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#### The Celtic Knot Award

Sponsored by the GMDX Group for working stations in lands generally agreed to be those associated with the Celtic peoples, namely Scotland GM, Northern Ireland GI, Republic of Ireland EI, Isle of Man GD, Wales GW, Cornwall G, Brittany F, Galicia and Asturias EA1 and to celebrate its Scottish heritage, Nova Scotia VE1. Contacts made on or after 1 January 2000.

Some specific areas which are valid include:

France - Province of Brittany - 22 Cotes du Nord, 29 Finistere, 35 Ille et Vilaine, 56 Morbihan.

Spain - Calicia Provinces (EA1) - La Coruna, Pontevedra, Lugo, Orense.

Spain - Asturias Province - Oviedo.

Available in four classes:

Award Level	Different Contacts Needed	Minimum per Call Area
Celtic Knot Bronze	100	5
Celtic Knot Silver	200	10
Celtic Knot Gold	300	15
Celtic Knot Honor Roll	400	20

All bands and modes OK. Cost of the certificates is £5GBP, 10euros or US\$10. Fee for special plaque for the 300 level is £35GBP, 70 euros or \$70.00. Those achieving Honour Roll will be also be eligible for an engraved Quaich (Scottish Drinking Cup) which also costs £35GBP, 70 euros or US\$70. Please make cheques out to "GMDX Group" - only cheques made payable in £GBP accepted. An activity weekend called "Celtic Connections", will be held on the third full weekend in April starting in 2002. Those applying for awards should send the application form available on the GMDX website with the appropriate fee to: Celtic Knot Award, Colin Brown GM0RLZ, 9 Newton Crescent, Rosyth Fife KY11 2QW Scotland, U.K.

### Council Areas of Scotland Award (CAOSA)

Submit proof of having contacted each of the 32 Council Areas of Scotland. The CAOSA program includes 20 separately numbered awards as listed below. Endorsements available for band and/or mode. All bands and modes may be used.

Contacts must be made from the same location, or from locations no ten of which are more than 100 miles apart which is affirmed by signature of the applicant on the application. Club station applicants should include clearly the club name and call sign of the club station.

Contacts since April 1, 1996. Written cards must be submitted (no photocopies) and must show your call sign and indicate that two-way communications was established. Applications for specialty awards must submit confirmations that clearly confirm two-way contact on the specialty mode/band.

Specialty awards are available for 160 m, 80 m, 40 m, 30 m, 20 m, 17 m, 15 m, 12 m, 10 m, 6 m, 2 m, Satellite, CW, SSB, FM, RTTY, SSTV, PSK31 and QRP. Any or all modes/bands may be used for QRP award. QRP is defined as 10 watts input (or 5 watts output) of the applicant only and is affirmed by signature of the applicant on the application.

No use of "repeater" contacts. All stations contacted must be ""land stations"". Contact with ships, anchored or otherwise,

and aircraft, cannot be counted. Permanently docked exhibition or historic ships will be considered land based.

The sponsor reserves the right to spot check call signs for inspection of QSL cards of applications verified by an Award Manager.

QSL cards, Application Form (SRARS-A-001) and Record Sheet (SRARS-S-001) should be submitted to an Award Manager: GM3EDZ Tom Hughes, 8 Ossian Avenue, Ralston, Paisley, PA1 3AY, Scotland, U.K. Be sure that when QSL cards are presented for verification to sort them alphabetically by Council Area, as listed on the Record Sheet. All QSL cards sent to Award Manager must be accompanied by sufficient postage for their safe return (registered mail is recommended because it is traceable). All applications sent to Award Manager must include the appropriate fee:  $\pounds$ 6, \$10, 10€ or 12 IRCs plus return postage for each CAOSA certificate.

The Gazetteer for Scotland is a vast geographical database, featuring details of towns, villages, bens and glens from the Scottish Borders to the Northern Isles. The Gazetteer is already the largest Scottish resource available on the web. If you do not know station's Council Area, it is advisable to use Any Word Search on the Gazetteer web site. Just enter exact station's location!

