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01 POINTS TO REMEMBER

SuperScouter (Colin Wallace)

The role of Scouter, regard less of rank, requires several qualities and skills: enthusiasm, effort, timeliness, competence, and communicativeness.

You've got all that, you say, and you want to move up in the Scouting hierarchy. But do you really have what it takes? How do you measure up against these characteristics?

National Commissioner

- leaps tall buildings in a single bound
- is more powerful than a locomotive
- is faster than a speeding bullet
- walks on water all the time
- talks with God.

Provincial Commissioner

- leaps short buildings in a single bound
- is more powerful than a bull elephant
- is just as fast as a speeding bullet
- walks on water occasionally
- talks with angels.

Regional Commissioner

- leaps short buildings with a running start and a tail wind
- is more powerful than a bull
- is almost as fast as a speeding bullet
- walks on water in emergencies
- talks with himself.

District/Area Commissioner

- crashes into short buildings when attempting to leap them
- shoots the bull
- is almost as fast as a slow bullet
- swims in water in emergencies
- argues with himself.

Troop Scouter

- doesn't know a building from a billfold
- smells like a bull
- should not be trusted with bullets
- barely stays afloat wearing a PFD in emergencies
- looses arguments with himself.

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During your self-evaluation, remember that the whole raison d'etre of Scouting is:

The Scout, who

- lifts tall buildings out of his path
- kicks locomotives off the tracks
- catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats them
- parts the water to keep his feet dry, and
- remembers to say his prayers every night

You Know It Was a Great Camp When...

- the Scouts fall asleep on the way home;
- everybody is too tired to complain, and you're too tired to care if they do;
- you have managed to bring back most of the troop gear, and none of the dishes are mouldy;
- you introduced the visiting assistant district commissioner to your assistant and you couldn't remember his name;
- you introduced yourself to the assistant district commissioner and you couldn't remember your name;
- you have half a dozen new jokes to tell at work;
- your head count finally comes out right just as you get back to the hall;
- the troop critic looks up at you and says, "How come we never did this last year?"
- your spouse (mother, friend) refuses to come close to you because of the way you smell;

The things that count most in life are usually the things that cannot be counted.

- your dog thinks you smell wonderful.

02 From the Chief Commissioner

Mr Godwin D'Anastasi

Cancellation of appointments.

The following appointments have been withdrawn and cancelled with effect

As from 1st August 2006.

019/2002	Avril Frendo	Auxiliary	IHQ
019/2004	Margaret Richards	Acting Leader	Naxxar
020/2004	Omar Caruana	Auxiliary	Naxxar
012/2005	Raymond Darmania	AGSL	Qawra
014/2005	Trevor Mallia	Comm. Bldg & Equip	IHQ

As from 1st September 2006.

013/2002	Evander Borg	Auxiliary Finance	IHQ
014/2002	George Cassar	Auxiliary Finance	IHQ

As from 1st October 2006.

009/1994	Marita Schembri	GSL	Tigne
033/1996	Nicolai Dalli	CSL	Tigne
034/1996	Jason Bezzina	SL	Tigne
016/1997	Joseph Filletti	GSL	Attard
019/2005	Joseph E. Briffa	AGSL	San Anton
047/2005	Ray Darmania	Comm. Administration	IHQ

Chief Commissioner Personal Award.

The following two scouters and nine Venture Scouts were all presented with the Chief Commissioner Personal Award in appreciation and dedicated service to the Association. The presentation took place at IHQ, on the 26th September, 2006 and present also was the Chief Scout, Vincent Cassar.

David M. Schembri	International Commissioner	IHQ
John Micallef Engerer	Commissioner Venture Scouts	IHQ
Jurgen Bonavia	Venture Scout	Zabbar
Andrea Bugeja	Venture Scout	Cospicua
Thomas Bugeja	Venture Scout	Cospicua
James Ahren Grech	Venture Scout	Cospicua
Eman Scicluna	Venture Scout	Cospicua
Chris Zerafa	Venture Scout	Cospicua
Carsten Camilleri	Venture scout	Xghajra
Andre Chetcuti	Venture Scout	Xghajra
Warren Gauci	Venture Scout	Xghajra

Iklin Scout Group

Pierre Mangion has tendered in his resignation as Scouter in charge of the Iklin Scout Group. He has however accepted to carry on as District Commissioner of the North District. While thanking Pierre for his outstanding contributions to the Iklin Scout Group that increased in number and quality under his guidance we wish him good luck in his role as District Commissioner. The new Scouter in Charge of the Group is Acting Leader Mariella Bugeja to whom we augur good leadership and scouting.

