

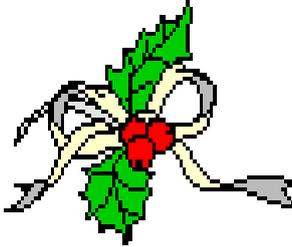


# NEWSBEAT

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## From the President



December is once again with us and with it we must accept the unsuitable weather, the rain, and the wind associated with this period. At the same time, we look forward to the Yuletide period and hopefully look at each other with the intention of wishing each other the best things one wishes for.



Which brings me round to our final social event of the year, our Xmas Drinks—**this will be held on the morning of Sunday 22 December from 11am in our clubhouse.** All members are invited to attend whether rain or shine.

And with December comes the new year and another annual general meeting. The Committee has decided to hold this annual event in January instead of February, the reason being is to give ample time for the new committee to organize itself for the year 2014. **Friday January 17** is the date and the venue is the usual **Topaz aparthotel in Bugibba.** The agenda and other details will be forwarded to all members in good time (see also page 4).

This brings me round to another fact which I would like to inform all members about. I will not be putting in my nomination to sit on the Committee next year and I have ample reasons to do so.

In the first instance, I am getting on in years and cannot cope with the ever increasing load of work associated with the running of a largish association such as ours.

The second reason is that I want to get out of the way so that new blood is injected in the committee in the hope that the Association can move further on in its path.

The third reason, which has hurt my feelings to a great extent, is the rumour that I was self elected as President earlier this year after the resignation of the incumbent President, Mr Joe Filletti. This is a grossly false accusation, as can be verified by the rest of the committee—I was asked to return to the Committee by the Ass. President Mr Philip Chircop, who was acting on behalf of the wishes of the Committee.

It is hoped that the instigator/s of these rumours are manly enough to stand up and be counted at the next Annual General Meeting and even offer his or their services to sit on the Committee.



On a parting note, I wish to thank all those members who showed their solidarity in past years with my actions and my leadership. Unfortunately, such leaderships will invariably lead to some disagreement as one cannot please every one all the time. I therefore augur the future President of the Association and the new committee every success in their work and hope

that the amount of disgruntled members will be totally eliminated by the future president's leadership qualities together with the rest of the new committee.

### **From the committee**

The committee, following the successful attainment of a permit to fly an r/c model exceeding 20Kgs in weight by Mr Martin Mifsud, has been working to draw up a set of procedures which one must follow in order to obtain this exemption. This procedure is being reproduced hereunder and any member who intends to build or procure such a model is encouraged to take note of such procedures. A point worth mentioning is that inspections from authorized persons mentioned in para 2 may be carried out during the actual construction of such models.

### **Procedures to be followed when applying for permit to fly any model aircraft exceeding 20Kgs in weight**

1. Obtain an application form from the Committee or download same from the Association's website.
2. Present the filled up form to the committee, which would eventually nominate two members of the Association to carry out any inspection of the model and eventually be present and approve eventual flight tests.
3. The approved application will be handed to the member for forwarding to the Civil Aviation Directorate, which will process the application and issue a permit/exemption to fly at its discretion.
4. A copy of this exemption/permit must be forwarded to the Association and the owner of the model shall make arrangements with the Committee for a test flight to be carried out in the presence of the same members who carried out the initial inspection.
5. In the event of a renewal of an exemption/permit, the owner of the model must inform the Association that he intends to renew the permit, and requests the procedures outlined in para 2 to para 4 to be repeated.

### **The Majjalata**



The photos above speak for themselves—the event was enjoyed by all who attended. I must however, express my disappointment towards those members who booked for the event and then failed to turn up. I understand that there may be instances when one is compelled to cancel such events, but at least one expects that

such cancellations are notified as early as possible.

## **Next Event— our annual Xmas Dinner**

This year, in order to be somewhat different, the committee has opted to hold this event in a Chinese Restaurant—the Shaukiwan in Xemxija. We have already sought your opinion on this choice and as it seems that a good number of members agreed to it, the decision to hold this event in a different atmosphere was taken.

