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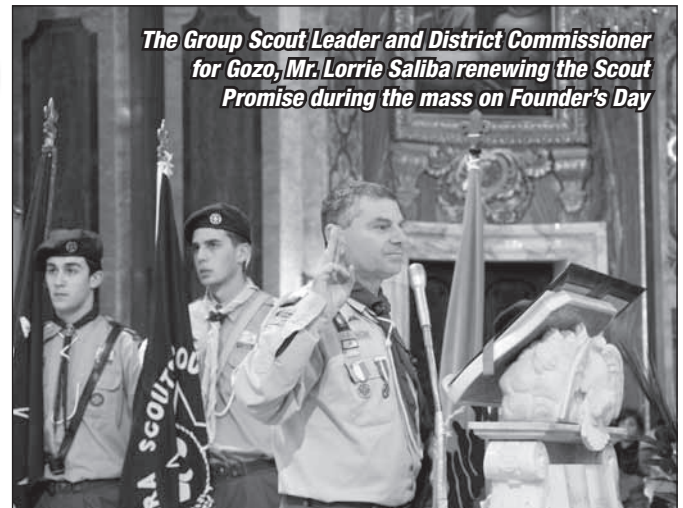
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From the *Group Scout Leader*

Lorrie Saliba

Last year a member of the Group Council came up with the idea of setting up a fund to help those members who attend activities such as the World Scout Jamboree and other Scouting activities overseas. The idea was approved by the Group Council and the Fund was set up. Our thanks go to this member who donated €1000 to start this fund. At the beginning of this year the Group Council voted €1200 from the Group's funds and also 15% of the profit from the Group's fund raising activities towards this fund. This summer 12 members from our Group will be attending the World Scout Jamboree which is to be held in Sweden and these are going to be the first members to benefit from the mentioned fund. However this is not the first time that the Group has financially supported members who attend Scouting activities abroad.

Although we have a big headquarters the stores are rather small for all the equipment the group possesses. After long discussions during both Group Council meetings and Scouters' meetings it was decided to extend the stores by joining it to the Council/Scouters room which is at the back of the stores. A plan was made to start the necessary works but when we were about to start work we changed our minds. Maybe losing a room was not such a good idea. What about finding a garage near our headquarters and using it as a store? The idea was accepted by all Council members and now after a two year search we managed to find a garage a few meters away



The Group Scout Leader and District Commissioner for Gozo, Mr. Lorrie Saliba renewing the Scout Promise during the mass on Founder's Day

from HQ. The signing of the contract was held on Monday 14th March 2011. Now we have a year and a half to pay the whole sum for this garage. I appeal to you parents and friends to give us your support by attending the Group's fund raising activities which we hold from time to time.

As you all know this year is dedicated to Voluntary Work. Throughout the year our members often take part in activities organized by other NGO's but few people know that every year our Group organizes fund raising activities to help these voluntary organizations. During these last ten years our Group managed to collect and distribute over €18,000 to more than 12 NGO's both locally and abroad. Such good deeds which are held regularly help our members to keep by the Scout Promise where we pledge to help other people at all times.

On behalf of all members of the Group I wish you all a Blessed Easter.



Group photo of the Victoria and Xaghra groups during Founder's Day parade

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A POINT TO PONDER with the Editor

PERSONAL PROGRESSION

“Why worry about individual training?... Because it is the only way by which you can educate. You can instruct any number of boys, a thousand at a time if you have a loud voice and attractive methods of disciplinary means. But that is not training – it is not education?”

(Baden-Powell in Aids to Scoutmastership)

In Scouting the individual is all important and the role of a Scout leader is to help each individual to develop his full potential.

The youth programme in Scouting covers the complete span of a young person's experiences in the Scout Movement. It is a progressive process of education and personal development through largely recreational means and life within a group. The Progressive Scheme values the acquisition of skills and knowledge because these will help the members deal with the challenges they will face in their future, help them accept the role of adults and become responsible citizens. (RAP – Renewed Approach to Programme)

The Progressive Scheme is the growth pattern for all the members of the Scout Movement from Cubs to Rovers (WOSM). This programme allows the Scouts to develop and progress **at their own pace** within their section. It encourages the individual to assume responsibility for his own development. The programme must be stimulating through the use of a variety of activities based on the members' interests. *“Our goal should be to develop, in each young person, ambition and hope, and the sense of achievement which will carry him on to greater ventures.”* (B.P)

The Personal Progressive Scheme is based on two complementary elements which should reinforce each other:

- Proficiency badges encourage the Scout to learn a subject related to his skills, interests or hobbies and so cover many different types of activities, not always related to the Scouting 'game'.
- Progress badges are successive stages in which the Scout learns the techniques needed for the Scout 'game'.

