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01 POINTS TO REMEMBER

The Patrol System

Aids to Scoutmastership B.-P. 1919

The Patrol System is the one essential feature in which Scout training differs from that of all other organisations, and where the System is properly applied, it is absolutely bound to bring success. It cannot help itself!

The formation of the boys into Patrols of from six to eight and training them as separate units each under its own responsible leader is the key to a good Troop.

The Patrol is the unit of Scouting always, whether for work or for play, for discipline or for duty.

An invaluable step in character training is to put responsibility on to the individual. This is immediately gained in appointing a Patrol Leader to responsible command of his Patrol. It is up to him to take hold of and to develop the qualities of each boy in his Patrol. It sounds a big order, but in practice it works.

Then, through emulation and competition between Patrols, you produce a Patrol spirit which is eminently satisfactory, since it raises the tone among the boys and develops a higher standard of efficiency all round. Each boy in the Patrol realises that he is in himself a responsible unit and that the honour of his group depends in some degree on his own ability in playing the game.

Values of the Patrol System

It is important that the Scoutmaster recognise the extraordinary value which he can get out of the Patrol System. It is the best guarantee for permanent vitality and success for the Troop. It takes a great deal of minor routine work off the shoulders of the Scoutmaster.

But first and foremost: The Patrol is the character school for the individual. To the Patrol Leader it gives practise in Responsibility and in the qualities of Leadership. To the Scouts it gives subordination of self to the interests of the whole, the elements of self-denial and self-control involved in the team spirit of cooperation and good comradeship.

But to get first-class results from this system you have to give the boy leaders real free-handed responsibility-if you only give partial responsibility you will only get partial results. The main object is not so much saving the Scoutmaster trouble as to give responsibility to the boy, since this is the very best of all means for developing character.

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For Your Diary : June - July

- 1/6 Meeting Water Rescue Course
- 3/6 Executive Meeting
- 8/6 Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 12-13/6 4x4 Exhibition**
- 14/6 Rovers Life saving course
- 15/6 DCs Meeting
- 22/6 Meeting for Co-ed Groups
- 3/7 Nat. Cubs Swimming Gala
- 8/7 Executive Meeting
- 13/7 Training & Programme Committee Meeting
- 15/7 GSLs Forum
- 17/7 Ventures BBQ Weekend
- 22/7 Commissioners' Meeting
- 27/7 DCs' Meeting

The Scoutmaster who hopes for success must not only study what is written about the Patrol System and its methods, but must put into practice the suggestions he reads. It is the doing of things that is so important, and only by constant trial can experience be gained by his Patrol Leaders and Scouts. The more he gives them to do, the more will they respond, the more strength and character will they achieve.

02 Fgura Group Camp with English Scouts

By Mr Robert Gonzi Group Scout Leader Fgura Scout Group

The 1st Woodend Scout Group from Bristol visited Malta again this year, from the 5th to the 15th of April. This was the fourth time they have visited to the Fgura Scout Group. Their party was made up of 32 members. Only 3 leaders had been in Malta before (One of them having a Maltese father). They were hosted at the Rinella Scout Centre. The Fgura Scouts camped with them from the 8th, being Maundy Thursday till the 12th being Easter Monday and consisted of 60 members plus a number of helpers throughout the Camp. We were really graced as regards weather, with only a couple of windy days.

On Friday we all went to the Qormi Procession as members of our Group Band were taking part. On Saturday we had a great mini Olympics event with teams made up of mixed cubs and scouts from both Groups. It was also very nice to have the Rabat Troop and Leaders (about 25 members) also camping at Rinella during the weekend. Our Group Scout Leader and the Rabat Scout Leader had met a couple of weeks before to make the necessary arrangements and agreed on a combined Flagbreak every morning and the Campfire on Saturday evening. This was a great evening, with lovely stunts and songs prepared by all the scouts, cubs and leaders, all in the light of a glowing fire.



At the beginning of the campfire, our GSL jokingly stated, "2 Groups make a joint camp, but 3 make it a Jamboree". And that was just the feeling between the 3 Groups. We are really glad to have made new friends with Rabat and hope to be able to plan a joint activity soon. At the end of the camp, there was the traditional scarf exchange. This created a scarf shortage problem for the Annual Rally. Luckily enough with the dedicated help of our leaders and helpers we managed to come up with a sufficient amount just in time on 2nd May in the morning.