Attard Scout Group.

Joe Filletti, has tendered his resignation from Group Scout Leader of the Attard Scout Group on reaching retiring age. Joe has been instrumental in

reviving the Attard Scout Group and also in acquiring new headquarters for the Group. While wishing Joe happy retirement, we would like to introduce and welcome Scout Leader Vincent Farrugia who will be Scouter in Charge until further notice. We take this opportunity to wish Vincent all the best for the future.

San Anton Scout Group.

Yet another change at the helm of another Group, this time the San Anton Scout Group bids farewell to AGSL Joseph E Briffa who until recently was the Scouter in charge of the said Group. Joseph was also instrumental to keep the Group on a sound footing and during his leadership the Group continued to flourish. Joe will be leaving due to pressure of work. While wishing Joe all the best, we welcome his successor, ACSL James Bartolo

who will be taking over the reins of the San Anton Scout Group. We would also like to wish James a fruitful leadership and augur all the best in his new post.

Tigne Scout Group.

After being reactivated for a number of years, the Tigne Scout Group has once again closed its doors and is no longer functioning. A number of reasons could have resulted in the closing down once again of this Group that had a very good record during the Second World War. Attempts to try and keep it from closing down failed and the ultimate decision was finally taken during the month of October. While thanking all those who worked hard and took care of members that were entrusted to them, their appointments have been duly cancelled as shown above.

RTK

On Friday, 27th October, the Chief Commissioner, Godwin D'Anastasi, was invited to attend a meeting at the RTK offices in Blata-I-Bajda, during which mementos were to be distributed to all those organizations that had helped in the Fund Raising Campaign that was organized at the beginning of the year by the RTK on behalf of Dar tal-Providenza in Siggiewi. H.G. the Archbishop, Mons. Guzeppi Mercieca, presented the mementos after the delivery of speeches by a number of people

New hand at Administration.

Following Ray Dardenia's resignation as Commissioner in charge of Administration,

Matthew, who helps out at the scout shop has been put in charge the hiring of car parking bays, booking of the ghajn Tuffieha camp site and anywhere at IHQ. His telephone numbers are:

Mobile: 79898776 Land: 21822194

Gone Home

Regretfully we announce the going home of a scouter who went to meet the risen Lord last week. He is Paul Seguna, father of May Cassar, GSL of the Gzira Scout Group and ADC North. Paul was a member of the Lascaris Scout Group in the early 1930's and formed part of the Maltese contingent that went to England for the Coronation of the late King George VI, who was the father of the present Queen Elizabeth II. You are kindly asked to remember him in your prayers.

Council Representatives on the Executive Committee.

Adrian Borg, GSL of the San Gwann Group and uniformed council member, and Paul Vella a non-uniformed council members were chosen to represent the Council at the Executive Committee.

Christmas and New Year Drinks at IHQ

This year's drinks hosted by the Chief Scout and the Chief Commissioner will be held at IHQ on Thursday, 7th December at around 18:00. All Commissioners, Council members, Emeritus Scouters, and Group Scout Leaders are invited to attend. Invitations will be sent nearer to the date.

03 JOTA / JOTI 2006

Mr David Schembri – International Commissioner



The 49th Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) / Jamboree-On-The-Internet (JOTI) will be held over the weekend of 21st and 22nd October 2006.

The Jamboree-On-The-Air has become an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts and Guides all over the world contact each other by means of amateur radio. Short-wave radio signals carry their voices to virtually any corner of the world. Sheer excitement at having a live conversation with a fellow Scout or Guide in some other place in the world attract so many youngsters to this event. JOTA is a real Jamboree during which Scouting

experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared.

Similarly to the Jamboree-On-The-Air, the Jamboree-On-The-Internet connects Scouts and Guides using Internet techniques. The JOTI was held on the same weekend as the Jamboree-On-the-Air. Scout Groups had the option to take part in either one event or both.

During both events, electronic postcards on Maltese scouting as well as on the beauty of the Maltese Islands were exchanged with their foreign contacts, helping to "Brand Malta" as an ideal scouting destination, on an island classified amongst the top five safest holiday destinations.