Baden-Powell wrote that (symbolically) a Scout should paddle his own canoe. Not in a rowing boat, with his back to where he goes, rowed by others and someone else at the rudder, but alone in a canoe: facing the future, paddling and steering by himself. Scouting teaches self-reliance by bringing the Scouts into a challenging environment. The programme is attractive because it is adventurous. (WOSM)

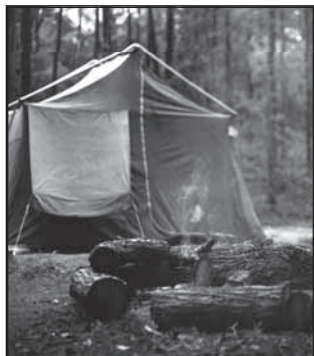
The Personal Progress system as recently introduced by the WOSM symbolizes the successive stages which each youth will need to go through in order to reach the educational objectives within each age section. It puts more emphasis on personal objectives of physical, intellectual, affective, social, spiritual and character development.

The Progressive Scheme is not a competitive system and badges are not a final goal but a first step, which gives a Scout encouragement and recognizes the effort. The Scout should then decide by himself to proceed because he likes it, without further need of standards. The badges signify not a certain quality of knowledge or skill, but as “the amount of effort the Scout puts into his work.” The standards are therefore intentionally not clearly defined.

In the Scout Method, personal progression recognizes that learning is a process that takes time. There is improvement over time in one's capabilities. A badge scheme gives the Scouts goals to strive for, makes learning appealing, and provides a sense of accomplishment when the badges are earned. (WOSM 1998:47).



Forthcoming Events



- 7th May: Car Wash in aid of ARKA foundation
- 28th May: Food and Wine Evening at Fort Chambray.
- 2nd July – Open air dinner
- 27th August – 3rd September - Summer Camp

Further details will be forwarded in due time.



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The Venture

By
Venture Scout
John Paul Mizzi

Unit

The first three months of the year were busy as usual. The year was kicked off by a discussion regarding current issues such as racism and abortion. A sports session was also held in January where Ventures played different sports.

February started off with a wide game which was held in the small woodland just under Fort Chambray. It was the first time that we held a wide game here and everybody really enjoyed it. The following meeting, we focused on Discovery Award tests where the Unit had different instructions on various requirements and some tests were done. The Discovery Award is being given a priority at the moment so that all the Ventures can get an opportunity to learn and also teach the different skills needed to achieve this award. On the 20th of February we participated in the Founder's Day Parade in Xaghra together with the Xaghra Scout Group. On the 29th of February we participated in the Founder's Day Activities where we played different games together with members from all of the Victoria Scout Group sections. These activities are essential to integrate better with different Scouts from the different sections.

On the 6th of March the Ventures provided a guard of honour at the Gozo Cathedral for the Gozitan Franciscan priest, Joe Bonello who was recently nominated auxiliary Bishop of Juticalpa, Honduras. A night hike was held on the 12th of March. The route for this hike was organised by Ian Spiteri. It consisted of passing through Ramla Valley up to Nadur and Qala and then to Mgarr Harbour through a footpath along the coast from Hondoq to Mgarr. We slept under the trees near Fort Chambray. Even though it rained slightly during the night we were prepared and still slept



The guard of honour



The night hike

outside and the following day we proceeded to our headquarters through Xewkija.

Another meeting was held on the 19th of March in order for Ventures to progress in the Discovery Award.



