



NZART HQ INFOLINE ISSUE # 470
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From the desk at HQ.....

Branch Newsletter

Later this month (April) I will be sending to branch secretaries, the usual April branch newsletter which includes your branch voting statistics for remits.

However, due to increased postal costs, instead of being sent via post, these will be emailed to all branches where I have a contact email address.

If you are not the intended recipient, it will mean that your branch contact details are not up to date on the NZART web site.

So, I urge you to forward this to the correct person and advise me who this should be so I can update your branch listing on our web site.

Included in this email will be your Branch Update form and branch membership details.

Conference awards

This is the final call for awards to be presented at the NZART AGM. Nominations close at the end of April for; Life Membership to NZART, Amateur of the Year, Young Amateur of the year and the ZL1HV Jumbo Godfrey awards.

Please forward nominations to me so I can arrange the appropriate certificates.

Talk soon ...Debby ZL2DL

Around the Branches:

Gisborne & Hawkes Bay Ham Crams

Hawkes Bay & Tairāwhiti (Gisborne) will be holding ham cram weekends.

Gisborne to be held over the weekend of 22/ 23 April and Hawkes Bay over the weekend 13/14 May
Please see the brochures attached to this article for more information in both areas.

Wanganui Branch Table Sale Registration details attached to this issue of HQ InfoLine.

When: Saturday 6th May
Where: Blind & Low Vision Hall 102 Peat Street, next to ZL2JA Clubrooms
Start time: 9am

More information and registration for attached to this infoline. No table sales on the day, so please register early.

Mike Newman ZL1BNB
Secretary Branch 48
Wanganui ARC

Radio Electronics Group – annual equipment sale
You are invited to the Radio Electronics Group annual new and used equipment sale.

When: Saturday 20th May
Where: Glenview Club, 211 Peacockes Road, Fitzroy, Hamilton.
Start time Vendors: 8:30am
Doors Open: 10am
Attached to this email is the sale day notice and a vendor registration form. Vendors please email completed registration forms to <ZL1REGSALE@gmail.com>

Please feel free to share this email with others. The sale day team are looking forward to catching up with you all on the day.

73 de ZL1PO
John Lisignoli
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Radio Electronics Group (Inc.)
Branch 89 of NZART, ZL1REG.
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Western Suburbs Branch 03 – ANZAC Day



Western Suburbs NZART Branch 03, will be running a special station to commemorate ANZAC day. Between 0800 - 2000hrs. All Bands FT8 and SSB Callsign ZL1PPY. Special QSL card.

Contests

Reminder for the ZL Autumn Sprints

ZL Autumn Sprints kick off on Tuesday 4 April 2023 at 0800z (8pm) and run for the four consecutive Tuesdays in April on 80m.

The format is the same as last time, i.e. work as many other stations as you can in an hour with the first half hour being CW and the second half hour SSB. You can work the same station once in each half hour (or you can just do the CW or SSB segment).

The exchange is signal report and outside temperature (if it is below zero then record the number with an "M" in front of it e.g. M1 is minus 1). Each QSO is worth one point and there are no multipliers.

Logs must be emailed to me in within 24 hours of each round to be counted and scores will be posted weekly.

Recommended frequencies are: CW 3520-3550kHz SSB 3600-3650kHz

This is a good chance to have a go at contesting in a very low-key way or improve your operating skills.

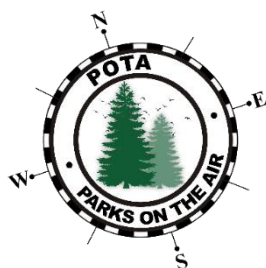
The full rules can be found at

<https://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contests/sprints/>

Any questions let me know.

Mark ZL3AB

Parks on the Air (POTA) Workshop



When: 1000 to 1200 Saturday April 15 and 0900 to 1300 to Sunday April 16.

Where: Saturday April 15 is at the Branch 29 clubrooms, 400 East Coast Road, Sunnynook. Sunday April 16 is in Long Bay Regional Park. On the Saturday, parking is available in both the lower and upper car parks at 400 East Coast Road, Sunnynook. The location of the workshop in Long Bay Regional Park will be decided on the Saturday of the workshop.

Organisers: Terry James ZL1HOG and the Branch 29 committee. Terry is the chairperson of Branch 29 and a POTA proponent.

Cost: The workshop is free as is morning tea on Saturday morning. Workshop participants should bring their own food for Sunday.

Who can attend: The workshop is open to any operator with an amateur licence.

Rain check: Unless there is an extreme weather event, the first day of the workshop will go ahead. The second day of the workshop will be postponed if there is rain or high winds.

POTA is an awards program that requires operators to either activate a park by contacting other stations, or to hunt parks by contacting stations activating parks. The Auckland region is fortunate to have 22 POTA parks

within a two-hour drive of downtown Auckland. There are also four POTA parks on islands in the inner Hauraki Gulf.

The workshop on Saturday morning will be an introduction to POTA. The first half of the introduction will explain what activators and hunters do, what awards are available, and what is required to activate a park, including alerting and spotting. The second half of the introduction will describe how to submit logs and discuss the important role FT-8 plays in the activation of parks. During the introduction, Terry will present tips operators can follow to help ensure they successfully activate or hunt a park.

The workshop on Sunday will be a practical demonstration of activating a park. Terry will go through setting up a portable POTA station and discuss the gear he typically uses on a POTA activation. He will then activate Long Bay Regional Park.

If you are new to POTA and have gear you are thinking of using on POTA activations, you are encouraged to bring the gear to the workshop and ask questions about the gear.

Although the organisers would like you to attend both days of the workshop, the organisers realise that you might be able to attend one day only.

Questions? If you have any questions about the workshop, please email Terry ZL1HOG at tcjhog@icloud.com

Acknowledgement: The use of the POTA logo is acknowledged

Next Issue of HQ InfoLine

The next InfoLine is due out Sunday 16th April 2023. If you would like to share any events or report on any upcoming activities, please send these through to <nzart@nzart.org.nz>

The Next Official Broadcast will be held Sunday 30th April 2023.

Nga mihi nui. (Kind regards)

Debby

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