B-P Bits:

B-P was very fortunate to be accepted on a scholarship to Charterhouse. He joined the choir and remained a member for all of his six years. B-P also joined the orchestra, the school’s brass band, and the cadet corps as a bugler. The Charterhouse school offered many extracurricular activities, and Baden-Powell became more and more involved in them. Aside from music, B-P became involved in sports, particularly soccer. In addition, he began to excel in rifle marksmanship. In the first inter-school rifle shooting competition that Charterhouse participated in, B-P scored the only bull’s-eye in the whole competition. Finally, drama and theatries were activities that B-P became very involved in, and he was a very talented actor and ad-lib performer. Among his peers, he was generally popular in the school. Two years after he had joined the school, they changed locations; it was a rough period and there was a lot of confusion. B-P’s lively and understanding personality helped things to run a little smoother among the students.

Collectors’ Corner: Button hole pins

You may think being able to tie knots and light fire in the forest may bring some fun and a few badges on the scout uniform. Yet how many of you know that it can fast track you to a successful career? If you look up lists of the most important, impactful, powerful, successful and richest people on earth, you will find most of them have had a scout history behind them. For example, Bill Gates (left). Scouting is the world’s largest leadership development program. No other management program or leadership organization can match Scouting when it comes to how many leaders it has hatched.
Scouting and Guiding Federation of Turkey (Türkiye İzcilik Federasyonu, TİF) is the national Scouting and Guiding federation of Turkey. It serves 33,974 Scouts as of 2011 and 2,883 Guides as of 2006. The start of Scouting in Turkey is attributed to the brothers Ahmet and Abdurrahman Robenson, who were sports teachers at the Galatasaray and Kabataş high schools in Istanbul in 1909, and to Nafi Arif Kansu and Ethem Nejat, with first units organized at Darüşşafaka, during the late Ottoman period. During this same period, Scouting was created independently in outlying areas of the Ottoman Empire, most notably in Lebanon and Syria. The Scouting efforts were put to a halt during the Balkan Wars and World War I, and again gained momentum after the foundation of the Republic of Turkey in 1923. In 1926, Scouting activities began to be organized nationwide in schools. There is an annual week called "The Scout - The Helper", which gives all members of the Scouting and Guiding Federation an opportunity to participate in community service projects, where they help for a week in hospitals, at the Red Crescent association, and in similar organizations. Scouts plant trees in villages in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture. Only the Cub packs are open to boys and girls; the older sections operate in single-gender groups.

NCAC International Committee Member Ivonne Sencebe-Reilly just came back from the Guatemala 25th Anniversary Scout Camporee. Ten countries or territories participated: Belize, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Panama, El Salvador, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the USA. Among the participants, there was a great deal of interest in coming to the WSJ2019, so a strategy was planned for them to start a recycling program. Now Scouts in Central America are working to collect and sell recyclables to fund their participation at the next world jamboree.

What is the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)?
WOSM is an independent, non-political, non-governmental organization made up of 161 National Scout Organizations (NSO’s). These NSO’s are located in 223 countries and territories around the world. With 40 million members in one million local communities, WOSM is one of the largest youth organizations in the world. BSA was recognized by WOSM in 1922, WOSM’s first year.