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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### FRIDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2012

Friday, 21 September is a public holiday. On this day we shall not be opening for office or club hours.

#### **BBO NIGHTS AT THE CLUB HOUSE**

Friday nights are BBQ nights at the AMACS Club House.

Members are welcome to bring their own food and cook on our BBQ. A small donation is requested to cover the cost of use of the BBQ, gas, sauces etc.

For those that do not like to BBQ, pizza will be available as usual.

Drinks will be available from our bar.

Members are encouraged to visit the Association's premises and see the work which has been done and view the plans for AMACS's indoor range.



#### **NEW .22 CALIBRE RANGE HAS OPEN AT MAGHTAB**

A new .22LR calibre range has opened up at the Maghtab Shooting Range. Congratulations to the range operator. This range is open daily from 0700 to 1200 and 1630 onwards. Members are encouraged to make use of this range and are reminded to take with them their Target Shooter A licence and insurance document. For more information call the range operator on 99865008.



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#### BBQ AT THE GUN BLAST SHOOTING RANGE IN GOZO

A BBQ will be held at the Gun Blast Shooting Range in Gozo on Friday, 21 September 2012. Price is € 12.00 (to be paid in advance) which includes food and drink.

Transport for groups of 20 or more can be organized from the ferry to the range and back for an additional € 1.00

Send an email on info@amacs-malta.org to book. Family and friends are welcome.



Work on the 40 meter range is now complete and the opening of the Gun Blast Shooting Range in Nadur, Gozo is imminent. The range operators are now waiting for the police to issue the permit, once this is done, shooting will begin. The range will provide for shooting of pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns & airguns/rifles. Different types of targets will be available including steel plates, poppers and also moving targets. We shall be organizing day trips and weekend trips to this range in the very near future. Those that wish to leave their car in Malta will be able to avail themselves of transport from the ferry in Gozo. Food and drink will be available at the range. Visit the range's website for more exciting news:

http://gunblastshootingrange.com

#### **GROUPS ON FACEBOOK**

Members are encouraged to join the following Groups on Facebook:

AMACS group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/10184671049/

IPSC Malta group: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/427817413917780/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/427817413917780/</a>

BATTLEFRONT Living History Group: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/Battlefront/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/Battlefront/</a>

Information is posted frequently and it is a good way to keep your self updated in between editions of the newsletter.



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#### **AMACS WEBSITE**



Members are encouraged to visit our website frequently. The website is constantly updated with information on Club news, courses and upcoming activities. It is a good way to keep up to date between newsletters.

http://www.amacs-malta.org

#### SHOOTING TRIP TO PEDALINO, SICILY - SUNDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2012

We shall be shooting at the Sniper Range in Pedalino, Sicily on Sunday, 21 October. The ferry will leave Malta at 6:45am and arrive back in Malta at 9pm. The fee for this trip shall be Eur 135.00 per person. This covers the cost of the ferry, use of range, lunch and police port fees. Booking for shooters are on a first come first served basis. Full payment must be received by Wednesday 10 October, after which those that have not paid will be replaced by the next person on the waiting list. Friends and family are welcome to join us but they will not be able to shoot. Call on 2141 1600 during our office opening hours to book.



AMACS members during a recent trip to the Sniper Range in Sicily.



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## RECENT EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

#### AMACS OPEN DAY - 9 JUNE 2012



An open day was held at Tigne' Point on Saturday 9 June. The Club premises were open all day to members and the general public where an exhibition of fine firearms was displayed. Our Battlefront re-enactment group and MTAC (airsoft) group held several displays on the grounds at Tigne' Point.







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#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 23rd JUNE 2012

The Association's Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, 23 June at our Tigne' premises.

During the meeting the minutes of the previous AGM were read out. The President spoke about the future plans of the Association including the indoor range project at the Club Rooms of the Clock Tower Block. The Vice President and Secretary presented the administrative report and the Treasurer read the financial report. Committee elections were not scheduled this year.

