

# Northwest Indiana DX CLUB

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## President's Corner

Hello,

Our next meeting is on June 16<sup>th</sup> at Noon. The new meeting place is Sugar Bowl restaurant 402 US 20 in Michigan City. Yes, this is a Friday. But we do get a private room for our meeting.

John Sweeney will be our speaker. See more about this below.

73  
John W3ML  
Good DXing!

## "Working the World from the Black Hole"

### NWI DX Club Website

<http://nwidxclub.weebly.com/>



Don't forget Steve Mollman is our QSL Card Checker.

DXCC Card Checking is available by appointment and may be available at meetings. E-Mail [kd9hl@arrl.net](mailto:kd9hl@arrl.net) for an appointment or to make other arrangements.

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**Reminder, the NWIDX Club has a club call W9NWI.**

The call is available to members for use during contests, special events, Field Day, etc. To schedule dates for its use, contact the trustee, Steve Mollman – KD9HL. [kd9hl@arrrl.net](mailto:kd9hl@arrrl.net)

QSL cards are available.

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# DXCC Challenge Member Scorecard A Reminder



Get Your Latest Contacts to the ARRL by June 26 as we plan on publishing the annual listing of our members standings in the ARRL DX Challenge Award in the July newsletter.

Members are urged to submit to the ARRL's DX Desk any contacts that they may have that have not yet been accepted by the ARRL. This can be done either through the Log Book of The World (LoTW) process or via a formal QSL Card submission via our card checker Steve Mollman-KD9HL (email: [KD9HL@arrl.net](mailto:KD9HL@arrl.net)).

NOTE: Just because you have confirmations listed in your LOTW account does not mean that the DX Desk has accepted them for award credit. In the words of the ARRL, those contacts are "pending". You must make formal application for the award credit. Members are urged to have their applications in the ARRL's hands before June 26, 2021 to ensure that there is time to process the application for the June 30, 2021 Scorecard cut-off.

The DXCC Challenge Award is earned by working and confirming at least 1,000 DXCC band-points on any Amateur bands, 160 through 6 meters (except 60 meters). A band point is earned by working and confirming a current DX entity in any mode on a single band. (You only get one point per entity per band regardless of the mode. Working a DX entity multiple times via different modes on the same band does not give you more

points-you only get one. Deleted entities do not count for this award. Only stations with over 1000 DXCC band-points are listed by the ARRL and the NWIDX Club Scorecard.

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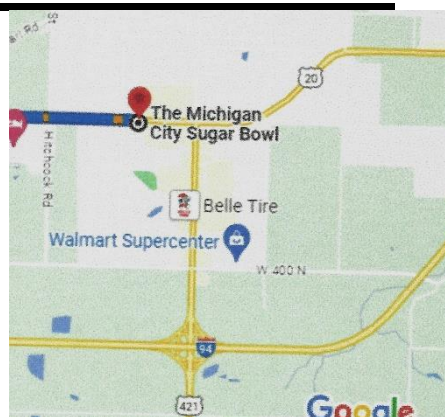
## The Question of the Month

(The correct answer is at the end of the Newsletter)

The recent DXØNE DXpedition to the Spratly Islands used a Philippine license. What countries claim to own all or portions of the island group?

- A. Philippines, Vietnam, China, Brunei, Taiwan, and Malaysia
  - B. USA, China, Vietnam, Philippines, and Thailand
  - C. Sri Lanka, Taiwan, China Vietnam, Indonesia, and the Philippines
  - D. Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Philippines, and China
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## WE HAVE MOVED!!!



In order to have a better place to meet, we have moved to the “Sugar Bowl” in Michigan City. Furthermore, we are now scheduled on a Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Let’s have a great turnout to celebrate our new “digs”.

Also, we have a very special speaker, John Sweeney, K9EL, the Central Division DX Advisory Board member. This will be a great opportunity to hear about current activities of the Board and also a chance to voice your opinions and ask your questions. Since it is a trip of 2-3

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hours through Chicago traffic (and construction), we will meet John via ZOOM. Prior to the meeting, we will distribute the link to the session for those of you facing a long travel as well.

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## *June 16 Luncheon/Meeting*

# *Directions to the Sugar Bowl Restaurant*



The Sugar Bowl is in Michigan City on West US Highway 20, West of US 421, on the South side of the Highway across from PNC Bank and Music Towing. Another landmark is Kabelin Ace Hardware located just West of the old Marquette Mall which is on the North side of the street before the PNC Bank if heading West on Hwy 20 from US 421 (also known as Franklin Street).

The address is:

