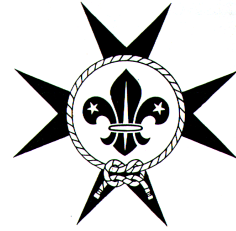


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1. Venture Scouts

NATIONAL VENTURE SCOUTS 5 A-SIDE ONE-DAY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



This tournament was held on Saturday 29th September 2001 at Stella Maris College, Gzira. A total of 85 venture scouts together with their leaders from Cospicua, Hamrun, Marsa, Mosta, Naxxar, Stella Maris College, St. Aloysius, Xghajra, Zebbug and Zurrieq Scout Groups took part.

At the end of the activity the Commissioner for Venture Scouts presented trophies and medals. The Hamrun Venture Scout Unit won the event, Marsa VSU were the runners up and Venture Scout Dorian Tanti of Zurrieq VSM was the Top Scorer.

The event was made possible thanks to the contribution of Mr. Joe Bartolo, VSL Stella Maris College.

NATIONAL VENTURE SCOUTS RALLY

This year's event is going to be held on Sunday 4th November at Mgarr, Gozo. The aim of this event is to foster a keen and healthy atmosphere, to promote friendship and initiative, and build stamina amongst the members of the Venture Units.

Further information is available from the Commissioner for Venture Scouts or reference can be made to circular CVS 09/01 dated 23rd September 2001.



2. Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet

The Scout Association of Malta has this year participated in a grand scale in the world wide JOTA / JOTI events. There were ten (10) Radio Stations and fourteen (14) computers connected to the Internet and operating from various localities in Malta and Gozo. Whilst twelve (12) Groups operated their own Radio and/or Internet stations, Island Headquarters also operated a Radio Station and four (4) Internet connections at IHQ, Floriana and another two (2) Internet connections at the IT Fair at Naxxar. At Island Headquarters, a number of Groups enjoyed themselves at a weekend camp whilst at the same time participated in JOTA / JOTI. Together with them were also members of the Girl Guide Association of Malta.

The following Groups set up their own stations: Cospicua, Marsa, Mosta, Naxxar, Rabat, Stella Maris College, St Augustine's College, St Venera & Dingli, Victoria, Xghajra, Zejtun and Zurrieq Scout

Groups. The following Groups camped at IHQ: Attard, San Gwann, St Michael School, Tigne', Valletta and the Birkirkara Guides. Qawra Scout Group and a number of Guide Companies also availed themselves of the services offered at IHQ.



Besides the usual Scouting jargon and topics, this year's JOTA / JOTI was characterised by messages relating to the 11th September events that took place in the USA. It is opportune hear to recall Lord-Baden Powell's words themselves when he said, "Let us leave the world a little better than we found it". These words had a special significance in this year's events and may we all, as brother Scouts, work together towards peace in the world.

The Association thanks all those Scouts and Guides who participated in this year's event. One cannot but mention the contribution of the Organizing Committee who worked hard to make it a success that it was. Thanks also go to the San Gwann Group for helping out in the kitchen. The Chief Scout, Chief Commissioner and PRO would also like to thank the all the Groups whom they visited for the warm welcome they were given and again congratulate them for the excellent way their stations were organized.

It is hoped that all who participated had a happy and enjoyable JOTA / JOTI event full of pleasant encounters and experiences.

The Association would like to extend its appreciation to the help and constant support that Maltacom and Euroweb Ltd. have demonstrated to ensure the running of this event.

For this year's event a special commemorative badge was issued. Reference is made to circular MHC/2201/2

3. Appointments

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The National Scout Council on the advise of the Chief Executive has approved the following persons and portfolios, to serve on the Executive Committee.

- Mr Godwin D'Anastasi - Chief Executive
- Mr Kenneth De Martino - Secretary General
- Mr Emanuel Bonnici - National Council Nominee
- Mr Henry B. Calleja - National Council Nominee
- Mr Michael J Cefai - Director of Training and Programmes
- Mr Mark A Pizzuto - Director of Finance
- Mr Arthur Azzopardi - Director of Administration



POLICY COMMITTEE

The National Scout Council has approved Mr Michael J Cefai to act as Chairman of the Policy Committee instead of Mr Godwin D'Anastasi who resigned the post on being elected Chief Executive. The Association wishes Mr. Cefai all the best in his new appointment.

IHQ COMPLIMENT.

Members are advised to note the following Commissioners' list for communication purposes.

