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FOR YOUR APRIL DIARY

Thursday 3 rd	– First Aid Course
Saturday 5 th	– Level 1 Last session.
Tuesday 8 th	– Training and Program Committee
Tuesday 8 th	– Beavers Committee Meeting
Thursday 10 th	– Wood Badge Training Advisory Panel Meeting
Tuesday 29 th	– Level 4 Advanced Adult Leadership Training Course, Preliminary meeting for participants.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

The Boy-Man

As a preliminary word of comfort to intending Scoutmasters, I should like to contradict the usual misconception that, to be a successful Scoutmaster, a man must be an Admirable Crichton – a know-all. Not a bit of it.

He has simply to be a boy-man, that is:-

- (1) He must have the boy spirit in him; and must be able to place himself on a right plane with his boys as a first step.
- (2) He must realise the needs, outlooks and desires of the different ages of boy life
- (3) He must deal with the individual boy rather than with the mass.
- (4) He then needs to promote corporate spirit among his individuals to gain the best results.

These are the main principles on which the Scout and Girl Guide training is based.

With regards to the first point, the Scoutmaster has to be neither Schoolmaster nor Commanding Officer, nor pastor nor instructor. All is needed is the capacity to enjoy the out-of-doors, to enter into the boys' ambitions, and to find other men who will give them instruction in the desired directions, whether it be boxing or drawing, nature study or engineering.

He has to put himself on the level of the older brother, that is, to see things from the boy's point of view, and to lead and guide and give enthusiasm in the right direction. Like the true older brother he has to realise the traditions of the family and see that they are preserved, even if considerable firmness is required. That is all.

Aids to Scoutmastership B.-P. 1920

1. The Ghajn Tuffieha International Scout Centre

by the Chief Scout Mr Vincent Cassar

Works at the Association's International Scout Centre at Ghajn Tuffieha is progressing according to schedule and the structure of the first ablution block will soon be ready. This ablution block, of which three are planned for the site, will accommodate two separate areas for males and females, with each area having seven wash-hand basins, seven toilet cubicles, seven shower cubicles, a bath-room for persons with disabilities and a general changing area. Each ablution block will also house a launderette.



Moreover, on March 5, 2003 fifty-three (53) cypress trees were planted at the Centre. These trees were kindly donated to the Association by Dr Joe Azzopardi M.D. who is a good friend of the Association. These trees were propagated and grown by Dr Azzopardi himself during the last twenty months. These trees, which are still about 60 cm high on average, will, when fully grown not only embellish the site but will form a very useful wind break protecting the site from the high winds that are characteristic of the area.

Well done Dr Joe Azzopardi. The Association appreciates and thanks you for your kind gesture.

2. Environment embellishment by Scout Groups in their locality.

By Mr David Schembri Commissioner for HR and Support

An interesting article in the local media about a breath-taking spectacular tree, the Royal Poinciana (Delonix Regia) native to Madagascar, brought me into contact with its author. Mr Joseph Casha from Attard.

This semi deciduous tree takes ten years to mature reaching a fast growing height of up to ten meters. In summer when matured, the tree is covered for between two to four months with bright orange flowers and delicate foliage. Mr Casha, a man of many remarkable talents has cultivated saplings of this truly magnificent specimen and is offering these together with cultivation instructions to scout groups and individuals against a very nominal charge.

This is an excellent opportunity for groups to help in the embellishment of their locality and gardens whilst taking advantage of this preferential offer, possibly getting sponsorship from their Local Council. Scout groups wishing further details on this tree may do so by contacting Mr Casha directly on email address: - thecashas@vol.net.mt

3. Promoting Malta and Maltese Scouting beyond our shores

By Mr David Schembri Commissioner for HR and Support

Mr. Roderick Bugeja, a Qrendi Scout Group leader and a MPhil/PhD Research Student with the Health Education/Promotion Department is currently carrying out further studies in the United Kingdom.

