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## 01 POINTS TO REMEMBER

### Sense of Honour

*Aids to Scoutmastership B.-P. 1919*

The Scout Law is the foundation on which the whole of Scout training rests. Its various clauses must be fully explained and made clear to the boys by practical and simple illustrations of its application in their everyday life.

There is no teaching to compare with example. If the Scoutmaster himself conspicuously carries out the Scout Law in all his doings, the boys will be quick to follow his lead. This example comes with all the more force if the Scoutmaster himself takes the Scout Promise, in the same way as his Scouts.

The first Law, namely, A Scout's honour is to be trusted (A Scout is Trustworthy), is one on which the whole of the Scout's future behaviour and discipline hangs. The Scout is expected to be straight. So it should be very carefully explained, as a first step, by the Scoutmaster to his boys before taking the Scout Promise.

The investiture of the Scout is purposely made into something of a ceremony, since a little ritual of that kind if carried out with strict solemnity, impresses the boy; and considering the grave importance of the occasion, it is only right that he should be impressed as much as possible. Then it is of great importance that the Scout should periodically renew his knowledge of the Law. Boys are apt to be forgetful, and it should never be allowed that a boy who has made his solemn promise to carry out the Scout Law should, at any time, not be able to say what the Law is.

Once the Scout understands what his honour is and has, by his initiation, been put upon his honour, the Scoutmaster must entirely trust him to do things. You must show him by Your action that you consider him a responsible being. Give him charge of something, whether temporary or permanent, and expect him to carry out his charge faithfully. Don't keep prying to see how he does it. Let him do it his own way, let him come a howler over it if need be, but in any case leave him alone and trust him to do his best. Trust should be the basis of all our moral training. Giving responsibility is the key to success with boys, especially with the rowdiest and most difficult boys.

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- 9/3 Basic Skills - Estimation
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- 15/3 Camping Skills Course
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- 19 – 21/3 National Cub Camp
- 19 – 21/3 Rovers National Camp
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- 26 – 28/3 PL's Nat. Training Course
- 27/3 Level 2 – Leadership Course
- 29/3 Camping Skills Course
- 31/3 B/Woods Cooking Competition
- 24 - 25/4 Level 3 – Leadership Course



### 03 WITHDRAWAL AND CANCELLATION OF APPOINTMENTS

The Chief Commissioner has approved the following cancellation of Appointments of the following Commissioners with immediate effect.

Cancellation of Appointments			
007/2001	Anthony Vella	District Commissioner [Central]	IHQ
022/2002	Ivan Vella	Comm. Inclusive Scouting	IHQ
023/2002	Mervin Vella	Comm. Inclusive Scouting	IHQ

### 04 FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

#### Data Protection Act

Your attention is drawn to the recently introduced law regarding data protection. Further details will be forwarded when available.

#### New Policy Decisions.

Following the recent meetings of the Policy Committee, the following two decisions have been taken for immediate implementation:

**Policy decision 001/004** deals with information regarding the participation of uniformed members in Political Elections.

**Policy decision 002/2004** refers to the granting of the Scouter Emeritus rank within the Association.

A circular with further details will be sent to all Group Scout Leaders.

### 05 FROM THE CUB SCENE

*By Mr Leslie Bonnici Commissioner for Cub Scouts*

#### **National Cub Camp – Call for Assistance.**

A number of posts in the support staff for the National Cub Camp are still vacant. These post will be in the Campsite and Programme Sections. The Catering section is going to be run by the San Gwann Venture unit. If there are any Venture Scouts or Venture Units who would like to participate in this event can apply and send an email to Leslie Bonnici Commissioner for Cubs [lesliebonnici@onvol.net](mailto:lesliebonnici@onvol.net) All applications will be accepted till the 11th March.

#### **Cub Leaders Forum Rinella 2004**

A Cub Leaders Forum was held at Rinella Scout Centre on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. Registration opened at 0900hrs and the Forum started at 0930hrs. The Forum was introduced by the Commissioner of Cubs and an opening speech by the Chief Commissioner. 18 Packs with 40 Pack Leaders participated. These were, Birzebbugia, Cospicua, Dingli, Fgura, Gzira, Marsa, Mellieha, Naxxar, Qrendi, Siggiewi, Sliema, St Michael, St Aloysius, St Julian's, Stella Maris, Tarxien, Victoria, and Xaghjra.

The main discussion was the Pack Programme (which was launched last year), where the whole progressive training system within the Pack was analyzed. Some very good points came out from the working groups and the full report will be sent to all Groups and Packs within the Association.

