



Emmanuel Castis, Ricky Smit and J Jay Botes at Zimbali Country Club

10th June 2008

Television soapie star Emmanuel Castis or “Steve” from Isidingo and his manager Jay-Jay Botes made a generous donation to the Nicholas Rey foundation recently.

The charity was founded in October 2005 after the son of former Miss World and Miss South Africa Penny Rey’s son Nicholas was injured in a polo accident. Although he does not benefit from the Foundation financially, it is the foundation’s aimed at uplifting people who have been injured in horse riding related accidents.

Founder of the charity and North Coast resident Ricky Smit invited Castis to Zimbali recently to view first hand what the charity does and to look at avenues for expansion.

She told the North Coast Courier that Castis and Botes have agreed to adopt the charity as theirs and to become ambassadors for the cause.

Emmanuel Castis is the 2008 season ‘Strictly Come Dancing’ champion. He is currently working on an Afrikaans television programme ‘Erfsonders’ and is busy recording his own CD.

“A lot of organisations just ask for money. Ricky has been extremely open about what the foundation does. I was struck by its efforts to empower, help and uplift people and so we have agreed to become ambassadors for the foundation,” said Castis.

Castis will be at Zimbali for the foundation’s golf day on July 30 as well as the Durban July and Yearling Sale at Sibaya casino.

For further information contact Ricky Smit on 083 231 6458.