

IHQ Bulletin



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FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER DIARY

29th August: D.C.s' Meeting [18:00]	3rd Sept: Executive Meeting [18:00]
5th Sept: Ethics Meeting [18:00]	5th Sept: Training & Programme Committee Meeting
10th Sept:- National PL Course Preliminary Meeting	12th Sept: Policy Meeting [18:00]
13th-14th Sept:- National PL Training Course	17th Sept: Cubs Camp Meeting
19 th Sept: Leaders Development Program	24 th Sept: Policy Meeting [18:00]
26th Sept: Training & Programme Committee Meeting	28th Sept: Gilwell reunion
28th Sept: Football Tournament	29th Sept: North District Church Parade at St Julian's

1. NEW MEMBER JOINS THE BULLETIN TEAM

We are pleased to announce that Gayle Farrugia has joined the Administration Department to take charge of the production of the IHQ Bulletin; in fact Gayle produced this edition. She will take the role of compiling all the information within the Bulletin, whilst the PRO will remain the person responsible for reviewing all the material appearing in the Bulletin. Therefore the procedure to be adopted will be to forward all material to the PRO who will decide on what exposure this will be given. Each piece will be evaluated on whether it is worthy of forwarding to the Press. In any case the material will be published in the IHQ Bulletin. All are advised to follow this procedure and are reminded that no communication with the Press is allowed unless this is through the Association PRO, Mr Mario H Calleja.

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

The Tournament will be held on Saturday 28th September 2002. A meeting for all Venture Scout Leaders of all interested Venture Units will be held on Thursday 12th September 2002 at IHQ at 18.00hrs. The Scout Shop is the official sponsor of this event. Further information will be issued in due course by means of a circular. Those Venture Units who are interested in participating are to inform the Commissioner for Venture Scouts by the end of August 2002



3. VENTURE AND ROVER SCOUTS BBQ AND CANOE WEEKEND

The National Venture and Rover Scouts BBQ and Canoe Adventure Weekend was held on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July 2002 at Torri L-Abjad Bay Mellieha.

A total of 68 Venture and Rover Scouts and their leaders from Fgura, Hamrun, Mosta, Pembroke/St Andrew, Rabat, Sta Venera, Stella Maris College, St Micheal and Xghajra group attended. A total of 24 Ranger Guides and their leaders from Gzira, Mosta and Rabat attended for the first time.

The Scouts and Guides attended Mass before dinner was served. All took part in swimming, canoeing, and beach football during the afternoon and also for a late night swim. Water activities were held on Sunday morning.

Many thanks go to the St Michael Rover Crew especially Mr Martin Camilleri, for preparing a delicious BBQ meal. The Commissioner for Venture and Rover Scouts would like to thank all participants and their helpers for their co-operation.

4. VENTURE AWARD

Congratulations go to Daniel Mallia and Jonathan Vella from the Zurrieq Venture Scouts Unit for achieving the Venture Award. Well Done.

5. ROVERWAY 2003 IN PORTUGAL

A Rover camp shall be organized in Portugal in Summer 2003. Applications are being accepted till 31st December 2002. For more information regards the camp, visit <http://www.roverway2003.org>



6 . TARXIEN SCOUT GROUP VISIT TO RIENECK GERMANY

The Tarxien Scout Group has just come back from a holiday in Rieneck Germany. A total of 29 scouts have joined the group. The group stayed at Castle Rieneck which is a unique centre for educational and leisure activities. The castle is run by the German VCP Christian Scout and Guide Movement.

The Group made some excursions to nearby town and cities; Karlstadt and Lohr am Main with their old half-timbered buildings; Lohr Castle and school museum; the ruins of Homburg castle; Mespelbrunn water palace; Würzburg with its cathedral and palace; and the medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

7. WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE

The 36th World Scout Conference met in Thessaloniki, Greece from 15-19



July 2002. It was attended by 1,225 participants, making it the largest in Scouting's 95 year history. Delegates from 126 out of 154 member countries attended, and all 147 countries with voting rights were represented. During the Conference, three countries became members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement: Cape Verde, Ethiopia, and the Seychelles. Azerbaijan and the Russian Federation, which became members in 2000, were welcomed to their first World Scout Conference.

The theme of the Conference 'From Mission to Strategy' was aptly named as the Conference unanimously adopted the proposed Strategy for Scouting. There was much discussion about the involvement of young people in decision-making at the local, national, and international levels.

The Conference adopted a policy entitled "Youth Involvement in Decision-Making", and selected the subject as the top strategic priority for the next three years. A fundamental element of Scouting is the Scout Method. It requires the active involvement of young people, from the time they join the Movement, in the process of their own development, and makes each person the principal agent of that process. This is the element which, when correctly applied, makes Scouting most attractive to young people and enables their development as self-fulfilled individuals, able to contribute to a better world. The internet site <http://www.scout.org/wse/conf.html> provides a number of documents published during the Conference.

8. THE EDEN FOUNDATION

The Eden Foundation is running a Summer School and has asked the Scout Association if there are members who are willing to give some of their spare time to organise and run some Scouting activities for the participants. The members have to be over 16 years of age and have some spare time between 9.00 & 14.00hrs during the summer period. If you want to know more, then contact either Mervin or Ivan Vella on 21 571353, 99420602, 99441113.



9. BALKAN YOUTH PROJECT IN MONTENEGRO

A Contact Forum shall take place on 14-20 October in Montenegro. This is the first activity of the Balkan Youth Project. This Forum will gather a total of 60 young people, half of which will come from primary target countries and entities (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo). For more information and an application form contact the International Commissioner Mr. Franco Azzopardi. The application closing date is the 29th of August.

