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FOR YOUR OCTOBER DIARY

1 st Oct: Commissioners and Asst Meeting [18:00]	19 th -20 th Oct: Level 3 - Basic Leadership Training Course (1st W/E)
3 rd Oct: DC & ADC Meeting [Michael Cefai & Charles Bajada invited] [18:00]	19 th -20 th Oct: JOTA/ JOTI
6 th Oct: Rover/Venture Scout/ Rangers Outdoor activity	24 th Oct: Ethics meeting [18:00]
8 th Oct: DCs Training and Programme Workshop	27 th Oct: Scout Leaders' Youth Programme Seminar
10 th Oct: Executive meeting [18:00]	31 st Oct-3 rd Nov: National Scout Camp
11 th -13 th :Oct: Cub Scout Leaders Weekend Camp	31 st Oct: Training Programme Committee Meeting

1. GONE HOME

It is with deep regret that we break the sad news of the passing away of Mr. Joe Zammit ex-District Commissioner of the Central District.

We were born to die and we die to live.

As seedlings of God, we barely blossom on earth;

We fully flower in heaven.

-- Russell M. Nelson

May he rest in peace. Please remember him in your prayers. Our sincere condolences to his family

2. ZURRIEQ SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL CAMP

The Zurrieq Scout Group held their Annual Summer Camp at their Head Quarters in Zurrieq from 12th August to 18th August. The theme chosen for this year's camp was "Upgrading Our Headquarters. Besides the usual Scouting activities and new badge-work the Scouts and Ventures, entailed into different jobs within the headquarters building. Each patrol had a job to do with the tough work being shared between the male leaders, Ventures and parents. The Pack Section took care of the Pack-Room besides doing craft work, swimming, water games and some different badge work. The end result was better headquarters, which are comfortable for all. Thanks go to all for the hard work performed.



On Saturday 17th August, a thanks giving mass was celebrated in the evening by Fr. Vanni Xuereb where Group Members, parents and relatives all participated. Following the mass, the badges were awarded by the Acting GSL Anthony Zerafa and all respective section leaders. Afterwards the Group Council organised a delicious BBQ. The Zurrieq Mayor once again honoured the group with his presence

3. VENTURE AWARD

Congratulations go to Jeffrey Cachia from the Zurrieq Venture Scouts Unit for achieving the Venture Award. Well Done.

4. INVITATION FROM SCOUT GROUP

The Association has received an invitation American Boy Scout Troop 007 (based in Naples, Italia) would like to travel to Malta for a campout next summer. If any group is interested to organise and any activity in conjunction with this scout group, please contact the International Commissioner, Mr Franco Azzopardi.

5. STUDENTS FORUM 2000

For the past four years a conference series **Students' Forum 2000** has been held in Prague. This year, again, some 45 students from all over the world will meet in the Czech Republic to discuss issues of their interest – themes related to citizenship and participation, democracy and other issues within the framework of globalization.

A part of the conference is also an event aimed at **non-governmental organizations** operating and working in the sphere of human rights, youth involvement, promotion of multi-cultural and civil society, democracy development, political participation, education and other related spheres, which is called the **NGO MARKET**. NGO Market will be held on 30th and 31st October 2002 in Obecni dum (Municipal House) in Prague, Czech Republic.

The NGO Market consists of exhibition, workshops and roundtable discussions. The exhibition provides an opportunity to learn about other organizations working in the fields of citizenship and participation, political participation, human rights, peace education, development of multicultural and civil society, youth and education. For further details please contact the International Commissioner, Mr Franco Azzopardi.

6. JOB VACANCY IN THE YOUTH FORUM



The European Youth Forum is looking for a dynamic press and communication officer. The Youth Forum represents the interests of all young people towards the European Union, the Council of Europe, the United Nations and other international actors in the youth field.

The job entails acting as a spokesperson developing media contacts and managing the Forum's corporate image. The person would be also responsible for external communication including all Youth Forum publications, the development and implementation of communication strategies as part of our advocacy work, and the editing of the youth policy magazine published in English and French.

