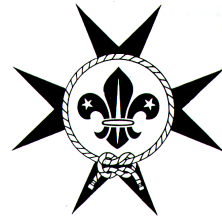


# IHQ Bulletin



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## For Your APRIL Diary

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4 <sup>th</sup> – Level 1 Course (Pt 5)	13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> – Level 4 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend)	22 <sup>nd</sup> – Camping Stds (Pt 6)
6 <sup>th</sup> – Rover/Venture Seminar	15 <sup>th</sup> – Camping Stds (Pt 5)	23 <sup>rd</sup> – DCs' Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> – Camping Stds (Pt 4)	16 <sup>th</sup> – Post Mortem Cub National Camp	25 <sup>th</sup> – Training & Prog Comm Mtg
9 <sup>th</sup> – Policy Meeting	16 <sup>th</sup> – Commissioners Meeting	29 <sup>th</sup> – Camping Stds (Pt 7)

### **1 - IHQ Bulletin**

All those who are receiving this Bulletin by post and have access to the Internet are encouraged to submit their e-mail address as soon as possible so that they may receive it through the Internet. This saves a lot of expense and effort. It is estimated that it costs the Association around 40c to copy and mail the IHQ Bulletin to each Scouter. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### **2 - Founder's Day**

We would like to apologise to the San Gwann Scout Group for not mentioning their very important service during Founder's Day. They smartly put up a Guard of Honour for HE The President of Malta Prof Guido de Marco and gave a helping hand during the serving of refreshments. Well done to a very smart and efficient turn out. Mr Martin Scicluna is the Executive President of Din I-Art Helwa. We inadvertently put in Wirt Artna instead. Our apologies.

### **3 - Visit by Tunisian Scouts**

Following last year's visit to Nabeul Tunisia by the Qrendi Scout Group, the Nabeul Ouest Scout Group shall for the second year be visiting Malta as part of reciprocal visits between the two Scout Associations.

Thirty Scouts and Venture Scouts between the ages of fifteen and twenty, together with their respective leaders shall be taking advantage of the close bonds established with Maltese Scout

Groups and shall be spending their international camp in Malta, from July 14 - 25, 2002 as guests of the Qrendi Scouts.

The Qrendi Scout Group is currently organizing a program of activities for the Tunisian Scouts' stay. Any Scout Groups wishing to participate in these activities and / or who wish to organize joint activities or team up with the Tunisian Scouts are cordially invited to contact the Qrendi Scout Group.

#### **4 - Participation in the CPD weekend**

During the first weekend of March the Civil Protection Department invited our Association to join them in Hal Far during a weekend dedicated to the demonstration of work carried out not only by the Department itself but by other NGOs operating in the field of Rescue and First aid. The Association was represented by the Hamrun Group, St Venera Troop and the St Augustine Unit. The Groups were visited by the Chief Scout, Mr Vincent Cassar and the Chief Executive Mr Godwin D'Anastasi.

#### **5 - Photographic Service by Fuji**

This is to remind you that our sponsor FUJI is offering a service for the development of photographs. Those who wish to avail of this service are to bring their films to IHQ and could be picked up the following day that the IHQ will be open. So help your Association and develop your films through IHQ.

#### **6 - Scouts and Guides observe Nature at Buskett**

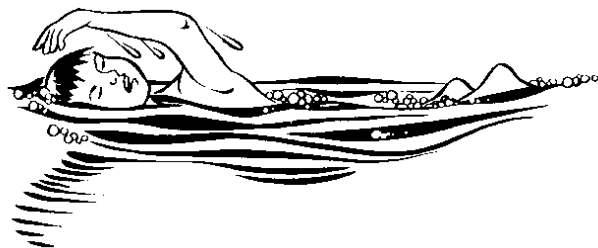
On the 10<sup>th</sup> March the Paola Scout Group, in collaboration with Nature Trust, organized its first event in a series of two leading to a tree planting session to be held in April at Wied Ghollieqa. The event, held last Sunday, was very well attended and Mr Jason Bonnici from Nature Trust ably showed this group of around 80 around Buskett. GSL Ing Mario A Frendo who was assisted by Ruth Frendo and Daniela Schembri in Cub Scout Section led the Paola Scouts. Ms Roberta Muscat led the Paola Guides whilst Ms Josephine Pace led the Paola Brownies and Dolphins. Scout Leader Mr Mark Darmanin led the Lyceum Scouts. Also, present were a group of youths from the Deaf Association.