Most of the leaders have expressed that one day was too short for discussion and wanted more time to do so. I would like to take this opportunity to suggest that the Cub Leaders Camp can easily be used in such a way. Thanks goes to all those who participated in this forum. In this event there were five Packs which were excused, Hamrun, Rabat, San Anton, St Venera and Zebbug.

## 06 APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

*By Mr David Schembri the Commissioner for Human*

The Chief Commissioner has approved these appointments with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2004

App No.	Name	Group	Position
1.2004	Guisti Godwin	St Michael's School	Acting Leader
2.2004	Mifsud Brian	Mosta	Acting Leader
3.2004	Bonavia Horace	Mosta	Acting Leader
4.2004	Bonavia Simone	Mosta	Acting Leader
5.2004	Sciberras Loredana Ida	Mosta	Acting Leader
6.2004	Chetcuti Mary Doris	Mosta	Acting Leader
7.2004	Sant Antonella	Mosta	Acting Leader
8.2004	Sant Josefa	Mosta	Acting Leader
9.2004	Ellul Andrew	Sliema	Venture Scout Leader
10.2004	Darmenia Raymond	Qawra	Scout Leader
11.2004	Cutugno Andrew	Sliema	Ass. Group Scout Leader
12.2004	Portelli Caroline	St. Michael's School	Acting Leader
13.2004	Galea Sylvio	Dingli	Acting Leader
14.2004	De Giovanni Gerald	Sliema	Acting Leader
15.2004	Cefai Azzopardi Pauline	IHQ	Hon Sec.
16.2004	Schembri Pamela	Qrendi	Cub Scout Leader
17.2004	Pace Mary	Qrendi	Scout Leader

The Chief Commissioner has approved the following Warrants with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2004

Warrant No.	Name	Group	Position
W1.2004	Bugeja Mario	Naxxar	Cub Scout Leader
W2.2004	Mallia Natasha (Nee Gatt)	Tarxien	Cub Scout Leader

The following appointments have been cancelled or withdrawn.

App No.	Name	Group	Position
029/97	Darmenia Raymond	St Julian's	Scout Leader
052/04	Schembri Pamela	Qrendi	Acting Leader
053/04	Pace Mary	Qrendi	Acting Leader

## 07 FROM THE CENTRAL DISTRICT

*By Mr Mario H Calleja Central District Secretary*

### FOUNDERS DAY

It was this year the turn of the Central District to take charge of the organisation of the Founders Day and the District quickly took this up and introduced a number of ideas which have been welcomed by all as a definite improvement on the past. There were no less than 30 Scouts rendering services during the event which included marshalling of the parking area and serving of refreshments. Scouts were also assigned to give a Guard of Honour to HE the President whilst Pipers from the Hamrun Group escorted him from the gate up to the entrance of the Island Headquarters. The District also provided exhibition boards for all those who wished to put up information on noteworthy events that took place during the last year. Groups were invited to bring along any CDs containing pictures which were then displayed on laptops and screen for all to admire during the reception.

The Assistant District Commissioner, Mr Josef Custo, would like to thank the Birkirkara, Dingli, Hamrun, Rabat, Siggiewi, St Aloysius, St Venera and Zebbug Groups for their participation and commitment during this event.

### DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

As announced by the Chief Commissioner above Mr Anthony Vella is no longer District Commissioner of the Central District and we would like to take the opportunity of thanking Mr Vella for the work he has put into the District during the time he occupied this position. The District is now receiving nominations to fill this vacancy and would like to advise all those who are interested to submit their nominations by not later than Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

## 08 FROM THE TRAINING AND PROGRAM DEPARTMENT

*by Mr. Michael J Cefai, Commissioner Training and Programme.*

### **Training and Programme - Dates and Events**

Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Camping Skills Course – Module 2	IHQ
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Training and Programme Committee	IHQ
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Scout Programme Team Meeting	IHQ
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Camping Skills Course – Module 3	IHQ
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Basic Scouting Skills – Estimation	IHQ
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Camping Skills Course – Module 4	IHQ
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	National Scout Backwoods Cooking Competition – Meeting 3	IHQ
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Camping Skills Course – Module 5	IHQ
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Scout Leaders' Meeting 1	IHQ
Weekend, 26 – 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Patrol Leaders' National Training Course	Zurrieq Scout Campsite
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>Level 2</u> – Introductory Adult Leadership Training Course (Part 2)	IHQ
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Camping Skills Course – Module 6	IHQ
Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March	National Scout Backwoods Cooking Competition	Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite

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Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<u>Level 3</u> – Basic Adult Leadership Course – Weekend 1
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<u>Level 3</u> – Basic Adult Leadership Course – Weekend 1

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### **Scout Programme Workshop**

The *Scout Programme Workshop* for Scout Leaders and their Assistants was held on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2004, at Mount St. Joseph, Mosta. The workshop was organized by the newly formed *Scout Programme Team*, within the Training and Programme Department. The workshop started a process of consultation with the aim of creating a new Scout Programme. A total of 50 participants from 24 Groups participated in this workshop. It is expected that in future all Groups are represented in the workings of this new Scout Programme. The newly launched Scout Section website is [www.newscoutsprogram.org](http://www.newscoutsprogram.org). To date the site has been visited by over 550 visitors.