The applicant should have the following requirements:

- At least two years of professional experience in media, advocacy and lobbying
- Experience in publishing and dissemination in print and on the Internet
- Sound knowledge of the European institutions as well as the voluntary sector
- Willing to work in a multicultural European environment with flexible working hours
- Excellent English and French
- Preferably under 35 years of age

The contract is 5 years long where the monthly gross salary is 2426 Euro + 13th month. CV and a application letter to be sent to the Secretary General of the European Youth Forum, 120, rue Joseph II, B-1000 Brussels, or by e-mail: recruitment@youthforum.org **by 13 September 2002.**

7. CENTRAL DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

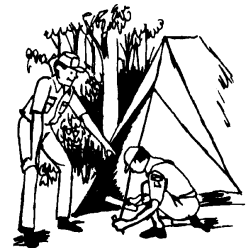
The Chief Commissioner on recommendation of the Central District, has the pleasure of announcing the appointments of Mr Joe Filletti, GSL Attard Group and Mr Joseph Custo, QM Hamrun Group as ADCs. Both these persons have a long track record of hard work in the Association and will no doubt continue to contribute their efforts in the Central District. These two appointments are on a six month's probationary period and at the end of this period another election will take place to choose one of the two scouters. Congratulations!

8. CHURCH PARADE

The North District is having a Church Parade on Sunday 29th September 2002 organised by the St. Julians Scout group.

9. PAOLA, LYCEUM AND GZIRA SUMMER CAMP

This year's five-day summer camp at B'Caghaq has just come to a successful end at the end of the month of August. The camp was a joint effort organised by the Paola, Lyceum and Gzira groups. The camp was attended by 35 scouts, 17 cubs and 5 ventures. The theme of this camp was based on crafts. Various activities were organised such as a day in Gozo where a question and answer competition around the Citadel was organised, and a Camp fire night where parents and guests were invited to see the campsite and the crafts made by the scouts and cubs. Special thanks go to Scout Leaders Mrs. May Cassar (Gzira Group), Mr. Mark Darmanin (Lyceum Group) for their energy shown throughout this activity and the assistant helpers from the Gzira and Lyceum Groups who took over the running of the kitchen.



10. ROVER TEAM QUESTIONNAIRE

All are reminded to fill and send the questionnaire circulated by the Rover Team on the 1st July. This information is needed so that this team can continue working on its program.

11. VISIT TO RIENECK, GERMANY BY THE TARXIEN SCOUT GROUP

The group landed in Frankfurt Airport in dry weather with a surface temperature of 28 degrees Celsius. After a combination of trains they managed to arrive in a ghost little train station in Rieneck. They were taken up to the castle by a tractor by one of the castle volunteers.



At the Castle we were greeted by Pete, the Castle director, who read out some rules in German style. Finally a Räucherplatte - typical cold dinner of German sausages and cheese - called was awaiting them. The castle is presently run by the Verbandes Christlicher Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder (VCP) –Association of Christian Guides and Scouts.

Rieneck is a tranquil county place that offers great challenges for those who like open space adventures like long hikes in the mysterious woodland, swimming in the lakes and rivers, canoeing, cycling. The castle gives its guests the great opportunity to meets other youths and make new acquaintances. The group made excursions to the nearby mediaeval cities of Rothenburg, Würzburg, Karlstadt and Lohr

The group spent most of the evenings at Gasthof Zum Löwen, a typical German pub, where they made friends with its charming owner and chef Wirth Horst. On some evenings, the group were joined by small German scout group, the Castle Chief and some of his staff for a small camp fire. The group were also interviewed by a castle volunteer, Thom. He took the opportunity to write an article for his Editor. In fact the group featured in his newspaper with a nice colour photo on the front page.