In a relative short time, Roderick has continued his scouting abroad and has recently been appointed as a Group Scout Leader with the 29th Southampton Central (Immaculata) Scout Group and a Member of the Hampshire County - Southampton Central Scout Council, whilst also sharing his experiences and offering assistance on certain activities, to the 7th Southampton (Bassett) Scout Group. Visit <http://www.bassett-scouts.org.uk/>

In Southampton, Roderick is also a member on the Southampton University SSAGO (Student Scout and Guide Organisation) committee. Visit <http://www.soton.ac.uk/~ssago/> and www.ssago.org.uk

Besides Scouting, Roderick is very actively involved in the Southampton University Catholic Society (CATHSOC) visit <http://www.soton.ac.uk/~cathsoc/> attending courses in the Ministry of the Eucharist and the Ministry of Holy Scripture Reading. Visit <http://uk.briefcase.yahoo.com/roderickbugeja> and click on Worth Abbey Retreat.

Let's not forget, when he finds the time, Roderick is also studying at the University of Southampton. Who said Maltese Scouting stops at our shoreline?. Well done Roderick, you have made all of us proud.

4. Founder's Day at the 1st Hamrun Scout Group

By Mr Saviour Theuma Group Secretary

On the 16th February 2003 the 1st Hamrun Scout Group celebrated the most important day for scouts throughout the World - Founder's Day. To render more importance to this day the Investiture ceremony was incorporated within the Founder's Day activities.

Though the weather was not very lenient we marched off at 8.30 am and celebrated a thanks giving Mass, which was broadcast live by Radju Maria, at St. Geatan Parish Church. After mass the Group again marched through various streets in Hamrun until we arrived at our Hqs at about 11.00 am. There a significant ceremony took place.

The Group Scout Leader, Mr. Leo Grima, welcomed everybody present and emphasized how important Founder's day is to the Scout Movement. Then three members, one from each section, read an essay about Lord Baden Powell's life and achievements. Then the Investiture ceremony commenced.

Six new members were presented to the Group Scout Leader by the ACL Tony Grima. Then these new members pronounced the Cub's Law and Promise. The Group Scout Leader then invested these new members in our Group by presenting them with the Group's pink scarf. As these new members took their place with the Cub's Section, two other Cubs moved forward. Once in front of the Group Scout Leader and the Scout Leader Cedric Salafia, they pronounced the Scout Law and Promise. Afterwards the Group Scout Leader presented them with the Scout beret as a gesture of their official Troop status. As these new Scouts returned to their ranks they were awarded a round of applause by all those present.

After the Investiture ceremony the Scout Leader spoke about the Group's 90th Anniversary. He told of how the Group was formed in 1908 and how in 1913 the Group was officially recognized by the Association. He also spoke about the Group's achievements during these 90 years. The Scout Leader then presented the design of a badge to commemorate the Group's 90th Anniversary.

At the end of the ceremony the Group Scout Leader again thanked the members, their parents and friends for braving the harsh weather and attending for this

celebration. He then invited everyone present to join the leaders and members for a hot cup of coffee and sweets.

5. Ghoti tac-Cwieviet tal-Bini l-Gdid Lill-Attard Scout Group

Minn Ms Therese Mallia Segretarja tal-Grupp

Nhar is-Sibt 15 ta' Marzu 2003, kienet gurnata specjali u memorabbli ghal *Attard Scout Group*. Dan minhabba l-fatt li dak in-nhar, waqt cerimonja qasira, huma gew ipprezentati ufficjalment minn ghand il-Gvern, ic-cwieviet tal-bini li ser iservi bhala l-kwartieri l-godda ta' *I-iScouts*.

Prezenti ghal din ic-cerimonja kien hemm fost ohrajn, il-Ministru Dr. Tonio Borg, li ta' min jghid, kien strumentali hafna fil-ghoti ta' dan il-bini. Ic-cerimonja bdiet bil-*cubs*, *scouts* u *ventures* jaghmlu parata qasira li wasslithom sa hdejn il-bini, fejn wara gew spezzjonati mill-Ministru nnifsu. Imbaghad sar diskors qasir mill- *G.S.L.* is-Sur Joe Filletti, fejn qal li fost il-hafna *speeches* li ghamel kemm ilu *G.S.L.* dan tal-lum kien bla dubju l-aktar wiehed li qed jaghmel b'sodissfazzjon kbir. Huwa qal li fl-ahhar qed jara l-bidu tal-holma tieghu u ta' kull membru sseh. Huwa heggeg lill-genituri prezenti ghall-koperazzjoni aktar minn qatt qabel, li wara kollox dan hu ghall-interess ta' wliedhom. Huwa mbaghad stieden lill-Ministru jaghmel kelmejn ghal l-okkazjoni.

