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## Greetings Everyone

Welcome to Headquarters-Info-Line a twice-monthly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters e-mailed directly to Branches and to others that subscribe through the NZART Web Site. This bulletin is also distributed on the amateur radio packet network.

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From the NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM:

Debby says....

**Subscriptions:** The new member promotion has now expired and a total of 165 members joined or rejoined the Association.

This is really great news as the more we encourage amateurs to become members the less likely subscriptions will increase in the coming year.

My sincere thanks to all of you who encouraged others or have joined during this period.

Sadly as is always the case there are 372 amateurs whose details are incorrect on the Radio Spectrum database, which is what was used to send out our promotional letter. This not only means they missed out on the opportunity to belong to NZART at such a reasonable rate, but also that the RSM database has considerable amount of incorrect details. This further adds to erroneous information that is produced in call book each year. And people wonder why their details aren't correct!

If you know of anyone whose address is wrong in call book please get them to contact RSM immediately to ensure their information is up to date. I can't change the details for them.

The end of November also brings to a close the opportunity to pay a rebated subscription to NZART.

If for some reason your membership has not been paid and you feel sure you have sent me payment, please first check to see if your payment details have gone through your account as it is much easier for you to confirm a payment than for me to search all my banking deposits.

**HQ Closed:** I will be away from the office from Friday 21st December until Wednesday 16th January; therefore the office will be closed. If you have anything you need to contact me urgently about, please do so before the 21st December.

I will remind of these dates in the last issue of HQ Info-line for the year.

Talk soon...Debby ZL2TDM

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### **One Letter Call Signs - Call for comment**

Don Wallace, the ALO, has received a number of comments on the current policy for the allocation and use of 1 letter call signs by contesters, DX'ers, etc. If you want to have any input to this, please contact Don by email at [alo@nzart.org.nz](mailto:alo@nzart.org.nz) or by mail at 149 Orangi Kaupapa Rd, Wellington 6012 ASAP.

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### **Contest News**

#### **VHF Contests**

##### **VHF Contest Date Rules**

The rules are available at: [www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/vhfcontestrules0606.html](http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/vhfcontestrules0606.html)

##### **DX Weekend Contest**

All bands 50 MHz and up. First Saturday in February, and the following day.

##### **Low Band Contest**

All bands 50 MHz to 440 MHz. First Saturday in April, and the following day. Delayed one week if it clashes with VHF Convention.

##### **Hibernation Contest**

All bands 50 MHz and up. First Saturday in June, and the following day. Delayed one week if it clashes with NZART Conference.

##### **Brass Monkey Contest**

All bands 50 MHz and up. First Saturday in August, and the following day.

##### **Microwave Contest**

All bands 614 MHz and up. First Saturday in October, and the following day.

##### **Field Day Contest**

All bands 50 MHz and up. First Saturday in December, and the following day.

For all contests, the operating periods are 1700 to 2300 on the Saturday, and 0700 to 1300 on the Sunday, NZ local time.

#### **For 2008 The Dates Are:**

##### **DX Weekend Contest**

All bands 50 MHz and up. Saturday 2nd February, and Sunday 3rd.

##### **Low Band Contest**

All bands 50 MHz to 440 MHz. Saturday 5th April, and Sunday 6th. Delayed one week if it clashes with VHF Convention.

##### **Hibernation Contest**

All bands 50 MHz and up. Saturday 7th June, and Sunday 8th. Delayed one week if it clashes with NZART Conference.

##### **Brass Monkey Contest**

All bands 50 MHz and up. Saturday 2nd August, and Sunday 3rd.

##### **Microwave Contest**

All bands 614 MHz and up. Saturday 4th October, and Sunday 5th.

##### **Field Day Contest**

All bands 50 MHz and up. Saturday 6th December, and Sunday 7th.

For all contests, the operating periods are 1700 to 2300 on the Saturday, and 0700 to 1300 on the Sunday, NZ local time.

Thanks to Doug ZL2TAR

#### **RESULTS OF THE MICROWAVE CONTEST 6th and 7th October 2007**

These results found their way into another e-mail folder and were overlooked-Editor

<b>Band</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Points</b>
Callsign	Locator	
23 cm	(1296 MHz)	
ZL2IP	RF70bs	40
9 cm	(3399 MHz)	
ZL1SWW	RF73hb	95
ZL1TPH	RF73hm	95
3 cm	(10368 MHz)	
ZL2IP	RF70bs	2375
ZL1TPH	RF73hm	1917
ZL1SWW	RF73hb	468
<b>TOTAL SCORES</b>		
ZL2IP	RF70bs	2415
ZL1TPH	RF73hm	2012
ZL1SWW	RF73hb	563
<b>BEST DX</b>		
23 cm	ZL1TBG-ZL2IP	316 km
9 cm	ZL1SWW-ZL1TPH	53 km
3 cm	ZL1TPH-ZL2IP	355 km

#### **4 STATIONS ACTIVE:**

ZL1SWW ZL1TBG ZL1TPH ZL2IP

#### **EQUIPMENT**

Ted, ZL2IP, used 1W on 10 GHz and 10 W on 1296 MHz. He comments: 10 GHz worked as normal.

Conditions got poorer as the morning went on but still OK. Ralph's (ZL1TBG) 40 W on 1296 MHz was so strong that I could not peak up the dish, as all the LEDs were lit up. Simon (ZL1SWW) was very strong on 10 GHz, being closer than Steve (ZL1TPH). The weather was very bad at my QTH, with high wind and low cloud.