A battle of wits and words between Joseph Muscat and Matthew Galea during Founder's Day games

Annual General Meeting



The recipients of this year's awards. From the left: Scout Matthew Azzopardi, Cub Scouts Daniel Azzopardi & David Mercieca, Venture Scouts James Caruana & Christopher Micallef together with the Council Chairman Mr Joe W Cassar and the Group Scout Leader Mr Lorrie Saliba

At the end of January, the Victoria Scout Group held its Annual General Meeting. After the reports by the Group Scout Leader, the Council Secretary and the Group's Treasurer the guest speaker for the occasion, Superintendent Martin Sammut delivered a short talk. He stressed that youth organizations such as Scouts were very important as these offer various opportunities for leisure and pleasure, helped youths to meet certain challenges in a positive way, keep away from vices and helped them in their character formation. Supt Sammut, who was a Scout with the B'Kara Group described how the years spent as a Scout helped him on a personal level. Scouting taught him the importance of teamwork and gave him the chance to put it into practice. It has also taught him how to be more independent and equipped him with the skills to face certain challenges which are now part of his life. He therefore urged parents to consider Scouting as a very important tool in the development of their sons' characters.

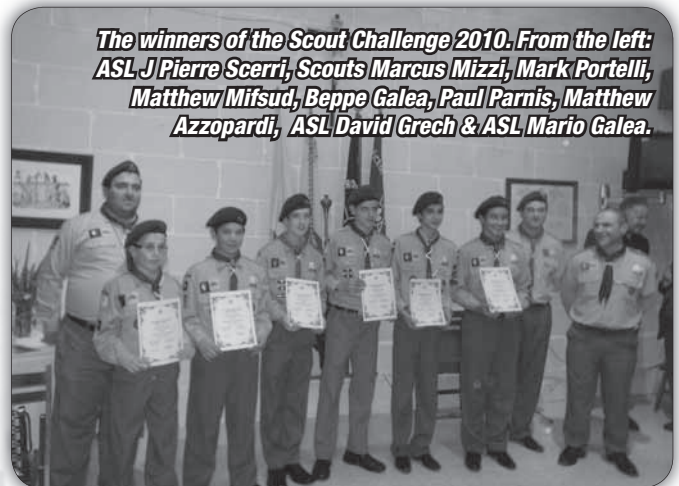
Presentations followed. The recipients for this year's awards were: Venture Scouts of the Year: James Caruana & Christopher Micallef. Scout of the Year: Matthew Azzopardi. Cub Scouts of the Year: Daniel Azzopardi (Saturday Pack) & David Mercieca (Seonee Pack). Venture Scouts Matthew Galea and John Paul Mizzi, Scouts Beppe Galea and Mark Portelli and Cub Scouts Matthew Attard, Jordi Parnis, Andrea Galea and