Il-Ministru qal li jhoss sodisfazzjon kbir meta jara li dan il-bini antik, li qabel kien iservi bhala biccerija, ser jghaddi f'idejn ghaqda daqshekk importanti u li zgur ser taghti l-hajja mill-gdid lil dan il-post. Huwa kellu kliem ta' tifhir ghal *I-iScouts* ta' H'Attard u fisser kif dejjem apprezza ix-xoghol taghhom. Huwa awgura li x-xoghol jibda minnufih biex fil-futur qarib isir il-ftuh ufficjali tal-bini gdid u restawrat. Wara huwa kixef lapida b'tifkira ta' din l-okkazjoni fil-waqt li s-Sur Filletti ipprezenta rigal lill-Ministru ghan-nom ta' *I-Iscouts* u bhala turija ta' ringrazzjament.

Tajjed li wiehed isemmi li prezenti ghal din l-attivitá kien hemm ukoll is-Sur Mamo, bhala Kummissarju ta' l-Artijiet, ic-*Chief Commissioner* u l-*P.R.O.* ta' *I-iScouts Association*, kif ukoll is-Sindku ta' H'Attard, is-Sur Norbert Pace. Dan min-naha tieghu, wieghed li ser jghin kif jista' u bl-aktar mod possibli.

6. THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA ON RTK RADIO FM 103

By Mr David Schembri Commissioner for HR and Support

A Scout Troop made out of scouts from the St Venera and Qrendi Scout Group, on Tuesday 18th March 2003 participated on a live radio program. "Zghazagh bla Kantunieri", transmitted on RTK Radio FM 103. The program chaired by Ms Sonia Young assisted by Councillor Dione Mifsud elaborated on the need and the benefit arising from voluntary work as carried out by scout groups and the Scout Association within their respective communities, giving its members a greater, "Sense of belonging".

Claude and Jean Calleja, Damien Pace, Daniel Cuccardi from the St Venera Group teaming up with Karl Magro, Rodienne Zerafa, Dorita Cutajar and Svetlana Bartollo from the Qrendi Group, were all given an opportunity to air their experiences whilst performing various voluntary work. The troop mentioned Nature Trust, Din l'Art Helwa, Local Councils, Residential Homes as entities that benefit from Scouting voluntary activities, whilst thanking the St John's Ambulance, Red Cross, Health Promotion Department, The Royal Life Saving Society, The President's Award Scheme and the Civil Protection Department as NGO's who in turn offer their services to their scout groups and association.

Accompanying the troop, the Scout Association's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Mario Calleja and Commissioner for Human Resources Mr. David Schembri explained the

aims and role of the Scout Association of Malta, whilst taking the time to promote to the Malta Environment Scout Award and the Din L'Art Helwa Scout Heritage Award amongst other initiatives that are included in the scouting program.

All present, heartily thanked the RTK program broadcaster Ms Sonia Young and Councillor Mr. Dione Mifsud for their encouragement and for being given the opportunity to share their experiences "on air" with the station's listeners. Souvenirs were presented by RTK to all as a reminder of their visit to the RTK radio station

7. Robin Hood - Il-Leggenda ta' Nottingham

by Mr Paul Ellul

Se jittella' l-musical bil-Malti **Robin Hood - Il-Leggenda ta' Nottingham** fl-Istitut Kattoliku u sar arrangement mal-Bronk Productions (li qed jiehdu hsieb dan il-musical) biex tittella' performance nhar is-Sibt, 3 ta' Mejju fit-3.00pm apposta ghall-iscouts u l-guides ta' Malta bi prezz specjali ta' Lm1.50 kull persuna u ma' kull 35 jidhol wiehed b'xejn.

