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Greetings Everyone,

Welcome to **Headquarters-Info-Line** a fortnightly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters E-mailed directly to Branches.

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## **NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:**

**Conference 2003** - By now many of you will have heard feedback from Conference and once again a good time was had by all. Yours truly was the recipient of the stirrer's award, which to my way of thinking was totally undeserved. All I said to those present was to get motivated and start imparting those many years of knowledge gathering and experience, on to youth. This is the only way Amateur Radio will remain in the future. It's all up to you.

**Council Question 'On Air' night** - Council, acting on a suggesting made by Taupo branch, will be available to answer any questions/concerns from members. They agreed the best time would be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month after the Council net on 80meters when all Councillors are present. A net controller will call for anyone present to raise their question and will answered by one or more Councillors. A similar topic night is also being considered on the National system for all licensed amateurs.

**Final call for Beacon & Repeater Information** - A concern raised by the chairman of the Frequency Technical Advisory Group (FMTAG) was that 39 Branches had yet to submit their Beacon and Repeater information for inclusion Call book 2004. If these forms are not returned, then please do not complain if your details are printed incorrectly.

## **Subscription rates for 2004**

Transmitting/Non-Transmitting Membership	<b>\$90</b>
<b>Family Membership (additional)</b>	<b>\$30</b>
Total family membership no more than	<b>\$120</b>
Student Membership	<b>\$35</b>

Overseas (Surface)	<b>\$90</b>
Overseas (Airmail)	<b>\$104</b>

The rebate of \$10 is applicable if paid prior to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2003. Invoices for these will be posted out with your next issue July/August of Break In, together with Call book.

### **Stolen Equipment Register**

Lastly, a recommendation by the Stolen Equipment Officer and subsequent approval by Council saw implementation of the following:

*Stolen gear will be reported once on the Official Broadcast, HQ Info-line and in Break-In, then just stored should the information be needed. This means that lists of stolen gear will not be circulated to Junk Sales and the like.*

See you soon.....

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### **Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:**

The next NZART contest is the Memorial Contest on Saturday July 5th with six one-hour periods between 0800 and 1400 UTC (2000 Saturday to 0200 Sunday NZT). This single operator event is on 80 metres with phone/mixed and CW sections etc. Exchange RS(T) plus serial number starting between 001 and 300 and incrementing by one for each contact. Give it a go!

This year the scoring system has changed from the old method of claiming 15 points for the first QSO with a region and decreasing by one for each QSO with that region. The new method is one point per phone QSO and 2 points per CW QSO. Multiply the total number of QSO points by the total number of prefixes worked on both modes.

The amended rules are on the NZART contest website.

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests> Rules are also available by email or post from Win ZL2GI. Logs to Win Gilbert ZL2GI 146 Liverton Rd., Lower Hutt to arrive by no later than 2 August. Electronic logs are encouraged - on disk or by email to [wgilbert@actrix.gen.nz](mailto:wgilbert@actrix.gen.nz) the old rules in the callbook still apply except for the scoring details.

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### **IARU Team on the Job as WRC-03 Opens in Geneva:**

Geneva, 11 June – The International Telecommunication Union’s World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 got underway on Monday morning, 9 June, at the Geneva International Conference Center next to ITU Headquarters. More than 2,600 delegates and other participants are expected to attend the four-week conference. As the first order of business, Dr. Veena Rawat of Canada was elected Chairman of the Conference by acclamation.

There are several items on the conference agenda that are of great importance to radio amateurs, so the International Amateur Radio Union has fielded its largest team of observers at an ITU conference in more than a decade.