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ABERDEEN CITY	AD	HIGHLAND	HL
ABERDEENSHIRE	AS	INVERCLYDE	IC
ANGUS	AG	MIDLOTHIAN	ML
ARGYLL AND BUTE	AB	MORAY	MR
CITY OF EDINBURGH	EB	NORTH AYRSHIRE	NA
CLAKMANNANSHIRE	CM	NORTH LANARKSHIRE	NL
COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR	ES	ORKNEY ISLANDS	OR
DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY	DG	PERTH AND KINROSS	PK
DUNDEE CITY	DN	RENFREWSHIRE	RF
EAST AYRSHIRE	EA	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SB
EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE	ED	SHETLAND ISLANDS	SH
EAST LOTHIAN	EL	SOUTH AYRSHIRE	SA
EAST RENFREWSHIRE	ER	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE	SL
FALKIRK	FK	STIRLING	SR
FIFE	FF	WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE	WD
GLASGOW CITY	GL	WEST LOTHIAN	WL
ABERDEENSHIRE ANGUS ARGYLL AND BUTE CITY OF EDINBURGH CLAKMANNANSHIRE COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY DUNDEE CITY EAST AYRSHIRE EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE EAST LOTHIAN EAST RENFREWSHIRE FALKIRK FIFE	AD AS AG AB EB CM ES DG DN EA ED EL ER FK FF	HIGHLAND INVERCLYDE MIDLOTHIAN MORAY NORTH AYRSHIRE NORTH LANARKSHIRE ORKNEY ISLANDS PERTH AND KINROSS RENFREWSHIRE SCOTTISH BORDERS SHETLAND ISLANDS SOUTH AYRSHIRE SOUTH LANARKSHIRE STIRLING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE	IC MI MA NL OF PH RF SE SF SL SF SL

Internet: http://www.qsl.net/mm0dfv/caosarules.htm

### **European PSK Award**

The EPSKA (European PSK Award) is available to all amateurs worldwide who submit proof with written confirmation of having contacted territories of Europe since 1 January 2003. Two-way communications must be established on amateur bands with each territory of Europe. No minimum signal report required. Only BPSK31 mode may be used. Contacts must be made from the same location, or from locations no ten of which are more than 100 miles apart and affirmed by the signature of the applicant on the application. The cards or photocopies of the cards must be submitted.

The basic award is issued for 100 European territories. Separate awards for 200 through 1100 and ALL European territories. All stations contacted must be land stations. (Permanently docked exhibition or historic ships will be considered land based.) Application form and record sheet should be submitted to: EUPSKA, PO Box 7469, Glasgow, G42 0YD, Scotland, United Kingdom. When cards are submitted, they should be sorted in alphabetical order by the European territories as listed on the record sheet. All cards sent must be accompanied by sufficient postage for their safe return (registered mail recommended). Fee for each award is \$US10. Note manager accepts only US dollars.

EU Areas list:

### Worked All GM (WAGM)

The WAGM Award is available to all amateurs worldwide showing proof of contacts with 20 Scottish stations with various prefixes in either of these two groups:

Prefix	# contacts required	Prefix	# contacts required
GM3	6	2M0 or 2M1	2
GM4	8	GM3 or GM4	2
GM0	6	GM0	10
		MM3, MM1 or MM5	2
		MM0	4

A contact with the Aberdeen ARS club station GM3BSQ or with any of the old prefix stations, such as GM1, GM2, GM5, GM6, GM7 or GM8 may be used as a substitute for any required prefix in the above groups. All bands and modes. Contacts after October 1, 1946. You must possess the cards. GCR list by Radio Club Secretary or Chairman of your local radio club and fee of £1, 2€ or 3 IRCs to Stanley Sutherland GM4BKV, 67 Greenfern Road, Mastrick, Aberdeen, AB2 6TP, Scotland.

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## Islands of Scotland Award

The islands of Scotland have been identified into 10 distinct Island groups and for the award, there are a total of 170 such different islands. Contact islands since 1 Nov 1947 in 8 award levels. All bands may be used, 1.8 to 144 Mhz. SWL OK. There are two classes of the award, one for island chasers, and one for island activators. Requirements as follows:

CLASS	Chasers	Activators
BASIC	10 islands in 6 groups	5 islands in 3 groups
SILVER	25 islands in 7 groups	12 islands in 4 groups
GOLD	50 islands in 8 groups	25 islands in 5 groups
SUPREME	75 islands in 10 groups	40 islands in 7 groups
CENTURY	100 islands in 10 groups	50 islands in 10 groups
HONOUR ROLL	101 islands in 10 groups	51 islands in 10 groups
EILEAN MHOR	150 islands in 10 groups	60 islands in 10 groups
ISLANDER	200 islands in 10 groups	135 islands in 10 groups

Chasers must submit proof of contact (i.e., QSL card). Activators must show log evidence that they have made a minimum of 100 contacts from each island claimed.