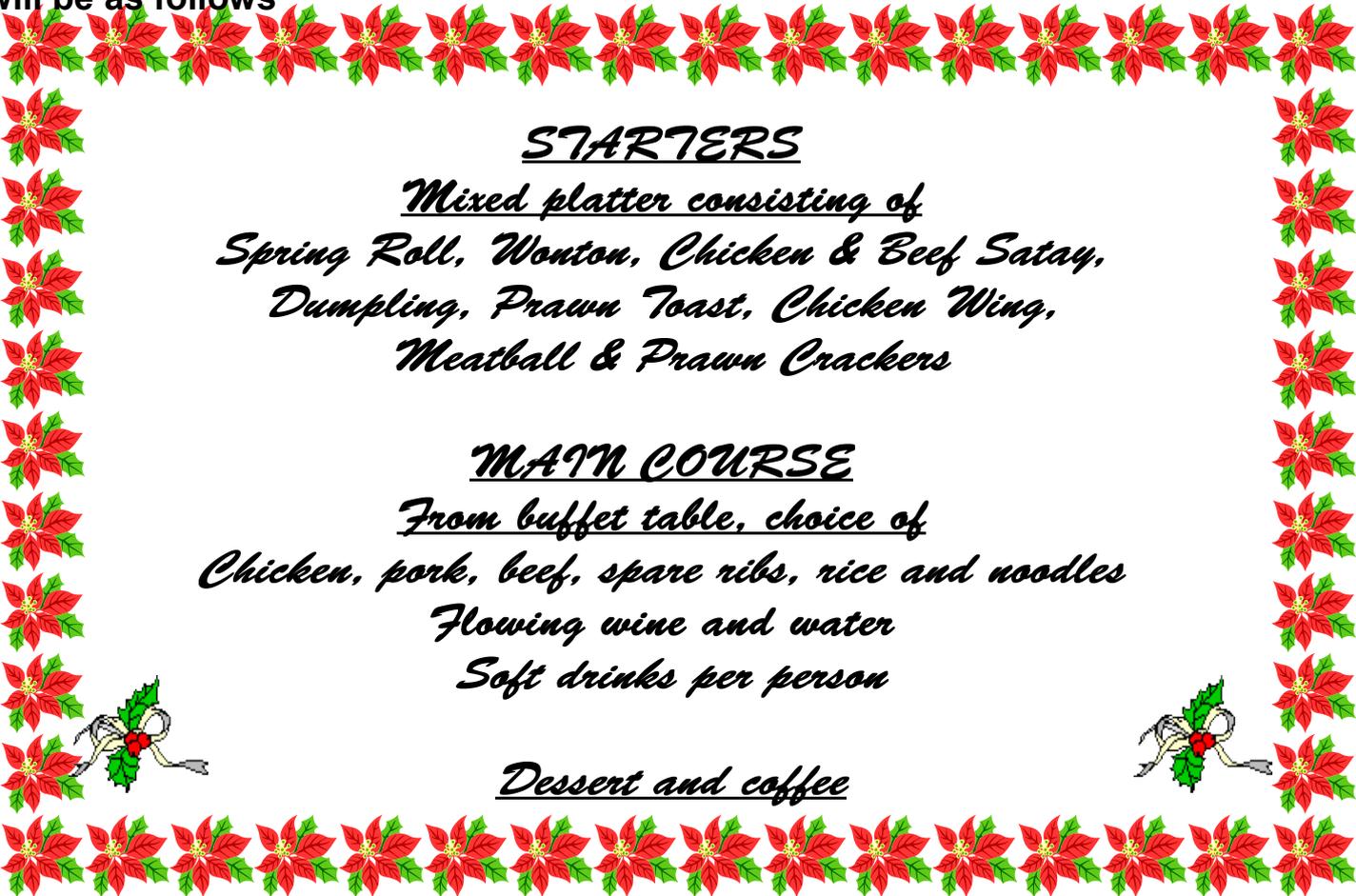
All relevant details appear below. I have to say, however that in order to avoid embarrassing situations with the restaurant owner, I have to collect a deposit of euro 10 from every person attending

## **FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER 2013 AT 8.15PM FOR 8.30PM.**

A considerable number of members have already booked for this occasion, but I will accept other bookings until Sunday 22 December. Please contact me on [info@mmafa.eu](mailto:info@mmafa.eu) or [franz1@go.net.mt](mailto:franz1@go.net.mt). Price is very reasonable and is around Euro 20 per head including drinks and coffee with the main course is on a buffet style.

A deposit of euro 10 per person is being requested. This can be settled by contacting me direct at Ta' Qali. Please contact me on the above emails or on 9947 1193 for further details.

The SHAUKIWAN Restaurant is situated in Xemxija Hill, Xemxija. The menu will be as follows



### STARTERS

*Mixed platter consisting of  
Spring Roll, Wonton, Chicken & Beef Satay,  
Dumpling, Prawn Toast, Chicken Wing,  
Meatball & Prawn Crackers*

### MAIN COURSE

*From buffet table, choice of  
Chicken, pork, beef, spare ribs, rice and noodles  
Flowing wine and water  
Soft drinks per person*

*Dessert and coffee*

## **The Annual General Meeting –Nominations, motions and Statute amendments**

**Members wishing to propose amendments to the Statute, the standing regulations or any motions regarding our activities are to submit them in writing to the Association's address or by e-mail NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY 3 JANUARY 2014. The statute and our Standing Regulations may be downloaded from our website.**

Members please note that

1. No new motion can be presented during the AGM. Only motions to amend the submitted motions can be discussed (called counter motions)
2. Unless there is no alternative solution to a particular situation during an AGM, motions for suspension of the rules should not be presented.
3. **Members will be allowed to vote only if they settle their membership fees**

**Likewise, those members who wish to sit on the Committee for NEXT year are to submit the nomination form shown on the next page, duly completed and signed by two seconders and submit it NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY 3 JANUARY.** I urge members, especially the younger ones, to offer their services on the Committee as the Association needs young blood, new ideas and new energies to survive.

## **Agenda**

1. **Reading of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting**
2. **Matters Arising**
3. **Correspondence**
4. **Other matters**
5. **Report by the Association's treasurer**
6. **Presidential address**
7. **Motions / Statute/Standing regulations amendments**
8. **Election of Tellers and Auditors**
9. **Election of new Committee**

Refreshments will be served during a break

### **Donation to I-Istrina**

As is the custom for the Association, the committee will be presenting the sum of Euro 100 to the Strina fund organized by the President of the Republic. Part of these funds were collected during the Wings Over Ta' Qali event and the rest topped up from the association's funds.

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## NOMINATION FORM

The undersigned are hereby nominating

\_\_\_\_\_  
For sitting on the Committee of the  
Malta Model Aircraft Flying Association  
For the year 2014

Seconded by

Seconded by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Name in block capitals

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Note: Nominators must be fully paid up members of the Association. Nominees must have been full members of the Association for two consecutive years. This form is to reach the Committee by not later than the FRIDAY 3 JANUARY 2014



*From the  
Committee of the  
MMAFA*

**Xmas drinks  
Sunday 22 December  
11am**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

22 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DRINKS
27 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER