Learn the skill of umpiring

Always wanted to be a cricket umpire? Well, now you can.

One of the Lowveld's experienced international umpires Orio Frauenstein will conduct an umpiring course on July 18 at Nelspruit Primary School, from 14:00 to 20:00.

Registration is R100.

The crash course is ideal for beginners and will cover all aspects of umpiring, from laws of cricket to other nitty-gritty of the sport. It will be followed by an examination and practicals on July 29.

This is the same course that has produced top black umpire in the region, David Chirwa. A teacher by profession, Chirwa has been a permanent feature in the local league and national weeks.

For registration and more information, call Frauenstein on 013-741-2846 or David Chirwa on 083-759-8210.

Free Kick

One would expect Mbombela to be a hive of football activity in the years leading up to the 2010 Soccer World Cup. But no, quite the contrary.

Instead, it is neighbouring Nkomazi Local Municipality that has been making considerable strides in football. The business community in this region has combined to launch the Selati Super Cup. The tournament has been successfully staged since 2005. Already, it's a permanent fixture in the province's football calendar.

I tell you, in no time, the Selati Super Cup could be the biggest amateur competition in the country.

The Nkomazi populace, particularly Tsb, deserves a pat on the back for the wonderful job in the last three years. The sugar giants have managed to unite the people through the biggest sport in the country. What impressed me the most was that they did not just pump in money - they were involved, every step of the way. (The managing director Hennie Snyman attended some of the matches). It augured well for social cohesion and sport development in Nkomazi to have Snyman mingling with the hoi polloi.

A special mention to Kenneth Phiri for his remarkable PR work. KP, as I call him, kept the media informed with any developments, which made covering the competition an easy task.

You might ask yourself what Mbombela, one of the 10 host cities of the World Cup in 2010, is doing to create a hype around 2010. I have in fact been asking myself the very same question. Unfortunately, I have still not found an answer. Nkomazi might be one of the poorest regions in the country. But that has not stopped the local football association from staging the tournament. Yet the affluent Mbombela fails to put together a meaningful tournament. Methinks this should not be difficult, especially with experienced administrators such as Reuben Mahlalela. Is it a sign of things to come? Hopefully not. We don't want the Mbombela Stadium to be a white elephant.

A local football analyst recently told me that Mbombela needs to pull up its socks if it wants a slice of the 2010 cake. True. Football authorities and the business community need to capitalise on this situation to ensure 2010 leaves a significant legacy. From where I write this piece, it is not that difficult. Mbombela has everything going for it right now. For starters, Nelspruit is the capital city and economic hub of the province.

That said, it really shouldn't be hard to lure sponsors.

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** Your views or comments on the above subject are welcome by sending an sms to: low (space) 2010 (space) to 42950.*

Blast from the past

Your name? Carlton Ndlangamandla

Your nickname? Killer

Your claim to fame? Playing for Dangerous Darkies from 1989-1991.

Your age? 43

What are you currently doing? I am playing masters football since my career was cut short after I sustained a knee injury playing against Santos. I also tried my hand at coaching the likes of Black Swallows and Oriental Spurs. He has a level 1 coaching certificate.

Your future plans? To ensure that Mpumalanga has a team in the elite league.

Your take on the state of football in the province? There's talent, it's just that we lack good administrators and people with passion for the sport.

Your most memorable moment? I actually have two. The first one was when I scored a goal against Amazulu that saved Dangerous Darkies in 1990. The other one came when I marked Fanie Madida and Shane McGregor out of the game in a JPS match.

Role models and why? Patrick Ace Ntsoelengoe, Jan Malombo Lechaba and Jomo Sono for their dedication to the sport.

Most feared opponents? Zane Moosa and Ernest Mtawali.

What is your message to the public, especially the youth? Football offers a lot of opportunities.

Carlton Ndlangamandla

Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous can help you.

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(DEAT ref# 12/12/20/846)

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- And Activity 14, the construction of masts of any material or type and of any height, including those used for telecommunication broadcasting and radio transmission, but excluding -
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  - by radio amateurs; or
  - for lighting purposes
  - flag poles; and
  - lightning conductor poles.

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PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF TRANSFORMERS AT ESKOM'S MARATHON SUBSTATION (Nelspruit)

As part of the above-mentioned proposed project, DEAT has issued their approval to allow the following activity to be included in the existing application (ref# 12/12/20/846) for the proposed Malalane Project. The proposed activity at Marathon involves the replacement of the existing 2 x 250MVA transformers with the two new 500MVA transformers. The activity of relevance here is Activity 1 (mentioned above).

WHO SHOULD YOU CONTACT ?

SIVEST, as an Independent Environmental Consultant, is to undertake the required EIA and public participation for the proposed project. To register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), please submit your name, full contact details and interest in the project to:

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First sighting of Jock made

■ André Bakkes

WHITE RIVER - Production has started on the locally produced animated feature film, *Jock*, and last Saturday, a few select people gathered to view the opening sequence at the Casterbridge Cinema.

The movie is based on the well-known story, *Jock of the Bushveld* written by South African author, Sir Percy Fitzpatrick.

"The film is about the Lowveld, made in the Lowveld, by people who live in the Lowveld," said the director, Mr Duncan MacNeillie. He was also the director of the feature film that was made in 1986 and says that he and everyone working on this mammoth task are very exited about the project - which is scheduled for release in 2010.

"We are over the first hurdle, but there is still a long way to go. The whole idea behind tonight is to widen our support base. Everyone must know what we're attempting here."

Support for this project is in no short supply and even the MEC for culture, sports and recreation, Mr Jaba Mahlangu, mentioned it in his budget speech.

MacNeillie said the movie would have a strong African flavour and that there was a nice cross-section of the community involved. "Quite frankly, we want to match Pixar," he says before adding soberly that it would be technically very difficult to rival giant companies in the USA.

He mentioned that it had always been a dream of his to make an animation film about Jock. "The real reward, however, is to have the opportunity to entertain people."

By the end of the year they plan to have 30 people working long hours on the magical process of making the animated film.

The book *Jock of the Bushveld* was first published in 1907, and warmly received, being reprinted four times in that year alone. Since then it has achieved the status of a classic South African book and has been widely read abroad - more than one hundred editions have been printed and it has been translated into Afrikaans, Dutch, French, Xhosa and Zulu, among others.

The director of Jock, Mr Duncan MacNeillie.

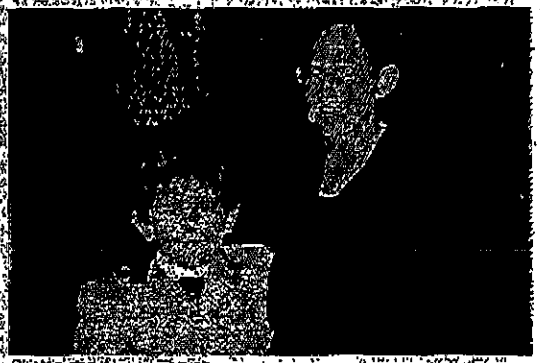
Guests given a sniff of film

■ André Bakkes

WHITE RIVER - Influential people of the Lowveld gathered in anticipation at Casterbridge Cinema last Saturday to watch the opening sequence of a new, locally produced animated feature film, *Jock*.

It is based on the story many people have grown to love, among those who attended was the HOD of culture, sports and recreation, Ms Sindisiwe Prudence Mlwana, who has pledged her full support to the production of this wonderful South African classic. The director, Mr Duncan MacNeillie introduced the crew and told the audience a little more about the film. The public will have to wait until 2010 when the makers plan to release it.

Prof Jovan Sholtz and Esther Sholtz.



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