Those interested in the award should send for the Scottish Islands Directory which gives full details of the award and lists all valid islands and groups. It is available from GM4UZY, address shown below; cost is \$US10, 16 IRCs or £6 and ALSO covers the cost of the Basic certificate. (Island list also on DXAWARDS.COM)

Fees for the other levels of the award are £5, \$US10 or 12 IRCs plus return postage. Apply for the award to: Charlie Wilson GM4UZY, Golden Acre, 1 Borrowfield Crescent, Montrose, Angus, Scotland, UK DD10 9BR..

Internet: http://www.gmdx.org.uk/awards.html

### Islands of Scotland Millennium Award

A variation of the above award - same sponsor, but rules as follows:

This is an annual award, which can be worked for in each calendar year starting in 2001. The period runs for the entire calendar year. The purpose is to encourage island chasers, activators and SWLs to remain active in the program in addition to working for the normal award above.

Make contact with 35 Scottish islands, any band or mode. Activators are required to activate 10 islands. Any islands on the lists qualify. The cost shall be £3, 7 IRC or \$US5. No cost, however, to activators.

#### --Orkney A.R.C. Series ----

General Requirements: Contacts may be made on all authorized bands and modes. If contacts are made with stations that are not members of the Orkney ARC, then their card must be submitted with your application. If contact is with a club member, no card is needed. List of members shown below. SWL OK. For both awards, an Orkney amateur may be counted more than once if they are worked from different Orkney locations. No use of repeaters or other relays. All bands and modes OK. Application form is found on their website and it's use is requested. Endorsements available for any band, mode or QRP. Fees-each certificate is \$US10, £6, 20E or 12 IRC. Subsequent endorsements are \$US6, £4, 6E or 9 IRC. Apply to: David Wishart, Awards Manager, Orkney ARC, Curcum, Swannay by Evie, Orkney Islands, KW27 2NS, United Kingdom.

Website: http://www.eu009.com/

Club members: GM0HQG GM0HTH GM0HTT GM0IFM GM0WED GM3POI GM4SLL GM4WMM GM8FWS MM0DGI MM0EAX MM0GKB MM0RDD MM0SJH MM1APX MM3POI MM3SWW MM5DWW

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## WORKED ALL ORKNEY PARISHES AWARD

European stations contact with four Orkney parishes. The parishes must be on the official list as shown below. All others need 2 parishes. Endorsements: EU for each additional 3 parishes, others for 2 additional parishes. Please try to establish the parish name during the QSO. This is especially important if the Orkney station is mobile / portable.

List of parishes: Birsay Evie Sandwick Harray Rendall Stromness Stenness Firth Orphir Kirkwall & St Ola St Andrews Holm Deerness

## WORKED ALL ORKNEY ISLANDS AWARD

Only islands officially endorsed by I.O.S.A. are eligible for this award. See list below. Europeans must contact five Orkney islands. All others need 3. A QSL card (or certified list) will be required for any contacts made with amateurs who are not members of Orkney Amateur Radio Club. Endorsements: EU for each 3 additional islands, and all others for 3 additional islands. Please try to establish the island name / reference during the QSO. This is especially important if the Orkney station is mobile / portable.

Official List of Orkney Islands:

Auskerry Burray Calf-of-Eday Cava Copinsay Eday Egilsay Eynhallow Fara Faray Flotta Gairsay Glims-Holm Graemsay Grimbister Hellier-Holm Holm-of-Scockness Hoy Hunda Lamb-Holm Linga-Holm Mainland Muckle-Green-Holm North Ronaldsay Papa Papa-Stronsay Westray Rousay Sanday Shapinsay South Ronalday Stronsay Swona Switha Westray Wyre

## SCOTIA (Scottish Islands Award)

Contact or operate from Scottish islands on or after 1 January 1996. QSL cards are required but should not be submitted at any point \_ see the relevant application forms for details of the independent certification process.