Superintendent Sammut during his talk



Investiture of Cub Scout Jurgen John Portelli

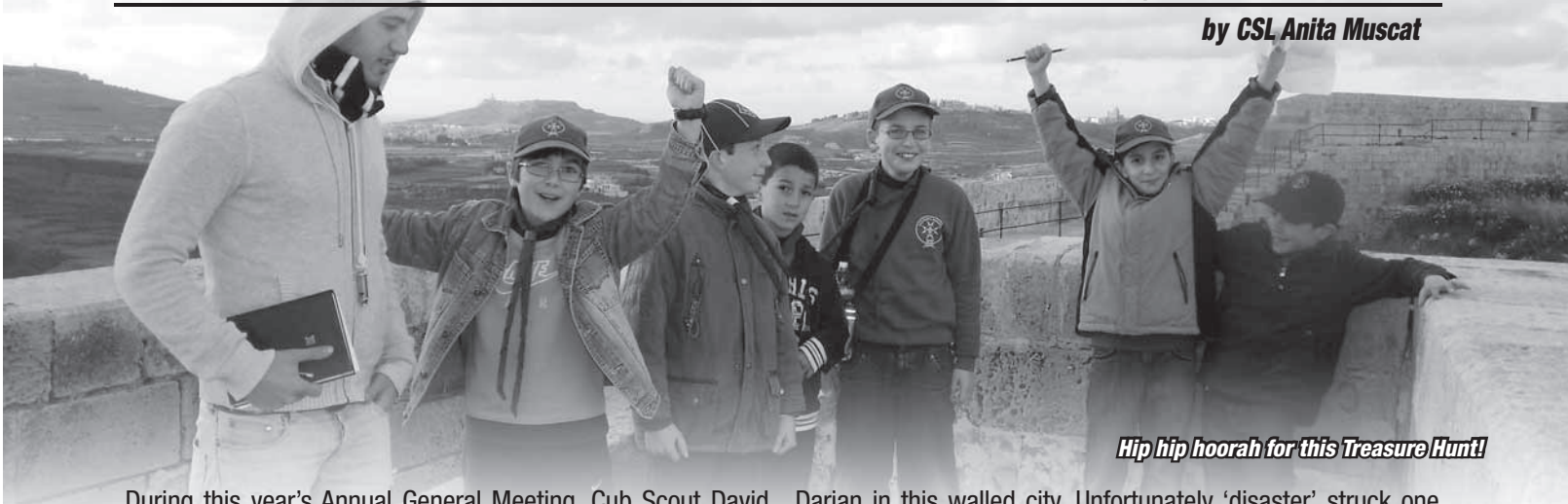


The winners of the Scout Challenge 2010. From the left: ASL J Pierre Scerri, Scouts Marcus Mizzi, Mark Portelli, Matthew Mifsud, Beppe Galea, Paul Parnis, Matthew Azzopardi, ASL David Grech & ASL Mario Galea.

Shaun Axiag were presented with certificates of merit while some Patrols and Sixes received shields or trophies for competitions won during the past year. 6 Scouts forming another Patrol were presented with certificates after having placed first in the Scout Challenge 2010, a two day national event held in November 2010. An investiture ceremony concluded the meeting.

SEEONEE PACK REPORT

by CSL Anita Muscat



Hip hip hoorah for this Treasure Hunt!

During this year's Annual General Meeting, Cub Scout David Mercieca was presented with the Cub of the Year Award. Matthew Attard and Jordi Parnis received certificates of merit. Well done to all three. Well done also to all the other Cubs who worked and played hard during the past year. The Pack was present for Founder's day activities in February and the members thoroughly enjoyed the games on offer during the group activity which was rescheduled to our headquarters because of inclement weather.

Another unforgettable experience was that of the National Cub Camp 2011 held in Malta where the Cubs experienced

Darjan in this walled city. Unfortunately 'disaster' struck one of the teams towards the end of their quest as the strong wind blew away their code-breaker and after that it was not possible for them to decipher any more clues and continue their search. Even though they tried their best to retrieve their valuable paper and searched for it high and low, they did not get it back!!!

The Cook's Badge is one those badges which generates lots of enthusiastic response due to the fact that the other Pack members get to judge the culinary efforts of their friends. Those who are offering the 'catering' for the evening are also very enthusiastic, too enthusiastic and too ambitious at times



Works in progress for our two busy cooks, Gian Luca and Anton



Alex, Christopher and Francesco waiting for the hungry horde's arrival

Scouting and camping on a 'national' level. (Vide report elsewhere in this News Sheet)

A joint activity held with the Saturday Pack consisted of a Treasure Hunt held at the Citadel in Victoria. The Cubs were divided into teams which had to find clues hidden in different locations. They then had to decipher the messages in code and follow the instructions given therein in order to find the next clue. It was a sort of race against time as each team tried to be the first one to find the treasure hidden by the knight Sir

as they attempt to cope with several tasks simultaneously. This is where the guidance, watchful eyes and words of advice of the leader or person accompanying them in the kitchen comes in useful and guides them along without causing any harm to self and environment. At the end of the two sessions, the cooks' hard work was rewarded with empty plates (which their mates and leaders had obviously devoured), words of praise and looks of admiration by the others on seeing the end product of their toils.



In search of treasure around the old and narrow city walls!!

Founder's Day District Activity

by CSL Anita Muscat



A joint activity to commemorate Founder's Day on a district level was planned between the Victoria and the Xaghra Scout Groups. Each group was due to leave its headquarters in the early afternoon, walk to Marsalforn Bay where they could meet, organize some games, continue on their hike together and then each group would return to its headquarters. Well that was OUR plan, but the weather had OTHER plans in store.