Their Visit to Rieneck was more than a holiday experience. It was a concoction of different cultures where one could explore new friendships. As one Maltese Scout explained it all by writing on the large blackboard hanging against a wall in the central courtyard: "Ich hab mein Herz in Rieneck verloren", which means – I lost my heart in Rieneck

12. SCOUT CONFERENCE IN DENMARK ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Scout Association of Malta has been represented in the first Conference on Nature and Environmental Activities at European Scout and Guide Centres held at Naesbycentret in Denmark from 28th August to 1st September 2002. Mr Mario H Calleja, PRO and Mr Franco Azzopardi, International Commissioner, were present during the Conference. The Association is aiming to be in the forefront in this area through the now imminent opening of its International Scout Centre in Ghajn Tuffieha.



The Conference aimed to improve the quality of environmental, nature and cultural activities at European Scout and Guide centres by sharing ideas, activities and information.

To achieve this objective a network was established incorporating Scout Centres from various parts of Europe. Centres that form part of the network have an interest in environmental, nature and cultural activities. The activities that are being contemplated must have the objective of making Scouts aware of the impact which modern living is having on the environment.

One activity, which was launched during the conference, was named the "ecological backpack". This activity demonstrates to the Scouts the amount of energy needed, earth moved and water used to produce a given material, thus highlighting the importance of re-use. The Scouts also learn that re-cycling carries its own backpack of energy and water; thus re-use must always be preferred to re-cycling.

Participating Scout Centres showed a very keen interest in the objectives of the Conferences and it is hoped that more Centres will join in the network. There are no restrictions in being part of this network. In fact membership is not based on size, location, facilities etc, but solely on interest in the above-mentioned fields; and each centre is required to contribute one specific activity and a presentation of their centre. It is envisaged that centres actively participate in the network by sharing information about the development of their activities.

The network will meet annually at either the European Scout or Guide Centre Managers Conference or at a member centre with the aim of discussing various matters related to the smooth running of

the network and to the monitoring of its objectives. This Conference had the full financial support of the EU, which covered food and accommodation and part of the travelling expenses. The Scout Association would also like to thank Air Malta for their continuous support in such scouting initiatives.

13. MSIDA SCOUTS CAMP IN SCOTLAND



The Msida Scout Group this year held its summer camp in Scotland from the 8th up to the 22nd of August. The Group camped at the International Scout Camp of the Scottish Scout Association at Fordell Firs Dunfermline. The contingent, which consisted of 38 members, tried out their scouting skills in pioneering, climbing, abseiling, archery, cycling and an assault course. The Sea-Scout Troop had a number of sea activities including canoeing in a nearby loch.

In between these events the contingent watched the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, went for cultural visits at Edinburgh Castle, and national monuments and visited the Edinburgh Zoo and Deep Sea World. The Camping holiday ended with a 14-hour tour of the Highlands where the Group visited the beautiful city of Inverness, Loch Ness, Glencoe, and took hundreds of photos of the picturesque Highland mountains, and visited the monument of the fallen Commandos.

The boys also had the chance to play a football match with a Scottish Scout Group which the Maltese won by 11 to 8. After the game the Maltese Scouts invited the Scottish Scouts for refreshments and exchanging of badges. The Camp ended with the lowering of the Maltese Flag for the last time and a party for the boys for which the warden and staff of the campsite were invited. Msida Scout Group would like to thank the Mayor and Councillors of Msida Local Council and Bank of Valletta plc.

14. LEADERS DEVELOPMENT EVENING

Don't forget! **Thursday 19th September** is the date for our next Leaders' Development Evening.

This time we have the distinguished **Des Fay**, who will be talking to us about his experiences in Scouting. He started off as a Scout and by the time he was 27 was National Treasurer of the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland. During his 12 years in that position he represented Ireland at European and World Scout Jamborees in USA, Norway, Canada and Australia.