- Mr Godwin D'Anastasi - Chief Executive and Director in charge of Districts
- Mr Emanuel Bonnici - District Commissioner [South]
- Mr Anthony Vella - District Commissioner [Central]
- Mr Joseph G Grech - District Commissioner [Gozo]
- Mr Charles Bajada - Commissioner National Events
- Mr Michael J Cefai - Director Training and Programmes
- Mr Leslie Bonnici - Commissioner Cub Scouts
- Capt. Reuben Lanfranco - Commissioner Sea Scouts
- Mr John Micallef Engerer - Commissioner Venture Scouts
- Mr Edward Vella - Commissioner Rover Scouts
- Rev. Fr. Anton Briffa - Commissioner for Religious Dimensions
- Mr Arthur Azzopardi - Director Administration
- Mr Franco Azzopardi - International Commissioner
- Mr Mario H Calleja - PRO
- Mr Mark A Pizzuto - Director Finance
- Mr Kenneth De Martino - Secretary General



Mr Chris Calleja has been appointed as Auxiliary in charge of Scouts and will be appointed Commissioner Scouts in December.

At the time of going to press, the North District will be voting to elect two Group Scout Leaders to act as District Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioner [North].

This leaves only one vacancy to be filled, namely that of Commissioner Building and Equipment. Anybody who might be interested may contact the Chief Executive.

4. Census 2002

The relevant documentation has been sent to all Group Scout Leaders together with this edition of the IHQ Bulletin. The importance of this document is once again being highlighted. The forms, together with the relevant subscriptions should reach the Director of Administration by not later than January 25th, 2002

5. Administration at IHQ – One Stop Shop Concept



As previously advised this system has come into effect. Anyone who needs any information, any kind of forms, or needs to deliver any applications, is asked to pass them on to the Administration Department for registration and for forwarding to the right department. Only Nominations for Scout Awards and Decorations do not fall under this system. These must first be passed to the respective District Commissioner for handing to the Chief Executive.

Please bear with us any inconvenience you might encounter in the beginning.

This is a complete new process to help everyone concerned and which might have its teething troubles.

6. International

Activity: 10th International Sea Scouts and Guides Camp

Organisers: Finnish Guide and Scout Association

Dates: 24 – 31 July 2002

Venue: Finland

Website: www.satahanka.com

Closing Date for Registration: 31st January 2002

7. Internet Scouting



WOSM has launched “the world on-line network for developing educational resources – WONDER”. The aim of this programme is to have like-minded people sharing and developing new ideas and resources to improve your work with youths. Subscription to this network is free. Persons interested in joining this network can do so by sending an email to wondernews.subscribe@world.scout.org.

8. Talent & Service Week – Baystreet

This event will take place between the 5th and 11th November. The aim of this activity is to publicise the Association and other relative societies.

Further information is available from the Association PRO and reference could also be made to circular MHC/2001/3

9. Qawra Scout Group



On Wednesday 3rd October, twenty two (22) new members and six (6) Scouters were invested during an investiture ceremony that took place inside St. Francis of Assisi Church in Qawra. Fr. Jesmond Pawley was the first member to be invested.

Present for the ceremony were the Chief Scout, the Chief Executive and the Commissioner for Cubs amongst others. A reception brought the event to an end.

10. Iklin Scout Group

The Group has reopened its doors after being dormant for a period of time. The acting Group Scout Leader is Mr. John Camilleri who hails from Iklin. The Group already registers within its fold 24 young members.

11. Dingli Scout Group

Mr. Wayne Saillard has resigned from the rank of Group Scout Leader. Mr. Saviour Richard has assumed the leadership of this Group. The Association extends its support to Mr. Richard on his role and wishes him all the best.

12. Resignations

The following persons have resigned from the posts they previously occupied:

Capt. Norman d'Amato	– Director Administration and International Commissioner
Mr. Julian Farrugia	– Group Scout Leader Zurrieq Scout Group



The Association would like to thank the above for their hard work and sterling service performed for the benefits of the Association's members. The Association wishes them the best of luck in anything they decide to embark themselves upon.

13. Awards and Decorations

Please note that nominations for Awards and Decorations for 2001 should reach the Chief executive by the end of December 2001. The appropriate forms may be obtained from the Secretariat at IHQ. Reference to the Association's publication "Awards & Decorations of The Scout Association of Malta" is advisable.

14. For the Record

Due to an oversight, Tigne' Scout Group was not mentioned as having contributed towards the raising of funds for BP's bust currently situated in IHQ's hall. The Association would like to excuse itself for such an error, an error that was brought about by human error and not malice.

15. Maltese Evening at IHQ



A most enjoyable evening was held at IHQ on Saturday October 6. The catering and service were of a high standard as is customary with such functions at IHQ. The Association thanks all those who attended this event and the persons responsible for organising this event, namely the Chief Executive and Mr. Charles Caruana.

On a less positive note, one cannot but comment that such an activity could have had an even better outcome, if more Association members had turned up for the event.