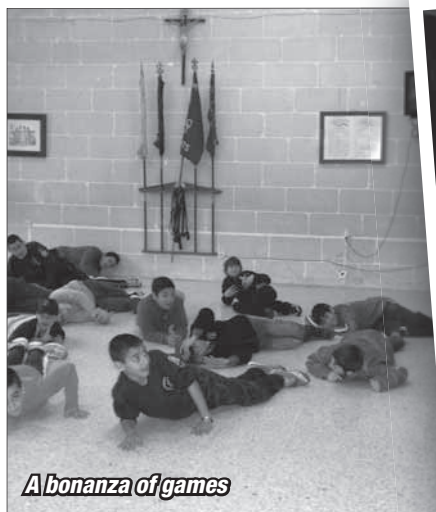
When we left our headquarters, it was just drizzling. So we put on our waterproof jackets, bonnets and all and braved the elements. However by the time we reached the road to Marsalforn, (we were still in Victoria) it started to rain very heavily. We sought shelter in two garages and hoped for the best. Out came the snacks and drinks which



Sheltering from the rain

the boys had brought along to sustain them on their 'long voyage' and these were shared and consumed while we waited for the rain to stop or at least decrease in intensity. Scout songs also helped to while away the time. However there was no change in the weather and it was decided to return to the dry surroundings of our headquarters. So back 'home' we went, wet on the outside but our enthusiasm was not in the least dampened. In the meantime, we kept in contact with the other Scout group and informed each other about what was happening and of the decisions taken.

Once we were warmer and dryer indoors, the members of all the sections were divided into groups. Thus each group was made up of Cubs, Scouts and Ventures. Various games were organized on a rotation basis so that each group could have a go at the different activities offered. There was a mixture of games. Action games alternated with memory games and noisy ones with more quiet ones. Both old favourites and newer proposals were offered. Even though the weather did not permit an outdoor activity, we made the best of it. It was still great fun and everyone enjoyed the few hours spent together. This was proved by the fact that on our return several parents turned up at headquarters to take their sons home when they realized the hike was cancelled. However the boys told these parents that they did not want to go home yet and asked them to come back later and pick them up at the time originally agreed upon as they did not want to miss any of the goings – on!



A bonanza of games





Marching towards the church

Founder's Day Parade

The Victoria Scout Group joined the Xaghra Scout Group at the village of Xaghra. Together both groups forming the Gozo Scout District marched towards the church where mass was celebrated. Council members, several parents and supporters for both groups joined the Scouts in celebrating the birthday of their founder Lord Baden-Powell. During the sermon, Mgr. Anton Refalo welcomed all those present. He compared the day's gospel and its recommendations to the way of life as promoted by the principles of Scouting. Just as Jesus encouraged us to love our neighbour whether he is friend or foe, so do Scouts when they think of others. Similarly, Scouts promise to leave the world a better place than they found it, to help others at all times, to try and bring a change in the world, to be loyal, generous and trustworthy persons, to remain courageous in face of adversity, to be responsible for their actions and be ready to accept the consequences for such actions. All these reflected excerpts of the day's readings where God is described as loving, forgiving and merciful. He pointed out that sometimes it would be a good thing if adults emulated children's actions and be as forgiving as them. Although love, forgiveness and tolerance are not easy to put into practice into our daily lives, we should all try hard at it. He encouraged everyone to pray for the children and youths present so that they may continue to be an example to others. During mass, the members renewed their Scout Promise. After mass, a Scout from the Xaghra Scout Group and three Cubs from the Victoria Scout Group were invested. A group yell and a group photo brought the activity to an end.



Entering the church

Welcome back Mr Beek!

On Sunday 20th February, members of the Victoria Scout Group met at their headquarters for Founder's Day parade. Once they were all assembled in the hall, the Group Scout Leader, Mr Lorrie Saliba introduced Mr. Brian Beek to the members, described him as an old friend of the group and welcomed him back. Between 1999 and 2009, Mr Beek BEM was the District Chairman of Brownsea Island. His first visit to Gozo and Malta was in the year 2002. Since then he has been back several times.

The Group Scout Leader described his visit to Brownsea Island during the Centenary Jamboree held in the UK in 2007 and the warm welcome he and ASL David Grech had received from Mr. Beek. During this Jamboree, the 1st Brownsea Island Centenary Replica camp was held to commemorate the very first camp held there in 1907 by Lord Baden-Powell. Despite the importance of this experimental camp to World Scouting, no detailed written records of it exist. So that the Replica Camp would not suffer the same fate, Mr Beek decided to write a book containing the details of this commemorative camp – a description of the camp's Court of Honour's duties and obligations, the names of the participants, the camp code of conduct, a list of consequences for misbehavior, the daily programme, the menu and photos of the activities. The book also includes a copy of the certificate and participation badge given to the participants. Mr Beek presented a copy of this booklet to the GSL. The publication is dedicated to all those "Scouters who have given service to Scouting over the past 100 years and without whom the Movement would not have celebrated its centenary." This gesture was greatly appreciated by the Group.



