

IHQ Bulletin



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FOR YOUR NOVEMBER DIARY

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| 5 th November: GSL Forum | 21 st November: Commissioners’ Meeting |
| 9 th to 10 th November: National Rovers/ Ventures Scout Rally | 23 rd to 24 th November: Level 3 – Basic Leadership Course [2 w/e] |
| 14 th November: Leaders’ Development Programme | 28 th November: Training/ Programme Commissioners Meeting |
| 16 th November: National Assembly | |

POINTS TO REMEMBER



When going on an activity:

Keep the respective leaders and commissioners informed of any upcoming group activities.

Before going to camp, do not forget to fill and hand over the relevant forms to your District Commissioner.

Make sure that the place where the activity shall be held has good access or footpaths, thus making it easy for emergency to get there, in case there is the need.



1. IHQ BULLETIN

All those who are receiving this Bulletin by post and have access to the Internet are encouraged to either submit their e-mail address to the Director of Administration Mr. Keith Sacco at keithsacco@hotmail.com, as soon as possible so that they may receive it through the Internet or fill in the attached form and pass it on to Administration. Such a procedure will save the Association a lot of expense.

2. TUNISIAN SCOUTS CHOSE MALTA AS THEIR 2002 INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CAMP DESTINATION



No fewer than one hundred and fifty Male and female Tunisian scouts from Ben Arous, Beni Khair, Nabeul Ouest, Gabes and Bizerte Scout groups opted to visit Malta during the summer months as part of their 2002 international camps. The Tunisian cub scouts, scouts, ventures and rover scouts of both sexes, opting to camp "under roof" at the Zurrieq, Paola, Naxxar and Island Scout Headquarters.

Various programs were organized for our foreign guests, which included visits to all archaeological sites, tourist and cultural attractions as well as visits to the Maltese feasts. The scout contingents also visited our sister island Gozo as part of their stay in Malta. The Lyceum Scouts group were instrumental in the instruction and the organization of an abseiling activity at Wied Babu, where our guests were able to try their hands at the sport whilst at the same time given the opportunity to savour one of our island's most beautiful and picturesque valleys.

The Health Promotion department, through Mr Roderick Bugeja found the time to organize Health promotion lectures for the Maltese and Tunisian scouts in Anti smoking, sexual transmitted diseases, alcohol awareness together the problems related to ultra violet exposures.

The Tunisian scout groups within the Qrendi, Zurrieq, Paola and Naxxar localities where public areas were tidied within these boundaries also carried out community work. The entertaining of the local inhabitants with their traditional songs followed these 'Clean up' activities.

The high light of the Tunisian stay to Malta were the visits to H.E. Profs Guido de Marco, President of Malta at the Grandmaster's palace in Valletta and the reciprocal visit to Dr. Louis Galea, Minister for Education. Also attending these visits were the Scout Association of Malta's Senior Scout officials that were accompanied by the Tunisian Charge D'Affaire, Mr Adel Ben Lagha together with the Qrendi Local Council Officials and the Qrendi and Naxxar Scout Groups.

"Malta is one of our favourable destinations and we really feel at home in Malta". The Beni Khair group Scout leader Zouhiar Bulhudi declared this during a direct radio interview on Tunisia Radio. "This is our third scout visit to Malta over these last eight years and we are always glad to return having established good Scouting contacts locally"

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

This tournament was held on Saturday 28th September 2002 at Stella Maris College, Gzira. A total of 88 Venture scouts together with their leaders from Cospicua, Gzira, Hamrun, Marsa, Mosta, Stella Maris College, Victoria, Xghajra, Zebbug and Zurrieq Scout Groups took part.

At the end of the activity the Commissioners for Venture Scouts and Rover Scouts presented trophies, mementos and medals. The Hamrun Venture Scout Unit won the event for the second consecutive year. Zurrieq Venture Scout Unit were the runners up and Venture Scout Dorian Tanti of Zurrieq Venture Unit was the Top Scorer with 15 goals. The event was made possible thanks to the contribution of Mr. Joe Bartolo, AGSL Stella Maris College. Thanks also go to Mrs. Pauline Cefai Azzopardi, Group Scout Leader, Stella Maris College and Reverend Bro. Director Louis Camilleri, Stella Maris College, for providing the football grounds.