There are 3 basic requirements:

- i) The hunter must have scored the appropriate number of points for the level claimed.
- ii) Island hunters need not submit QSL cards, but the official application form (which can be downloaded free from this web\_site) must be signed by one independent person (who need not be a radio amateur) certifying that he/she has seen the QSL cards relating to the QSOs/SWL reports claimed.
- iii) The appropriate fee (see below) should be enclosed. Only £Sterling, \$U.S., Euros or I.R.C.s may be accepted.

### COST OF THE ISLAND HUNTERS CERTIFICATE :

Award or Endorsement	UK£	\$US	Euro	IRC
Application form if downloaded form web site - no charge for extra copies)	free	free	free	free
Application form, by post, via the awards Manager	2	3	3	3
Basic Certificate (30 points)	6	10	10	10
Upgrade to the next "step" - cost for each step	2	3	3	3
Initial certificate upgraded to an intermediate step (if requested at the time of the initial application)	10	15	15	15
Full SCOTIA Tartan 100 Award (if requested at the time of the initial application)	12	20	20	20

THE ACTIVATOR CERTIFICATE awarded for island activation is free of charge as are all of the endorsements. In addition, any visitor from outside of the UK, but including Eire, activating their first SCOTIA Island, will be qualified for, and may therefore apply for, the basic SCOTIA Activator Certificate, which will again be issued free of charge. Any activator applying for a free certificate 'upgrade' should enclose 1 IRC (or equivalent) to cover the postage for the upgrade stickers.

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### VARIOUS LEVELS of the AWARD :

The basic entry level requires the applicant to have scored a minimum of 30 points. The applicant is then entitled to the basic certificate (which would be issued without stickers). The minimum score of 30 points can be achieved in a number of ways. Refer to website for many variations, but basically it works like this:

If your QTH is UK/Eire, each different island = 2 points, for Europeans 3 and all others 4 points.

All applicants may claim 2 bonus points the first time each of the 6 SCOTIA island groups is worked. And you may claim an additional bonus of 5 points once ALL 6 SCOTIA island groups have been worked or heard. There are special bonus points for working GM3VLB from various islands.

NUMBER OF ISLANDS : There will be 200 qualifying islands. Old hands will recognize most from other island lists such as IOTA and IOSA. This total will NOT be exceeded in any circumstances but we reserve the right to DELETE and REPLACE any island on the list, an action which will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

ISLAND GROUPS : The 200 islands are divided into 6 geographical "groups":

35 DISTANT ISLANDS ("DI") 33 ORKNEY ISLANDS ("OI") 26 SHETLAND ISLES ("SI") 28 HEBRIDEAN ISLES ("HI") 40 COASTAL - South ("CS") 38 COASTAL - North ("CN")

Points for various levels of the award:

Basic Award - 30 points with at least 2 islands from each of any 3 island groups.

40 sticker -	40 points with at least 3 islands from each of any 3 island groups.
50 sticker -	50 points with at least 4 islands from each of any 3 island groups.
60 sticker -	60 points with at least 2 islands from each of any 4 island groups.
70 sticker -	70 points with at least 3 islands from each of any 4 island groups.
80 sticker -	80 points with at least 4 islands from each of any 4 island groups.
90 sticker -	90 points with at least 2 islands from each of any 5 island groups.
100 sticker -	100 points with at least 3 islands from each of any 5 island groups or at least 2 islands from any of the 6 islands groups.

OPERATING BANDS, MODES etc. : QSOs or reports may be on either CW or SSB, and on any of the "WARC" HF bands, from 10m (28MHz) to 160m (1.8MHz) but to encourage and recognise the increasing use of the 6m (50MHz) band, QSOs on this band, after 1st January 1996 (as for the HF bands) will now also be accepted. Cross\_band and cross\_mode QSOs are allowed but repeater or satellite assisted QSOs are not.

CONTACT ADDRESSES :All correspondence regarding the award program, including applications Andre SAUNDERS GM3VLB, 6, Douglas Crescent, KELSO, Scotland TD5 8BB

e-mail: andre@gm3vlb.com

Highly recommend you visit the WWW site: http://www.iosa.co.uk/index.htm

### Worked All Scottish Prefixes Award

Available to all radio amateurs and SWLs for contacts with stations located in Scotland on or after 1 Jan 2000. Each prefix may be worked in CW, phone and digital modes on each band, giving a possible of three per band. Available in 4 levels:

Basic 25 prefixes Bronze 50 prefixes Silver 75 prefixes Gold 100 prefixes

Acceptable prefixes GM, GS, MM, MS, 2M, GB for special event stations located in Scotland (QSL card required for proof of location), GZ for contest operations from Shetland Islands. Ambiguous call signs such as GM/F5NED counts as GM0 and MM/W5ZE/P counts as MM0.