### **Camping Skills Course**

The *Camping Skills Course* commenced on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2004. A total of 32 Adult Leaders from 10 Groups are attending this course. The ***Camping Skills Certificate*** and the ***Camp Leader's License*** are obligatory requisites for the appointment of any *Assistant Section Leader*.

### **Level 2 – Introductory Adult Leadership Course**

The *Introductory Adult Leadership Course* commenced on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2004. 53 Adult Leaders from 18 Groups are following this course, which continues on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2004, at Island Headquarters.

### **Public Speaking Course**

This course, which was due to commence on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2004 at IHQ and was mainly addressed to Commissioners, Group Scout Leaders and Section Leaders, has been cancelled due to an insufficient number of participants. Another call for applications will be issued at a later date.

### **Patrol Leaders' National Training Course**

The next *Patrol Leaders' National Training Course* will be held from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2004. Further details will soon be sent to all Scout Leaders and Group Scout Leaders.

### **National Scout Backwoods Cooking Competition**

The *Scout Section* of the Training and Programme Department will be holding its first *National Scout Backwoods Cooking Competition* on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004. The third meeting in preparation for this event will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2004 at IHQ at 6.00 pm. The Commissioner Training and Programme once again encourages all Scout Troops to participate in this event and hopes to see all Scout Leaders and/or their Assistants present at this last meeting.

### **Leaders' Development Programme (LDP)**

The first meeting of this continuous development programme was held on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2004 at IHQ at 6.00 pm. The main speaker at this meeting was ***Mr. Malcolm Naudi***, a well-known Maltese journalist, who spoke on "***Our Relations with the Press***". It is sad to note that only 15 Adult Leaders from 12 Groups attended this informative and interesting meeting, which was open to all Wood Badge holders and Group Scout Leaders. We hope that in the future more Leaders will attend such talks.

### **Basic Scouting Skills Training**

The second *Basic Scouting Skills Training* session will be held at IHQ on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2004 at 6.00 pm. This course will focus on ***Estimation*** and is open to a limited number of 15 Adult Leaders. Application Forms are available from the Secretariat at IHQ and the closing date for the submission of these applications is Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2004.

### **Scout Leaders' Meeting**

The first meeting with Scout Leaders or their Assistants will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2004 at IHQ at 6.00 pm. The meeting will be addressed by the Commissioner Training and Programme, who is now the Commissioner responsible for the Scout Section. Various issues of importance and of relevance to this Section will be addressed. The participation and representation of all Scout Troops at this meeting is obligatory.

## **Wood Badge Awards**

The following Adult Leaders' have been awarded the *Wood Badge*:

Bonett Carmelo	San Gwann Group	Farrugia Vincent	Attard Group
Borg Eric	San Gwann Group	Pace Mary	Qrendi Group
Borg Phyllis	Xghajra Group	Schembri Pamela	Qrendi Group
Camilleri Martin	St. Michael School Group	Clarissa Maria Soler	San Gwann Group
Custo Josef	Hamrun Group	Spagnol Anna	Cospicua Group

## **09 MALTESE SCOUT GROUPS ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB**

*By Mr David Schembri Commissioner for Human Resources & Support*

The World Wide Web has made the universe easier accessible to all those that wish to broaden their knowledge of Scouting in other countries, associations or foreign scout groups, also offering to be a reliable communication media that offers no boundaries, an ideal showcase for Maltese Scouting.

Numerous Malta Scout Groups have taken advantage of the internet setting up quality scouting web sites that promote their respective groups, the Scout Association of Malta, and proudly displaying their respective group's activities and achievements.

Respective Web Masters are encouraged to link their site to the Scout Association of Malta's Web Site ([www.maltascouts.org.mt](http://www.maltascouts.org.mt)) and also to other respective Maltese Scout Groups whose Group's URL's are reproduced below for ease of reference. Visitors are kindly requested to leave ones comments in the respective scout group's guest books.