During the weekend, members from the Fgura, Marsa, Naxxar, San Anton School, San Gwann, Sliema, St Augustine Air Scouts, St Michael's School, Victoria, Xghajra and Zurrieq, Scout Groups together with all Central District scout groups, and the Mosta / Rabat Rover Scouts participated for the whole or part of the forty eight hours, starting from Saturday 00:00hrs until Sunday 24:00hrs local time.

All the Scout Stations were visited by the Chief Scout Mr. Vincent Cassar and Deputy Chief Scout, Ms Avril Frendo during the weekend, who spent time sharing the weekend experiences with the JOTI / JOTA participants at the respective stations.

JOTI / JOTA station organizers are kindly reminded to complete the event report found at the following Web link http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0628JotaJoti_e.pdf

Completed reports are to be forwarded to the International desk by post or electronically (Attention davidschembri@yahoo.com), for onward transmission to WOSM.

04 Lyceum Scout Group – 15 years of scouting since re-opening in 1991

Mr Mark Darmanin – Scout Leader



This summer the Lyceum Scout Group celebrated 15 years from when on 9th July 1991 the Group was reopened after several years inactive. 18 scouts under the leadership of three leaders started meeting every Friday evening and regular activities. During these years the Group never stopped, although there were difficult times, these

resulted in learning experiences.

Summer 2006 was quite active for the Troop. The main activities were two Camps. The first camp was held at Ghajn Tuffieha Scout Campsite between 27th and 30th July 06. We camped under tents and main activities included swimming, lectures on basics of the scout standard, games and hikes. The second camp was held in Gozo at the Victoria Scout Group Head Quarters between the 15th and 17th September 06. During the stay in Gozo we visited the Ggantija Temples in Xghara, had a night treasure hunt in Nadur, and swam at Ramla Bay and in the inland sea of Dwejra. On 26th August 06, there was the Investiture of seven new scouts who recently joined the troop. Afterwards there was fundraising BBQ for the parents and those present. The summer troop meetings were held on Wednesdays evenings and one meeting inside the Lyceum H.Q., while next meeting was an outside activity. Which included swimming, Fishing, and canoeing. Hope to have more quality scouting for our member scouts in further years to come...



05 The International Scene in Summer 2006

By International Commissioner - David Schembri

The Scout Association of Malta International Desk wishes to congratulate the following scout groups / members, details of which are being reproduced below, who travelled abroad as part of their summer camps, for being truly fitting Maltese Scouting Ambassadors throughout their stay away from our shores.

Serbia	1 st B'Kara & Qawra Scout Groups
Tunisia	1 st Hamrun Boy Scout Group
Poland	St Aloysius College Scout Group (as part of EU Youth Program)
Scotland	Zebbug Scout Group
Roverway	Rover Scouts from various Rover Units
Libya	Ventures Scouts from various Venture Units
Kanderstag	IHQ Staff and Fgura Scout Group

Scout Groups and individual members wishing to travel abroad as scout representatives, are kindly reminded to forward to the international Commissioner full details of their intended visit abroad prior to their departure,. Such obligatory information is requested in order to enable the International Desk to monitor movements of scouts abroad in case of difficulties or emergencies whilst serving also to issue the necessary, "Letter of Introduction", to the group leader, identifying one to fellow scouts in the visiting countries.

The International desk equally congratulates the following scout groups for hosting foreign Scouts during the latter's stay in Malta as part of their International Camp.

Victoria Scout Group	Mecdehamstede Explorer Scouts of Peterborough (UK)
Xaghajra Scout Group	Danish Explorer Scouts

Scouting Facts – Malta

The Scout Association of Malta fact sheet entitled, "Scouting Facts - Malta", has now featured as FS 260072 in the International Section on Scoutbase, the United Kingdom Scout Association website <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/>

Using, and distributing this fact sheet away from our shores, is another golden opportunity of

promoting Malta and the Scout Association of Malta, internationally.

Scout groups and scouting members are kindly invited to make use of this fact sheet in "Branding" Malta as an ideal Scouting and Holiday destination, remembering only too well that Malta has been internationally classified amongst the World's Top Five Safest Holiday Destinations

Malta Venture Scouts Participate In The 2nd International Scouting Discovery Challenge At The Green Mountains Of The Libyan Jamahiriya At Al Baida

Nine Ventures Scouts from the Cospicua, Xghajra and Zabbar Scout Groups, Jurgen Bonavia, Andrea Bugeja, Thomas Bugeja, Carsten Camilleri, ,Andre' Chetcuti, Warren Gauci, James Ahren Grech, Eman Scicluna, Christopher Zerafa , accompanied by the contingent's official photographer Mr. Mario Cutajar, Commissioner for Venture Scouts John Micallef Engerer and Contingent leader and International Commissioner Mr. David Schembri, travelled to the Libyan Jamahiriya between the 1st and 13th August 2006 to participate at the Second International Scouting Challenge that was held in the green mountains at Al Baida.