A copy of Mr. Beek's book

Mr. Beek presents his book to the GSL



Flagbreak at camp

NATIONAL CUB CAMP 2011

by CSL Anita Muscat

The memories of the National Cub Camp held in November 2009 were still quite fresh in the memories of those who attended this camp. So the news that another similar camp was planned for this year was met with an enthusiastic response by both Cubs and leaders.

The National Cub Camp was held from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th March 2011 at the Association's campsite in Ghajn Tuffieħa, Malta. 22 Cubs and 8 leaders from both Packs attended. The junior leaders acted as NST's (National Service Team) and they were assigned other duties in connection with the camp activities. The number of participants was the highest ever for such an activity. In all there were 500 people at camp of which 376 were Cubs and the rest were leaders and NST's.

We met at the Mġarr ferry terminal on Friday afternoon, laden with heavy haversacks, high spirits and eager anticipation. Three minibuses waited for us at Ċirkewwa and took us to the campsite. There we found our sleeping and dining tents all set up courtesy of some leaders who had gone to the campsite on the previous eve and morning to prepare them for us.



Treasure Hunt at Mdina

The opening ceremony with lots of songs, dance and high spirits created an atmosphere of fun and friendship. The actual programme started the following morning. During such camps there is an emphasis on Scouting, making new friends and on living together. The camp was divided into 5 sub-camps named Europe, America, Australia, Asia and Africa. Small teams of Cubs from different Packs together participated on a rotation basis in the different activities offered in the Danube, Amazon, Everest and Sahara sections. These activities included a treasure hunt in the old city of Mdina, athletics, crafts, learning new songs and games, cooking, a session on the high ropes, becoming familiar with other philanthropic organizations, discussing the plight of refugees, distinguishing between wants and needs in our lives, creating a flag, learning



Waiting for the ferry at Ċirkewwa

about other religions and other countries (including common phrases in different languages) etc. Certain activities satisfied requirements for the People and Places Badge. There was also a demonstration by the Fire Department and their vehicle. A campfire concluded the 2nd day, Saturday and the younger members settled down to sleep and recharge their batteries for their last day at camp.



However the weather had other plans. During the night the wind increased considerably and all through the night it rained heavily and incessantly. Although the boys slept throughout all this, oblivious of what was going on outside their temporary bedrooms, the leaders were quite worried and spent the night checking the sleeping tents and their occupants to ensure everything was dry and ok inside them. There was also another tent to check on, the dining shelter and its contents and this was at the other end of the site, quite some distance away. At times, the gusts of wind were extremely strong and although we suffered no damage to our tents, there were Scout Groups whose dining shelters were ripped or blown away. Luckily the same fate did not affect any sleeping quarters so all the young members were quite safe and sound.

The bad weather continued the next morning. The leaders decided in the best interest of their Packs that there was no choice but to abandon camp. Unfortunately the last day of the camp ended in this way. Emergency evacuation plans had to be put into action. Some leaders returned to Gozo earlier than expected with the boys while other leaders remained at the



campsite to dismantle the tents and pack all the equipment. Although the Cubs were disappointed to call it a day somewhat earlier than planned, they still managed to enjoy certain aspects of the wet, muddy and windy world around them.

Our thanks go to the organizing team for planning this camp. Such large numbers certainly pose various logistical nightmares but they did a great job and the Cubs had a wonderful time. Other heartfelt thanks go to those parents who came to our 'rescue' and helped in providing alternative transport arrangements back to Gozo on Sunday morning.

Till next time then!!!!



Maltese Jamboree Contingent
WSJ 2011



22nd World Scout Jamboree Sweden 2011
22^{ème} Jamboree Scout Mondial Suède 2011

2011 Sweden Jamboree

Simply Scouting

By a/AVSL
Darren Mercieca

The World Scout Jamboree is held once every four years and Scouts from all over the world get a unique opportunity to participate together in different Scouting activities and experience the unity of Scouting. This Jamboree is going to be held in Sweden near the town of Rinkaby and the Jamboree's motto is Simply Scouting. Throughout the camp and in every moment of the Jamboree, Scouts will develop new skills and share their knowledge and experiences whilst working towards greater international understanding.