He was given many decorations and presentations during his time as a member of the World Scouting Organisation, and member of the WSO at Kandersteg in Switzerland. His story starts when he was a Scout and had Bob Geldorf in his troop, and ends with his representation of the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland. Mr. Fay is a witty and experienced speaker and his talk will be of particular interest to us in our position in the centre of the Mediterranean with all the opportunities of meeting Scouts from different countries.

Also speaking that evening will be Franco Azzopardi, our roving International Commissioner. He will be speaking about the relevance of Scouting in Malta in the European and World wide context. Hope to see you at IHQ, **Thursday 19th September** at **6.00 p.m.**

15. IKLIN SCOUT GROUP

The Iklin Scout Group is mainly made up of Cubs and lacks the basic camping equipment, i.e. tents, sanitary equipment etc. The group would like to ask all those Groups who have suitable premises that can be used for camping or anyone who knows of similar sites, to forward them the details accordingly. Any information will very much appreciate as it will enable them to organise camps for the Group. They can be contacted by email at stuart@global.net.mt or by telephone on no. 21 43 09 00 after 4.00p.m

16. ST JULIAN'S PACK SUMMER ACTIVITIES

As soon as school was over, the leaders of St. Julian's Pack surprised the boys with an END OF SCHOOL CAMP. The two-night camp was held in Gozo, and the mothers were invited over to sleep



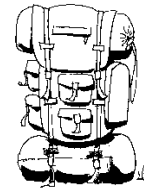
the last night with the boys since the mother and son activity was missed last spring. During the camp, one of the members offered a day trip to Comino onboard a private cruiser. Throughout summer, meetings were held by the sea just next to the water polo pitch. Instructions and tests for the swimmers badge in several levels were held.

A joint activity with Naxxar was held by the sea, where games were played and this activity was finished with a bar-b-que. During the last week of August the group held a summer camp at Mellieha Fort. During the camp, apart from the boys earning arrows, leaders worked for some decorations too.

On Wed 11th September, the group helped at a campaign held in order to keep the beaches clean. The event was at Gniel Indipendenza Sliema and sea close by. On Fri 13th September together with another two groups, the pack sang, played games and helped out during an event held at Baystreet to commemorate the 1st anniversary from the tragedy of the world trade centre.

17. ZEBBUG SCOUT GROUP GO ABROAD

For the first time in the history of the recently formed Zebbug Scout Group, members within the group have gone abroad. A small contingent of scouts consisting of two cub scouts, seven scouts, one venture, together with the two leaders G.S.L Ray Spiteri Binett and C.S.L Mark O'Neill, have gone to Catania in the island of Sicily for five days from Monday 9th September till Friday 13th September. Among the excursions were one day to Agrigento where we visited the famous Greek remains and an excursion to the famous Mount Etna. Once in Catania it was possible going to the famous gardens of Villa Bellini and also visiting the cheap local markets. The group now intends to go to Kantersteg next year and preparations are already underway.



18. SCARF EXCHANGE

The Zebbug Scout group intends to start collecting the various group scarves found within the Maltese islands as they intend to construct a board with the colours of the various scout group on the island to show the children how many members our association can boast of. They are also ready to exchange scarves if the groups are interested. The groups can either hand their scarves directly to the Cub Scout Leader, Mr. Mark O'Neill or else hand it to Mr. Mario Calleja, the Association's PRO.

19. THIRD MOUNTAIN SAFARI AT GEBEL AHDAR FOREST IN THE LIBYAN JAMAHARIYA

David and Pamela Schembri, Island Commissioner for Human resources and Support together with the Qrendi Cub Scout Leader, participated in the Green Mountains Safari that was held in the Libyan Jamahariya as guests of the Public Boy Scouts and Girl Guide movement of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahariya.

Camped under canvas in the green "Znuber" forest at the 600 hectares Belleng Camp Site together with over 300 Libyan, Jordanian and Egyptian scouts, the Maltese representatives actively participated in the desert, environmental, archeological and marine programs. The aims behind these programs were to strengthen better relationships between scouts from the different cultures and Nationalities whilst experiencing mountain life and the gaining of exposure to oasis people, their culture and traditions. Safari participants were also given a golden opportunity to learn about the history of the ancient people of the area, visiting numerous Roman, Byzantine and Punic archaeological ruins together with some of the finest museums of the area.

