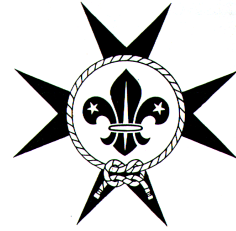


# IHQ Bulletin



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## **Founder's Day**

This year Founder's Day was held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February at IHQ Floriana. It was a very well attended event by all concerned. H E Prof Guido de Marco, President of Malta and Patron of the Association was also present.

Other distinguished guests included the Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Youth & Sport, Mr Jesmond Mugliett and the Hon Shadow Minister for Sport & Youth Mr Karmenu Vella.

A one minute of silence was observed in honour of three past members who have recently Gone Home, namely, Ms Agatha Barbara, President Emeritus and past Patron of the Association, Mr Harry Calleja, Council Member and Mr Wilfred Borg, Assistant Cub Scout Leader with the St Michael School Scout Group. Claude Calleja, a piper from the St Venera Scout Group played verses from the Amazing Grace in their honour.



The Chief Scout Mr Vincent Cassar, then introduced Mr Martin Scicluna, Executive President of Fondazjoni Wirt Artna who spoke at length about the introduction of an Award that was being launched for all members of the Scout Association by his Foundation.

During this evening's event, the Chief Scout presented Awards and Decorations to 32 recipients. No less than 6 woman Scouters were honoured in some way or another. Amongst the Awardees were Mr Teddy J Farrugia, GSL of the Naxxar Scout Group who became the first ever Scouter to receive a second Gallantry Award, whilst Ms Doreen Depares Valenzia, who is a Scouter from the same Group, the first woman Scouter to receive a Gallantry Award

The Following is a complete list of this year's Awardees.

### **Galantry**

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|--|----------------------------|-------------|
| Gilt Cross                               | Mr Teddy J Farrugia        | GSL Naxxar  |
|  | Mr Joseph Tabone           | GSL Fgura   |
| Chief Scout's Commendation for Gallantry | Ms Doreen Depares Valenzia | ACSL Naxxar |
|  | Mr Vincent Farrugia        | SL Attard   |

### **Good Service to the Movement**

|                |                     |                                       |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Silver Dolphin | Mr Vincent Cassar   | Chief Scout                           |
|                | Mr Charles J Vella  | GSL Mosta                             |
| Medal of Merit | Rev Fr Anton Briffa | Commissioner for Religious Dimensions |
|                | Mr Joseph Saliba    | AGSL Qormi                            |

### **Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service**

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Mr Arthur Azzopardi | Director Administration |
| Mr Jason Deguara    | SL Rabat                |
| Mr Emanuel Falzon   | CSL St Venera           |
| Mr Trevor Galea     | VSL St Augustine        |
| Ms Natasha Gatt     | CSL Tarxien             |
| Ms Claudette Magro  | ASCL St Venera          |
| Mr Carmel Mangani   | GSL Tarxien             |

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| Ms Cherisse Mangion | ACSL St Augustine         |
| Mr Patrick Schembri | AGSL St Venera            |
| Mr Edward Vella     | Commissioner Rover Scouts |

### Service Decorations

|   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Bar to Long Service Decoration – 45 years clasp |                                      |
| Mr Emanuel L Bonnici                            | District Commissioner South District |
| Bar to Long Service Decoration – 30 years clasp |                                      |
| Mr Joseph M Galea                               | IHQ Auxiliary South District         |
| Bar to Long Service Decoration – 25 years clasp |                                      |
| Mr Joseph Filletti                              | GSL Attard                           |
| Bar to Long Service Decoration – 20 years clasp |                                      |
| Mr Joseph Tabone                                | GSL Fgura                            |
| Mr Taymond Spiteri Binett                       | GSL Zebbug                           |
| Mr Carmel Bajada                                | Commissioner for National Events     |
| Long Service Decoration                         |                                      |
| Mr John Micallef Engerer                        | Commissioner for Venture Scouts      |
| Mr Patrick Schembri                             | AGSL St Venera                       |
| Mr Joseph E Bonnici                             | IHQ Auxiliary South District         |
| Mr Paul Chetcuti                                | Auxiliary Naxxar                     |
| Service Decoration                              |                                      |
| Mr Arthur Abela                                 | GSL Mellieha                         |
| Ms Pauline Cefai Azzopardi                      | GSL Stella Maris College             |
| Mr Godwin D'Anastasi                            | Chief Executive                      |

### Ladies' Thanks Badge

Ms Janatha Tubbs

### Founder's Day Pictures

Please note that Pictures are now on show at IHQ and orders for reprints are being accepted at a cost of 25c per picture.