The core IARU team consists of IARU President Larry Price, W4RA, Wojciech Nietyksza, SP5FM, Michael Owen, VK3KI, Ken Pulfer, VE3PU, and David Sumner, K1ZZ. Past ITU Radiocommunication Bureau Director Robert W. Jones, VE7RWJ, is serving as a consultant to the IARU. Also present on national delegations is approximately a dozen other radio amateurs who are representing their national IARU member-societies along with members of IARU regional executive committees serving in this and other capacities. Among the latter are IARU Vice President David Wardlaw, VK3ADW, who is on the Australian delegation; Region 1 Chairman Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, who is on the Norwegian delegation; Region 1 Vice Chairman Tafa Diop, 6W1KI, observing for the African Telecommunications Union; Region 2 Vice President Dario Jurado, HP1DJ, observing for the IARU; and Region 3 Secretary Keigo Komuro, JA1KAB, who is on the delegation of Japan, Region 3 Chairman Fred Johnson, ZL2AMJ, who is on the New Zealand delegation, and Y.S. Park, HL1IFM, Region 3 Director, who is on the delegation from the Republic of Korea.. We will list the other national delegates, who are playing important roles on behalf of Amateur Radio, in a future release. In addition there are literally dozens of radio amateurs who are present in a wide range of professional capacities.

Amateur Radio is but a small part of the conference, which is trying to complete work on more than 40 agenda items. Three are especially important to us: realignment of 7 MHz allocations (agenda item 1.23), revision of the regulations governing the amateur and amateur-satellite services (agenda item 1.7), and consideration of an allocation for satellite-borne synthetic aperture radars (SARs) in the 70-cm band (agenda item 1.38). Two other agenda items that could potentially have a great impact are the drafting of an agenda for the next WRC scheduled for 2007 (agenda item 7.2) and the revision of footnotes to the Table of Frequency Allocations (agenda item 1.1). A member of the IARU core team has been assigned to follow each of these five items, with the most focus being on 7 MHz.

After just the first three days there are, of course, no final decisions on any issues and there has not even been formal discussion of the major issues although there has been plenty of informal discussion in the hallways and over coffee.

It is the intention of the IARU core team to send timely and accurate reports of final decisions reached on Amateur Radio issues. It is important to remember that nothing is final until the second reading of a document in the Plenary, which in the case of controversial issues will not take place until the final week of the conference, 30 June – 4 July.

David Sumner, K1ZZ  
IARU Secretary  
For the IARU WRC-03 Team

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### **Are You This Person?**

**Returned Mail:** Would the person who sent the Jan/Feb and Mar/April issues of Break-In to: Mr Eddie Kawashima, Yokohama, Japan, Please contact The Editor of Break-In, PO Box 1733, Christchurch ch, or phone 03-3489 084, or email [staf169@it.canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:staf169@it.canterbury.ac.nz) as soon as possible

## Key Points from the Conference 2003 Official Broadcast:

- **Bruce Douglas ZL2WP** was re-elected by Council to the position of **Vice President of NZART**
- **Treasurer** advised that due to the generosity of members the Association appeared in a better financial position than had been budgeted for. Mainly to members donating their rebate from 2003 subscriptions to the WRC-03 fund and also to the Leitch Estate, from which additional funds had been allocated.
- **Subscriptions** for 2004 same as for 2003. A rebate of \$10 is applicable if paid prior to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2003.
- Most **Officers** have accepted re-appointments of their various positions. Exceptions are Council's 'on air' Minute Secretary. The Monitoring Service Co-ordinator. The Administration Liaison Officer - this role has by default been passed back to Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ, who has worked tirelessly for the past 21+ years. A replacement is **URGENTLY** required.
- **HQ Info-Line editor** is now officially acknowledged as an Officer of the Association.
- **MED Amateur Radio Licensing** - a firm decision will come from the MED by the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2003 in regard to amateur radio licenses in the future.
- **Call Book** - a full call book will be produced in 2004 including a CD-Rom of the callbook.
- **NZART Constitution Review** - A two-year constitutional review is almost complete. The expectation is that a final draft in .pdf format will be available for members to comment on within the next 8 to 10 weeks and that a Council Sponsored Remit will come before next years AGM.
- Conference Officially Opened by Mr Roddy McKenzie Deputy Mayor of Masterton.
- Guest Speaker Dr Warren Tucker, Colonel Commandant of the Royal NZ Signal Corps Who gave an insight into the world of Cryptography. His speech will be made available for publication in Break In.
- A quorum of 1774 was confirmed.
- The Associations Treasurer Evan Sayer highlighted the generosity of Association members in donating their subscription rebate and also monies received from a bequest from the Leitch Estate to assist in travel costs for Representatives to attend WRC-03 and the IARU Region 3 Triennial Conference later this year.
- Rodney Branch 71 presented with a certificate in appreciation for coming forward with their idea of donating the subscription rebate.