The Scouts are in fact working on the Malta Environment Scout Award, which requires that they perform a number of projects related to the conservation of our natural surroundings with the aim of creating an awareness of the environment. This award is a very important part of the Scouts' training and helps to give them the opportunity of a hands-on experience of our natural habitat.

The tour around Buskett was of great interest to all present and this included a brief history of the area and the identification of a number of indigenous trees and shrubs that grow around this beautiful area. The Scouts and Guides collected seeds from these plants with the aim of growing them at home and later on planting them at Wied Ghollieqa. The Nature Trust team were kept very busy with questions from all those present who showed a very keen interest to learn more on our environment.

#### **7 - Red Cross Water Rescue Course**

The Malta Red Cross Society in collaboration with The Scout Association will be organizing a course in Water rescue. This course will be carried out during the month of June and the sessions will be held on Mondays and Thursdays between 17:00 and 20:00. Further details will be published in due course.



#### **8 - Zurrieq Group organises Pageant**

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the Zurrieq Scout Group (ZSG), together with the three youth organisations of the village, namely Zghazagh Azzjoni Kattolika (ZAK), Centru Rekkreazzjoni Zghazagh, (CRZ), and the Sezzjoni Zghazagh Santa Katerina are participating in a street theatre activity. This street pageant named "GHALIEX?" ("WHY?"), is based on traditional Good Friday and Easter celebrations.

The pageant is one important item in the Group Initiative Project of the European Union Programme Unit (EUPU) being undertaken by the above Youth Centers and Clubs in the village of Zurrieq. The theme of this project is the Participation of Young People in Traditional Village Feasts. As part of the yearlong programme, each organisation taking part must prepare a one-day activity inviting the rest of the participants in the scheme, an exhibition promoting the aims of the participating organisations and the publication of a newsletter by each organisation. The pageant will be the culmination of all the activities planned throughout the year.

### **9 - Camporee Team holds its first meeting**

On the 14th March, a meeting was called by the Chief Executive, Mr Godwin D'Anastasi, for the organising team of the 2003 & 2004 Camporees to be held in preparation for the International Mediterranean Jamboree to be held in 2005. The Chairman of the team is Commissioner for National Events Mr Charles Bajada. The rest of the team are Deputy Commissioner National Events Mr Noel Muscat Dublesin, International Commissioner Mr Franco Azzopardi, Commissioner Venture Scouts Mr John Micallef Engerer, DC North Mr Adrian Borg, PRO Mr Mario H Calleja, GSL St Augustine Mr Mario Rayner, GSL Xghajra Mr Saviour Borg, GSL Qrendi Mr David Schembri, GSL Naxxar Mr Teddy Farrugia, GSL Attard Mr Joe Filletti, ASL Birzebbugia Ms Deborah Xuereb, SL San Gwann Mr Jonathan Callus, SL St Michael College Mr Martin Camilleri, VSL Qrendi Ms Maria Pace. The Team will be holding regular meetings to ensure the smooth organisation of these important events. All wishing to contribute during these events is to contact the Chairman.

### **10 - Photographic Competition for Scouts**

The Association PRO is organising a photographic competition for Scouts who are enthusiastic photographers. The following are the details.

- The theme is FUN. Scouts having fun either outdoors or indoors.
- Open to members of the Troop.
- Each picture should not contain more than 10 Scouts.
- The respective Scout Leader should endorse each entry.
- All Scouts must be wearing full activity uniform. (see new regulations)
- All submitted pictures are to be developed by FUJI
- All submitted pictures become the property of the Association.
- Closing date is the end of August.

Added weight will be given to pictures of Scouts from different Scout Groups together. There are three equal prizes. No first second and third but three firsts. The prizes are free tickets to the 2003 Camporee. An exhibition of all entries will be held at IHQ.



### **11 - "All Wheel Drive Club" at Ghajn Tuffieha**

On Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March, the "All Wheel Drive Club" Malta has organised a speed event for 13 modified vehicles. This event consisted of 4 night-speed events, which were held on Saturday, and another 11 day-speed events on Sunday, of which results were taken from the best fourteen laps. The Scout Association organised a BBQ for all participants on Saturday, but unluckily the weather was very bad especially during food distribution. The aim for this activity was as a fund raising exercise for our campsite. Nevertheless, with all the bad weather the BBQ was a success. The events started at 19:30hrs on Saturday and finished at 16:00hrs on Sunday. A big thank you goes to Birzebbugia, St. Michael and San Gwann Scouts Groups together with the help of our Chief Executive, Mr. Godwin Anastasi, for their help in the running of the BBQ.

