SATTB CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN SOWETO

The South African Table Tennis Board conducted a club development project in Soweto. The project was earmarked on encouraging table tennis enthusiastic to get the necessary skills to be able to coach and umpiring during the leagues and any other competitions as per the rules.

In Soweto, Totomeng Table Tennis Club and Rising Stars were the identified clubs to benefit from this initiative, while Kagiso and Mogale Table Tennis Club were also identified.

The workshops were held in Soweto; on the 21st of March it was held in Bramfischerville near Dobsonville; and on the 22nd of March in Dhlamini near Moroka. Facilitators for both workshops delivered their presentations very well as the participants showed a lot of enjoyment and were actively taking part throughout the proceedings. Mr. Moegamad Isaacs did a wonderful job in his presentation on the technical course for the umpiring, and the examination was written at the end of the course. Mr. Simon Gologolo also had a great presentation on the task of club coaching course, where participants were expected to demonstrate the skills they were learning practically. It was a great experience as most of the participants were attending courses of this nature for the very first time. It is unfortunate that the turn up for this exciting event was rather disappointing, as we expected a handful number of our members to grace the occasion.

On behalf of Soweto and Kagiso clubs, I would like to pass my sincere gratitude to SATTB for affording a rare chance to the clubs to develop and acquire the necessary skills to make the sport grow. This has been a great opportunity for the club members to be exposed to the rules and regulations attached to table tennis. We hope this was not the last project in our area, as we still need a lot of support to carryout and fulfill the objective of making Soweto vibrant and claim back the respect for table tennis as one of the recognized and dominating sport, both in club level and in all schools.

We also extend our thankfulness to the facilitators (Mr. Isaacs and Mr. Gologolo) for their presentations and dedication throughout the courses respectively.

I will be making a mistake if I forget to mention our Chairman, Mr. Joe Carrim (GCTTA) for his leadership and vision. If it was not for his commitment and willingness to see Soweto flourishing and succeeding, these projects wouldn't have happened. We therefore take a bow in appreciation for his vision in identifying areas that need development.

With these few words, I look forward to seeing table tennis taking a new dimension in our community, together we can....!

By Shadrack Mashangu Vukeya (Chairman-Totomeng Table Tennis Club)