03 FROM THE CENTRAL DISTRICT

By Mr Mario H Calleja Secretary Central District

The Central District has for the second time made a strong presence at the Care Awareness Fair held from the 20th up to the 23rd May at the Naxxar Trade Fair Grounds. This fair is held every two years is marked with the participation of several NGOs involved in voluntary work in the community. In 2002 the Association had been represented with two stands. These were the National Stand which besides showing material on a National theme included the exhibits from the Rabat and St Venera Groups and a large stand set up solely by the Hamrun Group which included video presentations and other memorabilia from the same Group. This year the Central District represented the Association with its own stand and included exhibits from the Attard, Dingli, Hamrun, Lyceum, Siggiewi and St Venera Scout Groups. As in other years the Hamrun Group Pipe Band welcomed HE the President Dr Edward Fenech Adami with the National Anthem and afterwards entertained the Fair with a march through the halls.

04 Gone Home – Betty Clay, youngest daughter of Lord Robert Baden Powell

by Pauline Cefai Azzopardi – Hon. Secretary

Betty St Clair Clay, born on April 16th 1917, was the youngest child of Lord Baden-Powell, the Founder of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide/Girl Scout Movement and Lady Baden-Powell, the World Guide Chief. As a young girl she was a Brownie, a Guide and a Ranger. As a young woman, she accompanied her parents on their Scouting and Guiding World Tours in 1934 and 1935.

Betty's parents had met on board the Arcadian as it sailed from England to the West Indies in 1912. Betty met her future husband, Gervas Clay, a young District Officer working Zambia, on board the Llandovery Castle in 1936. They lived in Zambia for the next 30 years during which time Mrs Clay had many appointments in the Girl Guide/Girl Scout units. She returned to England in 1964 and became Division Commissioner for Taunton, Deputy Chief Commissioner for England and in later years, Vice-President of Girl Guiding UK and the UK Scout Organization. In 1997, she was honoured for her exceptional services to Guiding and Scouting with the award of the CBE in Her Majesty the Queen's New Year's Honours List.



Just as Betty's parents, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, famously shared the same birthday, 22 February, 'World Scouting Day', so did Betty and her husband. Betty died peacefully in her sleep on Saturday morning 24th April 2004, just a few days after she and Gervas had celebrated their joint birthday - her 87th and his 97th.

Throughout her full and varied life, Betty kept her parents' vision alive for millions of young people around the world. Betty's commitment to the ideals of Scouting and Guiding was and always will be an inspiration to us all.

05 FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS

PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

The Commissioner for Public Relations is inviting Rover Scouts and Scouters, preferably coming from the different Districts to assist him in his work in PR. Anyone interested to form part of this team is kindly asked to contact him as soon as possible.

The work of the Public Relations function in the Scout Association should not only consist of issuing Press Releases and producing the monthly IHQ Bulletin. There is an urgent need to have essential other material to promote Scouting in other spheres of our society on local, national and international levels. We need to equip our leaders and commissioners with up-to-date material and tools when they are representing our Association. We need to produce a comprehensive set of information sheets grouped into a pack which would be used as exhibition and PR material. We need to produce posters and handouts aimed for dissemination in schools. We need to design and implement a strategy to seek more exposure in school and specialist magazines, TV Shows, Radio Stations, etc. There is a great need for a CD ROM containing various presentations on different aspects of our Association which would be used during talks, exhibitions and other functions. A Scout magazine is needed to effectively communicate with our members and which would contain news, notices, training ideas, articles, letters, stories, jokes, competitions and other information. This magazine would serve as a showcase of our Association and would give our Scouts a medium to which they can identify themselves. These are just a few examples of what is needed and why a PR Team is required.

Many calls have been made in the past for this team to be formed but regrettably response has been little and without commitment. If our Association is to make any progress in this area more people must come forward and become involved. The objectives are not easy but this is a challenge which can be accomplished if this Team is formed and its members are constant, committed and resolute.