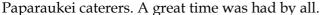
#### BBQ - 16 JULY 2012

A BBQ was held at our Club House on Saturday 16 July. Those that attended were treated to a variety of different foods cooked to their liking by the Paparaukei caterers.

#### PASTA NIGHT - 11 AUGUST 2012



A pasta night was held at the Club House on Saturday 11 August. Members and their guests enjoyed the delicious different types of pasta and sauces served by





## FORTHCOMING EVENT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- A BBQ will be held at the Gun Blast Shooting Range in Gozo on Friday, 21 September.
- Shooting at Maghtab Shooting Range on Thursday, 27 September.
- Basic Airgun Induction Course on Monday, 1 October.
- Shooting at the Victoria Shooting Range on Tuesday, 16 October.
- Firearms Safe Handling Course will be held on Saturday, 20 October.
- Shooting trip to the Sniper Range in Pedalino, Sicily on Sunday, 21 October.



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- IPSC shooting is held every Saturday afternoon at the Victoria shooting Range.
- Airsoft activities are held on Saturdays at the White Rocks Complex in Bahar ic-Caghaq.
- The BATTLEFRONT Living History Group holds regular re-enactments in Malta/Gozo.
- Club Hours are held every Wednesday & Friday after 7pm at our premises in Tigne Point.

#### **CLUB NOTICES**

#### MALTA ARMS & MILITARIA SOCIETY





Battlefront Living History Group (BLHG) is the only local re-enactment group that portrays both British/Maltese and German forces in the Mediterranean theatre of war, with relevance to Malta's

role in WWII. This approach has been successful to the point that BLHG membership has now reached the 40-mark. Moreover, the group is in good demand by event organizers and the yearly program is action-packed.

Numerous public events throughout the year, along with regular social activities and training sessions characterises the group's dedication to historical re-enactment. Its members are in a constant quest for authenticity in uniform and equipment and for accurate portrayal.

Battlefront's ever improving displays are further enhanced by the original material including vehicles that are displayed by members in a historical



context. Skirmishes using vehicles and blank-firing weapons as well as carefully-used pyrotechnics take "Living History" to a whole new level that makes the public experience more complete.

BLHG members currently portray on the Allied side, a unit of the King's Own Malta Regiment (KOMR) and on the Axis side, Fallschirmjaeger (paratroopers) from the LW Brigade Ramcke, A secondary German unit, the LW Hermann Goring Division is in the



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offing. Some members are also kitted out in the uniforms of the Deutsches Afrikakorps, the Waffen-SS and elements from the German Red Cross.

Historical re-enactment is a world-wide passion that has evolved tremendously over the years. Camps and training sessions are aimed at isolating the oneself from modern world and putting oneself in the shoes of a soldier who was fighting on the same ground over seventy years ago. Apart unplugging from everyday's thoughts and stress, it helps to better understand and experience a



soldier's daily life. Forgetting one's own name, eating from the same utensils, sleeping on the hard ground and eating tasteless rationed food is the ultimate experience to fully immerse into this particular hobby. All in all, apart from helping you consume less calories, even for a day, it will make you better look the part in subsequent events and displays.





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Battlefront is in the process of starting training sessions for new and established members. Anybody interested in joining Malta's largest WWII Living History group is kindly asked to send an email to the undersigned at <a href="mailto:battlefrontmalta@gmail.com">battlefrontmalta@gmail.com</a>.

Christian De'Bono BLHG Secretary

#### MALTA RIFLE & PISTOL SHOOTING CLUB



#### **MRPSC Shooting Course**

The next firearms safe handling course will be held on Saturday, 20 October from 9am to 4pm. This is for members who wish to obtain a Target Shooter license A (revolver/pistol/rifle) and Target Shooter license B (tactical shotgun). The fee is  $\in$  30.00. Those interested in attending the course should send an email to our administration office on <a href="mailto:info@amacs-malta.org">info@amacs-malta.org</a> or call on 21411600 during our office hours.



