

SOCIETY CONTEST RULES

All contests start from 1st January and end 31st December and are open to any fully paid up member of TARS as detailed in the individual rules. All entries should be handed in by the January monthly meeting or sent to the Awards Manager.



All Trophies detailed in this section are awarded at the Societies Annual Presentation Evening in March and at the first Friday following for those members that are unable to attend the Presentation. Certificates are presented to those members coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category. Entry forms are available from the Awards Manager.

THE CONSTRUCTION CUP

TROPHY HISTORY	Created by the No.6 District of RSGB, Torquay in 1936 for 56Mhz working, went dormant during the war years and early days of TARS. Resurrected again in 1958 and re-named the "Construction Cup"
OPEN TO	All Members
POINTS	Any piece of home constructed equipment, no matter how large or small, to be brought to the January monthly meeting where judging will take place. This equipment must have been constructed during the contest year, and not entered for any previous award.
ENTRIES	Entry Forms provided on the night

THE CONSTRUCTION CUP FOR KITS

TROPHY HISTORY	Presented anonymously to encourage members to enter on a level playing field - kits in one category and Home Brew in another.
OPEN TO	All Members
POINTS	Any piece of home constructed (from a kit) equipment, no matter how large or small, to be brought to the January monthly meeting where judging will take place. This equipment must have been constructed during the contest year, and not entered for any previous award.
ENTRIES	Entry Forms provided on the night

THE CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE

TROPHY HISTORY	Certificate created by TARS in 2000
OPEN TO	All Members
POINTS	Any piece of equipment can be entered. It can be a piece of repaired or modified commercial equipment. The 'Challenge' is up to you on what you have achieved or say you have done.
ENTRIES	Entry Forms provided on the night

THE SHARON WALKER FOUNDATION MEMORIAL CUP

TROPHY HISTORY	Presented in 1997 by Tony Walker G0UTP in memory of his wife.
OPEN TO	All Foundation License Holders (with no other License Held)
POINTS	One point for each Club Member worked in a calendar year i.e. - January 1 st to December 31 st . Any mode, band or repeater may be used. A member can only count once.
ENTRIES	Use Check list , available on request

THE TARS VHF TRANSMITTING CUP

TROPHY HISTORY	Created by TARS in 1973.
OPEN TO	All Licensed members
POINTS	Contacts to count - The best 100 scoring contacts based on points scored as per the following rules: 1 point per kilometer. Final score to be a number of points accumulated x total number of countries worked in all contacts during the year. If the best 100 QSO's do not include the short haul countries i.e. GU, GJ etc., they may be claimed for country status, but not for QSO points, enter them on your sheet and show that they are for country multipliers. Station Location - Only contacts made within the operator's country of residence. If the entrants' call sign is used as the call sign in a multi operator contest, contacts made in the contest shall be invalid, also contacts made in contests which the Societies involved shall be invalid i.e. VHF field day etc.
ENTRIES	Extracts from you station log on TARS VHF contest sheets - date, call sign, station worked - location - Km's.

THE SHARON WALKER HF MEMORIAL CUP (RTTY/AMTOR MODE)

TROPHY HISTORY	Presented in 1997 by Tony Walker G0UTP in memory of his wife.
OPEN TO	All Licensed Members
POINTS	1 point for each different country worked using RTTY or AMTOR on any of the 9 HF bands. A country will only count once irrespective of band.
ENTRIES	Extracts from your station log - Call Sign, Day and Month. Use TARS contests sheets.

THE G3UFZ ATV Trophy

TROPHY HISTORY	Presented to TARS in 1984 by Chris Foulkes Originally the UHF Transmitting cup but rededicated in 2001 to TV following no UHF entries for several years										
OPEN TO	All Licensed members										
POINTS	<p>As the majority of ATV contacts are on SHF and UHF, and mostly line of sight, the scoring for this trophy is based on working / hearing stations in a different locator area rather than individual callsign. The same callsign can be claimed a number of times provided either you or the other station is in a different QRA locator area, the contact being defined as the path between the two stations rather than the stations themselves.</p> <p>Scoring: 1 point per KM for a one way TV QSO.</p> <p>Multipliers:</p> <table><tr><td>2 way TV QSO</td><td>x2</td></tr><tr><td>TV contact on 24cm</td><td>x3</td></tr><tr><td>TV contact on 13 cm</td><td>x5</td></tr><tr><td>TV contact on 10GHz</td><td>x10</td></tr><tr><td>TV contact above 10GHz</td><td>x20</td></tr></table> <p>Only one path per QSO per band will count for points.</p> <p>TV contacts via repeater or link stations not valid.</p>	2 way TV QSO	x2	TV contact on 24cm	x3	TV contact on 13 cm	x5	TV contact on 10GHz	x10	TV contact above 10GHz	x20
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ENTRIES	<p>Extracts from your station log showing: Date/Time/Call/Band/Your QRA/Other QRA/1-2 way/Distance/Points/ Multiplier/Total</p>										

THE G8UUT MEMORIAL CUP - 50Mhz.