06 APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

By Mr David Schembri Commissioner Human Resources & Support

The Chief Commissioner has approved the following appointments with effect from the 23rd May 2004

App No.	Name	Scout Group	Position
26/2004	Camilleri Martin	St Michael's School	Scout Leader
27/2004	Cassola Edward	St Aloysius College	Asst. G.S.L.
28/2004	Cassola Mark	St Aloysius College	Scout Leader
29/2004	Brincat Andre'	St Aloysius College	Acting Leader
30/2004	Pullicino Stefan	St Aloysius College	Asst. Cub Scout Leader
31/2004	Borg Matthew	St Aloysius College	Acting Leader
32/2004	Comodini Vladimiro	St Aloysius College	Rover Leader
33/2004	Ellul Bonici Salvinu	St Aloysius College	Acting Leader
34/2004	Borg Cardona Nigel	St Aloysius College	Acting Leader
35/2004	Mangion Carmel	Siggiewi	Venture Scout Leader
36/2004	Azzopardi Joanne	Siggiewi	Asst. G.S.L.
37/2004	Meli Katriona	Zabbar	Acting Leader
38/2004	Bonett Charles	San Gwann	Venture Scout Leader
39/2004	Borg Doreen	San Gwann	Rover Leader
40/2004	Custo Joseph	Hamrun	Commissioner (Central)
41/2004	Aguis Millo Marcus	Stella Maris College	Acting Leader
42/2004	Woolsey – Henry Claudine	Stella Maris College	Acting Leader
43/2004	Woolsey Marlene	Stella Maris College	Acting Leader
44/2004	Bugeja Twanny	Stella Maris College	Acting Leader
45/2004	Xerri Roberto	Stella Maris College	Acting Leader
46/2004	Bellizzi Paul	Stella Maris College	Acting Leader
47/2004	Bartolo Joseph	Stella Maris College	Asst. G.S.L.
48/2004	Gatt Gilbert	Fgura	Acting Leader
49/2004	Cassar Pauline	Fgura	Acting Leader
50/2004	Pisani Anton	Fgura	Acting Leader
51/2004	Cassar Roberta Anne	Birzebbugia	Acting Leader
52/2004	Bonnici Gertrude	Birzebbugia	Acting Leader
53/2004	Busutill Edward	Birzebbugia	Acting Leader
54/2004	Spiteri Yanika	Birzebbugia	Acting Leader
55/2004	Busutill Marlene	Birzebbugia	Acting Leader
56/2004	Azzopardi Sebastian	Birzebbugia	Acting Leader
57/2004	Zammit Timothy	St Aloysius College	Acting Leader
58/2004	Attard Gianella	Dingli	Acting Leader
59/2004	Briffa Joseph Emmanuel	San Anton School	Acting Leader
60/2004	Bartolo James	San Anton School	Acting Leader
61/2004	Borg Barthet Paul	San Anton School	Acting Leader
62/2004	Farrugia Vincent	Attard	Asst. GSL
63/2004	Davies Ivy	Mellieha	Asst. Cub Scout Leader

The Chief Scout has approved the following Warrant with effect from the 23rd May 2004

Warrant No.	Name	Scout Group	Position
W 03/2004	Borg Joseph	Rabat	G.S.L.

The following appointments have been cancelled with effect from the 23rd May 2004

App No.	Name	Scout Group	Position
2 / 1995	Mangion Karmenu	Paola	Asst. Group Scout Leader
25 / 1997	Bartolo Joseph	Stella Maris College	Asst Cub Scout Leader
20 / 2003	Mintoff Leonard	Birkirkara	Acting Leader
44 / 2002	Pullicino Stefan	St Aloysius College	Acting Leader
46 / 2002	Azzopardi Antoine	Birkirkara	Acting Leader
37 / 2003	Camilleri Martin	St Michael's School	Asst Scout Leader
38 / 2003	Bonett Carmelo	San Gwann	Asst. Venture Scout Leader
39 / 2003	Borg Doreen	San Gwann	Asst. Rover Scout Leader
45 / 2003	Farrugia Vincent	Attard	Asst. Scout Leader
54 / 2003	Azzopardi Joanne	Siggiewi	Asst. Scout Leader
12 / 2004	Portelli Caroline	St Michael's School	Acting Leader

07 INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

By Mr Franco Azzopardi International Commissioner

FRENCH SCOUTS VISITING MALTA

We are a 5-scout group supervised by a person over 21 y.o. We are "éclaireur et éclaireuses unionistes de France" of the region Franche-Comté.

We aim to come to Malte from 3rd to 23rd of August 2004 with 2 main goals :

- exchange our respective culture with a group of maltese scouts or maltese inhabitants concerning different topics like arts, traditions, ...
- the discovery of this island: nature, historic buildings, everyday life...

