SDARC Members' Worked all Prefix Initials Award 2019

This is a Year-long Dual-Award Scheme open to <u>SDARC-Members only.</u> It aims to encourage on-air operating, to have some competitive fun playing radio, to raise the profile of SDARC on the air and to reward members making consistent use of their radio gear. **Go on THIS year, why don't YOU have a go!!**

RULES

- Name: "Worked all Prefix Initials (CW/Phone)" and separately "Worked all Prefix Initials (MGM)"
- Aim: To work as many INITIAL PREFIX CHARACTERS as you can during the Award period.
 ALL DXCC Prefixes are valid. You need to log the full call but only the FIRST Character of the prefix counts.
 There are 33 valid initial prefix characters to 'bag': A-Z (Q not issued) and 2-9 (0 and 1 not issued)
 The initial character of the Prefix counts only ONCE. (eg P is 'bagged' for working any of PA, PY, P2 or P5!)
- Dates: QSOs may be made at any time from 1st MARCH to 30th NOVEMBER 2019.
- Callsign: Log ALL QSOs under your own Full Call Sign. QSOs made using your SCC (Short Contest Call) are OK.
- Bands: ANY allocated UK Amateur Band from DC to Light.
- QSOs: Direct contacts only no remote or unattended operation, no repeaters, echolink or <u>active</u> satellites
 (EME, rain/meteor scatter are OK), no Internet QSOs (using a Cluster to FIND a station is OK, but <u>not</u> to MAKE the QSO).
- Site: You may operate from home or /M, /P or /A anywhere within a 25 mile radius of your QTHR.
- Modes: There are TWO Awards for 2019 according to the Mode used:

One Award for **CW** or **Phone** QSOs**plus**

A <u>SEPARATE</u> Award for **MGM** (Machine Generated Modes) - (eg PSKnn, JTnn, RTTY, FT8 ...)

The fact that *some* Members *may* operate CW using a computer does **NOT** make those QSOs MGM.

-Power: Your Maximum TX Power is determined by your licence.

But, for the **CW/Phone <u>Award</u>** you may choose a <u>lower</u> power category should you wish (10/50/100/400W)

e.g. A 2Exxx may choose 10W or 50W in the CW/Phone Award.

BUT... <u>Choose carefully</u> as you <u>must</u> stick to your chosen power category all year.

e.g. if you choose 10w in March, you can't change to 50w halfway through May!

For the MGM Award, you can use any power allowed by your licence and can change power at any time!

-Scoring: Each Prefix Initial worked counts as ONE point.

Enter details using the appropriate on-line form at SDARC.net Just copy the details from your shack log.

- Awards: There will be 5 Winners' Certificates overall -

One for **MGM** and 4 more for **CW/Phone** (10W, 50W, 100W, 400W).

In 2019, a member could win both the MGM Certificate AND one of the CW/Phone Certificates.

- Judging: QSOs will not normally need validating but Judges reserve the right to request confirmation.

The Judges' decision in all matters is final.

By entering, you agree that results & photos may be sent to Radcom & the SDARC website.

- Results: The on-line table at SDARC.net will show progress.

Awards will be presented at the Club Christmas Dinner.

Remember to tell stations you contact about the SDARC <u>Worked All Prefix Initials</u> Award.
...It raises the profile of SDARC on the air!
Happy Hunting! Have Fun! Good Luck!