TROPHY HISTORY

This Trophy was created in memory of Cyril Bawden G8UUT from the very generous money left to TARS by Cyril.

OPEN TO POINTS

All licensed members

Contacts to count - The best 100 scoring contacts based on points scored as per the following rules.

1 point per kilometer.

Final score to be a number of points accumulated x total number of countries worked in GU, GJ etc., they may be claimed for country status, but not for QSO points, enter them on your sheet and show that they are for country multipliers.

Station Location - Only contacts made within the operator's country of residence. If the entrants' call sign is used as the call sign in a multi operator contest, contacts made in the contest shall be invalid, also contacts made in contests which the Societies involved shall be invalid i.e. VHF field day etc.

ENTRIES

Extracts from your station log on TARS VHF contest sheets - date, call sign, station worked - location - Km's.

THE G4LZD QRP CUP

TROPHY HISTORY

Presented to TARS in 1984 by Steve Reading G4LZD to encourage QRP operating in the Society.

OPEN TO POINTS

All Licensed members

1 point for each different country worked on any of the 9 HF Bands 160 to 10 Meters or 2 points for each different country worked on 50MHz and above. A country will only count once irrespective of band. Power Limitations - 5 watts output on CW or 10 watts pep output on SSB. A Country may only be claimed once irrespective of band.

ENTRIES

Extracts from your station log on TARS contest sheets - date, call sign, station worked - location - points claimed

THE G3WTV TARS ACTIVITY TROPHY

TROPHY HISTORY	Presented to TARS in 1978 by Keith Baker G3WTV. Originally for the Best Article in "TARS Talk", in 1984 Tars Talk folded and in 1990 the Trophy was brought back as the TARS Activity Trophy.
OPEN TO	All Licensed Members
POINTS	One point for each member worked in a calendar year i.e. - January 1 st to December 31 st . Any mode, band or repeater may be used. A member can only count once.
ENTRIES	Use Check list, available on request

THE G3LHJ FOUNDATION CUP

TROPHY HISTORY	Presented to TARS in 1973 by Derrick Webber G3LHJ to encourage QRP operating in the Society. (Formerly the G3LHJ Receiving Cup)
OPEN TO	All Foundation License Holders (with no other License Held)
POINTS	2 points for each different country worked on 160, 80, 40 & 30M. 1 point for each country worked on 20, 17, 15 & 12M. The same country may be worked on each band.
ENTRIES	Use TARS country checklists.

THE JUNIOR CONSTRUCTION CUP

TROPHY HISTORY	Presented to TARS in 1960 by Don Cawley G2GM a past Treasurer and Chairman, to encourage youngsters in home constructing.
OPEN TO	All Junior Members and family members under the age of 18.
POINTS	Any piece of home constructed equipment, no matter how large or small, to be brought to the January monthly meeting where judging will take place.
ENTRIES	Entry Forms provided on the night

THE HF DX CHALLENGE

TROPHY HISTORY	Presented to TARS in 1995 by Roger Western G3SXW to encourage newly licensed TARS Members in the art of Dxing. A Country may only be claimed once irrespective of band.
OPEN TO	Any member holding an INTERMEDIATE (2E0) licence.
POINTS	1 points for each county on any mode on the bands 1.8 to 30 MHz.
ENTRIES	Use TARS country checklists.

THE 28MHz TRANSMITTING CUP

TROPHY HISTORY	Presented to RSGB Region 6 (Torquay) in 1939 by VU2ER for 28Mhz working, went dormant during the war years and was resurrected again in 1960 and re-named the 28Mhz TX Cup.
OPEN TO	All Licensed members
POINTS	1 point for each different country worked on 28Mhz CW or SSB.
ENTRIES	Extracts from your station log - Call Sign, Day and Month. Use TARS contests sheets.