### **12 - GSLs' Training and Program Workshops**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> March, a meeting was held to brief the GSLs on the development of the Training Program for Leaders. Present for this meeting were GSLs from the Qrendi, Xghajra, Cospicua, San Gwann, St Michael School, Naxxar, Mosta, Stella Maris College, St Julians, B'Bugia, Paola, St Augustine, Birkirkara, Dingli, Hamrun and St Venera Scout Groups. Also present for this meeting were the Commissioner for Cub Scouts Mr Leslie Bonnici and the District Commissioner South Mr Lino Bonnici. The Director Training and Programs, Mr Michael Cefai, explained the proposed structure of this very important and sensitive area. A healthy discussion then followed in which

ideas and proposals were put forward from all those present. The Chief Executive expressed his disappointment that only 16 Scout Groups from 40 were represented and stressed that these meetings should be well attended by all.

### **13 - Cubs' National Camp 2002**

This much-awaited Camp was held during the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March and was attended by over 300 Cub Scouts and their leaders coming from 15 Cub Packs. The Scout Groups present were; Xghajra, Sliema, Stella Maris College, St Aloysius College, St Michael School, Dingli, Fgura, Qrendi, Naxxar, Zebbug, Mosta, Zurrieq, San Gwann, St Julians and Siggiewi. The Cub Scouts were divided into Sixes and mixed from different Scout Groups to give each Cub Scout the opportunity to make new acquaintances during this Camp. The Camp Chief for this weekend was the Commissioner for Cubs Mr Leslie Bonnici who was assisted by a team of leaders from various Scout Groups. The Program was designed to further promote this element of brotherhood. Activities included a day of sports and games at Belt il-Hazna and sessions in Crafts aimed at showing the Cub Scouts how to decorate glass jars and therefore put them to good use instead of throwing them away. Rev Fr A Briffa Commissioner for Spiritual Dimensions said Holy Mass on Saturday at 4.30pm in which all those present participated enthusiastically. The Chief Executive Mr Godwin D'Anastasi was present throughout the whole weekend and actively contributed in the organisation of the event.

### **14 – South District Rally**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> March the South District organized a Rally at its Rinella Scout Centre to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from when the Centre was taken over by the District. Present for this occasion were the Chief Scout Mr Vince Cassar, the Chief Executive Mr Godwin D'Anastasi and the Mayor of Kalkara, Mr Michael Cohen, amongst a number of other guests. The District Commissioner Mr Lino Bonnici hosted the Rally. The District took the opportunity of showing its thanks to a number of people who were instrumental in their work to refurbish this Centre. The Chief Scout addressed those present and thanked them for the sterling work being carried out. He augured that this will continue with the same enthusiasm as in the past. The Fgura Scout Band concluded the Rally with a smart and well laid out Display.

### **15 – Attention Groups who wish to have a Website**

Holistic Technologies are also offering to build a website for interested Scout Groups. The cost will be of Lm50.00 (normal cost Lm150.00). Hosting will be free and a web maintenance course for the website administrator will be available at a cost of Lm5.00. The website administrator will have a special password so that he/she will be the only authorized person to access and maintain the site. Those who are interested may contact Simon Bonanno on Tel. 805814

### **16 – Ski week in Kandersteg**

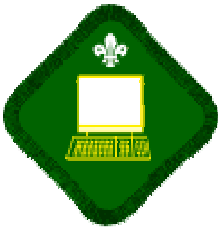
This will take place in 2003 from the 26<sup>th</sup> January up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. We are working on a special offer for all those who wish to have a memorable holiday in the beautiful place. Visit the website <http://www.kisc.ch/>. Look out for further details.

### **17 – Cub Section Youth Program Seminar**

The Youth Programme Planning Team for the Cub Section will be organising (as already stated in this years IHQ programme) a seminar on the new cub programme. The venue will take place on Sunday 21st April at Metco San Gwann Industrial Est. Registration will start at 08.15 and the seminar at 09.00 Hrs. A circular will be forwarded to you all with further information on this seminar. The seminar is open to all GSLs and Cub Leaders within all Packs. It is very important to attend for this seminar as the new cub program will be discussed. Final number of participants is to be booked by Wednesday 17th April. on 21633346 or 9949 5879 Commissioner for Cubs.