On 10 GHz, Steve (ZL1TPH) used an IC-402 IF to feed a DB6NT, giving 5 W to a 70 cm dish.

Simon, ZL1SWW, used a converted DXR 700-730 on 3.4 GHz, providing 5 W to a 20-element Remec patch antenna (19 dBi gain). On 10 GHz a converted DXR 700-710 provided 5 W to a 57 cm prime focus dish with reverse feed.

## **THE NEXT CONTESTS**

The next contest is the Field Day Contest, 50 MHz and above, on Saturday the 1st and Sunday the 2nd of December 2007. The operating times are: Saturday 1700 to 2300 NZT and Sunday 0700 to 1300 NZT. The following contest is the DX Weekend Contest, on Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 3rd of February 2008. The operating times are: Saturday 1700 to 2300 NZT and Sunday 0700 to 1300 NZT.

The rules are available at:

<[www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/vhfcontestrules0606.html](http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/vhfcontestrules0606.html)>

All contest logs should be sent, to arrive within two weeks, to:

Contest Manager, Wellington VHF Group, P.O. Box 12-259, Thorndon, Wellington

## **HF Contests**

There is not too much by way of contest activity this weekend apart from the ARRL 10m Contest. It maybe possible to have some reasonable propagation for this contest if the slow increase in SFI numbers, as evidenced over the past couple of days continue.

## **2008 JOCK WHITE MEMORIAL FIELD DAY CONTEST - ADVANCE NOTICE**

When: 23 & 24 February 2008.

Updated Contest will be posted to the NZART Website and published in Break-In nearer to the event - probably late 2007 and the Nov/Dec Break-In Contest column. I have been advised by Stuart, ZL2TW that he will be in a position to update Field Day matters in the near future. This being the case I will publish the in the earliest Contests This Weekend Bulletin and again in the Jan/Feb 2008 Break-In Contest column.

No doubt, Jamie, ZL2NN will also include this update in InfoLine and Jim, ZL2BHF will also incorporate in the relative Official Broadcast.

## **2008 RSGB HF COMMONWEALTH CONTEST - ALL BANDS**

When: - 8 March 2008 (1000 UTC) until 9 March 2008 (1000 UTC)

The individual Teams Event, as run during the 2007 event, in which the NZART Team under the captaincy of Frank, ZL2BR was winner, will again be a feature of the 2008 BERU.

Those interested in competing as a NZART Team member please contact Frank, either by email [z2br@ihug.co.nz](mailto:z2br@ihug.co.nz), or by "snail mail" to Frank's Callbook address.

## **2008 ARRL INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS - 1.8 KHz to 30.0 KHz**

15 & 16 February 2008 - CW Contest - 0000 UTC 15 Feb. until 0000 UTC 16 Feb.

1 March & 2 March 2008 - SSB Contest - 0000 UTC 1 March until 0000 UTC 2 March

## **OTHER FORTHCOMING CONTESTS**

OK DX RTTY Contest                    0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15  
Croatian CW Contest                1400Z, Dec 15 to 1400Z, Dec 16  
Stew Perry Topband Challenge        1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30

That's about all for this week although I hope to have updated information from Stuart, ZL2TW relating to the 2008 Jock White Memorial Field Day Contest to be held on the last weekend of February.

73, John Powell ZL1BHQ, NZART Contest Manager

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### **Scouting and Guiding in NZ: Canterbury Jamboree or 'CJAM'**

The Canterbury Jamboree or 'CJAM' is on at the end of the year over the Christmas break CJAM is happening 28 Dec to 5 Jan for campers. Set up 27 December and take down 6 January 2008. It will be a \*international\* scouting event. Over 4000 scouts and 1000 visitors are expected. This will be Amateur Radio in Canterbury's last chance for the next 20 years to demonstrate amateur radio to a large range of people.

Volunteers are required to make the camp a success. Before you can attend you must undergo a Scout check. Unfortunately this is mandatory and can not be waived. Without a scout warrant you will not be permitted onsite.

The more people we have to volunteer the less everyone will have to do. Let's show everyone what amateur radio is all about while we have the chance. Remember this is a once in 20 year event! Even if you can only volunteer to help set up then it's better than nothing at all. Remember it's for the kids, let's not let them down.

Please contact me [paul@layt.net](mailto:paul@layt.net) ph 03 9810961

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### **Break-In Closing Date Reminder**

From the Editor Break-In, Official Journal of NZART Inc.

"Copy for the JANUARY/FEBRUARY issue of Break-In closes on 10th JANUARY 2007.

Early receipt of copy is much appreciated. Thanks. John ZL3IB, Editor"

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2007 OB at 8pm Sunday: Nov 25, Dec 23 2008 Feb-24 Mar-30 Apr-27 May-25 Jun-1-29 Jul-27 Aug-31 Sep-28 Oct-26 Nov-30 Dec-21

- \* NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 23 DECEMBER 2007 and
- \* Next HQ-Info-Line e-mailed on Sunday 23 DECEMBER 2007

2007 HQIL on Sunday: Dec 9-23

2008 Jan-20 Feb-3-17 Mar-9-23 Apr-6-20 May-4-18 Jun-8-22 Jul-6-20 Aug-3-17 Sep-7-21  
Oct-5-19 Nov-9-23 Dec-7-21

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