Forming eight man patrols, participants were equipped with a patrol "first aid" kit, cooking utensils, food for their journey, and tentage together with detailed instructions of a 200 km. set route to be followed during the next three days. The scouts were required to make and record observations and collect various samples during their experiences.

At the end of their journey, successful team members were presented with a commemorative award portraying the Hoopoe, a bird renowned for its discovery attributes. The respective program

directors together with his service team regularly monitored the Patrol's progress during their adventures.

The Public Boy Scouts and Girl Guide movement of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahariya are hoping that this very first visit of Maltese Scouts to Libya will pave the way to an even greater number of Maltese scouts opting to participate in Libyan and Arab Scouting initiatives as well as the consideration of the Libyan Jamahariya as part of their International camping programs, in a country renowned for its finest scouting hospitality.

20 - 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 to Mr Keith Sacco at keithsacco@hotmail.com, 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.

21. APPOINTMENTS

The Chief Executive has approved the following appointments:

001/2001	Emanuel Falzon	CSL St Venera
002/2001	Patrick Schembri	AGSL St Venera
010/2002	Joseph E Bonnici	ADC South District
013/2002	Evander M Borg	IHQ Aux Finance
014/2002	George Cassar	IHQ Aux Finance
015/2002	Stuart Ciappara	IHQ Aux Finance
016/2002	Vladimiro Commodini	IHQ Aux Finance
017/2002	Pierre Pace	IHQ Aux Finance
018/2002	Ivan Vella	IHQ Aux Finance
019/2002	Avril Frendo	Training advisor
020/2002	Noel Bezzina	Training advisor
021/2002	Saviour Richard	GSL Dingli
025/2002	Charles Grixti	ASL St Michael
026/2002	Chris Bonello	AGSL Zebbug
027/2002	Wilfred T Borg	Acting leader St Michael
028/2002	Caroline Portelli	Acting leader St Michael
029/2002	Thea Demanuele	Acting leader St Michael
030/2002	Rita Alice Ripard	Acting leader St Michael
031/2002	Martin Camilleri	Acting leader St Michael
032/2002	Mario Caruana	Acting leader St Michael

22. RESIGNATION

Mr Arthur Azzopardi has resigned from Director of Administration due to pressure of work. Arthur will however continue giving his service with St Augustine Air Scouts Group. While thanking him for his sterling work, please join me in wishing him good luck in his scouting venture.

23. WITHDRAWAL AND CANCELLATION OF APPOINTMENT

009/2001	Christopher Calleja	IHQ Auxiliary Scout
016/2001	Wayne Saillard	IHQ Auxiliary records and administration
008/2002	Johann Agius	IHQ Auxiliary administration
009/2002	Francesca Micallef	IHQ Auxiliary administration

While thanking these scouters for all their past work and dedication, we wish them good luck for the future, whilst hoping that they keep in touch.

24. BAY STREET PEACE ACTIVITY.

This activity was organised in the first year of September the 11th, and the Scout Association were invited to participate on the third day of activities. Scouting workshops were organised for the general public to participate. A very well done goes to Naxxar Pack, Mosta Scout Troop, and St Julians Ventures and Pack and all their leaders.

25. CUB LEADERS WEEK END CAMP

This years Cub Leaders W/E Camp is going to be held on 11th 12th 13th October at Zurrieq Scout HQ. All Cub Leaders who would like to participate during this camp please confirm with Leslie Bonnici Commissioner for Cubs by Tuesday 1st October on lesliebonnici@vol.net.mt or by sms on 9949 58798 or on 2163 3346. For those Leaders who would like to participate for Saturday only (day Participant) are also welcome. Sleeping tents must be provided by the participants. A detailed program will follow before the camp.