A total of thirteen members from our group are going to attend the Jamboree. ACSL Edith Camilleri and a/AVSL Darren Mercieca will be Assistant Troop Leaders. AVSL Leli Mizzi, Junior leader Alan Cini, Venture Scouts James Caruana and John Paul Mizzi will be IST's (International Service Team members) while Scouts Matthew Azzopardi, Beppe Galea, Felic Micallef, Stefan Mizzi, Paul Parnis, Mark Portelli and William Vella will be participants during the Jamboree.

I am more than sure that this experience will be an unforgettable one for all of those attending.

thank
you

The Group would like to thank:

- A council member who set up a fund to help members who are participating in Scouting activities overseas.
- A supporter for a generous donation.



TROOP REPORT

by SL Frank Muscat

The January-March 2011 quarter was characterized by a number of activities that engaged the interest of all the Troop members.

The first Troop activity of the year was a pioneering project in which catapults were built. The quality of the various catapults was uneven but the effort each Scout made was consistently strong. January is the month when the Victoria Scout Group holds its Annual General Meeting. We are pleased to note that Senior Patrol Leader Matthew Azzopardi won the Scout of the Year for the second time running with PLs Beppe Galea and Mark Portelli gaining a Certificate of Merit.

On 5th February, a football competition was held at the seminary gym. The tournament was keenly contested but on the whole it was played in a spirit of sportsmanship. The tournament was won by Eagle Patrol.

A Board Competition was also organized. It was hoped that this would encourage the Patrols to give a facelift to boards that were becoming bare. Most of the Patrols did a good job and the competition was won by Tiger Patrol.

One activity that started but had to be called off was a joint section hike that was to be held on Founder's Day. The hike was started but after less than a kilometer away from Headquarters, we had to retrace our steps to Headquarters because the rain seemed to go on forever. However, BP's spirit was kept alive by a number of games at Headquarters, which entertained all the sections.

On 5th March a Carnival competition was held. Bulldog Patrol won the competition. All the members of Bulldog patrol were dressed in the characters who had starred in Sound of Music.

The last activity of the first quarter was China Day that the leaders set up in order to demonstrate presentation skills and provide a model for the Troop to learn from or to replace with their own creations. The presentation was the scaffolding for the International night held a week later and which bore witness to the effort put in by all the Troop members and the high quality of the presentations. The competition was won by Kestrel Patrol and the country they targeted with success was Lebanon.

Throughout these three months, we carried on working on the Troop programme so that the required skills and knowledge can be assimilated by the Troop members. It was a challenging but rewarding quarter for the Troop.



AWARDS AND BADGES GAINED *January – March 2011*

PACKS

Azzopardi Keith - Baloo
Azzopardi Samuel - People and Places
Bajada Matthew - People and Places
Bajada Matthias - Bronze Arrow
Borg Daniel - People and Places
Calleja Alex - Mowgli, Cook
Caruana Marley - Raksha
Cassar Dario - Bagheera
Curmi Anton - Bagheera, Bronze Arrow, Cook
Dingli Austin - People and Places
Falzon Samuel - Chil
Galea Andrea - Book Reader, People and Places
Gatt Riccardo - People and Places
Grech Alex - People and Places
Grech Matthew - People and Places
Grima Francesco - Bronze Arrow, Cook
Grima Karol - People and Places
Mercieca David - Silver Arrow
Mizzi William - People and Places
Mompalao Rudi - People and Places
Parnis Jordi - Chil, Silver Arrow
Portelli John Jurgen - People and Places
Portelli Jonathan - People and Places
Rapa Samuel - Chil, Silver Arrow
Sacco Christopher - Bagheera, Bronze Arrow, Cook
Spiteri Matthew - People and Places
Terribile Gian Luca - Raksha, Cook
Xiberras Andrea - People and Places

