



Corner of 9th Avenue & Marine Drive, Summerstrand, 6001, Port Elizabeth

Media release
For immediate release

22nd September 2011

Calculating Blockades & Breakthroughs set to Capture Nelson Mandela Bay as World Famous Chess Grandmaster aims for Checkmate!

World Famous Chess Grandmaster, Pablo Lafuente will be visiting Nelson Mandela Bay this week to help train & coach young school children as part of his return visit to South Africa after participating in the Commonwealth & South-African Open at Emperor's Palace held in Johannesburg earlier this year.

Argentinean born Lafuente is widely regarded as one of the most affable Grand Master's on the professional circuit won the Pan-American under-20 in Ecuador in 2004 and acquired his Grand Master title during the same year. Since 2008 Lafuente has been living in Barcelona, Spain where he was appointed coach at the Spanish Youth Championship. His rating of 2572 ranks him 6th in Argentina and 34th on the continent of South America.

Lafuente will host a number of training sessions at The Radisson Blu Hotel Business and Conference Centre with up and coming young chess players from the EP Chess Association. Additionally he will be visiting underprivileged schools participating in the Auspex Chess Foundation Initiative which assists with the development of chess in schools in the Northern Areas and the Township. The Foundation has instituted two full-time chess tutors who provide fulltime coaching sessions at 8 locally based schools.

Lafuente will also attend the Black, White and Bling Fashion evening taking place at the glamorous Radisson Blu Hotel on the 30th of September in aid of raising funds & awareness for the Foundation. The evening will include a fashion auction, great entertainment, fantastic give-away's and fine food. Bookings to attend can be made via Fiona Bailey on 041 509 5000.

-ENDS-

For more information, please see below information sheet or contact:

Susan Simpson
Emerald Hill Communications & Events
Tel: 041-365 1970
Cell: 084 847 0157
Email: susan@emeraldhillpr.co.za

On behalf of



Corner of 9th Avenue & Marine Drive, Summerstrand, 6001, Port Elizabeth

Ben Nyaumwe
MD: Auspex Properties
Founder: Auspex Properties Foundation
T: +27 41 583 2066

Please find more information on Auspex Foundation & the importance of chess development in schools below:

The aims and objectives of the Auspex Foundation are as follows:

- To introduce chess at primary school level concentrating on grades 1,2,3.
- To establish a mini league among the schools
- Supply a trained coach to do all the coaching under the supervision of the educator
- Coaching be done for each of the classes once per week for 30 minutes
- Inculcate a love for the game and promote competition among the learners
- To develop the educators through chess workshops and training
- Fast-track learners who make good progress to be part of Nelson Mandela Bay Schools Chess Union trials
- Develop inter-class and inter schools competitions
- Mass participation at minimal cost to the department and the schools

Advantages of chess in schools

- It falls in line with what National and Provincial Schools Sport Program
- An inexpensive sport with maximum potential for all stakeholders
- It has been accepted Nationally, that Chess is one of four sporting codes that will receive priority
- Benefits of chess are numerous: Learners who participate in chess have shown dramatic improvement in:
 1. mathematical and analytical skill
 2. reading skills and higher order thinking skills
 3. ability to concentrate for longer periods – staying focussed on a subject
 4. general scholastic ability improves
 5. co-operation and commitment to tasks
 6. socialization skills improved
 7. perseverance in all aspects of schoolwork
 8. improved self image, self confidence and self control
 9. by having coaches doing the work, the educators won't feel burdened
 10. less incidents of truancy and fights at school

Many countries have adopted chess in the schools which had a major impact on the learners, educators, school, parents and even the community.