

## **CHARITIES TO RECEIVE A MAJOR BOOST FROM THE QUEEN MOTHER'S CHARITY POLO CUP 2012**

### **Be part of the experience**

The Queen Mother's Charity Polo Cup 2012 has secured some of the biggest names in African Polo to take part in this high profile event; taking place at The Royal Marang Hotel, Phokeng in the Northwest, on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2012.

Now in its second year and hosted by the Queen Mother of the Royal Bafokeng Nation, Dr. Semane Molotlegi. The event is one of the most exciting additions to the annual social calendar and aims to bring about positive change. Dr Molotlegi is an outstanding South African role model and leader who has initiated and supported numerous ventures in poverty alleviation, women's empowerment and community development; The Queen Mother's Charity Polo Cup is one of them. Proceeds from the event will go to the **Thuto Thebe Educational Fund, The Girl Guides Association of South Africa, and the Cancer Association. (See notes to Editors).**

The Queen Mother's Polo Charity Cup 2012 will feature top international Polo players going head to head and given their profile, the tournament will be equivalent to an international challenge. Joining big name players like Richard Pohl and Le Roux Hendriks will be relative newcomer Tshidiso Meshake, Captain of the Senior PoloAfrica Team and Lead Coach of the PoloAfrica Development Programme.

Tshidiso recently took part in the "coach the coaches' clinic" run by David Morley, one of the top coaches in the UK and achieved a South African Polo Association endorsed coaching qualification, achieving the advanced grade.

"I'm really looking forward to taking to the sand for an adrenaline-fuelled Action Polo match", said Richard Pohl who started playing polo at age 12. Richard has played as far afield as Kenya, Nigeria, New Zealand, Australia, Spain, Chile and

England. He's also a former captain of the South African national team and continues to play semi professionally

"Looking at the calibre of players taking part this year I think spectators will be in for a treat. Last year was really exciting to watch, with a very fast tempo game and a smaller field that allowed the crowd to get really close to the action.", said Princess Tirelo Molotlegi of The Royal Bafokeng Nation.

Another player taking part, for the second time, is 26 year old Leroux Hendriks, who started playing polo at the age of 18 and has played professionally in England, Italy, Argentina and the United States of America. He played for South-Africa in the 2012 China Snow Polo World Cup.

The other players who will take to the field are: 1) Tom De Bruin, 2) Davie Evans, 3) Cody Ellis, 4) George Morgan, 5) Gareth Evans, 6) Dirk Van Reenen, 7) Mark Davies, 8) Terrence Spulsbury and 9) Tunde Karim and Mustapha Fasinro, from Nigeria.

A Gourmet Picnic Basket will be available for R650.00 per person. Day visitors will pay R150 per person and will have access to the Public Hospitality Area. There will be a Food and Beverage Court available for purchases. Corporate Marquees are bought via [bookings@queenspolocup.co.za](mailto:bookings@queenspolocup.co.za) and General queries can be sent to; [info@queenspolocup.co.za](mailto:info@queenspolocup.co.za). For more information on the event, visit our website [www.queenspolocup.co.za](http://www.queenspolocup.co.za) and our Facebook page on [www.facebook.com/QueenMothersCharityPoloCup](http://www.facebook.com/QueenMothersCharityPoloCup). For hotel reservations contact [fom@royalmarang.com](mailto:fom@royalmarang.com) or [bcm@royalmarang.com](mailto:bcm@royalmarang.com)

"We are honoured to once again be the vehicle for positive change and feel privileged to receive the support that South Africans are giving to our Queen Mother's vision to support much needy charities", concluded Princess Tirelo Molotlegi.