awards are imperative as they are not only a platform for incentive and jollity for sport excellence, but also a celebration of human triumph." The 16 award categories that will be contested include: Administrator of the Year, Sportsman of the Year, Sportsman of the Year with a Disability, Sportswoman of the Year, Sportswoman of the Year with a Disability, Team of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, Coach of the Year, Steve Tshwete Lifetime Achievement Award, Volunteer of the Year, Minister's Award, Indigenous Games Star of the Year, Federation of the Year, Photographer of the Year, Journalist of the Year and Sports Star of the Year.

Judging will be done by a panel of experts that will include knowledgeable sports experts including Doctor Khumalo, Kass Naidoo, Gary Lemke, and Cynthia Tshaka. To ensure that the Awards are fairly done an auditing company will be appointed to oversee the process.



Platinum Stars to do their bit on Mandela Day

Phokeng – Platinum Stars, along with partners Royal Bafokeng Sports, Build It in Phokeng, the Godisanang Orphans & Vulnerable Children (OVC) programme from the RBA Health and Social Services Department and North West FM, will improve the lives of one young South African family when they team together to build a home at the Lenatong Section in Phokeng on Monday (18 July 2011). This initiative is part of the club's desire to observe 67 minutes for former South African President Nelson Mandela, who will turn 93 years old on the day, and whose contribution to the country's young people through his Nelson Mandela Children's Fund has changed the lives of so many in the past.

The family is one of the many 'Child-Headed Households' in the North West Province. The eldest is just 18, but looks after her siblings aged 14 and 8 on a foster care grant of just R1 500 per month. The family currently resides in a dilapidated one-room shack in Lenatong Section, but Platinum Stars and their partners have undertaken to help them improve their living standards by building them a new home. The plight of the young family was brought to the attention of Platinum Stars by the Godisanang OVC and the club has taken on the challenge, lending

its support by sourcing the materials, and putting some of the club's players to work on the project on Monday as they continue their programme of giving back to the underprivileged communities of the North West Province and Royal Bafokeng Nation. The director of the Phokeng branch of nationwide DIY giant Build It, Harry van Schyff, has joined the cause by offering to provide materials for the project free of charge, as well as offering expert advice. "We have been involved in helping out with various projects in the community for a while, but it is often hard to identify the ones with the most need. Platinum Stars approached us with the project at the young household and after hearing of the situation there we thought this was the perfect initiative to get involved in," Van Schyff says.

"We are only too happy to provide the materials and some expertise as we feel a responsibility to look after the community, as it is the community who looks after us as well. And, of course, Monday is a special day with the birthday of Mr Mandela and we want to show our support to the 67 minutes for Nelson Mandela campaign," he added. Aubrey Molobi – who is the Supporters Co-ordinator & Media Relations head at Platinum Stars – says the club is committed to their role in helping to uplift the lives of the people

in the North West Province. "This project will help to improve the lives of these young people and it has been undertaken in the spirit of observing 67 minutes for former South African President Nelson Mandela. We feel we have a responsibility to help the community where we can and we saw a real need with this family. "I would like to thank all of the stakeholders in this project, Royal Bafokeng Sports, Build It in Phokeng, the Godisanang OVC and North West FM for their support. Together we can make a difference to these young people," Molobi says. Aside from building the house, the club will also be observing 67 minutes for Nelson Mandela in other ways. Some of the players will visit the Keledi Middle School in Phokeng on Monday to help feed the learners there, preparing the food and wash dishes afterwards. Another group will be at the Matala Middle School, also in Phokeng, where they too will help with the institutions' feeding scheme.



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