World Cup: USA ready to take on England

RUSTENBURG - The Yanks are upbeat about their chances in the FIFA Soccer World Cup finals that start here later this year. This transpired from an interview with the team's media liaison, Michael Kammarman near Sun City on Wednesday last week, where he attended the FIFA pre-tournament team workshop. Delegates from the 32 teams competing in the upcoming tournament were present, where logistical arrangements around the event were discussed.

The US team will meet one of the tournament favourites, England, in their first match at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium on Saturday, June 12. The United States football team, nicknamed the Yanks, will battle it out with England, Algeria and Slovenia in Group C. With only seven countries ever to have won the World Cup, he said reaching the second round of the tournament would be his team's main objective.

According to Michael, who is also an accomplished football player, there are many similarities between the US and England teams in terms of the type of game they play. He says this is partly due to the fact that the majority of the team's top players are based at clubs in England.

Asked about his team's chances against England, he pointed out that in what is widely considered to be one of the greatest upsets in football history, the Yanks beat England 1-0 in their first World Cup match in Brazil in 1950. This followed a 3-1 loss against Spain in their first match. Michael also pointed out that the US beat Spain in their match at the Confederations Cup last year, finishing on top of the log in their group.

He said the members of the team were very impressed with the facilities in the country, especially the Royal Bafokeng Stadium, where they beat Egypt in the Confederations Cup. The players were also full of praise for the warm reception they had in Rustenburg.

Michael told the Rustenburg Herald that soccer in the US goes back a long way, with the US and Canada having played the first international match outside the United Kingdom, in 1885. On this occasion, Canada defeated the US 1-0 in Newark, New Jersey, but he says the US had its revenge the following year when it beat Canada 1-0. The United States played its first official international match under the auspices of US Soccer against Sweden in Stockholm in 1916, when the USA won 2-3.

While soccer is not a major competitive sport in the United States, he stated that it is the biggest recreational sport, enjoying huge support. Michael said over the past few years, there has been a generational shift and many younger people now begin top show a keen interest in soccer, with more than 16 teams from all over the country competing in the Domestic League. The popularity of the game saw a particular upswing since the 1994 World Cup that took place in the USA. He also pointed out that the well-known soccer star of the 1970's, better known by his nickname, Pelé played soccer in the USA.

Michael said stars in the US team to look out for, are midfielders Clint Dempsey, Landon Donovan and Michael Bradley, who play for clubs in England and Germany. Other players to watch are the goalkeeper Tim Howard, who plays for Everton in England and defender and team captain, Carlos Bocanegra who plays for Rennes in France.

Michael Kammarman, media liaison for the United States national football team.

Exclusively Dance open hul deure

Tammy Hautmann, Charmaine Thompson en voor: Mizanne Hattingh, Rejaen Marais en Li-Xanthé Heynecke van Exclusively Dance.

RUSTENBURG - Op 17 Januarie het "Exclusively Dance", 'n nuwe dansskool in Rustenburg, hul deure vir alle dansliefhebbers geopen.

Hierdie energieke nuwe studio bied moderne danse en "tap" (klopdanse) aan vir jonk en oud.

Delia Scholtz is gekwalifiseerd in ballet (RAD), moderne danse (AIDT) en klopdanse (AIDT). Sy het reeds 12 jaar lank dansklasse aangebied maar in 2010 het sy besluit dat dit tyd is vir 'n nuwe uitdaging en nuwe studio.

Delia het ook al verskeie laer- en hoërskole gehelp met die choreografie van hul revues. Sy het ook akrobaat/gimnastiekleerlinge help afrig wat aan die SA Kampioenskappe deelgeneem het.

In die eerste maand kan die studio spog met 15 nuwe studente. Dans is haar passie en maandelikse fooie is baie billik.

Indien u wil deel wees van hierdie nuwe dansskool, kontak gerus vir Delia by 079 078 7428.

Die nuwe "Exclusively Dance" Dansskool spog reeds met 15 nuwe studente en hier is Chanri Roesch en Melisandé Heynecke en voor: Lezandri de Meyer, Zeney Heydenrych, Heonette van der Hulle en Su-Mari du Preez.

RPM Hengelklub

RUSTENBURG - Die uitslae van 21 Februarie se kompetisie van RPM Hengelklub by Rietspruitdam was as volg: Seniormans - eerste Schalk Venter, tweede Bertie de Meyer; Dames - eerste Monna Ströh, tweede Rina Geldenhuys; Juniors - eerste Jaco Geldenhuys, tweede Benjamin Botha; Penkop - eerste Marnus Hattingh.

Jaco Smit sou die seniormans gewen het, maar weens al die haakplekke in sy gebied het hy al sy vis verloor wat hy gevang het. Hy kon net een vis na die skaal bring om te weeg.

Die volgende klubkompetisie is 'n naweekkompetisie by De Rust Hartbeespoortdam op die A-oewer oor die naweek van 20 en 21 Maart.

Die hekgelde is R25 per persoon, R10 per voertuig en R20 per nag. Inskrywings vind om 06:30 by die dam plaas en daar word gehegel vanaf Saterdag 20 Maart om 07:00 tot Sondag 21 Maart om 10:00 die oggend. Almal wat wil deelneem is baie welkom.

Die komitee doen 'n beroep op al sy lede om so spoedig moontlik al hul ledegelde te kom inbetaal.

Alle nuwe lede wat wil hengel, moet Porra of enige van die komiteelede kontak.

Vir alle navrae kontak Porra Hattingh by 076 051 3316, Johan Breedt by 083 227 2780, Louis Jordaan by 082 050 2747 of Abel Geldenhuys by 073 442 1962.

Zebra Zamba in Lichtenburg

LICHTENBURG - Die gewilde Zebra Zamba-wedloop op 6 Maart het vanjaar 'n streep van 'n ander kleur.

Die 21km word vervang deur 'n 32km wat dit vir alle atlete van heinde en verre die moeite werd sal maak om te kom deelneem. Die beginpunt het ook geskuif na die klubhuis in Carrolstraat net agter Lichtenburg Hoërskool.

Die roete sirkel nou deur die bosarea in die wildreservaat en menige troppe wild is te sien. Bergfiets-geesdriftiges kry die unieke geleentheid om 32km deur die wildreservaat te ry. Die baie fikses is welkom om enige van die drie afstande te hardloop en aan die bergfietswedren deel te neem.

Die waterpunte word deur plaaslike besighede beman en almal streef om die beste te wees. Atlete kan dus verwag om lekker bederf te word langs die pad.

Wegspringtye is as volg: 32km hardloop - 6:00; 10km hardloop - 7:00; 5km pretloop/stap - 7:15 en 32km bergfiets - 10:30.

Almal is welkom. Hierdie is 'n geleentheid om wonderlike natuurskoon te geniet, die damme is vol die wild is volop.

Skakel gerus met enige navrae: Mariëtte van Biljon (084 550 2006) of Rika Huyser (083 620 3849).in Lichtenburg misloop nie.

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Public Meeting
Venue: Protea Park Primary School Rugby Field Soetdoring Avenue
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Time: 18H00 (Meeting will start promptly at 18H00)
All Rate Payers welcome, invite everyone. Application Forms will be available at the meeting.
"If you want to make a difference to our town then you have to attend the meeting"
Hotdogs will be sold by the school. Come socialize with us.