Camped under tents at the pine forest at the Bellenge Scout camp site together with three hundred Libya, Tunisia, Egyptian and Jordanian venture scouts, all participants were placed in ten man patrols were asked to select a scouting challenge from the desert, marine, archaeology and environment activities.

The Maltese Scouts opting for the desert and marine activities where the patrols would spend five days and four nights away from camp, programs similar to Malta's "President's Award", an award in which the majority of the Maltese scouts were also participants

Travelling on a ten hour bus trip away from the Bellenge campsite at Al Baida to the town of Al Jaghbub, deep in the Sahara desert and 280 kilometres south of Tobruk, the desert contingent made up of three patrols, were to experience the different desert conditions and environments. At Al Jaghbub and the surrounding desert environment, the respective patrols spent a day each at Lake Almalva, Lake Alfregha and the sand dunes of Munjaba, after all participants were previously instructed on the harsh desert life and its hazards.

The desert activities ranged from sand boarding down the sand dunes, to fishing in the salt and sweet water lakes, as well as improvised raft building. Sessions on the use of night stars for direction finding, the use of the palm tree and its leaves in home building, as well as knowledge on

medicinal properties of desert flora and fauna, also formed part of the desert itinerary. The use of clay to manufactures items of need in the desert as well as instruction on how to bake bread and build cooking open fires, together with recreation sports such as swimming, volley ball and football, were well appreciated by one and all.

Those participants opting for the Marine activities were given the opportunity to experience the extensive Libyan coastline along the Mediterranean Sea whose coastal areas are not only attractive for their undisturbed beaches but also contain heritage and cultural attractions.

At Soussa, Lethrun and the inland sea at Braknout, the various patrols were not only instructed in the various methods of fishing, but were also drilled in yachting, canoeing, rowing, and snorkelling. All this, after the various hazards of marine life and the marine environment were previously clearly explained to one and all. The preparation and cooking of meals on open fires using driftwood, as well as the collecting and preserving of marine specimens was practiced throughout, whilst water activities and challenges were undertaken by all.

At the Bellenge campsite, all the successful Discovery Challenge participants were presented with the "Holistic Xef" commemorative medal, awarded to those achieving the highest standard in Libya scouting. The Marine Patrol, in which Maltese Ventures Warren Gauci (Xaghajra Scouts) and Jugen Bonavia (Zabbar Scouts) were members, was classified as the "Best Patrol", whilst Thomas Bugeja (Cospicua Scouts) was also nominated Desert Patrol Leader.

An educational visit to the Roman, Byzantine and Christian historical sites and ruins at Shahad and Kasar Libya also formed an integral part of the Discovery camp program, and gave the camp participants the opportunity to learn more on the country's history.

Singing, chanting and dancing are also most popular with Arabic scouts, so evident at the

campfire marking the closing of the Discovery Challenge, whereas the Maltese scouts added a "European" flavour to the campfire with the introduction of comic stunts that went down well with their Libyan hosts and guests.

Extensive coverage of the Maltese participation at the event was given by the Libyan media through live interviews on Jana Television, as well as radio interviews on the Al Baida and Tobruk radio stations. Reports on the event also featured extensively in the Malta printed and electronic media. An interview with the Maltese and Libyan Scouting Leaders also featured on the International Scouting Radio station (www.scoutingradio.com), courtesy of Station manager Mr. Justin Dawson, who transmitted these interviews on live stream internet.

Participation at the 2nd International Scouting Challenge could not have been possible without the great help of the Malta Libyan Friendship Society, who provided support in the sponsoring of the airfare and other travel expenses, as well as Air Malta p.l.c for providing favourable airline rates for the Maltese Scouts. Medavia Co Ltd, the Alberta Group of Companies, Hotel Golden Tulip Vivaldi and well as other companies, who like the Society itself, also contributed financially to the sponsorship of the Scout Association of Malta's participation.