THE W8HJ TROPHY

TROPHY HISTORY	Presented to TARS in 1973 by George Zimmerman W8HJ of Toledo, Ohio, USA. This was due to a Friendship created by G3LHJ, W8HJ and TARS (George's XYL came from Paignton).
OPEN TO	All Licensed members
POINTS	1 point for each different country worked on each of the HF Bands 20,15,10 Meters. Bonus Points awarded (20 points per contact on each band) for the following prefix plus first letter of suffix: W20, K4P, W4M, WA5W, W8H, W8V, HR1J, HR1L, HR2J, T12A, T12W, YN1N, YN1R, YS1E, YS1F, YS1M, TG9R, TG9W, XE1F, XE1L, & XE1Y.
ENTRIES	Extracts from your station log - Call Sign, Day and Month. Use TARS contests sheets.

WESTERN LF ROSE BOWL

TROPHY HISTORY	Presented to TARS in 1960 by Gee Western G3NQD in memory of her husband G3LFL. It was then called The LFL LF Rose Bowl. In 1992 Gee went S/Key and Roger G3SXW her son suggested we re-name the trophy "The Western LF Rose Bowl".
OPEN TO	All Licensed members
POINTS	1 point for each different country worked on each of the LF bands 160, 80 & 40Mts.
ENTRIES	Extracts from your station log - Call Sign, Day and Month. Use TARS contests sheets.

THE G2CWR MEMORIAL CUP - WARC BANDS

TROPHY HISTORY	Presented to Tars in 1990 by Sue Mays in memory of her husband Les G2CWR, a past President of TARS and original "Band Chat" man in TARS talk.
OPEN TO	All Licensed members
POINTS	1 point for each different country worked on each of the WARC 30/17 & 12 meter bands. Total score being the sum of countries worked on each of the 3 bands added together.
ENTRIES	Extracts from your station log on TARS VHF contest sheets - date, call sign, station worked - location.

THE HF SSB RESTRICTED TRANSMITTING AWARD

THE HF CW RESTRICTED TRANSMITTING AWARD

TROPHY HISTORY	Certificated awards introduced to allow all members to compete using similar working conditions
OPEN TO	All Licensed members
RESTRICTIONS	Contacts may only be made using 100 Watts maximum output power with a wire or single element vertical antenna. NO BEAMS.
POINTS	1 point for each different country worked on any of the 9 HF bands. A country counts only once irrespective of band.
ENTRIES	Extracts from your station log on TARS contest sheets - date, call sign, station worked.

THE PSK31/DATA MODE TRANSMISSION AWARD

TROPHY HISTORY	Certificated award
OPEN TO	All Licensed members
POINTS	1 point for each different country worked using any data mode other than RTTY or AMTOR on any of the 9 HF bands. A country will only count once irrespective of band.
ENTRIES	Extracts from your station log - Call Sign, Day and Month. Use TARS contests sheets

THE G3YLJ MEMORIAL TROPHY for JUNIOR MEMBERS

TROPHY HISTORY	Presented by Gill, 2E0JIL, Daughter of the late Jack G3YLJ in 2008 to encourage activity and participation from Junior Members
OPEN TO	All Junior Members
POINTS	1 point for each Club night attendance 1 point for each Club event attended 1 point for each TARS contest entered
ENTRIES	Juniors members need to ensure that they sign the attendance book and keep a record of events and contests entered.

TARS 30 AWARD

A certificate of excellence will be awarded to any Radio Amateur or SWL who can produce a log showing that they have worked or heard 30 members of TARS. Only members worked or heard since 1st January 1985 qualify. There is no time limit.

The basic award is for mixed bands/mixed modes

FOR UK STATIONS:

30 members should be worked but the society station counts for 5 points so you can work G3NJA and G8NJA and 20 members.

FOR OUTSIDE UK STATIONS:

2 points per member station and 10 points per society station (i.e. G3NJA or G8NJA + 10 members).

ENDORSED CERTIFICATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

Single band or mixed bands and all FM, all SSB, all CW, all RTTY, and/or all QRP, and/or all 2 way mobile stations using QRO must state power used (max 5 watts DC input/5 watts pep output).

For each additional 10 member's worked/heard stickers are available and if you are outside the UK then you just need to work/hear 5 other members.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

TARS members worked/heard must be fully paid up members at the time of claimed contact. An official list of TARS members is contained in this membership handbook. Any amendments can be checked with the Membership Secretary.

More than one type of award maybe applied for, but a separate log extract must be submitted for each award.

APPLICATIONS

Extracts of your station log in call sign order showing:

Callsign - Date - Time - Band - Mode – Power

Please send to the Awards Manager, address can be found in this handbook.

COST

The cost of each award is £1 or 3 IRC. Please enclose a stamped Addressed envelope for Stickers.