TROOP

Attard Anthony - Collector, Altar Server, Tenderfoot
Attard Matthew - Tenderfoot, Musician
Azzopardi Daniel - Tenderfoot
Azzopardi Jacob - Tenderfoot, Pathfinder
Azzopardi Mark - World Friendship, Cook, Altar Server, Tenderfoot, Pathfinder
Azzopardi Matthew - Pathfinder, Explorer, Pioneer, Musician, Athlete, Tenderfoot, Chief Scout Award
Attard Jurgen - Tenderfoot
Bajada Clyde - Tenderfoot
Bajada Izaak - Tenderfoot
Bugeja Pierre - Model Maker, Collector, Tenderfoot
Camilleri John - Tenderfoot
Camilleri Rudolf - Tenderfoot
Cauchi Justin - Tenderfoot
Falzon Paul - Cook, Tenderfoot
Farrugia Mark - Collector, Model Maker, Tenderfoot
Galea Beppe - Altar Server, Pathfinder, Explorer, Tenderfoot
Grillage James - Librarian, Tenderfoot
Mallia George - Musician, Tenderfoot
Mercieca Jason - Collector, Librarian, Tenderfoot
Mifsud Matthew - Tenderfoot
Mizzi James - Collector, Tenderfoot
Mizzi Marcus - Tenderfoot, Pathfinder

Mizzi Thomas - Tenderfoot
Parnis Matthew - Altar Server, Collector, Tenderfoot,
Parnis Paul - Pathfinder, Tenderfoot
Pisani George Chris - Collector
Portelli Mark - Fisherman, Cook, Pathfinder, Explorer, Tenderfoot
Saliba David - Collector, Tenderfoot
Scicluna Jake - Tenderfoot
Spiteri GianLuca - Tenderfoot
Spiteri Josef - Tenderfoot, World Friendship, altar Server
Theuma Christian - Tenderfoot
Theuma Joseph - Tenderfoot, Pathfinder
Vella Zach - Tenderfoot

UNIT

Galea Matthew - Venture Award, Environment Venture Award, Service Venture Award, Fitness Venture Award, Pursuits Venture Award, Relationship Venture Award, Ideals Venture Award, International Venture Award
Micallef Christopher - Venture Award, Discovery Award, International Venture Award, Service Venture Award, Fitness Venture Award, Pursuits Venture Award, Relationship Venture Award, Ideals Venture Award,



GONE HOME

Mrs Stella Cauchi – Grandmother of ACSL Edith Camilleri
Mr Cliff Youd – A long time English supporter of the group who lived on Gozo
Mr Austin Camilleri – Former Treasurer of the Group.

May they rest in peace. We offer our condolences to their families and urge our readers to remember them in their prayers.

Visitors to HQ

- **John Vassallo** – Former Cub Scout Leader, now residing in Australia.
- **Frank and Andrew Camilleri** – Former Scouts, now residing abroad.

SATURDAY PACK

REPORT

by CSL Mary Rose Pace



A yell follows the investiture ceremony on Founder's Day

This year's Cub Scout of the Year was awarded to Daniel Azzopardi while Andrea Galea and Shaun Axiac were presented with certificates of merit. These awards were presented during the Annual General Meeting. At the end of the same meeting, Karol Grima, Jonathan Portelli, Matthew Grech and Jurgen John Portelli were invested and thus gained their membership badge. A hike organized by the Group on Founder's Day was cut short because of rain. Instead we remained at our headquarters and played games. All the Cubs enjoyed this.

The next activity was a treasure hunt at the citadel. This was a joint activity with the Seonee Pack. My three young leaders gave the Cubs a hard time. They were divided into Sixes and all of them went round the place looking for clues. On Founder's Day, the Pack took part in the mass held at the Xaghra parish church. After this another investiture ceremony was held. This time it was Shaun Calleja, Daniel Borg and Matthew Spiteri who gained their membership badge.

Another interesting event was the National Cub Camp held at the Association's campsite at Ghajn Tuffieħa, Malta. There they visited Mdina, took part in various sports, signatures from



Treasure Hunt at the Citadel

made new friends, painted flags and collected other leaders. Our camping trip had to be cut short because of heavy rains and so we had to dismantle camp.

During our meetings, all the Cubs gained the People and Places Badge. After choosing a country, they learnt about its people, flag, money etc. Using this information, they prepared a beautiful chart. This gave them the chance to work as a team. After this came the Cook Badge. The boys had to cook a main course and a dessert for two persons and clean up afterwards. All this was quite hard for them but the food they prepared was very good.

Working together to gain badges seems to work quite well in the Pack. It offers the Cubs a chance to work together as a team and to encourage each other.