4. NATIONAL RALLY FOR VENTURE SCOUTS.

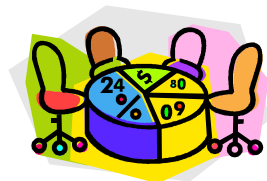
This year's event is going to be held on Saturday and Sunday 9th, 10th November 2002 at Selmun. The aim of this event is to foster a keen and healthy atmosphere, to promote friendship and initiative, and build stamina amongst the members of the Venture Units. The Rally consists of a course based on Orienteering and incorporates Incidents based on Venture Scout Training.

Further information is available from the Commissioner for Venture Scouts or reference can be made to Circular CVS 08/02 dated 30th September 2002. Please note that a very important meeting is being held on Thursday, 24th October 2002 at 18.00hrs at Island Headquarters.

5. NEW DINGLI SCOUT SCARF

Dingli Scout Group have been authorised to change their present scarf from black with yellow bordering and bearing the Griffen motif on the back. The new scarf is now divided equally into red and blue with a white border. It also incorporates the Dingli village official crest at the back.

6. YOUTH FORUM IN TIMISOARA, ROMANIA



The next event on the framework of the RYCID is the Regional Youth Centre for Information and Documentation in South East Europe. The young NGO-activists are invited to take part in this youth event to be held in Timisoara, Romania between 21 and 23 of November 2002. The Forum is to reunite the majority of the organizations from the network for direct contact, discussions and activity presentation. The first edition of the forum will create the possibility of common projects, will expose directly NGOs are confronting with at the regional level. The main need that determines this type of action is that of connecting and partnership between the youth NGOs.

The participants will be able to share their experience both in direct contact with the other NGOs present in the Forum, but also to present their work in front of the main actors in the youth field and financiers of the region and to contribute to the outcome of the forum through workshops on different themes. A small exhibition of youth NGOs materials will be available as a tool for better presentation of the activity. We would like to stress the importance of partnership projects in the region through all the activities of the Forum.

The accommodation and meals are covered by the organizers and will be provided starting with dinner in the 20th of November and ending with breakfast in the 23rd of November 2002. The materials, forum support and guides are free of charge. There is no participation fee. The transportation is to be covered by the participants (with some exceptions that are subject to direct discussion). Buses will be provided from Belgrade free of charge. The working language is English. The deadline for applications is the 6th of November 2002. All interested are to contact the International Commissioner, Mr Franco Azzopardi at IHQ.

7. ARTICLES ON THE NET

The second article from a series of articles about the Gebel Akhdar in Libya and the Tunisian Scouts in Malta has been published online at www.di-ve.com.

This could be found at <http://www.di-ve.com/dive/portal/portal.jhtml=3Fid=3D68557&pid=3D1>.

8. ERRATA CORRIGE

We would like to make reference to the article about Peace Week in September Bulletin, where that Mosta Troop had to read Mosta Scout Group, i.e. cubs, scouts and venture scouts. Thanks to Ms Jacqueline Sciberras of Mosta Scout Group who brought this to our attention.

9. SEA SCOUTING:

All Groups interested in organising Sea Scout Activities should contact Capt. Reuben Lanfranco, Commissioner for Sea Scouts, on rlanfranco@global.net.mt or on work number 21806467. It is also important that Groups following the Sea Scout Training Programme inform the Sea Scout Commissioner on any maritime-related activities and events they intend to pursue.



10. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR CUBS

It was brought to the attention of the Commissioner for Cubs that there are certain Cub Packs who are already issuing new Proficiency Badges of the New Cub Programme. This must be stopped immediately until the new programme is officially launched. This was explained in detail last April

during the seminar that was held specifically on the new programme.

11. NAXXAR SCOUTS HOST BOYS FROM ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL ON THEIR ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP

Always foremost in creating new opportunities for underprivileged children, HSBC Cares For Children Fund, together with the Naxxar Scout Group, came up with the idea of integrating children from a home together with the scouts during the Summer Annual Camp 2002.



Running between the 14 and 23 July, this camp, held at Ta` Qali, was attended by over one hundred persons, including cubs, scouts, ventures, leaders and helpers. There was also a contingent of Scouts from Tunisia. The home chosen for this event was St. Patrick Salesian School, Sliema from which 5 children were chosen. During the entire nine days, the kids took part

in different scouting activities. Each morning they went swimming and canoeing in different bays. Then there were lectures on various scouting themes, from knots to first-aid, from cooking to fire fighting. Also participated in cultural visits, night hikes, hikes, pioneering projects, and also the campfire, which all children thoroughly enjoyed

The boys were determined to enjoy themselves and settle in very smoothly. By agreement, it had been decided that no staff from the institute was to reside at the campsite so as to create a normal environment as possible. Social workers dealing with these kids paid a visit to the site to check on things. There was also a cultural exchange of ideas between the Naxxar and the Moruoj of Tunisia, culminating with Maltese and Tunisian Nights with typical traditional dishes. Broken hearted the kids left the camp with a promise.... that they would come again shortly to another camp...

