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ANDREW MLANGENI GOLF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME DAY

The Andrew Mlangeni Golf Development Programme Day hosted by Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA) and the June & Andrew Mlangeni Foundation will this year celebrate its fifth anniversary.

Andrew Mlangeni, a stalwart of the struggle for a free South Africa, is one of the few remaining Rivonia trialists, where accused number one was the former President Nelson Mandela. He is an Isithwalandwe / Seaparankwe, the highest honour bestowed to an individual who served the African National Congress (ANC) with dignity, honour and pride.

The 3 -tiers or pillars of programme will kick off with the first pillar of Andrew Mlangeni Golf Development Chapter to be held on the 27th of October 2015 at the Wanderers' Golf Club. Of significance here is the involvement and participation of 100 young golfers who will be coming from Soshanguve in Tshwane as well as Soweto. The future talent of golfers will partake in the Andrew Mlangeni development coaching clinic sessions from 06h30 in the morning till 1pm in the afternoon.

The second pillar of the programme will be held on the 28th of October 2015 that sees Mr. Andrew Mlangeni lead the first tee-off of the Annual Golf Day at Wanderers Golf Club.

The Annual Golf Day ends off with an Andrew Mlangeni Honour Programme where in the intimacy of a Gala Dinner, South Africa legends will be announced as recipients of the Andrew Mlangeni Green Jacket – an honour given to legends who could not become Springboks in their playing days due to apartheid policies. Past recipients include international cricket administrator Ray Mali, boxer Ezekiel Dlamini, and the 2004 Women of The Year Award recipient (in the sports category) Modi Marishane.

The Andrew Mlangeni Golf Development Programme utilises the icon's larger than life legacy as an embodiment of the concept of life-long participation in sport, which the department champions.

In the past five years more than 100 children from Soweto (Mlangeni's birthplace) have benefited from the Golf Development Chapter that sees young golf enthusiasts accessing golf clinics – where they are coached and mentored by professionals – and enjoy a round of golf on South Africa's best courses.

With such a noteworthy philanthropist in our midst – Mr. Andrew Mlangeni, who turned 90 in June this year, is truly a South African legend worthy of the honour bestowed to him in enabling us work closely with him in the Andrew Mlangeni programme to drive social cohesion and nation building in South Africa.