However, a major problem is the accomodation. So, we would live and mainly sleep at one of your campsites, as youth hostels are very expensive for our budget and we don't have to camp outside.

In order to live a pleasant stay with you, we are able to do something for you cleaning an area, organising or what you want !!!

If it's possible, I would be grateful if you could comunicate to us the necessary informations like the material for cooking (the possibilities to heat food: gas...), if you have a fridge and a local to keep our personnal things...

Thank you for your quick answer to this adress : emelinelehmann@wanadoo.fr

Thank you

EGYPTION SEMINAR

The Egyptian Federation for Scouts and Girl Guides is intending to hold a "Youth Exchange" (Action 1 of the Youth Program of the European Commission) for Euro-Mediterranean Scout Associations.

The aim of the project:

Since the Scout Movement is a value based educational movement for young people, open for all without distinction of origin, race or creed, this project is aiming at building an interreligious dialogue for a mutual and a better understanding, respect and tolerance. This could provide a healthy

atmosphere to brotherhood and a good chance to enhance peace on the national and international levels.

PROJECT THEME: (SCOUTING: Education for Peace- Education for Brotherhood.)

DATE: 4th – 13th February 2005.

LOCATION: Cairo - EGYPT

CANDIDATES: 6 scout leaders as participants + 1 Delegation leader for the delegation (Preferably representing different religions)

AGE: 18 - 25

GENDER: Preferably balanced.

FEES:

- *Transportation:* The European Commission will afford 70 % of the travel expenses.
- *Accommodation:* is fully covered by the Euro-med youth program.

DEADLINE: Your reply will be very much appreciated before **Friday the 7th of May 2004***. You have to return the Preliminary agreement of Partnership (attached to this email) signed and posted to:

The Egyptian Federation for Scouts and Girl Guides Fax: +20 2 5766422

** Those who may be interested should still apply even though the deadline has expired – International Commissioner Mr Franco Azzopardi*

For any questions please send to:

scoutbrothers@yahoo.com

egyptscoutsandguides@tedata.net.eg .

For more information about the Youth Program please visit:

www.europa.eu.int/comm/youth

08 FROM THE TRAINING AND PROGRAM DEPARTMENT

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

National Scout Backwoods Cooking Competition – Placings

The following Scout Troops participated in this competition: Attard, B'Bugia, Dingli, Fgura, Gzira, Hamrun, Lyceum, Marsa, Mosta, Naxxar, Qormi, Rabat, San Anton School, San Gwann, Sliema, St. Aloysius College, St. Julians, St. Michael School, St. Venera, Stella Maris College, Qawra. The following are the first four placings: **first:** St. Michael School placed; **second:** Stella Maris College; **third:** Sliema; and **fourth:** Hamrun. Well done to all and all.

Second Scout Leaders' National Seminar

As already announced, the second **National Seminar** for all Scout Leaders and Assistant Scout Leaders will be held on *Sunday, 4th July*

2004. The theme of the Seminar will focus on "The Scout Section Age". The Scout Youth Programme Team invite all Adult Leaders of the Scout Section to leave this date free so as to participate and to contribute in this decision-making process, so important for the formulation of the new Scout Section Programme. Further details will be given at a later date.

Level 3 – Basic Adult Leadership Training Course

Thirty-four Adult Leaders from 14 Scout Groups are presently attending the *Basic Adult Leadership Training Course*. The second weekend of the course will be held on *Saturday, 26th and Sunday, 27th June 2004.*

Level 1 – Initial Adult Leadership Training Course

This course will be held on *Saturday, 18th September 2004* at the Victoria Scout Headquarters in Gozo from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Application Forms are available from the Secretariat at I.H.Q. and further details may be collected with the Application Form.

Basic Scouting Skills Training

The first *Basic Scouting Skills* training in *Knots and Rope-work*, under the auspices of the *Training and Programme Department*, has just been completed at the Rinella Scout Centre, Kalkara. The course, consisting of five sessions, was organized and coordinated by the District Commissioner (South), Mr. Lino Bonnici, with the assistance of Mr. Mark Catania. Fourteen Adult Leaders applied for this course, yet only five managed to complete the whole course.