Birzebbugia Scouts	<a href="http://www.bugascouts.org/">http://www.bugascouts.org/</a>
Cospicua Scouts	<a href="http://www.angelfire.com/mt/pick/scouts.html">http://www.angelfire.com/mt/pick/scouts.html</a>
Fgura Scouts	<a href="http://www.fgurascouts.org/">http://www.fgurascouts.org/</a>
Hamrun Scouts	<a href="http://www.hamrunscouts.com">http://www.hamrunscouts.com</a>
Malta Scout Association	<a href="http://www.maltascout.org.mt">http://www.maltascout.org.mt</a>
Mellieha Scouts	<a href="http://www.mellieha.com/scouts/">http://www.mellieha.com/scouts/</a>
Mosta Scouts	<a href="http://www.mostascouts.org">http://www.mostascouts.org</a>
Naxxar Scouts	<a href="http://www.naxxarscouts.org">http://www.naxxarscouts.org</a>
Qrendi Scouts	<a href="http://www.qrendiscouts.org">http://www.qrendiscouts.org</a>
SAC Venture Unit	<a href="http://www.sacscouts.org">http://www.sacscouts.org</a>
San Anton Scouts	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/2937/sanantonscouts.html">http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/2937/sanantonscouts.html</a>
St Venera Scouts	Original Site - <a href="http://www.global.net.mt/scouts/">http://www.global.net.mt/scouts/</a> New site - <a href="http://sites.waldonet.net.mt/stvenerascouts">http://sites.waldonet.net.mt/stvenerascouts</a>
Siggiewi – Cobra Patrol	<a href="http://www.ssgcobra.cjb.net">http://www.ssgcobra.cjb.net</a>
Siggiewi – Lion Patrol	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/ssgionpatrol/">http://www.geocities.com/ssgionpatrol/</a>
Siggiewi Scouts	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/siggiewiscouts/">http://www.geocities.com/siggiewiscouts/</a>
Sliema Cub Scouts	<a href="http://sliemascouts.no-ip.com">http://sliemascouts.no-ip.com</a>
Sliema Scouts	<a href="http://www.sliemascouts.net/">http://www.sliemascouts.net/</a>
Tigne Scouts	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/tignescoutgroup/">http://www.geocities.com/tignescoutgroup/</a>
Zejtun Scouts	<a href="http://www.zeitunscoutgroup.netfirms.com">http://www.zeitunscoutgroup.netfirms.com</a>

Another note able site is that hosted by Mr. Thomas Vella Zarb, a former Lyceum Rover Scout who despite emigrating to Canada in the 1950's has never stopped promoting Maltese Scouting. Mr. Vella Zarb's Web Site can be visited at, Scoutopaedia © <http://come.to/scoutopaedia>

## 10 CUB SCOUTS CELEBRATE CARNIVAL AT RINELLA SCOUT CENTRE

By Mr David Schembri Commissioner for Human Resources & Support

Over one hundred and fifty Cub Scouts from the Birzebbugia, Qrendi and San Gwann Packs teamed up together and organized a Cub Scout Carnival Party at the Rinella Scout Centre. The theme, "Lets have Carnival Fun together" was evident through out the afternoon.

Cub Scouts and their leaders were asked to turn up on the day in fancy dress, and were entered into respective categories judging one on the originality, presentation and style of their attire.

Cub Scout Commissioner. Mr. Leslie Bonnici, who seemed to be enjoying himself as much as the Cub Scouts were, presented trophies to the First and second placed in each category, whilst commemorative certificates were also presented to all.

Winning was not as important as having fun, and this was evident by the smiles on the faces of the Cubs, that danced and played Carnival Games through out the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon Party, "Eats and Drinks" were served

to all those present, whilst a "Carnival Goodie Bag" was presented to all to take home as a small reminder of a thoroughly entertaining activity.

The activity also allowed the respective leaders to let their hair down (*Those that do have hair*), where the B'Bugia and Qrendi GSLs entering the Leader's Competition as "Humpty Dumpty and Co" won this category, winning an extra helping of "Timpiana" for their efforts.

## 11 FROM THE ST VENERA SCOUT GROUP

By Mr Mario H Calleja GSL St Venera Scout Group

### 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This is as always a very important event for the Group and many things happened. As usual it was our Founder and Patron, Fr Renato Valente who said Holy Mass. He especially looks forward to being with us on this occasion and makes it a point not to miss it. The now usual appointment is for us to stop at the Romeo Romano Gardens to hold the appointed ceremonies which included investitures, going-up ceremonies and the giving of annual awards.

### Joint Activities with the Qormi Scout Group

Both Groups have during February joined up in hold several activities together. The Cubs held a number of joint meetings and worked together on the Explorer Badge. A tracking hike was also help to put into practice the things learnt during the meetings. Activities were not only limited to the Pack and the Troops also had a joint activity on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. This was a practice run on Backwoods Cooking in preparation for the forthcoming competition. The troops braved the bad weather to hold a successful and tasty session.

We are preparing the next issue of the Bulletin.  
Please send us information, news, activities and updated calendar of events.

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