

# IHQ Bulletin



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## **1.Cub Scout Handbook Competition:**



As you all know the Cub Section is in the phase of finalising the Cub Scout handbook. For the cover of this Handbook a drawing competition is going to be held between Cub Scouts. All entrants who are going to participate must be invested members. We are leaving the subject open as long as the theme concerns cubbing. All entrants are to submit their drawings by **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST 2001 at IHQ.**

Drawings are to be presented on A3 or A4 size, complete with the participant's name, age, and date of birth, address, and Group/Pack. All entries are to be addressed Cub Scout handbook competition, and enclosed in an envelope of the same size as the drawing.

## **2.Venture Scout's Award:**

Venture scout leaders are encouraged to notify the commissioner for venture scouts besides the group scout leader, whenever any of their members gain any of the section's awards for appropriate recognition and publication. Venture scout leaders are advised to urge their members under their charge to gain venture scout awards besides providing the necessary program to achieve such awards.

## **3.Venture Scouts Abseiling:**

A National venture scout abseiling activity for the community was held again for the fourth consecutive year. This was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2001 at Birgu, where a total of 77 venture scouts and their leaders from Attard, Birkirkara, Cospicua, Mosta, Naxxar, St. Aloysius College, St. Augustine College, St. Venera, St. Julians, Stella Maris College, Zejtun and Zurrieq groups attended.

The venture scouts used their abseiling skills to clear the bastions of weeds and grass growing in their cracks. While the Cospicua scout group provided food and their headquarters as shelter and meeting point.



The Mayor, local council members and the commissioner for venture scouts express their thanks and admiration for the hard job, the exemplary behavior and contribution put in by those taking part.

Well done to all.

## **4.Ventures BBQ and canoe Adventure weekend:**



The next national activity for the venture scouts is a barbeque and a canoe adventure weekend being held between Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2001. The venue for this activity is not yet confirmed, and any suggestions will be considered.

A committee for this activity is still to be set up in order to organize and help in the preparations needed for such an activity. All those interested are to contact the commissioner for venture scouts at island headquarters.

**5.Appointments:**

The Chief Scout has approved the following Appointment and Warrants:

Joe G. Grech	DC	Gozo	Appointment
Jane Farrugia	ACSL	Naxxar	Warrant
Teddy Farrugia	GSL	Naxxar	Warrant

**6.Web site:**

The original website of the Association was inaugurated on November 7, 1998 by the Secretary General of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement, Dr Jacques Moreillon whilst on an official visit to Malta. We have just finished renovating the site and we are now full of new features information and at a new address. Through this website we hope to give you an understanding of The Scout Association of Malta, its history, its members and its activities.

Also note the new mailing address for Island Headquarters.

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**7.Net Scouter:**

NetScouter is an online newsletter about Scouting, the Internet and computers in general. The aim of NetScouter is to keep its readers informed of the Scouting movement in Malta and in the rest of the world; to provide interesting sites to visit on the Internet and suggest cool software to download and try out.

So far we have had an excellent response to the newsletter, and more subscribers keep joining every day.

More information about NetScouter is available at <http://www.sliemascouts.com/netscouter>

To subscribe, send a blank email to [ssgnews-subscribe@topica.com](mailto:ssgnews-subscribe@topica.com)

**8.Receipt books:**

Scout Shop has made available to Scout Groups an official receipt books with the association's logo. These books can be used every time a payment is made towards the Group and all sections. Such payments may be subscriptions, camp fees, donations, services rendered etc. It would be ideal if all will use these so that we show the general public that we are a serious and well organised youth organisation.

These receipt books are self-carbonised and are available from scout Shop.

## *International*

### 9.Membership Development study Session:

#### **Aim:**

The aim of the study session is to explore the current situation concerning membership development and identify areas for future action.

#### **Dates:**

11-14 October 2001. Participants are requested to arrive during Thursday 11 October and departures are from Sunday 14 in the morning.

#### **Venue:**

The study session will take place at centre scout de courriere near Namur in Belgium. You can visit the centre's website at [www.LesScouts.be/courriere](http://www.LesScouts.be/courriere). The centre is situated about 70 Km from Brussels and 15 Km south east of Namur.

Accommodation will be in rooms for 6-8 people. Sheets and towels will be provided.

#### **Profile of Participants:**

Members of national teams, volunteers or professionals working with membership development.

#### **Language:**

The study session will be conducted in English and French. Participants should be able to communicate well in English or French, in order to gain most from the plenary sessions and the group work.

#### **Participation Fee:**

The study session is supported by the Fund for European Scouting, which allow the European Scout Region to offer the event free of charge. Participants will have to pay their own travel and eventual extra nights at the Centre Scouts de Courriere.

#### **Closing date:**



Applications and a full program may be obtained from the administration committee at Island Headquarters and the last applications will be received by Thursday, September 6, 2001.

### 10.Friends of Scouting in Europe:

#### **Aim:**

Friends of Scouting in Europe is an initiative from the European Scout Foundation. It enables its members to demonstrate their support for the ideals and aspirations of Scouting. You will have the opportunity to meet other members, to enjoy the hospitality of the Bulgarian Scouts, and see the sights not only of Sofia the capital, but many other interesting places in Bulgaria where it is still summer at that time of the year.

#### **Dates:**

19-21 October 2001. The official programme will last from Friday evening, October 19<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at noon.

#### **Venue:**

Accommodation for the weekend will be in a good hotel in the very centre of Sofia.



#### **Cost:**

All indications are approximate, and the final cost will depend on the final number of participants.

The cost for participation in the official programme (accommodation not included) will be about CHF 300.00 to 350.00. This fee will cover transport to and from the airport, transportation throughout the weekend, all excursions including entrance fee and tour guides, as well as all meals from Friday evening to Sunday lunch.

Accommodation will cost Approx CHF 140.00 for a single bed and CHF 175.00 for a double bed per night and will have to be paid directly to the hotel.

#### **Registration:**

To register send an e-mail with the details requested on an attached sheet to [rene.karla@chello.at](mailto:rene.karla@chello.at), or contact the administration committee at Island Headquarters. Applications will be received by the planning team by 1st September at the latest.