These five Leaders have been awarded a ***Certificate of Competence (Basic) in Knots and Rope-work*** by the *Commissioner Training and Programme*:

Borg Marcel	Xghajra Group
Harmer Albert	Cospicua Group
Pullicino Sandro	St. Aloysius College Group
Vassallo Sandro	San Gwann Group
Zerafa Rose Angela	Xghajra Group

Scout Leaders' Meeting

The next *Scout Leaders' Meeting* will be held on *Tuesday, 8th June 2004* at I.H.Q. at 6.00 p.m. All Scout Leaders are urged to attend this meeting.

Meeting for Coed Scout Groups

A meeting for all Coed Scout Groups will be held by the Commissioner Training and Programme on *Tuesday, 22nd June 2004* at *IHQ* at 6.00 p.m. All the Adult Leaders of these Groups are invited to attend.

Wood Badge Awards

Borg Doreen	San Gwann Group
Farrugia Adrian	B'Bugia Group
Xuereb Deborah	IHQ

09 WATER RESCUE COURSES

By Mr Edward Vella Commissioner for Rover Scouts

The following two courses in Water Rescue are being organised by the Malta Red Cross Society through the Training and Programme Department at IHQ.

INTRODUCTORY TO WATER RESCUE ADVANCED BASICS TO WATER RESCUE

The Introductory to Water Rescue (16 hrs duration) is intended for Scout members 15 to 18 years, whilst Advanced Basics to Water Rescue (25 hrs duration) will be for all Scout members and leaders over 18 years of age. These courses will commence in June. At the end of the course a certificate and an ID, as a rescuer, will be issued. The MRCS's Life Saver badge may also be worn on the Scout Uniform. The Introductory to water rescue will be equivalent for the Venture Award or the Dolphin Award. The fee for these courses will be LM10.00 for the introductory and LM15.00 for the Advanced.

A meeting for those interested will be held on *Tuesday 1st June* at 1800hrs at IHQ. Application forms are available from the IHQ Secretariat. Applicants have to be full members of the Association and will be considered on the first come first serve basis, as only a limited number will be considered for each course.

REFRESHER COURSES are also being planned and details will be announced during the above-mentioned meeting. All are reminded that the respective Badges cannot continue to be worn unless these refreshers are made.

10 4 x 4 Exhibition at Ghajn Tuffieha International Scout Centre

By Mr Jonathan Callus SL San Gwann Scout Group

The Scout Association is organising the above event on the 12th & 13th June 2004 at Ghajn Tuffieha International Scout Centre. This event is open to all 4x4 owners and enthusiasts who are invited to put their vehicle on show. A fee of Lm4.00 will be charged which will include the Bar-B-Q which will be held on Saturday night and a T-Shirt.

Sponsors for the event are Ciappella, Mark's Garage, Borg Grech, Falzon, Red Bull, Land Rover Clothing, RMF, Ipoint, Montebello Tyres, Yacht Services, Max Meyer and Flamingo. Also participating will be the Civil Protection Dept., Police Force, AFM, US Army Hammer (Cassar), All Wheels Drive Club (who will include our event within one of their events). DJ Banana (of Smash Radio & TV) is promoting the event and on the day he will be filming for his TV programme, Motordrome.

Programme and other details:

- Saturday will be open for the Sponsors and Exhibitors, from 1600 hrs onwards. BBQ will start at around 2000 hrs. Later on in the evening, the members of AWDC (who will be exhibiting) will leave the site for their night event, and they will return later on in the night.
- Sunday will be open for the public from 0900 hrs up to 1700 hrs. AWDC (All Wheels Drive Club) will be organising trials for Standard and Modified vehicles, with 1st 2nd and 3rd classification trophies for both categories. The organising committee will provide the trophies. Competing fee Lm2 per vehicle.
- Visitors on Sunday will be charged 25c entrance and each ticket will automatically participate in a lottery.

The Tuck shop will be put on offer to tender, among the Scout Groups, details of which have already been circulated to all the Group Scout Leaders by post to inform them about the event and inviting them to submit their offer for the Tuck shop by not later than Thursday 27th May.. Items on sale at the Tuck shop would include - drinks, pizza, pastizzi, burgers and any other items chosen by the contractor. Also on sale there will be an event T-shirt and a CD with pictures of vehicles while off-roading, and during the event itself. These will be put on the CD by means of a PC present on site.

ALL GROUPS ARE URGED TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT THROUGH THEIR ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION. THERE ALREADY IS A LOT OF INTEREST FROM OUTSIDERS IN THIS EVENT AND IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL BE REPLICATED WITH ENTHUSIASM FROM MEMBERS OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION.

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

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