GCR list and fee of £5, 10€, US\$10. Please make cheques out to "GMDX Group"- only £GBP cheques are acceptable. Apply to: Drew Givens, GM3YOR, 5 Langhouse Place, Inverkip, PS16 0EW, Scotland, UK.

Internet: http://www.gmdx.org.uk/

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## Worked All Scottish Regions (WASR)

Available to all amateurs showing proof of contacts with one station in each of the 9 Scottish Regions:

Scottish Borders	Fife	Lothian
Central	Grampian	Strathclyde
Dumfries and Galloway	Highlands or Northern Islands	Tayside

A contact with the Aberdeen ARS club station GM3BSQ may be used as a substitute for any Region. All bands and modes. Contacts on or after May 1, 1975. You must possess the QSL cards. GCR list signed by Radio Club Secretary or Chairman of your local radio club and fee of £1, 2€ or 3 IRCs to Stanley Sutherland GM4BKV, 67 Greenfern Road, Mastrick, Aberdeen, AB2 6TP, Scotland.

#### Phase Shift Keying Award (EUPSKA)

The European Phase Shift Keying Award Programm (EUPSKA) was devised by the Scottish-Russian ARS in 2004. This was to promote an interest in Amateur Radio in Europe and to sponsor a series of awards and badges based on the administrative geography of European countries by using the PSK31 mode.

	Badge Levels:	Badge levels:
	(Contacts)	(Activators)
	WEUA-100	10
Award Levels:	WEUA-200	20
100 Areas	WEUA-300	30
200 Areas	WEUA-400	40
300 Areas	WEUA-500	50
400 Areas	WEUA-600	60
	WEUA-700	70
500 Areas	WEUA-800	80
(Each award is a a separate certificate)	WEUA-900	90
	WEUA-1000	100
	WEUA-1100	150
	WEUA-ALL	200

There are 1194 current entities in the European Areas list. The two letter and two numbers abbreviations are given to EU Areas by the Award Committee. These are used along with the full name in the list. The official list of the entities is found at: http://www.eudx.srars.org/eulist.pdf . You will need the Adobe Acrobat reader - widely available free - to use the list.

Care must be taken in the interpretation of EU Areas from small-scale maps. The addresses of European stations given in various callbooks can be misleading. Administrative geography concerns itself with the hierarchy of areas relating to national governments in Europe. This hierarchy is complicated for not only are there several layers but the structure is different in each European country. In addition the boundaries of many of the layers in the hierarchy are subject to periodic or occasional change. Unless otherwise stated contacts made to claim European Areas must have been made after the date from which the area was valid. Old European Areas that no longer exist are not shown in the list and not valid for the Award Program. Any award or badge under this program may be claimed by any licensed radio amateur eligible under these rules who can produce evidence of having contacted amateur radio stations in Europe by using the PSK31 mode. All claims must be submitted in a standard form acceptable to the Award Committee.

QSL-cards are not required. However, the Award Committee reserves the right to ask to see some or all of the QSLcards. Awards and badges are issued to the person or club. The person or club can use any legal callsign. Contacts made from club stations or special event stations count to the credit of both the club and the operator. All stations must be operated in accordance with their licensing conditions. Contacts may be made from any location in the same DXCC country. Credit will be given for contacts made on any of the amateur bands below 30 MHz.

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Each claim must be accompanied by a fee of 5.00 GBP or \$US10 per award or badge. The default payment method is via PayPal to paypal@srars.org or by a credit card, UK personal cheques, postal money orders, bank transfers, bank deposit, cash and other methods. Some payment options offer more protection than others, so be sure to select a method of payment that makes you feel comfortable. If you have any additional questions about how to pay, please do not hesitate to contact the Award Committee. Applications and enquiries should be sent to the Award Committee by e-mail srars@srars.org or at the address: Scottish-Russian ARS, P.O. Box 7469, Glasgow, G42 0YD, Scotland, UK.

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