



# THE SWATTER

THE NEWSLETTER FOR QRP NZ.

## BACKCOUNTRY QRP ROY - ZL3TDE



ROY ZL3TDE, ACTIVATING STARVEALL HUT - FOR GO QRP NIGHT 28 OCTOBER.

Photos credit Roy Bicknell  
ZL3TDE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

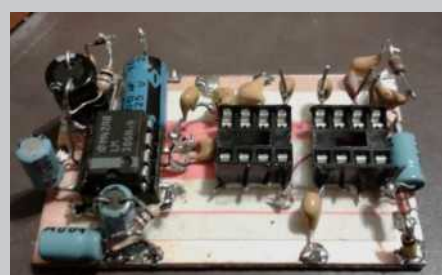


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**QRP NET THURSDAYS 3.690MHZ  
8.30PM**

**DECEMBER 30 2023. 7.30PM GO QRP  
NIGHT**

**JANUARY 1 2024. NZART PORTABLE  
ACTIVITIES DAY**

**FEBRUARY 24 & 25 JOCK WHITE FIELD  
DAY**

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**LAST GO QRP FOR THE YEAR**

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## BACKCOUNTRY QRP – ROY

I have always wanted to explore the Starveall hut area and while on leave I decided to head up.

With go qrp night around that same time I decided to take my radio the Icom IC-705 and one of Reubens (ZLIAJC) portable dipoles which I cut and turned to 3.690mhz.

It was a bit of a slog getting up around 7hrs!! With 4 seasons in one day, rain, hail, snow! And sun.

The next day I set up the dipole and was amazed at the amount of stations I could hear with little noise, 80M was going off!

The go qrp night was great fun and logged a few contacts. Reuben's dipole was excellent all I did was add some guy ropes at the end to tie off on a tree branch or a rock.

Looking forward to the next night!

Cheers,  
Roy ZL3TDE

## WANTED

WANTED. Small HF QRP transceiver.  
Anything considered.  
Please contact Stan  
zl3tk.radio@gmail.com

## QRP NZ WEBPAGE

Thanks to Stan ZL3TK, we now have a webpage with up to date information regarding GO Qrp night, including downloadable log files and forms.

Be sure to refer anyone interested to this site as this will be kept up to date.

Thanks for your help putting this resource together Stan! see link below:

<https://qsl.net/zl3tk/gqn/gqn.htm>

**NEXT GO QRP NIGHT**  
**SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER 7.30PM NZT**

## ACTIVATING LAKES AND AWARDS

In a previous issue, the ZL on the air website was discussed along with the parks, lakes, mountains, lighthouses and islands that can be activated. For those that may have missed out or wanted to check this page out the following link will take you there: <https://ontheair.nz/>

Recently Rik ZL3RIK and Stewart ZL2STR have achieved 300 unique lakes through activating or chasing. Great work to those guys! Although not all of these have been QRP, Stewart has recently activated some South Island lakes, both QRO and QRP.

For those out there wanting some more information on the awards available check out the ontheair.nz website and get in touch with Stewart ZL2STR [strobznz@gmail.com](mailto:strobznz@gmail.com) to claim your award.





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## THE EDITORS DESK

Welcome to the last 5 watter for 2023, I hope everyone has had a great christmas with family and friends. Best wishes for a prosperous new year filled with good signals and readability.

The last Go qrp night for the year is on 30th December, a good chance for a few final points for our consistent operators, and a chance for the newer members to see how it works before we reset to a new competition starting in January. Attached is also a full breakdown of the points for the year to date. The Go QRP Night will continue to operate the same time and last saturday of the month next year, with the exception being February. The February GQN will be held on the first weekend of March so it does not clash with the Jock White field day. All the best for the final night playing radio, looking forward to catching some of you on the air. Alternatively hopefully we will catch a few of you on air for the NZART portable activities day 1 Jan 2024.

73's  
 Rob ZL2RMC

Go QRP Night Points			
CALLSIGN	NAME	TOTAL	Position:
ZL3TK	Stan	365	1
ZL2STR	Stewart	293	2
ZL4CS	Chris	199	3
ZL1SHP	Craig	160	4
ZL2SAR	Dylan	150	5
ZL2RMC	Rob	147	6
ZL1KB	Scott	117	7
ZL1AJC	Reuben	97	8
ZL3TDE	Roy	95	9
ZL1RCA	Ian	72	10
ZL2WE	Sam	60	11
ZL2GVA	Gerard	53	11
ZL3PIE	Tim	11	12