



NZART HQ INFOLINE ISSUE # 469
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HQ update... no progress on my knee surgery as yet. Still working from home.

NZART Awards

You have one month to submit your nominations for the awards to be presented at the AGM in Palmerston North. Life Membership, Amateur of the Year and Young Amateur of the Year. Nominations need to be received at HQ either via email or post, by the 30 April at the latest.

RSM Matters

Many of you will be aware the new RSM Register is having some minor glitches, which I can assure you, is being worked on.

For those of you who have changed address, please let me know as well as ringing RSM on 0508 776 463 to update their register. For now, no ARX can do this.

Further to this, an ARX currently cannot determine if a call sign is being held by RSM.

In the old system, if we had been advised of a silent key, I could tell you the date it was due for release by RSM.

This is not presently a function an ARX can undertake, so check with them first if you have a specific call sign in mind that you know had been allocated previously.

Again, for this information, please call the phone number above.

Break In – Ham Ad

Wanted to Buy: Transceiver - 100W, HF to 6 metres, in good condition and using an external power supply. Distributed between say 2000 and 2010.

Bob ZL1NX 09-837-8044.

CW Lessons...Correction to Email address

...for beginners will start in March the 13th 2023.

Send from South Auckland, the signals can be heard on the National System (when available), on 80m on 3755 and now via ZOOM.

For those wishing to listen via ZOOM, please contact Peter Henderson ZL1PX at... pjh@teachlit.com for the information required to access the ZOOM transmissions.

The CW will start by learning the letters of the alphabet and some punctuation then we will move onto text.. We start with the Character speed of 19 WPM but by using Farnsworth Spacing, the text speed will start at 6 Words Per Minute.

In this way, you will continue to hear the characters at the same speed but with large spacings between each character. As time moves on, we will increase the text speed WPM by reducing the spacing until you reach around 13 - 14 WPM in December.

The CW will be sent on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week starting at 7.15pm on Mondays, and at 7.30pm the other days.

The sessions last around 35 - 45 minutes or so. Text is available to all for these lessons just ask. At the start of each session, we ask for check-ins and at the end of the session, if you wish, you can tell us how you did... good, bad or somewhere in the middle. No one will be asked to read back what they received or put under any pressure at all, that's not our aim.

So far, I have 3 operators sending the CW, Rob Stokes ZL1RJS, Peter Henderson ZL1PX and myself David Karrasch ZL1DK.

The prepared text is available to anyone by asking for it... z11dk@nzart.org.nz. We use Gary Bolds, ZL1AN(SK), Teach software which has been modified by Andrew, ZL1AF.

If you or a group of members would like to assist in sending one night a week, please contact me and I will send you everything needed to get you running including the text to be sent.

Thank you, David Karrasch ZL1DK.

ZL Autumn Sprints

Block off your diaries now as the 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.

73
Mark ZL3AB

Around the Branches:

South Otago annual Branch BBQ

Our annual Branch 35 Picnic is to be held on Sunday 26th March. It will be held at Naish Park in Charlotte Street, Balclutha, starting from 10:30am.

Please provide your own food, drink, hat, and seat. A BBQ will be provided. Family and friend's welcome.
Contact on the day will be on Kuriwao 675.

As it is also the 90th Birthday of our branch, celebrations will be included.

Cliff Gray ZL4AS
Secretary
027 414 0055

Hawkes Bay & Tairàwhiti (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.

Musick Point changes:

Weekday net from ZL1ZLD Musick Point Radio Station (previously on Wednesdays) has been changed to Mondays by popular request. It's still 3.850 MHz AM starting 11.30 AM local time.

The Friday net is unchanged at 8.30 PM on 3.850 MHz.

The AM calling frequencies are 3.850 and 7.125 MHz.

New net participants are welcomed, the rig doesn't have to be vintage, and SPAM memberships costs \$5 once only for life, you will receive a nice certificate and an emailed newsletter.

Thank you very much,
Best wishes,
Martyn ZL3CK

Next Issue of HQ InfoLine

The next InfoLine is due out Sunday 2nd 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 26th March 2023.

Nga mihi nui. (Kind regards)
Debby

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