

IHQ Bulletin



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FOR YOUR DIARY

Thu 23/10 – GSLs' Forum

Thu 23/10 – VSLs' Meeting

Weekend 31/10-2/11 – National Cub Camp

Thu 6/11 – Executive Meeting

Weekend 7-9/11 – Annual Scouts' Camp at Ghajn Tuffieha

Weekend 8-9/11 – National Rally for Venture Scouts

Tue 11/11 – Beavers Consultative Meeting.

Thu 13/11 – Ethics Meeting

Mon 17/11 – Council Meeting

Thu 20/11 – Commissioners' Forum

Sat 22/11 – PASTA NIGHT AT IHQ

Tue 25/11 – DCs' Meeting

POINTS TO REMEMBER

The Four Branches of Scout Training

Aids to Scoutmastership B.-P. 1919

To accomplish the aim of training for active citizenship, we take up the following four branches which are essential in building up good citizens, and we inculcate them from within instead of from without:

- Character - which we teach through: the Patrol System, the Scout Law, Scout lore, woodcraft, responsibility of the Patrol Leader, team games and the resourcefulness involved in camp work. This includes the realisation of God the Creator through His works; the appreciation of beauty in Nature; and through the love of plants or animals with which outdoor life has made one familiar.
- Health and Strength - Through games, exercises, and knowledge of personal hygiene and diet.
- Handcraft and Skill - occasionally through indoor activities, but more specially through pioneering, bridge-building, camp expedients, self-expression through the arts, which all tend to make efficient workmen.
- Service to Others - The carrying into daily life of the practice of religion by "good turns," dealing with quite small good actions as well as with community service, accidents, life-saving

1. From the Chief Commissioner

Mr Godwin D'Anastasi

• Appointment Epaulettes.

The Commissioner for Human Resources, Mr. David Schembri has issued notifications regarding the issue of the above appointment epaulettes to each Group and other members not belonging to any Group. Members have been issued with instructions how these may be obtained. An accompanying letter listing the

information being requested is to be sent directly to Mr. David Schembri who will be the only person in charge of handling all correspondence pertaining to the matter.

- **Application for Appointments and Warrants.**

With immediate effect, all applications for appointments and warrants are to be submitted to Mr. David Schembri. These will be duly checked against existing records, before presented for acceptance by a special set up Board made up of Mr. Godwin D'Anastasi, Chief Commissioner, Mr. Michael Cefai, Commissioner Training, Mr. David Schembri, Commissioner Human Resource, and occasionally involving also the District Commissioner.

- **Gone Home.**

With deep regret we announce the going home of a veteran Scouter, Ramiro Scicluna who at the age of 77 years was still presiding as Chairperson of the Zejtun Scout Group and who was also of great help at the Rinella Scout Centre. Our condolences to his dear wife and family.

Another ex war scout, Donald Mock who was living in Canada, has also gone home recently. Donald was an ex Tigne Garrison Scout during the war and used to play with Floriana Football Club. He is survived by another brother who is also living in Canada. Our condolences to his family.

A prayer is solicited.

- **Beavers.**

The Executive Committee has agreed in principle with the introduction of the Beavers Colony. A consultative meeting is being held at IHQ on Tuesday, 11th November 2003 at 18:00 for Group Scout Leaders who are interested in the matter. Present Leaders who are conducting meetings for Colonies are also being invited to attend to contribute and put forward their recommendations.

- **Organizing Committee 2004-2008 Events.**

At the last Council Meeting held recently, the following Scouters were proposed and accepted as members forming part of the above Organizing Committee.

Full time members

Edward Vella – Commissioner Rovers/ VSL Mosta
 David Schembri – Commissioner Human Resources/GSL Qrendi
 Irene Sammut – AGSL Tarxien
 Josef Custo – ADC Central District/Auxiliary Hamrun
 Mario Calleja – PRO/GSL St Venera
 Raymond Darmenia – Auxiliary IHQ/ SL St Julians
 Jonathan Callus – SL San Gwann
 Martin Camilleri – ASL St Michael School
 Mary Pace – Acting Leader Qrendi
 Deborah Xuereb – IHQ Auxiliary

Part time members.

Fr Anton Briffa – Commissioner Religious Dimensions
 Stefan Farrugia- GSL St. Julians
 Kevin Camilleri – ASL Sliema
 Franco Azzopardi – International Commissioner
 Charles Bajada – National Events Commissioner

- **Fund raising Committee**

Mr. Paul Vella, Council Member will chair a Fund raising committee with the following scouters assisting him.