#### **OUR AIM IS SAFETY**

AMACS members will be shooting at Maghtab Shooting Range on Thursday, 27 September from 4:30pm onwards. Members who have a target shooter licence A can shoot .22 caliber pistols, revolvers and rifles. Members are encouraged to join us and make use of this newly opened range. Insurance is a must.

AMACS members will be shooting at Victoria Shooting Range in Handaq on Tuesday, 16 October from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Members who have a target shooter licence A or a target shooter licence B tactical shotgun can join in. Looking forward to seeing you on the range. Insurance is a must.

#### MALTA AIRGUN SHOOTING CLUB



The next Basic Airgun Induction Course for those wishing to obtain a Target Shooter licence B (airguns) will be held on Monday, 1 October starting at 19:30 hours at our Tigne' Premises. It is free for our MASC and MTAC members. Call 2141 1600 or send an email to book.

AMACS members will be shooting at the Maghtab Shooting Range on Thursday 27 September from 4:30pm onwards. Members who have a target shooter licence B airguns can join in the fun. Insurance is a must.

AMACS members will be shooting at the Victoria Shooting Range on Tuesday, 16 October from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Members who have a target shooter licence B airguns can come and join in the fun. Insurance is a must.

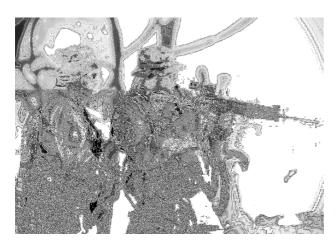


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#### MALTA TACTICAL AIRSOFT CLUB





Members of MTAC who need to attend a safety course to obtain a police licence should contact the office to book for the course scheduled for Monday, 1 October as announced in the MASC section. In the meantime arrangements are being made to utilize a new site for our airsoft activities. Further details shall be announced later.

Regular activities are held by our Airsoft Club. Join the Malta Tactical Airsoft Club (MTAC) to be able to participate in the fun and adventure.

#### MALTA CROSSBOW SHOOTING CLUB



Members who wish to obtain a Crossbow target shooter licence A, should contact our office so that we will book you for the next course.

#### **NOTICE BOARD**

#### **CLUB HOUSE REGULATIONS**

Members are requested to strictly observe the following basic regulations to avoid embarrassment:

**Attendance Book**: The book is located at the entrance and every member is obliged to sign upon arrival. This also applies to members' guests.

**Children**: Members and their guests are not to bring children below the age of 14 to the club premises.

**Pets**: Members and their guests are advised not to bring pets to the club premises.

**Dress Code**: Members and their guests are to wear appropriate clothing that reflects the good standing of our Association and its premises' location. Shabby or indecent clothing shall not be tolerated. If you are in doubt seek the club officials' guidance.

**Guests**: Members are encouraged to bring guests. However they should be aware that they are entirely responsible for their behaviour.



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#### COMMERCIAL ADVERTS AT THE CLUB HOUSE

We shall start to run paid adverts on the two televisions located in the members' area of the Club House. The advert may be in the format of a self running power point presentation, a video or a combination of both and may be up to five minutes long. It will be shown at least twice during each Club evening for a period of four weeks against a fee of  $\in$  50.00 for members and  $\in$  100.00 for nonmembers. Interested parties are to contact the CEO at the earliest opportunity. Dealers are encouraged to leave catalogues for the attention of the members.

#### **COMMERCIAL ADVERTS BY SMS**

We have the facility of sending an SMS to all our members. AMACS members who wish to send an advert to our members may do so for a fee of  $\in$  90.00. Fee for non-AMACS members is  $\in$  150.00. Your message will reach over 800 members. Send an email to <a href="mailto:info@amacs-malta.org">info@amacs-malta.org</a> for more information.

#### **CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS**

Classified ads will be accepted for future newsletters. Ads will be accepted for inclusion under the following two captions: "ITEMS FOR SALE" and "ITEMS WANTED". The fee is € 5.00 per ad and may contain up to 50 words. Classified ads should be sent to the CEO by email on info@amacs-malta.org

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