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SCOREBOARD

DISTRICT REGATTA, 16 OCTOBER 1976

Sailing: Position-Group-Captain-Points

- 1....4L "L"...James Walsh.....8
- 2....4L "B"...Nick Smith.....7
- 3....1A.....,Paul Hoffman.....6
- 4....2B.....Andrew Ilott.....4

Canoeing

- 1....4L (Norton.,Lilley, Bullen)...3
- 2....1A.(Swallow, Bass, Shaw).....2

SCOUT SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL, 23 OCTOBER 1976

This was won by 4L, but full details are not available as we go to press. These, with Operation Nightjar results and latest Just-For-Fun League positions, should be in December's CO-ORDINATOR.

NOT FORGOTTEN

Details of the names and addresses of all Group Scouters are still not available, so the promised list is held over for a fifth month.

First Chingola News

Letters from Zambia take eight weeks by surface mail, one by air. Chris Anderson reports that our first parcel of record cards are handbooks has arrived and is being put to good use by First Chingola Cub Scout pack-.

Supported by the Mine Trust School, the pack meets in a large modern classroom and trains in the certain sunshine outdoors - though the rains are due soon. Most of the 18 Cubs are European Expatriates who knew about Cub Scouting beforehand. Chris is trying to get more Zambian boys to join, but he already has a waiting list and finds that Zambian parents in general do not seem interested. The poor, he says, cannot afford the 10 ngweo (eightpence) subs, and the rich regard Scouting as a "colonial" activity.

No standard uniform seems to exist in the Zambian Boy Scout Association, so First Chingola have settled for a khaki shirt-with the red-and-white neckerchief of his old 1-3L pack (supplies of which are on the way from our Scout Shop). The badge system is the same as ours, leaving out "Duty to the Queen" and so on, so the Chingola Cubs are soon needing some Bronze Arrows (also being airmailed with this CO-ORDINATOR!)

Chris has contacted the local Lechwe leader (equivalent of Brownie Guider), and has sent some Zambian tourist leaflets, flags and a map for the inspection of any pack in Letchworth & Baldock District - to be borrowed any time from the DPRO.

ALL GROUP INFORMATION OFFICERS

ceased to exist at about 2045 on Thursday 7 October, and were instantly replaced by Group Public Relations Officers.

This dramatic coup was inspired by The Scout Association's national Public Relations Officer, Jack Olden, who wrote afterwards

"I believe it was a highly successful evening and whilst I admit to being sceptical beforehand as to the advisability of using boys as Group Public Relations Officers, I am now convinced that it can work...

I certainly believe you are on the right track and am grateful to you for inviting me to the meeting."

The GPROs with the national seal of approval are (1A) Kevin Hunter, (1B) Andrew Brett, (2B) Simon Appieyard, (1-3L) Mark Goodwin, (4L) Chris Norton, (5L) Alastair Green, (7L) Robert Williams, (8L) Mark Roberts, a new appointment, (10L) Peter Dartford, and (CHVSU) David Smith.

ALL GROUP PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS

(except Mr Smith) are getting some extra items with this CO-ORDINATOR (a) a reprint of the rules for the Jim Northover Trophy annual patrol competition, (b) half a dozen claim forms for this competition, but more are available on request from the DPRO, and (c) a note from the DPRO listing the patrols with PLs and APLs known to date, with the request to correct and return the list to him.

JIM NORTHOVER TROPHY 1976 : LATEST CHART of positions at 30 October. The famous Panthers are on the move again, and Fifth Owls have swept up the chart from number 25 to number 6!

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| 1.....KINGFISHER 1A.....243½ | |
| 2.....PANTHER 8L(S).....241½ | |
| 3.....PEEWIT 1A.....190½ | |
| 4.....HAWK OL(T).....136 | |
| 5.....EAGLE 7L.....121 | |
| 6.....OWL 5L.....86 | |
| 7.....BULLDOG 8L(S).....82½ | |
| 8.....LION 8L(S).....70 | |
| 9.....WOLF 1A.....68½ | |
| 10.....EUPFALO 4L.....67 | |
| 11 COBRA 7L.....65 | 20 PEEWIT 1-3L...22½ |
| 12 HAWK 7L.....63 | 21 HAWK 5L, |
| 13 BUJ LGO 8L(S)55 | PANTHER 7L....18 |
| 14 BULLDOG 4L...38 | 23 PANTHER 2B....16 |
| 15 EAGLE 1-3L,...36 | 24 KESTREL 8L(T).15 |
| 16 BUFFALO 1-3L, | 25 BEAVER 2B.....14 |
| LION 4L.....34 | 26 TIGER 5L.....12 |
| 18 PANTHER 1-3L.31 | 27 TIGER 1B.....7 |
| 19 FALCON 8L(T).30½ | 28 BULLDOG 1B.....6½ |

LETCWORTH NORTH & STOTFOLD

GUIDERS

NOVEMBER 9: Trefoil Guild dinner at DHQ, 7.30 pm
16: District meeting, DHQ, 7.30 pm
17: Paper collection

DECEMBER 14: Trefoil Guild at DHQ

Second Letchworth (St George's) Rangers are now trading under the name of Letchworth North District Rangers.

