

TEEING OFF FOR A GOOD CAUSE

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Women from different sectors of society in the Free State had the rare opportunity to learn about the male-dominated sport of golf.

Sixty of them teed off at the Bloemfontein Golf Course.

The initiative led by economic development, tourism and environmental affairs MEC Mamiki Qabathe was meant to celebrate tourism month and also to provide networking opportunities for women in the public and private sector.

Of the 60 women who took part in the event almost half of them were living with disabilities.

Besides golfing lessons, the women were also provided various forms of support.

Qabathe said since golf was a male-dominated sport in South Africa, she found it befitting to use it as a platform where women could get together and share ideas on business and tourism.

“We as the department plan to visit different golf courses in the province and promote them as tourist destinations.

“This would make tourism a viable business in the province,” said Qabathe.

She said that it was important for the province to market its own tourism and heritage sites. “We plan to use these initiatives to promote Ekasi tourism and sites such as the Naval Hill, Women’s Memorial and also the Waaihoek Wesleyan Church,” she said.

Qabathe said Free Staters needed to know their own history and get to know and travel in their own province first, before venturing elsewhere.

“We have to start by appreciating our own province so that other people may come and appreciate it as well,” she said.

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