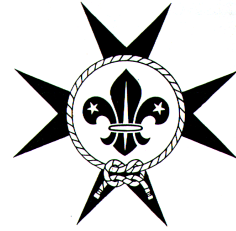


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1. 4 x 4 Rally

On the weekend of the 2nd/3rd February the Scout Association organised for the first time a National 4X4 Adventure Rally. This event took place over the weekend and kicked off from the IHQ on Saturday at 10.00hrs with the Orienteering part of the event. At 17.00hrs, participants started to arrive at The Ghajn Tuffieha International Scout Centre, where they pitched their tents for the night. A BBQ was held for all those who took part together with their guests. Sunday morning, after Holy Mass, a number of timed trials took place in the same area and at 15.00hrs all competitors set out in convoy for IHQ, where presentations of awards were made by the Hon. Mr. Jesmond Mugliette MP. The St. John's Ambulance Brigade provided an ambulance service throughout the whole event and also manned one of the incident points of the Rally.

There were 16 participants in all. Congratulations go to the winners of this first edition.

1st - Sliema - Gerald De Giovanni David Darmanin Mark Darmania

2nd - Cospicua - David Harmer Albert Harmer Alaster Bonnici

3rd - San Gwann - Elvio Briffa Tanya Briffa Adrian Borg

We thank the sponsors of this event who were

RMF Towing Services, Red Bull, The Scout Shop, Reliable Two Way Radios, May Pole, P.J.Sutters, CrownePlaza, Radisson SAS Bay Point Resort, Gormina, FUJIFILM, Vodafone, P & J Co Ltd, Giovanni Schembri Ltd, Quality Meat Co Ltd

2. Fuji film sponsorship

The Association has the pleasure of announcing that Ciancio (1913) Co Ltd, who are the local representatives of FUJIFILM, has accepted to become our sponsor in all our needs related to photography. This company has in fact made available to our PRO the use of a **FUJIFILM FinePix A101 Digital Camera** which will be used enable him to quickly take and publish pictures of any activities organised by our Association. It is also planned to use this technology to collect pictures for possible inclusion in future brochures, publications and the Internet.

Another service which this company will be providing to the Association will be that of a photographer free of charge for two national events. The chosen events will be

Founder's Day and the Annual Parade. Therefore all those who wish for any specific pictures to be taken during these two events are to liaise with our PRO who will make the necessary arrangements. These pictures will then be available for sale from IHQ. The company is also offering a 10% discount to all those who take their films for development to the Scout Shop.

The Association would like to publically thank Ciancio (1913) Co Ltd for helping out and would like to suggest that all our members and their families support our sponsor by making use of this new service being offered to them and to use the FUJI range of products.

3. Scoutlink

It has become a habit of young people to spend much of their spare time chatting on the Internet through MIRC.

For this purpose, SCOUTLINK has made available servers and channels in order to facilitate better communications and exchange of ideas between scouts and leaders from different parts of the world.

Having visited this web site on several occasions where I was given the opportunity to make new intention friends through chatting, the channel operators have expressed their wish to see more of Maltese Scouts and leaders joining in.

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| Server | chat.eu.scoutlink.net |
| IP Address | Random |
| Ports | 6667 - 6668 |
| Location | Europe |

The registered Scouting channels are as follows

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| # jambo | Main Scoutlink channel FOR ALL |
| # youth | Scoutlink channel for youths under 18 |
| # rovers | Main channel for Rovers |
| # leaders | Channel for leaders discussions |

4. Leaders' Development Programme(LDP)

The *Leaders' Development Programme* will commence on Tuesday, 19th February, 2002. There will be three meetings throughout this year. All *Wood Badge* holders are encouraged to attend, if possible, all these meeting as they will eventually form part of the on-going development requested of all qualified Leaders. February's meeting will be held at IHQ between 6.00 and 8.00 pm. The topic for discussion is the Association's *Development Plan*. The Chief Scout and the Chief Executive will be attending this meeting. Mrs. Avril Frendo, an Advisor on the *Training and Programme Committee*, is responsible for co-ordinating the *Leaders' Development Programme*

5. DC's Training and Programme Workshop

The District Commissioners' Workshop was held on Tuesday, 29th January, 2002, and the topic for discussion was an evaluation of the present Adult Leadership

Training Scheme and the procedures to be adopted for Leader appointments. The workshop will meet at a later date to discuss the final amendments to be made by the Director of Training and Programme.

6. Cub Scout shirts

The Scout Association of Malta has instructed Scout Shop to supply a short-sleeved summer shirt for Cub Scouts. This will be worn for the first time at the Annual Scout and Guide Parade on the 5th May 2002.

Kindly note that due to the short notice that we were given, the shirts will be available in mid April. One has to realise the amount of work involved in supplying all Cub Scouts in just a few days prior to the Annual Parade. Therefore to make it easier for all concerned, orders of shirts will be taken in Cub Scout Packs during their meetings.

Scout Shop will soon have in possession five sets of samples of these shirts so that Leaders will be able to place an order of these shirts. It is advisable that Cub Scout Leaders will start preparing as early as possible as it will be very hectic for us to cater for all Packs on the island. Please try to avoid parents coming to Scout Shop just for these shirts.

Payment is to be effected on collection or delivery. Credit may be given in special cases. It is therefore advisable that you collect the money from your members beforehand.

Price for shirts are:

Small Lm3.25c, Medium Lm3.85c, Large 4.45c, Extra Large Lm4.95c