The Brownie first aid competition on 23 October was the first of its kind, and our thanks go to Mr & Mrs Savage for arranging and judging the contest. Scores:

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| 1... | 1 Stotfold ... | 106 |
| 2... | 11 Letchworth... | 105 |
| 3... | 2 Letchworth... | 98 |
| 4... | 3 Letchworth... | 77 |
| 5... | 9 Letchworth... | 76 |
| 6... | 13 Letchworth... | 67 |

CHAMPION HILLS VENTURE

SCOUT UNIT has a new Executive Committee. The Chairman is Martin Wilkinson, 14 Highfield, Letchworth; other members, Alan Cox, Mark Overtton, David Smith and Peter Thomson.

VSL: Steve Eaves, 47 Norton Road, Letchworth (3564): AVSLs: Ken Reader, 19 Rookes Close, Letchworth (76685), Ian Wharton, 14 Howards Wood, Letchworth (2832), and Antony Keech, 40 The Leas, Baldock.

FOUND PROPERTY

1 black plastic mac, 1 red anorak, 1 navy anorak and 1 tracksuit top, left behind at Weston Park after Cub Jubilee Activity Day, are being eared for by Jim Bruce - phone (daytime) Letchworth 3845, extension 23.

DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL

The September meeting elected Nick Smith as the new Chairman, and John Meikle (78 Gaunts Way, Letchworth) as Secretary. Andrew Brett is Vice-chairman, and Mark Roberts Assistant Secretary.

SCOUT SHOP

For some time we have been short of volunteers in the shop, particularly on Fridays. This is often eased by the Guiders of Letchworth North & Stotfold, but I feel it is unfair to ask warranted Guiders or Scouters to help in this way, and it has been suggested we may get more lay helpers if the evenings became Tuesday and Thursday.

I would be pleased to hear any comments about this and in the absence of any really adverse criticism it is likely we shall change, commencing 4 and 6 January.

We have just been notified that the Cub Scout Handbook is out of print, and an announcement about the book will appear in "Scouting" in December.

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INSURANCE

SCOUT GROUP COUNCILS ARE INFORMED THAT THE DISTRICT IS UNDERTAKING PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE ON ALL LEADERS FROM 1 DECEMBER 1976 AND NOT (AS PREVIOUSLY STATED) 1 APRIL 1977. Any additional cover for lay members, etc., remains the responsibility of the Group Councils.

LEADER TRAINING

Eighteen candidates are taking the General Information Course at DHQ on 1 November and First Baldock HQ on 8 November, the cost including manual and handouts being borne by the District. Leaders requiring Basic and Advanced courses should check with their own Groups about possible subsidies. Some Groups will pay the complete cost, but part of the travel and course fee may be claimed from the Youth & Community Services Subcommittee, on forms obtainable from ADC(LT) Colin Phillips. There is, however, only one subsidy per year.

UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS!

NOVEMBER 1976

- 4 Pack Scouters' Council, DHQ, 2015
- 8 Champion Hills VSU annual general meeting, DHQ, 2000: all Scouters and PLs cordially invited
- 8 General Information course, part 2, 1BHQ
- 13 First-Third Letchworth Bazaar, Free Church Hall
- 16 District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 18 Joint Pack & Troop Scouters' Council, DHQ, 2000
- 18 (5L Bazaar postponed)
- 20 Seventh Letchworth Bazaar, Free Church Hall
- 21 County Cub Jubilee service, St Albans
- 21 B-P Guild Cup patrol competition, 0930 (closing date for entries: 7 November)
- 25 "FAB", Fifth's Autumn Bazaar, 5LHQ, 1900
- 25 District Patrol Leaders' Council, 1945, DHQ
- 26 Eighth Letchworth Christmas Fair, 8LHQ, 1800-2100
- 27 Fourth Letchworth Christmas Market, St Paul's Hall, 1400
- 27 Tenth Letchworth Bazaar, Howard Hall
- 30 CO-ORDINATOR 211 IS READY FOR COLLECTION AT LETCWORTH LIBRARY (closing date for news: 26 November)

DECEMBER 1976

- 1 GSLs' meeting, DHQ, 2000
- 4 Scout & Guide swimming gala at Stevenage, 1830 letters and entry forms are enclosed for all SLs and Guiders. Last date for entries is 21 November.
- 16 Troop Scouters' Council, DHQ, 2000
- 24 Closing date for items for CO-ORDINATOR 212

JANUARY 1977

- 11 District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000