### Rover Scout Youth Program Team

We are pleased to announce that Mr Edward Vella, Commissioner for Rover Scouts has formed a team to review the Program for this Section. The Team members are Christopher Busuttil, Naxxar, Pierre Portelli, Sliema, Kenneth Mangion, Zurrieq, Adrian Borg, San Gwann, Martin Bonnici, South District. We are still missing a female member/s. Anyone interested should contact the Commissioner as soon as possible.

### Leaders' Development Programme [LDP]

The first meeting in the series of Leaders' On-Development was held at IHQ on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2002. Woodbadgers from B'Kara, B'Bugia, Dingli, Mosta, Naxxar, Qrendi, St. Julians, Xghajra, Zejtun and IHQ were present to hear a very interesting address given by the Chief Scout on The Development Plan and Plan of Action of The Scout Association of Malta. Points elaborated by Mr. Cassar were enhancing the Scouting Dimension, strengthening the Administrative Dimension, improving the International Dimension, establishment of new facilities, strengthening the Economic Dimension, revising the Constitution and other general initiatives. This was followed by a lively and enthusiastic debate among the Scouters present.

The next meeting in the Leaders' Development Programme (LDP) is scheduled for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2002, and advance notice will be given of the time and subject in due course.

### Level 1 – Initial Leadership Training Course

The Initial Leadership Training Course commenced on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2002, as an evening course at Mount St. Joseph, Mosta. A number of 55 participants from the Hamrun, St. Aloysius College, Stella Maris College, Dingli, Qrendi, B'Kara, St. Michael School, Zurrieq, Zejtun, Mellieha, Iklin, Lyceum, Rabat, Qormi, Msida, St. Julians, San Gwann, Naxxar, Sta. Venera, Zebbug, Victoria, Mosta, Fgura, Siggiewi, Marsa are attending this course, which is spread out over five modules. The course will finish in the first week of April 2002.

### Level 4 – Advanced Leadership Training Course

The second weekend of the Advanced Leadership Training will be held on Saturday, 2 March and Sunday 3

March 2002 at the Maritime Institute, Kalkara. Eighteen participants from the Naxxar, Stella Maris College, Hamrun, Gzira, St. Michael School, Sliema, Rabat, Marsa, Sta. Venera, St. Julians, Tarxien, and IHQ are taking part in this last Level leading eventually to the Award of the Woodbadge.

### **GSLs Training and Programme Workshop**

The first Training and Programme Workshop for Group Scout Leaders will be held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at IHQ at 6.00 pm. The theme of the workshop will be the Adult Leadership Training Scheme. Group Scout Leaders are encouraged to participate in this workshop.

### **Camping Standards Certificate Course**

The Camping Standards Certificate Course will commence on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2002 at IHQ at 6.00 p.m. The Course consists of ten modules ending with a week end camp. Closing date for participation was Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2002. Details have already been sent out to all participants.

### **Level 2 – Introductory Leadership Training Course**

Application Forms for this Level of Training will be available from the Secretariat from the second week of March onwards. Closing date for this course will be Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2002. The course will be limited to 32 participants, who have completed all Level 1 requirements. Leaders in possession of a General Information Certificate are eligible to apply for Level 2.

### **National Cub Scout Camp**

The National Cub Scout Camp will be held on the 15, 16 and 17 March 2002 at IHQ. A preliminary meeting for Cub Scout Leaders, who intend participating, will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2002, at IHQ at 6.00 p.m.

### **The New Cub Scout Programme**

Cub Scout Leaders are reminded to continue discussing the new Cub Scout programme with their Leaders in the Packs in preparation for the National Seminar on the new Cub Scout programme to be held on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2002. Details of the Seminar will be announced at a later date.

### **Cub Scout Songs**

The Cub Scout Programme Planning Team are collecting traditional and modern Cub Scout songs (lyrics and accompanying music) for insertion into the new Cub Scout Leaders' Handbook. Any contributions are to be forwarded to the Commissioner for Cub Scouts.

