

IHQ Bulletin



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1 – Scout contingent at Queen’s Golden Jubilee visits President

The contingent that took part in the Queens Golden Jubilee St George’s Day Parade visited HE Prof Guido de Marco on the 22nd May. The President was presented with a commemorative medal produced for the event. The Chief Scout, Mr Vince Cassar, the Chief Executive, Mr Godwin D’Anastasi and the PRO Mr Mario H Calleja accompanied the contingent. The Maltese contingent consisted of Mr Teddy Farrugia, GSL Naxxar Scout Group as Leader, Kurt Caligari from the Cospicua Scout Group, Ivan Sciriha from the Naxxar Scout Group, and Kevin Camilleri, David Darmanin, David Demicoli, Andrew Ellul, all from the Sliema Scout Group.

2 – Care Awareness Fair

The Association has been represented in this Fair, which was held between the 23rd and 26th May with two stands. The first was that of the Association which included information on the respective Groups, GSLs and their contact numbers. There was also on exhibition the plan of the Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite besides other information pertaining to the structure, objectives and training schemes of the Scout Movement in Malta. This stand included contributions from the Rabat and St Venera Groups. The Scout Shop also helped by setting up a pair of mannequins with Scout uniforms. The other stand was that of the Hamrun Scout Group which was quite extensive in its exhibits and contained information of the Group’s history and activities. The Hamrun Pipe Band also held a display at the opening of the fair. HE Prof Guido de Marco and the Prime Minister Dr Eddie Fenech Adami visited both stands. Thanks go to all those who helped out in preparing the respective stands and those who manned them during the four days that the fair was open. Well done.

3 – Summer Football League

The Marsa Scout Troop is this year again organising this five-a-side football league during summer. The matches will take place on Saturdays 20th and 27th July. A meeting will be held on the 21st June at 1900hrs at the Marsa Group HQ. Any more information can be obtained from SL Alex Cutajar on 9982 6073.

4 - 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.

5 - Scouts Clean up Vittoriosa Bastions

On the 26th May, 45 Venture Scouts and Rover Scouts got together at Vittoriosa to help out the Local Council to keep the bastions of this city clean. This event was organised by John Micallef Engerer and Edward Vella, both Commissioners for Ventures and Rovers respectively. The Scout Association organised this event for the 5th year consecutively and has always been very popular with these Sections. It is a chance for them to provide a service to the community and at the same time enjoy the opportunity of abseiling for a good cause. In fact present during the day were Scouts from the Cospicua, Naxxar, Pembroke, St Augustine, St Venera, Stella Maris College and Zejtun Scout Groups. The Scouts in fact cleaned up the Couvre Porte, St John's Cavalier, the Main Gate and the French Curtain by abseiling down these locations. Mr John Boxall, Mayor of Vittoriosa and Mr Lino Bonnici District Commissioner of the South District of the Scout Association visited the event and thanked all participants for their commitment.

6 – Scout Groups help out in Family Festival

On the 9th June the Foundation for Educational Services held an event called Family Festival at Mtarfa. In fact this event was organised by the Institute for Child and Parent Learning Support (ICPLS) which is part of FES and was set up to develop early-intervention and remediation strategies for children at risk of educational failure. This initiative was launched during this year at the Gzira, Valletta, Ghaxaq, Dingli, Cospicua and Hamrun State Primary Schools and the Festival was meant to tie up the work done by the teachers by involving the parents. The Msida Scout Group assisted during this event by providing a number of tents so that the activities held during this whole day event could take place in the shade.

7 - North District holds Rally in Mosta

The Mosta Scout Group celebrated its 86th Anniversary on the 9th June with a District Church Parade. Mosta in fact hosted around 600 Scouts from various Scout Groups which make up the North District. Actually present for these celebrations were the Scout Groups from Sliema, Naxxar, San Gwann, Pembroke, Gzira, Iklin, St Michael and St Julians. . Thanksgiving Holy Mass was said at 1000hrs at a packed Mosta Parish Church. Scout Groups met in three separate locations and marched to the Mosta Parish Church in separate columns through different routes. They were led by the Scout Bands from San Gwann and Naxxar besides that of Mosta itself bringing the town alive with a spectacle of Scout Bands in their brass and bagpipes marching along its streets. After the Church Service all the Scouts present marched off in one contingent giving their salute to the Chief Executive, Mr Godwin D'Anastasi and the District Commissioner, Mr Adrian Borg. Also present for this event were the Mayor of Mosta, Mr Joseph De Martino.