Godwin D'Anastasi – Chief Commissioner
 Martin Camilleri – ASL St Michael School
 Jonathan Callus – SL San Gwann
 Mary Pace – Acting Leader Qrendi
 Deborah Xuereb – IHQ Auxiliary

- **Past Night**

A joint Pasta Night hosted by San Gwann Scout Group and IHQ, was held at IHQ on Saturday, 11th October 2003. One hundred and twenty-five guests attended the lovely successful evening's event. Menu consisted of penne served with three different types of sauces, accompanied with free wine or soft drink and as dessert a cream filled roly poly was served. Our thanks go to all those who turned up to enjoy the evening and also the group of young members from Stella Maris College who provided the evening's entertainment, Hamrun for the loan of chairs, and the San Gwann Scouters for the food preparations. Also present was the Chief Scout and the Chief Commissioner who were accompanied by their wives. Our thanks also to the Victoria Scout Group for their kind donation. The evening's profit will now go towards the purchase of a much needed computer.

St Venera Scout Group will be organising another Pasta Night on the 22nd November in aid of the purchase of a new PC for IHQ. Booking may be made at IHQ through Mr Charles Caruana.

- **Chief Commissioner Personal Award**

The Chief Commissioner is happy to announce the award of the Chief Commissioner Personal Award to the Hamrun Scout Group in appreciation of past dedicated services to the Association.

- **Awards and Decorations.**

The Chief Commissioner notifies that nominations for Awards and Decorations for 2003 should reach him by the end of December 2003. The appropriate forms may be obtained from the Administration Office. Reference to the Association's publications "Awards and Decorations of The Scout Association of Malta" is recommended and advisable.

Please ensure confidentiality with regards to all proposals except those forms being filled for service. Also ensure that forms are properly entered and duly signed by all concerned. Late or incorrect forms will not be accepted.

- **Calendar of Events.**

Thu 6th Nov – Executive Meeting.
 Fri/Sat/ Sun 7/8/9th Nov – National Troop Camp at Ghajn Tuffieha
 Tue 11th Nov – Beavers Consultative Meeting with GSL & interested Leaders.
 Thu 13th Nov – Ethics Meeting
 Mon 17th Nov – Council Meeting
 Thu 20th Nov – Commissioners' Forum
 Tue 25th Nov – District Commissioners' Meeting

2. Scouts Bowling Tournament at the Eden Century Superbowl

By Mr David Schembri Commissioner for Human Resources & Support

Friday 19th September 2003 was another Red Letter day for the Stella Maris Collage Scout Group and their Venture Unit led by Venture Scout Leader Twanny Bugeja,

who have now become synonymous with the organization of bowling competitions for the different scout and guide sections.

No fewer than one hundred and sixty scouts and guides from the Gzira, Hamrun, Marsa, Mosta, Msida, Naxxar, Pembroke, Qrendi, Stella Maris Collage, St. Venera, Tarxien and Zurrieq scout groups joined by the Attard, Msida and Zebbug guide units turned up on the night, at the Eden Century Superbowl, Paceville to compete against each other in a keen contest.

Competing alongside no less than twenty-eight teams, the Hamrun, Zurrieq and Stella Maris Collage scout Groups placed First, Second and Third positions respectively in a highly competitive but most entertaining evening.

Addressing the Scout and Guide contingents present, the Stella Maris Collage Group Scout Leader Ms Pauline Cefai Azzopardi thanked all present for the fine turn out and for once again accepting the group's invitation to participate in this competition. Ms Cefai Azzopardi personally congratulated Venture Scout Leader Twanny and the Stella Maris Collage Ventures for all their efforts that bring respective scout groups and Guide Units closer together through their efforts. The Group Scout Leader also thanked the Eden Century Superbowl management and staff for their loyal support at such events.

Scout Commissioners for Cub Scouts, Training, Public Relations and Venture Scouts, Leslie Bonnici, Michael Cefai, Mario Calleja and John Micallef Engerer later presented trophies to the best-placed scout teams and the Scout Bowling Shield to the overall winners.

Also attending the competition were the Rover Scouts and Human Resources commissioners, Edward Vella and David Schembri.

"Prositt Hafna" go to the organizers and all participating Scout Groups and Guide Units

3. Request for help

By Ing Mario A. Frendo Group Scout Leader Paola Scout Group

Paola Group Scout Leader is calling for **two ventures or senior scouts** who would like the opportunity to help him run the Group as ASLs with the prospect of becoming Scout Leaders if successful.

Anybody interested please either e-mail on: - fritz@onvol.net or phone mobile 79707177

Thank you all

4. Sahara 2004

Dear Scouts friends:

We are a Spanish Scout Group, from Madrid, and are member of SCOUTS OF SPAIN, and now our Group is preparing a multilateral interchange in Sahara (Argely) the next Easter 2004, into the European Youth Interchange Program.