It can be said that this event was a huge success to the extent that a group of boys have asked to become members of the Naxxar Group, which was accepted. When contacting St. Patrick's School officials after the camp, they agreed that it was a very positive idea and asked whether it could be repeated. They are now looking forward for the next annual camp 2003 at the Ghajn Tuffieha International Campsite

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE PERSONAL AWARD

The Chief Executive Personal Award has been introduced as an award which will be awarded by the Chief Executive to uniformed Leaders, Rover Scouts or Venture Scouts who have contributed or played an outstanding role to the Association on a National level. It is particularly designed for those who, due to length of service or age, do not qualify for any other award for good service.



The badge will have a silver background and superimposed with a purple local logo. It will be similar to the present Award's scheme emblems and may be worn along other Scouting Awards and Decorations above the line of the right pocket. A certificate will accompany the Award

13. HONOURS ON IHQ FLAG

The two honours bestowed on the Association, namely the Bronze Cross by the British Scout Association in 1943 and the George Cross 50th Anniversary Commemorative Medal awarded by the Maltese Government in 1994 will be now incorporated in the Local Association's flag.

14. SHIRTS

The following is the schedule for the wearing of the new shirts:

- Winter shirt [Long sleeves] from October to April
- Summer shirt [Short sleeves] from May to September

Please note that the new rules pertaining to the wearing of the new shirt are to be strictly adhered to by Scouts, Venture Scouts, Rover Scouts and Leaders.

15. WITHDRAWAL AND CANCELLATION OF APPOINTMENTS

012/2001

Arthur Azzopardi

Director Administration

009/2001	Christopher Calleja	IHQ Auxiliary Scouts
016/2001	Wayne Saillard	IHQ Auxiliary
018/2001	Keith Sacco	IHQ Auxiliary IT
008/2002	Johann Agius	IHQ Auxiliary
009/2002	Francesca Micallef	IHQ Auxiliary

16. APPOINTMENTS

The Chief Executive has approved the following appointments:

021/2001	Jason Deguara	ASL – Rabat
022/2001	Paul Galea	Auxiliary – Rabat
023/2001	Vince Vella	ASL – Rabat
033/2002	Stefan Micallef	ASL B’Kara
034/2002	Frank Muscat	Acting Leader – Victoria
035/2002	Glen Mario Catania	Acting Leader – Sta. Venera
036/2002	Charmaine Sciberras	Acting Leader – Sta. Venera
037/2002	Mariella Chetcuti	Acting Leader – Rabat
038/2002	Marvic Vella	Acting Leader – Rabat
039/2002	Godfrey Micallef	Acting Leader – Rabat
040/2002	Christian Gatt	Acting Leader – St. Augustine College
041/2002	Yvonne Frendo	Acting Leader – Fgura
042/2002	Joanne Pisani	Acting Leader – Fgura
043/2002	Simon Abela	Acting Leader – St. Aloysius College
044/2002	Stefan Pullicino	Acting Leader – St. Aloysius College
045/2002	Martin Paul Aquilina	Acting Leader – B’Kara
046/2002	Antoine Azzopardi	Acting Leader – B’Kara
047/2002	Keith Sacco	Director Administration and IT
048/2002	Gayle Farrugia	IHQ Auxiliary Administration
049/2002	Raymond Darmenia	IHQ Auxiliary Administration
050/2002	Joseph Custo	ADC – Central
051/2002	Joseph Filletti	ADC - Central
052/2002	Pamela Ann Schembri	Acting Leader – Qrendi
053/2002	Mary Pace	Acting Leader – Qrendi
054/2002	Joseph Saliba	GSL – Qormi
055/2002	Vincent Farrugia	Acting Leader – Attard
056/2002	Carmelo Bonett	Acting Leader – San Gwann
057/2002	Trevor Taliana	Acting Leader – San Gwann
058/2002	Doreen Borg	Acting Leader – San Gwann
059/2002	Eric Borg	Acting Leader – San Gwann
060/2002	Clarissa Maria Soler	Acting Leader – San Gwann