This was also an occasion to celebrate the 41 years of leadership of the Mosta Group Scout Leader Mr Charles Vella who is one of the longest serving Scouters of the Association. In fact, he has been holding this position since November 1961 and has been instrumental in putting the Group in a position where it has offered its service to the Mosta community. The strength of the Group is that of 122 and this augurs well for its future. The Group has been operating since November 1916. As

part of its celebrations, the Group will be holding an exhibition at its Headquarters which will be inaugurated on the 23rd June.

8 - Tunisian Scout Groups visit Malta

The Nabeul Ouest and Ben Arous Scout Groups are to be the first of a number of Tunisian Scout Group choosing Malta as their destination for the holding of their International Scout Camps. They will in fact be visiting Malta from the 14th to the 25th July.

Thirty male and female members of the Tunisian Scout Group, Nabeul Ouest are to revisit Malta for the second time in the last three years. The group, lead by Group Scout Leader Attia Sahbi are to be hosted by the Qrendi Scout Group and shall be camped at the Zurrieq Scout Headquarters, courtesy of the Zurrieq Scout Group.

During the same period, no less than twenty scouts from Ben Arous are also to join the Naxxar Scout Group during the Group's annual Scout camp to be held at Rabat, opting to spend their stay in Malta under canvass.

The Tunisian Scout groups of Nabeul Ouest and Ben Arous are to be received at a Presidential audience with H.E Prof. Guido de Marco later this month and are to be accompanied by the Qrendi and Naxxar Scout Groups.

9 – The Malta Scout Fellowship New Committee

The Malta Scout Fellowship has recently appointed a new Committee and the members are listed below. Membership in the Fellowship is open to all those Scouts who wish to contribute to the Movement but who do not wish to be part of a Scout Group. There are no age restrictions and all adults may become members. For more information, please contact the committee members.

Chairman	Mr Joseph M Cassar Naudi	Tel 21 331739
V/Chairman	Mr Saviour Savona	Tel 21 333480
Hon. Treasurer	Mr Francis R Flynn	Tel 21 384570
Hon. Secretary	Mr Augustus A Tortell	Tel 21 345770
Asst Secretary	Mr Edgar C Azzopardi	Tel 21 333901
PRO	Mr Joseph Fenech Conti	Tel 21 334752
Member	Mr Joseph Schembri	Tel 21 460114

10 - Roverway 2003

The Scout Association of Malta is planning to take part in roverway 2003 taking part in Portugal together with the Malta guide association. An international meeting for all ventures and rovers between the ages of 16 and 22. A meeting is being planned to all those interested, So keep a look out for a mail which will be coming shortly. All those interested are to have a look to www.roverway2003.org for more details about the camp. Included on site is also the list of projects that have to be accomplished before going to Portugal.

Below is a breakdown of the approximate costs. More details are to follow in the near future. Costs Involved: Applying by 31.12.02 total cost for participation will be 310 Euros / Lm 129. Group B. Flights Malta - Lisbon – Malta. Approximate costs for flights Based on 2002. Flights Lm 135. Taxes Lm 16 & 10. Total Lm 161.

All those interested of participating are to inform the International office at IHQ or the International commissioner on fazzopardi@hotmail.com

11 – Special Activity at the Rinella Scout Centre

On the 2nd May, the Rinella Scout Centre hosted a number of visitors and activities different from the usual Scout and Guide events. A group of 12 persons with special needs from the Dar il-Providenza arrived at about 0930hrs to be entertained by A/GSL John Paris and his wife of the Zejtun Scout Group. On arrival tea and sandwiches which the couple had prepared were served. After a short walk in the vicinity and in the Centre fields, our guests then enjoyed some games suitable for them. After lunch they then rested in the Centre Hall. At about 1530hrs after tea and

cakes their transport arrived to take them back happily after spending an unusual day at the Scout Centre.

Mr & Mrs Paris are both Voluntary Workers with the Dar il-Providenza and have organised this day for the fourth consecutive year at the Rinella Scout Centre preparing all the drinks and food by themselves.

This is another example of Scouts helping other people.

12 – Birzebbugia Scout Website Awarded

The Birzebbugia Scout Group website www.bugascouts.org has been awarded the Bronze Award by The Scouting Web Award. Congratulations and well done.

13 - 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.

14 – Ski week in Kandersteg

This will take place in 2003 from the 26th January up to the 2nd 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.

15 – 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. 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