- Association's auditors Parsons Roddick and Co reappointed by the meeting.

### **Officer Reports:**

- NZART Business Manager Debby Morgan ZL2TDM gave all the message – loud and clear, that members throughout the country cannot afford to rest on their laurels. Amateurs have seen hard times in the past and overcome them due mainly to the passion we have for our interest in technology. She urged us all to get back to our respective Branches and be positive and active in recruiting more people both to the Association and to Amateur Radio.
- Special thanks were accorded the FMTAG officers David Andrews ZL2SX and Doug Ingham ZL2TAR, for their untiring efforts and also Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ the Administration Liaison Officer.
- IARU Liaison Officer, Peter Lake ZL2AZ, advised that due to the outbreak of SARS in Asian countries, the triennial IARU Region 3 Conference had been postponed.
- Mike Newman ZL1BNB Local Government Liaison Officer urged that all branches be aware of their local Council considerations. While he had huge success with the Palmerston North City Council, the RMA is a very powerful document. He happened on proposed changes purely by chance. Keep a very diligent eye out for any Council notices in local papers.
- Acknowledgment was made to Jim ZL2BHF for his continuous commitment to the Association, in the position of Official Broadcast Officer and the newly accorded Officer appointment of HQ Info–line Editor.
- **Amateur of the Year for 2002** was awarded to Mr Ken Holdam ZL4HU. Ken has been deeply involved in the DX field of Amateur Radio, not to mention the leader of many Dxpeditions and has been recognized by many overseas DX Associations.

### **Remits:**

1. *That the HF Bandplan for New Zealand, (as published in the 2002/2003 Callbook), be amended to restrict operation on frequencies between 1800 kHz and 1840 kHz in the 160 m band, to CW or modes occupying less than 1 kHz bandwidth.*

**CARRIED** on voices.

2. Clarification was made on the classification of this remit, which should have read as NON transmitting in Break In, not Regulatory. *That NZART lobby the NZ Government to introduce restrictions on imported electronic commercial goods, such that they have to meet the EMC susceptibility requirements of IEC standards etc.*

**CARRIED** on voices.

3. *That NZART commences negotiation immediately with the Ministry of Economic Development, to institute a Foundation Licence scheme modelled on that of the United Kingdom.*

**LOST** on voices.

4. That NZART enter into negotiations with the Ministry of Economic Development to attain allocations in the 5MHz band for propagation experimentation and emergency service communications.

**CARRIED** on Voices

- **Conference 2004** -The President of Marlborough Branch 22 Stuart Watchman ZL2TW offered to host Conference 2004 in Blenheim.
- **Rothschild Cup** – presented to the Branch who had achieved the highest examination passes in the preceding 12 months. This year awarded to Marlborough Branch for 9 successful passes.
- **Retiring Councillors** - Bob McQuarrie ZL3TY, Murray Woodfield ZL1CN, Steve Davis ZL2UCX, Bill Bailey ZL4RW and Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ were presented with certificates of appreciation and recognition for their service to the Association. Fred ZL2AMJ was accorded a standing ovation for his 31 years as Councillor and President of the Association.
- **Incoming Councillors** – ZL1UD, ZL2KH, ZL3ADF, ZL3SZ and ZL4QS were presented with white Council badges.
- **The Stirrers Award** was made to NZART Business Manager Debby Morgan ZL2TDM, The meeting heartily agreed.

More detail of NZART Conference 2003 in Masterton can be found on the NZART Conference Official Broadcast at <http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/Update/Broadcast/>

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### **The OTC (ZL) Golden Award**

**AN AWARD TO CELEBRATE THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF OTC (ZL).** - *The Old Timers Club (ZL) was formed at Annual Conference of NZART in 1953. Membership was available for Radio Amateurs who had been licensed for 25 years or more. In later years an associate membership became available for those who had been licensed for 10 years and were over 60 years of age.*

The award shall be gained by:

#### **1. Attaining 50 points made by working any combination of the following.**

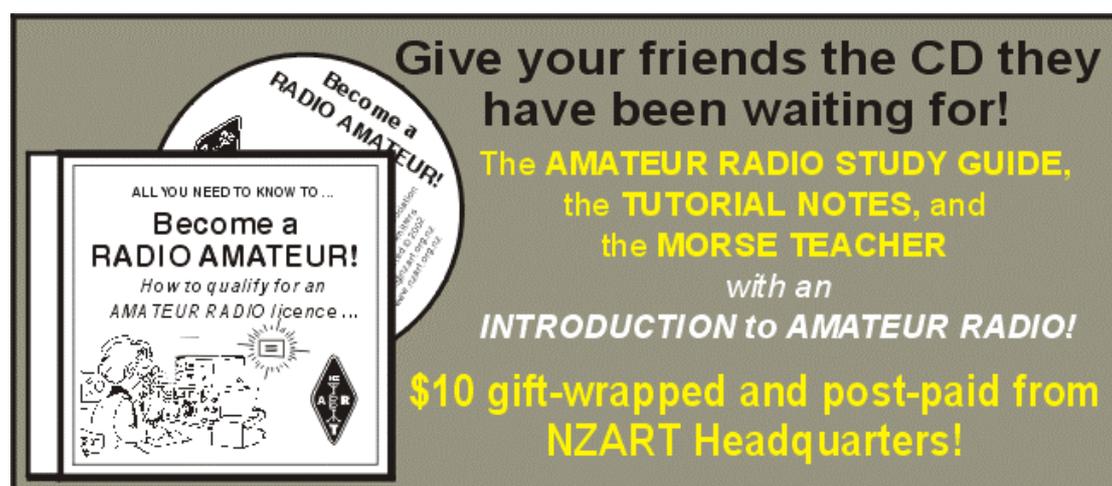
**Patron** - Harry Martin ZL1PX - 20 Points  
**Grand Old Man** - Bob Banks ZL1AUI - 10 Points  
**Past GOM's** - ZL1UZ, ZL1CZ, ZL3CC - 5 Points  
**OTC Secretary** - Roy Symon ZL2KH - 5 Points  
**OTC Treasurer** - Brian Lawn ZL2AJS - 5 Points  
**Past OTC Secretaries** - ZL1LR, ZL1TAF - 5 Points  
**OTC Members** - 1 Point

**There are no compulsory contacts required.**

## 2. Rules

- There will be one contact only with an OTC member for the award except as per list of officials who can be claimed twice, once as a 1 point ordinary member and again as an official for the prescribed points.
- The "officials" listed above may be worked once only as "officials" and once only as ordinary members.
- The "officials" are permitted to "change hats", and dispense 1 Point as a member during the same QSO as for their higher scoring points.
- Contacts are valid on any Amateur Band, and in any mode, without licence category being a bar.
- No contacts are permitted during the Sunday morning net - but may be made after it finishes.
- The period of the award is from 2 June to 31 July 2003.
- Logs showing date, time, station worked, reports each way, operator's name and OTC number, to reach OTC Secretary ZL2KH no later than 30 September 2003.
- Cost of the award is \$5.00 NZ.
- The Awards Net which operates on 3677 kHz nightly at 0800 UTC is prepared to act as the venue for this award.

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**Branch Spot:**

A popular activity of the Far North Districts Amateur Radio Club Branch 78 NZART is their Mid Winter Dinner & Used Equipment Sale. This year the event is being held on **Sunday June 29th** at the Taipa Scout & Guide Hall (just off SH 10 at Taipa). The used equipment activity starts at 10am with no charge for sellers followed by a lamb on the spit dinner at 1pm. Just \$10.00 per head for dinner. If a trip to the Far North and an enjoyable day and company sounds like a good idea, contact the Branch 78 President Bob Banks ZL1AUI at [bob.banks@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bob.banks@xtra.co.nz) or Eric Manning ZL1GE at [eric.man@xtra.co.nz](mailto:eric.man@xtra.co.nz) or telephone 09/406-7059.

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**Dates To Remember:**

- Next NZART Official Broadcast 8pm & 9pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June
- Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Closing Date for next Break-In Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July

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**Jim Meachen ZL2BHF**  
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