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SOUTHERN LAKES



Lake Waipori - Southwest of Dunedin, Credit: Stewart ZL2STR



Bordons Pond - On Banks of Waitaki, Credit: Stewart ZL2STR



Blue Lake - St Bathans, Credit: Stewart ZL2STR

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



IMAGE COURTESY - ERIC ZL2BMI

REO DATE - QRP SECTION, BROWN DATE - QRP MULTIPLIER, GREEN DATE - HIGHER POINTS FOR QRP OSOS.

JUNE 24 2023. 7.30PM GO ORP NIGHT

JUNE 17 2023. IARU REGION 3 ORP DAY

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ZL2 STR'S SOUTHERN LAKES TRIP GO ORP NIGHT LEADERBOARD

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PORTABLE OPERTATIONS AND MORE POWER SOURCE IDEAS.

ZLTSTR'S SOUTHERN LAKES

ARTICLE SUPPLIED BY STEWART ROBINSON ZL2STR

[NOTE: STEWART WOULD LIKE READERS TO KNOW HE WAS NOT ALWAYS ORP, ONLY FOR THE WALK IN ACCESS ACTIVATIONS].

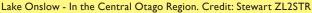
Our trip south for seven weeks seems but a memory now but apart from the indifferent weather we had, it was very enjoyable experience. (See the scatter photos).

Finding Lakes in seemingly hidden places was always a "what shall we find." From the big and deepest to small shallow ones hidden by trees they all counted the same on the log sheet. Heading back up the island through Central Otago we left the caravan at Millers Flat with the intention of going to Lake Onslow. As we went further inland climbing toward a hill top, the sun was replaced by an ever darker sky till we had small raindrops turning to larger ones which in turn became sleet that by the time we reached the halfway in point became snow. Yes, we turned back disappointed that we couldn't go any further. Three days later we returned in beautiful weather and were able to activate said lake. Bit like the song "Memories are made of this".

Summing up 75 Lakes, 8 Lighthouses and 3 Sota Summits made for a great trip. Margaret enjoyed the tripping around but also had days off, where she got the sewing machine out and did patchwork things while I went walking.

Stewart. ZL2STR.







Lake Emily - Hakatere Conservation Park. Credit: Stewart ZL2STR

Go QRP Night Points			
NO.	CALLSIGN	NAME	ROUND 1 APRIL 29
1	ZL3TK	Stan	50
2	ZL1SHP	Craig	47
3	ZL2STR	Stewart	43
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5	ZL2RMC	Rob	34
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GO ORP NIGHT

Thanks again to all those making an effort to get on the air for QRP night. See results above after round I in April. I will add round 2 once I have all the logs in from May.

Stan is showing us that a mixture of CW can add a few bonus points to the mix!

I know winter is approaching but think of a local park you may be able to activate simultaneously, escape the QRM and get some extra points! To be honest the last two parks I have been portable in, the comforts of a car have been very close by!

NEXT ROUND: Saturday June 24 7.30pm NZT.

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THE EDITORS DESK

elcome back to the 5 watter for May. The winter outdoor climbing and mountaineering season is almost upon me, I hope to get out portable backcountry a bit more in the next couple of months to activate some more Huts, parks and peaks. Currently Im exploring some more portable power options, see attached images using a milwaukee 12v series lithium battery. These are a little bit of a crude connection using two spade terminals into the battery which is from a 12v soldering iron. (there are a lot more tools in the milwaukee 12v series, from hedgetrimmers to heated jackets even).

These batteries are available in 2Ah - 6Ah sizes. The 3Ah battery im currently using weighs in at 181g. The heated jacket sounds like it could be a great scheme for those colder winter activations too! I wish everyone the best for upcoming activations and qrp activity! I look forward to catching you down the log! 73's Rob ZL2RMC

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