Following the Maltese Contingent's return to Malta, the delegation was invited by the Libya Ambassador, HE Dr. Saal ElShlmani, to attend the celebrations marking the 37th anniversary of the Great El-Fatah Revolution, which toppled the Libyan Monarchy on September 1, 1969

At the Corinthia San Gorg, the Libyan Ambassador mentioned the sterling efforts that the Malta Libyan Friendship Society are doing in building closer relations between the two countries, specially in the

sponsoring of the Maltese Scouts at the 2nd International Scouting Challenge. Congratulating the Maltese Scouts and their leaders, His Excellency Dr ElShlmani, invited Dr Edward Fenech Adami, President of Malta and Prim Minister. Dr. Lawrence Gonzi to jointly award the Scouting challenge participants with a Certificate of Merit and a prestigious badge to be worn on their scout uniform.

In turn, Malta Chief Scout Mr Vincent Cassar, thanked the Libyan Ambassador for his valued assistance throughout the Maltese scout visit to Libya, the Malta Libya Friendship Society and all its members for their financial sponsorship, as well as the Public Scout and Girl Guide Movement of the Libyan Jamahiriya for their hospitality and for waiving the Maltese scouts participation fee at the Scouting Challenge.

The Maltese Contingent took the opportunity to publicly thank the Libyan Chief Scout, Dr. Mahammed Fhema, Secretary General Mr Abduljallel Dasch, International Commissioner Dr. Mustafa Salem and his assistants Dr. Talal Bariun and Eng. Ali Ghoula, who together with the Bellenge service team led by Dr. Ibrahim Ghiriani, Dr Hixxumi, Mr Abdulrauf and Mr Fausi ben Cato made their stay in Libya a truly memorable visit. They continued by also thanking the Benghazi Scout district, the Al Baida, Tobruk and Al Jaghbug Scouts, together with their leaders, for the best Arabian hospitality that one could ever imagine.

The Libyan Scouting Challenge participants were later summoned to the Chief Commissioner's office at Floriana earlier this month, where Mr Godwin D'Anastasi bestowed on them his very own, "Chief Commissioner's Award", in recognition of their good showing in the Libyan Jamahiriya.

What Was A College Concept, Is Now A Dream The History Behind Scouting Radio

In 1907, Lord Robert Baden -Powell held the first experimental camp at Brownsea Island. In 1908 Scouting was established. Now nearly 100 years later, Scouting has become the Biggest Brotherhood in the World, with an estimated 36 million Scouts worldwide.

'Scouting for Boys' written by Baden Powell is the 2nd best seller in the English language, whilst Scouting Radio launched on Founders Day 22nd February 2005, made them the first internet radio station for Scouting.- A home for Scouting News and Information worldwide, united under the Scout Law, Promise, Salute and sign, irrespective of colour of skin, religion or gender.

The concept for Scouting Radio was designed by Justin Dawson of Xtreme Media, a life-long Scout and currently Scoutmaster for Troop 44 Dublin in Ireland, a position he has held for the past five years. He has participated in Jamboree on the Internet on several occasions.

During the summer of 2004, Justin spent three weeks in California, where he visited Boy Scouts of America camps, and was amazed by the interest that American Scouts had on overseas Scouting. Justin's brainwave of how an Internet Radio station could provide Scouts with knowledge of scouting overseas was created.

An international Scouting Radio team was formed -
The product was Scouting Radio!

From the launch of broadcast, Scouting Radio has
and will continue to be unique by attracting Scouts
to one set place, to listen to programmes and news
on Scouting throughout the globe.

All scouts can participate in scouting radio, no
matter their age or nationality, as the station
promises to deliver the best information to Scouts
across the globe of events that have happened and
will be happening within the Scouting Movement.
They promise to be the first for Scouting news and
information. Scouting Radio offers an interactive
medium with our listeners of all ages, as they wish

FRANCO AND SIMONE TIE UP THE KNOT

The Scout Association of Malta's former international Commissioner, Capt Franco Azzopardi and his bride Simone, both scout leaders at St Aloysius Collage Scout Group, were united in wedlock at the St Aloysius College chapel on September 22, 2006.

The International Desk at the Scout Association of Malta wishes the Newly Weds a long and happy life together.