Il-muzika nkitbet minn Mark Spiteri Lucas filwaqt li d-djalogar u l-kanzunetti nkitbu minn Paul Ellul. Id-direzzjoni hi f'idejn Simon Curmi filwaqt li l-koreografija qieghda f'idejn Daniel Wright.

Jiehdu sehem atturi u kantanti stabiliti f'Malta fosthom Mark Tonna, Debbie Scerri, Triccas, Herman Bonaci, Ivan Spiteri Lucas, Tonio Vella, Renzo Bonello, John Ascione, Jeff Scicluna, Joe Borg, Cristabelle Curmi u ohrajn.

Ladarba din il-performance se ssir apposta ghal-iScouts u l-Guides, jekk naraw li n-numru ta' dawk li jibbukjaw ma jkunx wiehed sodisfacenti, allura kull min ikun ibbukja jattendi ghall-performance tal-Hadd 4 ta' Mejju fis-2.30pm.

Filwaqt li nisperaw li jkollna konkorenza sabiha biex nghaddu saghtejn flimkien ta' divertiment teatrali, huwa mportanti li jkollna risposta mhux aktar tard minn 18 ta' April biex nizguraw booking fis-sala.

8. Warrants and Appointments

by Mr Godwin D'Anastasi Chief Commissioner

WARRANTS

The Chief Scout is pleased to approve the following warrants with effect from 18th March 2003.

W6/2003	Edward Vella	VSL	Mosta
W7/2003	Lawrence Castillo	QM	Marsa

APPOINTMENTS

The Chief Commissioner has approved the following appointments with effect from 18th March 2003.

28/2003	Vincent Tanti	AGSL	San Gwann
29/2003	Marie Claire Camilleri	Auxiliary	Mellieha
30/2003	Lino Vella	AVSL	Mellieha
31/2003	Aurelio Gauci	ASL	Mellieha
32/2003	Sandro Grima	Auxiliary	Mellieha
33/2003	Jesmond Pawley	AGSL	Qawra
34/2003	May Cassar	SL	Gzira
35/2003	Maryrose Borg	AGSL	Msida
36/2003	Marlon Psaila	ASL	Hamrun

WITHDRAWAL AND CANCELLATION OF APPOINTMENT

51.2002	Joseph Filletti	ADC Central	IHQ
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9. Rover/Venture Camp

By Edward Vella Commissioner for Rover Scouts



This year the annual Rover / Venture Camp was held at Zurrieq Scout Group's premises between the 28th and the 31st of March. A total of 70 Ventures-Rovers from ten different groups attended for the camp. The following were the groups represented - Birkirkara, Cospicua, Mosta, Rabat, St Venera, Stella Maris College, Tarxien, Tigne and Zurrieq. During the Camp a programme of activities were held and these were some of them - Ice breaking games, Scavenger Hunt, Aerial runway, abseiling, a rescue exercise by the Red Cross, command tasks, obstacle course, a wide game and of course the Campfire. On Saturday Holy Mass was celebrated by the Commissioner for Religious Dimensions on site. The Chief Scout and the Chief Executive visited the Camp and were also present for Holy Mass. This Camp was a very good opportunity for all Ventures and Rovers to get together.

A very special thanks go to the organizing committee which was made up from the following John Engerer (Commissioner Venture Scouts) Edward Vella (Commissioner Rover Scouts), Felician (AVSL Cospicua Group), Twanny (VSL Stella Maris College Group), Mary (VSL Qrendi Group), Glen (VSL St Venera Group), Ilona (VSL Tigne Group) and Kenneth (VSL Zurrieq Group). May I also thank Mrs Joice Douglas for taking care of the Kitchen and Fr Briffa for celebrating the Holy Mass on Saturday.

10. National Rovers Jamboree - Summer 2003

By Mr David Schembri Commissioner for HR and Support

The Tunisian Scout Association is pleased to invite our association to attend the forthcoming National Rovers Jamboree to be organized by the Tunisian Rovers Branch at the Scouting International Training Centre in Borj Cedria on July 15 - 24, 2003, to commemorate the Seventieth anniversary of Scouting in Tunisia.