### **National Venture Scout and Rover Scout Camp**

The National Venture Scout and Rover Scout National Camp will be held between the 16 and 17 March, 2002, at Zurriq Scout Campsite. It is encouraged that as many Venture Scout Units and Rover Scout Crews participate in this National event

### **Basic First Aid Course - Malta Red Cross Society**

The Training and Programme Section is once again holding a First Aid Course, which will be organised and run by The Malta Red Cross Society. Leaders undergoing training are to be in possession of a First Aid Certificate - their first credit - before applying for Level 3 Leadership Training. All Adult Leaders are reminded that they are to be in possession of a valid and recognised First Aid Certificate as part of their leadership competency. The course dates are as follows: 2, 9, 11 and 16 April, 2002. The sessions will be of three hours duration, commencing at 5.30 p.m. at IHQ. There is a fee of LM10.00 for this course. Closing date for applications is Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2002, and participants must be over 18 years of age.

For further details, please contact Mr Edward Vella Commissioner for Rover Scouts

### **Mellieha Campsite Booking information**

The Mellieha Scout has recently revamped the charges for the use of its premises for camping purposes. Bookings are to be applied for in writing and are to be addressed to the Group Scout Leader (Arthur Abela) Mellieha Fort, St. Mary Street, Mellieha MLH 04 or by email to [arthur.abela@pa-malta.org](mailto:arthur.abela@pa-malta.org)



Bookings are accepted on a first come first served basis with a nominal deposit. Groups up to 15 persons are charged a flat rate of Lm 5.00 per night of their stay whilst Groups made up from 16 persons and more will be charged at the rate of 30 cents per person per night. A night is considered to start at 1400hrs. The water and electricity meters will be read on arrival and before departing. Consumption is charged to campers at the established commercial rate of 4 cents per unit of electricity and Lm 1.00 per cubic meter of water.

### **Invitation from Tunisian Scout Association**

The Association has received an invitation from the Tunisian Scouts to join them this summer in an archaeological camp. These camps are planned for Scouts in the 16-25 years age Group and will take place in two different dates (from 7 to 21 of July and from 22 July to 5 of August 2002) in three different regions of Tunisia. The camps program will be made up of a combination of Scouting, touristic activities as well as archaeological excavations in Roman sites with the help of specialists. The cost will be of \$100 per person, which is inclusive of food, accommodation and travel inside Tunisia. Further information is available from the International Commissioner, Mr Franco Azzopardi.

### **Seminar "Welcome to Europe – Intercultural Awareness"**

Mr Joseph Borg and Mr Jason Deguara, GSL and SL respectively of the Rabat Group have been chosen and accepted by the European Scout Office WOSM and WAGGGS to attend the above-mentioned seminar which is to be held in Budapest, Hungary from the 10<sup>th</sup> up to the 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Management Seminar in Kanderstag**

Mr Arthur Azzopardi, Director Administration, Mr Adrian Borg, GSL San Gwann and Mr Jonathan Callus SL San Gwann have attended a management seminar hosted by the European Scout Region at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre, in Switzerland. This seminar is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> up to the 8<sup>th</sup> March and was advertised on the November issue of this Bulletin.

### **Thailand Jamboree**

All those wishing to be considered as members or part of the International Service Team for this Jamboree are to apply by not later than the 5<sup>th</sup> March.



### **Ethics Committee**

It has been long felt that there is a need to decide on a course of action to be adopted when both The Malta Girl Guides Association and The Scout Association of Malta, are faced with certain delicate personal situations in which our members may become involved. Although these may be of a private nature, it is felt that both Associations should offer to counsel the parties involved with the intention of safeguarding the interests of our young members.

Following a meeting attended by representative from both Associations, the following people together with the appropriate authorities have been chosen to sit on a Committee to draft a Code of Ethics.

Father Anton Briffa, Commissioner for Religious Dimensions and Ms Mariosa D'Anastasi, IHQ Auxiliary will represent The Scout Association of Malta, while Ms Rose Cassar, President, and Father Marcellino Micallef, Island Chaplain will represent The Malta Girl Guides Association.

### **Gone Home**

Excerpt from B.-P.'s last message

But the best way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try to leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. "Be Prepared" in this way, to live happy and die happy – stick to your Scout Promise always – even after you have ceased to be a boy – and God help you to do it.

The Scout Association expresses its sympathies to the families of Ms Agatha Barbara and Mr Henry B Calleja.