JAMBOREE ON THE AIR / JANBOREE ON THE INTERNET 2006

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It is a unique opportunity for each individual Scout
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06 Roverway 2006

Mr Edward Vella - Commissioner Rover Scouts

The second edition of Roverway was held in Italy
between the 6th and the 14th of August of this year.
This event brings young people from all over the
world together for a ten day celebration. The theme
chosen for this year's event was Dare to Share and
the total number of participants summed up to a

total of 4500. Our Association was represented by
15 members coming from 3 different groups;
Mosta, San Gwann and Rabat.

The Camp in Italy was divided into two parts; the
route part and the main camp. The participants

to create a welcoming place for all Scouts to
communicate, and bring the Scouting Movement
together as one, as Baden Powell envisaged.

Scouting Radio is proud to be the number one
source for Scouting news and information. Not only
do they cover the stories that matter in the Scout
and Guide Movement across the globe twenty
hours a day, Seven days a week on the internet, -
but they list these events on their Website site for
others to view.

Scouting radio can be accessed by visiting

www.scoutingradio.com

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The JOTA and JOTI are worldwide events. During
the weekend, Scouts and Guides may participate
for the whole forty eight hours or any part thereof,
starting from Saturday 00:00hrs until Sunday
24:00hrs local time.

Both JOTA and JOTI are WOSM events in which
members of the World Association of Girl Guides
and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) are kindly invited to
take part and enjoy the international atmosphere
together with the Scouts.

Further detailed information on this year's
JOTA/JOTI and how one can participate in these
events can be found at the following Websites

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0628JotaJoti_e.pdf and

<http://www.joti.org>

were divided into teams of 50 and sent to various localities in Italy to carry out a challenge. The Maltese team took part in route 11 and was accompanied by teams from Italy, Austria and Portugal. The route started from a little village called Verbania which is situated in the Northern part of Milan. The first part of the journey took us up the mountain in our full gear; 1400 meters above sea level. Up the mountain was not easy and although we did some training before the event, it was very challenging. Reaching top of the mountain was great and from up there one can appreciate various other mountains lakes and rivers. The next challenge was to canoe down the river and straight to the lake for 60 kilometers. The river was full of currents and one can say that the task was not easy. A few canoes also managed to overturn and the Maltese rovers were in front to volunteer in helping. The third and final part of the journey was carried out by cycles. The journey had to be undertaken in two consecutive days with the final destination being the main square of Milan: Duomo Square. A total of 105 kilometers were covered and the arrival at the square was marked by a huge smile on participants' face. The team then had the opportunity to visit the famous Marble Church with the peak of the visit being the walkabout on the roof

of the same Church. The next day route 11 team set off to the main Campsite; Luppiono a village of 400 people situated near the famous city of Florence. This part of the camp was more based on workshops and discussions. The Maltese staff organised a workshop which consisted of a few mind teasing games. During their stay in the workshop, the participants also had the opportunity not only to taste some typical Maltese food but also to design and make their personal woggle. Important events during this part of the camp were the opening and closing ceremonies, a visit to the highly cultural city of Florence and an animated Holy Mass which took part in a very modern Church situated in the campsite itself.

Roverway 06 has definitely been an experience to all participants. The atmosphere that is created in such activities cannot be described in words. Each international camp has its own experience and this time the spirit of friendship and sharing were on top of the list. Roverway 06 came to end on the 14th of August but a chain reaction has already been created via emails and websites. We just hope that this brotherhood of scouting friendship will grow stronger and in the near future we will be able to meet again.

07 Visit to Malta by Mr. Joao Armando Gonçaves from the Scout European Office

Mr David Schembri - International Commissioner

Mr. Joao Armando Goncalves, from the Scout European Office, visited Malta between the 3rd and 5 November 2006. The aims behind this short visit were to view the current scouting program, as well as to seek out ways to establish and build better relationships between the Scout Association of Malta and the European Scout Office.

A meeting with the Scout Council, Executive, District and Section commissioners at Island Headquarters in Floriana, enabled Mr. Goncalves to better know and understand the reality of Scouting in Malta, its strengths and challenges.

During his short stay, Mr. Goncalves was also given the opportunity to visit the Ghajn Tuffieha, Zurrieq and Rinella Camp site.

Visits to the Fgura and Cospicua Packs at Camp, St Venera Cubs, Scouts and Council during their meetings, Dingli Scout Band during a Church Parade, as well as St Augustine (Air Scouts) during a parent and son activity, also formed part of the weekend's itinerary.

Mr. Joao Armando Goncalves, a Portuguese elected scout member on the European Scout Committee, has the responsibilities of Maltese Scouting as part of his Scouting portfolio.

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

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