10. YOUTHSCOPE

A Youth Work Services Co-operative, consisting of five members, is being formed in order to provide youth work related services for the Maltese community with emphasis on young people. This Co-operative is also being set up in order to create employment for the Co-operative members on a part-time basis and also offer employment opportunities for non-members on a part-time basis.

The main services includes Training, Drop-in centre (theoretical study at hand), Youth-related Research, 2-8 week summer camps for Maltese and foreign youth, Weekends with young people (leisure or training oriented), Cultural trips abroad and Outreach Work. For more information about this project, visit their website at <http://homepage.mac.com/youthscope/> or contact Mr. Mario Calleja, the Association PRO.

11. PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION FOR SCOUTS

Scout Groups are reminded that applications and projects for the Photographic Competition are still being accepted till the end of August. Details on the competition can be found in the previous issue.



12 - 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.

13. SKI WEEK IN KANDERSTEG

This will take place in 2003 from the 26th January up to the 2nd February. Visit the website <http://www.kisc.ch/>. Look out for further details.



14. 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

15. ZURRIEQ GROUP 10TH ANNIVERSARY, 1992-2002

On Thursday 11th July, 2002 Zurrieq Scout Group celebrated the 10th Anniversary from the Group's reopening in 1992. Throughout the whole week from Monday 8th till Friday 12th all the Sections of the Group organised evening activities; starting off with the Pack followed by the Troop, the Venture Unit, the Band and finally the Group Council.

On 11th July, The celebration started off by a Band Parade from the Group's HQ followed by a thanks giving Mass at St. Mary's Church at Bubaqra, Zurrieq celebrated by Fr. Vanni Xuereb. After the Mass the Group again marched through various streets in Bubaqra until we arrived at the HQ. There the official ceremony, presided by our Acting Group Scout Leader Anthony Zerafa, took place with an introductory speech. Then various members of the group were presented with badges. Finally the Mayor thanked the Zurrieq Scouts for the sterling service they give generously to the community.

Besides the Mayor, the Group was also honoured by the presence of Mr. J. Bonnici from the Rinella Scout Centre, who replaced Mr. L. Bonnici South District Commissioner who could not attend, some of the South District GSL's, Scouters and Ex Scouters. All present were treated to snacks and refreshments and gateaux with a large Happy 10th Anniversary on top. On Friday 12th the Group

Council organised a successful Lejla Maltija to close the Group's activities for the week.

16. CUB LEADERS CAMP.

As it was already notified in this years programme, the Cub Leaders Camp will be held on the 11, 12 13th October 2002. A preliminary meeting will be held at IHQ on Tuesday 17th September at 18.00Hrs for those leaders who are interested to attend. The Programme and venue will be discussed during the meeting.



17. THIRD MOUNTAIN SAFARI

Third Mountain Safari to be held in the Green Forest of Libya between the 6th and 15th September 2002. The safari is open to Ventures (Males) between the ages of 16 and 19 years of age from the Arab Scout Region, Europe Scout Region and the African Scout Region. The purpose of this activity is to strengthen the relationship between youths from different cultures and to enable participants to experience mountain life and gain exposure to different people and their culture and traditions

The number of participants expected is to include four ventures from each association. Participants will be charged an amount of US\$ 100 per participant. Further details can be obtained from the International Commissioner at IHQ.

18. NATIONAL PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING COURSE

The *National Patrol Leaders' Training Course* will be held between the 13th and 15th September 2002. Circulars and Application Forms have already been sent to all Group Scout Leaders and Scout Leaders. The Course is being coordinated by Mr. Noel Bezzina together with a Team of Leaders and is open to a limited number of Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders. Applications are expected to reach the *Training and Programme Section* at IHQ by the 14th August 2002. A preliminary meeting for those attending this course will be held on *Tuesday, 10th September 2002*, at 6.00 pm at IHQ.

19. LEADERS' DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (LDP)

The next *LDP* meeting for all Woodbadge holders will be held on *Thursday, 19th September, 2002*, at 6.00 pm at IHQ. The theme of this meeting will centre on *Scouting's International Dimension*. The guest speaker is Mr. Des Fay, who served as a member of the World Scout Organisation for 15 years and was awarded the *Bronze Wolf*. Other speakers will include the Chief Scout and the International Commissioner. All Woodbadge Holders are invited to attend as this is part of their On-going Development.

20. GILWELL REUNION

This year's Gilwell Reunion will be held on *Saturday, 28th September 2002* at IHQ. All Woodbadge holders (active and non-active) are invited to attend. The programme includes mass, a key-note speech by a guest speaker, a badge market, refreshments and a campfire. Training Certificates and Awards will also be given out to successful Leaders. Further details will be sent to all concerned.

21. LEVEL 3 – BASIC ADULT LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

Applications are open for those willing to attend the *Basic Adult Leadership Training Course* to be held on two separate weekends, that is, *Weekend 1 – 19-20 October, 2002* and *Weekend 2 – 23-24 November, 2002*. Those attending the course must have attended all Level 2 sessions and

completed their assigned projects. They must also be in possession of a valid First Aid certificate, a photocopy of which must be attached to the application form.

22. TIGNE SCOUT GROUP ONLINE PRESENCE

Tigne Scout Group have just launched their new website. This website includes information about the group, the section and the leaders together with forthcoming activities. The website can be accessed by typing: www.tignescoutgroup.cjb.net