CONCRETLY this Project, Sahara 2004, is a Mediterranean activity, with the participation of the youth association of the Italy, Greece, Spain and Sahara (Argely)

The participants, 7 for association plus one leader, will meet in Madrid of the 2nd April, and together take a charter plane to Tindouf (Argely) and there, we will take a bus to a Campsite of Sahara Refugees.

The age of the participants is the Clan Rover: 17-18-19-20-21 PLUS one leader for association.

The activities are:

- .-Take a video about the reality social in Campsite Refuges in Sahara
- .-Prepare and play activities in free time with the children of the school center in Campsites
- .-Repair a School Center
- .-Voluntary Services
- .-Visit the CAMPSITES
- .-Visit the Desert Sahara
- .-Others

Now, we are looking one more associations to participate in this INTERCHANGE. IT'S VERY URGENT FOR US, because we need only one more association to participate and we would present the documents before 1 November to the European Commission.

PLEASE, WE SEND YOU THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE FOR US IT IS VERY URGENT AND IMPORTANT, AND WE WILL LIKE THAT YOUR SCOUTS ASOCIATION PARTICIPATE IN THIS INTERCHANGE.

Thanks.

PLEASE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, SEND US AN E-MAIL.

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See you

I say you that European program will pay the 70% of the travel and all activities of the younger participants.

5. Ramiro Scicluna 1926 -2003

Apprezzament minn E. L. Bonnici DC South

"Ara x'naghmlu, lesti dawn l-istrixxi, aqtagghom tal-qies, nigi nhar l-Erbgha w niwweldjawhom fil-bieb".



Dan kien l-ahhar kliem li siehbi tal-qalb qalli qabel telaq mill Rinella Scout Centre nhar l-Erbgha 24 ta' Settembru fil-11.30am. Kien spicca bicca xoghol fil-boundary gate li ghamilna fir-Rinella Scout Centre fejn flimkien ma' shabna l-ohra ghamel li seta' fil-welding li kellna bzonn.

Min kellhu jghidlu u lilna l-lkoll li konna hemm nidhku w niccaccraw ta' hbieb li ahna li flok kellu jigi jkompli x-xoghol tal-welding nhar 1 ta'

Ottubru, Ramiro mar ghand il-Hallieq, f' hajja ahjar.

Jumejn wara, jigifieri l-Gimgha 26 ta' Settembru, Ramiro kellu incident ikrah fid-dar tieghu meta tela' fuq sellum biex inizzel "ceiling fan", tilef il-bilanc u stabat ma l-art quddiem martu, li kienet ded izzomlu s-sellum.

Ramiro nghaqad ma l-iscouts tal- Cospicua Group bhala "wolf cub" fl-1935 fliemkien ma tlett hutu ohra. Damu mal-Group sa ma bdiet il-Gwerra (1940 - 1945) fejn marru joqghodu z-Zejtun. Kompla ma l-iscouts taz-Zejtun tul hajtu kollha kemm bl-uniformi u kemm pajzan, l-ahhar pozizzjoni kienet dik ta' Chairman tal-Kunsill tal-Group. Kariga li baqa fiha sa ma halliena.

Ramiro kien bniedem tas-sengha bhal "boiler maker" u speċjalizza bhala welder "first class", attenda korsijiet barra u kien "Master Craftsman" f' kull tip ta' welding u brazing. Kien espert fit-tiswija ta' l-iskrejjen tal-vapuri w kien bniedem li ma jaqta' qalbu minn xejn. Aktar ma x-xoghol kien ikkomplikat u ta tahbit, aktar kien jidhol ghalih.

Pjacir kien jaghmlu lill kullhadd u kien maghruf hafna ma shabu fir-Ramla ta' San Tumas, li kull fejn jersaq isaqsi jekk ghandhomx bzonn xi xoghol. L-aktar bicca xoghol li n-nies taz-Zejtun jafuh hi meta sewwa qampiena kbira tal-kampnar tal-Parrocca, fejn nizzilha ghamel it-tiswija li kien mehtieg u rega tellaghha hu billi ghamel l-irbit necessarju u tela' mal-qampiena li hu stess rabat u dahhalha f' posta.