This Jamboree aims at celebrating the 70th anniversary of scouting in Tunisia, Supporting the preparations to the World Scout Conference to be hosted by Tunisia in 2005, and the enhancing of scouting brotherhood and the exchange of experiences between participants

Any Rover Units or individual members interested in accepting this invitation as issued by the Tunisian Scout Association are kindly requested to contact Mr Franco Azzopardi, International Commissioner at I.H.Q Floriana.

11. TRAINING AND PROGRAMME SECTION

by Mr. Michael J Cefai, Director Training and Programme.

Training and Programme - Dates and Events

Saturday, 5 th April 2003	Level 1 – Initial Adult Leadership Training Course (Part 2).
Tuesday, 8 th April 2003	Training and Programme Committee.
Thursday, 10 th April 2003	Wood Badge Training Advisory Panel Meeting.
Tuesday 29 th April 2003	Level 4 – Advanced Adult Leadership Training Course, Preliminary meeting for participants.

Level 1 – Initial Adult Leadership Training Course

Thirty-three Adult Leaders are presently attending this training course. The Leaders come from the following ten Groups: B’Kara, Cospicua, Gzira, Mosta, Msida, San Anton School, San Gwann, Sliema, St. Venera, and Stella Maris College.

Level 4 – Advanced Adult Leadership Training Course

A preliminary meeting for all those, who have applied for this course, will be held on Tuesday, 29th April, 2003, at IHQ at 6.00 pm. Details of the course, which will be run on a *Module System*, will be given during this meeting.

Scout Youth Programme Team

The First meeting of the *Scout Youth Programme Team* is scheduled for Tuesday, 6th May 2003, at IHQ at 6.00 pm. Details will be given in due course.

12. National Scout Council

by Mr Vincent Cassar Chief Scout

During the General Assembly on the 27th March the following gentlemen were elected to the National Scout Council. The Chief Scout, on behalf of the Association, would like to thank the outgoing members of the Scout Council for their sterling service and augurs that the new members will continue in their footsteps.

Uniformed Members

Mr Leslie Bonnici – Commissioner for Cubs

Mr Evander Borg – Assistant District Commissioner North, GSL St Michael School

Mr Mario H Calleja – Commissioner for Public Relations, GSL St Venera

Mr David Schembri – Commissioner for Human Resources and Support, GSL Qrendi

Non-Uniformed Members

Mr Paul H Camilleri – Ex-Chief Commissioner, Ex-International Commissioner, Ex-Assistant Commissioner for Training, 30 years Scouting experience

Mr Kenneth De Martino – 25 years in the Movement occupying various ranks on Group level and at I.H.Q.

Mr Francis R Flynn – Scout Council member

Mr Paul Vella – Ex-Commissioner (Venture Scouts) Ex-International Commissioner, Ex-Assistant Commissioner for Training, 30 years Scouting experience

The National Scout Council is chaired by the Chief Scout and is made up of the Deputy Chief Scout (who is appointed from amongst the members of the National Scout Council by the Chief Scout), the Chief Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Commissioner, the Honorary Secretary and eight members who are elected from the

General Assembly. The National Scout Council is elected for a period of three years and its functions are:

1. To act on behalf of the General Assembly between meetings and to give effect to its decisions, recommendations and policies.
2. To form the Executive Committee and to appoint two members from the Council to serve on the Executive Committee.
3. To form the Policy Committee and to appoint a Chairman and one member from the Council to serve on the Committee.
4. To appoint a Patron of the Scout Association of Malta.
5. To appoint the Honorary Secretary of the Scout Movement who is also a voting member of the Scout Council.
6. To review progress of the Executive Committee and the Policy Committee and organize a minimum of two national seminars of general interest per year.
7. To ratify and approve proposals submitted by the Policy Committee.
8. To form an Awards Sub-Committee and any other sub-committees as required.
9. To submit and distribute the Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements to the members of the General Assembly at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date set for the meeting.
10. To follow and report back on any resolutions taken at the General Assembly.
11. To prepare the financial budget for the coming year in conjunction with the Chief Commissioner and the Director of Finance.