### **18 – Course for SCOUT Proficiency Badge in Computers**

Contacts have been made with Holistic Technologies Ltd with the aim of promoting the interest in the Proficiency Badges related to computers. This company is offering tailor made courses related to the requirements of this badge and are doing this at a discounted price as shown below. Scout Groups are encouraged to explore the possibility of undertaking such a course in groups. This course is also available for adults, Leaders/Parents, who would be accompanying the Scouts. Those who are interested may contact Simon Bonanno on Tel. 805814

<b>Computer courses for Scouts over 9 years</b>						
To obtain the following Badge						
Scouts Information Technology Badge						
Module	Description	Duration		Cost		Discounted Cost
For Beginners	Fundamentals	10 hrs	2 hrs per week	Lm25		<b>Lm25</b>
Basic Concepts	Core	6 hrs		20 hrs		Lm75
Word	Any 2	20 hrs				
Access						
PowerPoint						
Excel						
Internet						
Exam					<b>Lm6</b>	
<p>By taking this course, apart from obtaining the Scout Badge, students will also be obtaining the following benefits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Help them in their computer studies at school, whether be it Secondary, Junior Lyceums and other schools</li> <li>2 They cover 3 modules (out of 7) needed for the ECDL certification. (ECDL - European/International Computer Driving License is an international certificate recognised both locally and abroad for people to continue studying and to find jobs).</li> <li>3 They cover the preparatory modules for students wishing to do the Computer O-Level Matsec examination</li> <li>4 Are suitable for adults who want to learn computers and to help them find a job or obtain a promotion.</li> </ol>						

**19 – National Venture and Rover Scout Camp.**

The National Venture and Rover Scout Camp was held between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2002 at the Zurrieq Scout Group HQ grounds. A total of 77 Ventures, Rovers and Leaders from the Attard, Birkirkara, Cospicua, Hamrun, Mosta, Naxxar, Rabat, San Gwann, St Julians, St Venera and Zurrieq Scout Groups took part.

The program included, a talk on Campfire layout, orienteering by night, scouting skills games, abseiling and an obstacle course race. Rev Fr Anton Briffa said Holy Mass on Saturday afternoon. The Chief Executive, Mr Godwin D’Anastasi visited the event on Sunday morning. The best Patrol received camp mementos kindly sponsored by the Scout Shop.

The Commissioners for Ventures and Rovers would like to thank all those present for their participation and good behaviour. Also, thanks go to the Falzon, Chetcuti and Galea families for their excellent contribution in the kitchen. Last but not least a big thanks to A/GSL Zurrieq Group Mr Anthony Zerafa for allowing the use of his Group’s premises for the activity. Well done to all.

**20 – Venture Scout Awards**

VSLs are encouraged to keep the Commissioner for Venture Scouts informed on all progress of their Venture Scouts so that proper recognition is given and published. VSLs are encouraged to provide the necessary activities for their Units to be able to work on the Awards. GSLs are asked to keep the Commissioner for Venture Scouts informed of any changes in the Leadership of the Units. Congratulations go to Manwel Bonnici, Wayne Vella, Jacob Vella and Andrew Debono from the Mosta Venture Scout Unit for obtaining the Venture Award. Well done.

### **21 – Community Service abseiling from Ventures and Rovers**

Units and Crews are advised that the next National Event will be an abseiling activity to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May at Birgu. Further information will be distributed in due course but in the meantime please keep this date free.

### **22 – Fundraising ideas for this summer**

Hera Cruises are offering the following cruises at very competitive prices to Scout Groups who wish to raise funds this summer. Below are the Prices and enclosed is a Brochure. Details on request.

FULL DAY MOTOR & SAILING CRUISE  
(Visiting Comino Blue Lagoon, Mgarr Harbour  
Gozo & Paradise Bay)  
ADULT: LM12.00,  
CHILD (6-12 YEARS): LM6.00,  
CHILD (UNDER 6 YEARS): FREE

FULL DAY ROUND MALTA MOTOR &  
SAILING CRUISE  
(Motor/Sailing Round Malta 360° & Comino  
Blue Lagoon)  
ADULT: LM16.50 (Minimum of 100 Paying  
Adults),  
CHILD (6-12 YEARS): LM8.00,  
CHILD (UNDER 6 YEARS): FREE