Xoghol fil-IHQ ghamlu bi spirtu ferriehi kemm fil-Main Gate ta' barra, kemm fil-bibien tal-kmamar li hemm mas-sur, fil-bibien tat-toilets u fil-brackets ta' fejn illum hemm it-Training Commissioners. Xoghol fir-Rinella Scout Centre ghamel sa mill 1993 meta bdejna minprovizzaw ic- Centru w kull meta sejjahltu dejjem ghamel mill ahjar u tarah gej nhar ta' Erbgha fil-ghodu. Kont insibu hemm qabli avolja nifti hemm li niltaqghu fit-8.30am.

B'qasma ta' qalb Ramiro mhux ser niltaqa mieghu aktar u l-wirt tax-xoghol li halla jibqa imfakkar. Kien jiehu gost jigi f' kull attivita li nistiednu w barra it-"Thanks Badge", id-Distrett irregalah bi plakka speċjali fil-gheluq l-ghaxar anniversarju tal ftuh ta' Rinella Scout Centre.

Pagni shah nikteb fuq Ramiro imma nieqaf hawn. Fejn hu zgur jiltaqa ma shabu tax-xoghol u ta' l-iscouts speċjalment il- Cub Master tieghu Turu Dimech (iz-zki).

Kondoljanzi tieghi u tal-Familja, tad-Distrett u l-membri ta' kull Group, lill Martu wliedu, w in-neputijiet, kif ukoll lill hutu. Ghatih Mulej il-mistrieh ta' dejem.

6. Scout Troop Football Tournament 2003

By Mr David Schembri Commissioner for Human Resources & Support

On Saturday 11th October 2003, six Scout Troop teams from the Marsa, Mosta, Qrendi, Stella Maris Collage, Tarxien and Zurrieq Scout Groups turned up at the "Dun Raymond Ellul" football pitch at Qrendi to participate in this year's seven a side Troop Football tournament.

Diving into two three team groups, the respective teams played each other in fifteen-minute games, allowing the section winners and runner up's to progress further into the semi final.

The tournament saw a mixture of highly competitive and technical games, avalanches of goal scored and teams which, for the second year running fielded female participants through Stella Maris collage female Scouters Sara Ann Bartolo and Cheryl Grech and Mosta's Scout Lee Ann Cardona.

Zurrieq and Marsa scouts contested the final with the Zurrieq Scout Troop emerging worthy winners.

Presenting the Trophies to the Winners and participating teams, David Schembri the Commissioner for Human Resources and Support on behalf of all competitors, thanked Paul Camilleri, and the Marsa Scout Group who together with Edward Vella, Commissioner for Rovers, once again organized such a successful competition.

"Whilst Successes and achievements in such tournaments are easily forgotten, newly made friendships last a lot longer" he remarked. Whilst congratulating the winners, David Schembri, praised all participating teams for the high sense of "Fair Play"

shown and the respective leaders for their dedication and support through out the day's activity.

Visiting the Scouts during the morning was the Qrendi Parish Priest, the Very Reverend Fr. Ray Toledo, a former Seminary scout, who expressed his delight in seeing Church property being used to the benefit of the younger generation.

7. Venture Scout Activities

by Mr John Micallef Engerer Commissioner for Venture Scouts

- National Venture Scouts five-a-side one-day football tournament

This tournament was held on Saturday 20th September 2003 at Stella Maris College, Gzira. A total of 91 Venture Scouts together with their leaders from Birzebbugia, Cospicua, Marsa, Mosta, Qrendi, St Venera, Stella Maris College, Tarxien, Victoria and Zurrieq Scout Groups took part.

At the end of the activity the Commissioner for Venture Scouts presented trophies and mementos, certificates and medals. The Zurrieq Venture Scout Unit won the event. Stella Maris College Venture Scout Unit was the runner up and Venture Scout Dorian Tanti of the Zurrieq Venture Scout Unit was the top scorer with 14 goals. The event was made possible thanks to the contribution of Mr Twanny Bugeja, VSL Stella Maris College. Thanks also goes to Mrs Pauline Cefai Azzopardi, GSL Stella Maris College and to Rev. Bros Louis Camilleri and Mario Zammit of Stella Maris College for providing the football grounds. Last but not least thanks also to Mr Charles Grixti, from the Scout Shop for sponsoring the trophies and mementoes.

- National Rally for Venture Scouts

This year's event is going to be held on Saturday and Sunday 8th, 9th November 2003 at Xemxija Bay and the surroundings. The aim of this event is to foster a keen and healthy atmosphere, to promote friendship and initiative, and build the stamina amongst the members of the Venture Units. The Rally consists of a course based on orienteering and incorporates incidents based on Venture Scout training.

Further information is available from the Commissioner for Venture Scouts or reference can be made to circular CVS 05/03 dated 30th September 2003. Please note that a very important meeting is being held on Thursday 23rd October 2003 at 1800hrs at island Headquarters