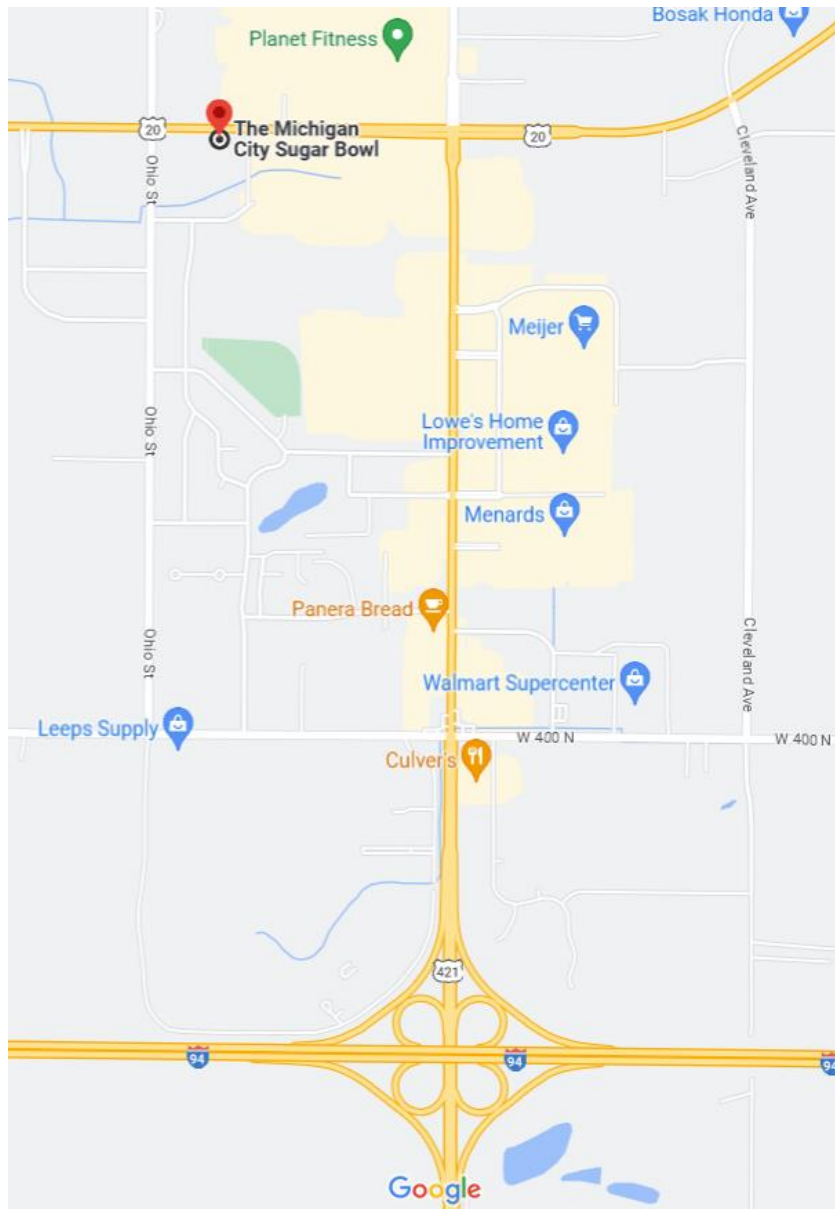
**[402 US Highway 20, Michigan City, IN 46360-7363](#)**

Phone: +1 219 221 6345

The Menu:

<https://www.menupix.com/menudirectory/menu.php?id=31204265>

[Approximately one acre of parking is available with plenty of handicap spots.](#)



**FROM WEST Via I-94**

Take exit 34B toward Michigan City onto US-421 N. Go for 1.8 mi. Turn left onto W US Highway 20 (US-20). Go for 0.4 mi. Sugar Bowl Restaurant is on your Left. (Opposite Marquette Mall)

**FROM EAST Via Indiana Toll Road**

Take exit 39 toward Michigan City (US 421 North) . Turn left onto US Highway 421 North (US-421). Go for 6.0 mi. Turn left onto W US Highway 20 (US-20). Go for 0.4 mi. Sugar Bowl Restaurant is on your Left. (Opposite Marquette Mall)

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**FROM EAST Via I-94**

Take exit 34A toward Michigan City onto US-421 N. Go for 1.8 mi. Turn left onto US Highway 20 West (US-20). Go for 0.4 mi. Sugar Bowl Restaurant is on your Left. (Opposite Marquette Mall)

**FROM SOUTH Via US 421**

Go North on US 421. Turn left onto US Highway 20 West (US-20). Go for 0.4 mi. Sugar Bowl Restaurant is on your Left. (Opposite Marquette Mall)

**GPS**

The most common GPS address is 402 US 20, Michigan City, IN

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**DX FOR JUNE 2023**

**By**  
**NG3K**

2023 May23	2023 Jun07	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LoTW
2023 May23	2023 Jun14	Rwanda	9X2AW	M0OXO
2023 May30	2023 Jun13	Cape Verde Is	D4CW	DJ5QS Buro
2023 Jun01	2023 Jun12	Central Kiribati	T31TT	LoTW
2023 Jun06	2023 Jun18	Lakshadweep Is	VU7W	LoTW
2023 Jun10	2023 Jun24	Ducie I	VP6A	LoTW
2023 Jun13	2023 Jun21	Maldives	8Q7KB	LoTW
2023 Jun21	2023 Jul03	Malawi	7Q7WW	W1IE
2023 Jun23	2023 Jun29	Br Virgin Is	VP2V	W9DR Direct
2023 Jun25	2023 Jul05	Faroe Is	OY	LoTW
2023 Jun27	2023 Jul08	Bermuda	VP9	G4OSY
2023 Jun27	2023 Jul11	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	LoTW



# Contest Corral

# June 2023

Check for updates and a downloadable PDF version online at [www.arrrl.org/contest-calendar](http://www.arrrl.org/contest-calendar).

Refer to the contest websites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

	Start Date-Time	Finish Date-Time	Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
1	1700	1 2100	28	NRAU 10m Activity Contest	CW,Ph,Dig	RS(T), 6-char grid square	<a href="http://nrau.net/nrau-contests-in-general">nrau.net/nrau-contests-in-general</a>
1	2000	1 2200	1.8-28,50	SKCC Sprint Europe	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
2	0000	4 2359	1.8-28,50	PODXS 070 Club 3 Day Weekend Contest	Dig	Mbr or "0000"	<a href="http://www.podxs070.com">www.podxs070.com</a>
2	1900	2 1959	3.5,7	HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest	CW	RST, mbr or "NM"	<a href="http://radioamator.honlapepites.hu/?p=1280">radioamator.honlapepites.hu/?p=1280</a>
3	0000	4 2359	28	10-10 Int'l Open Season PSK Contest	Dig	Name, SPC, mbr	<a href="http://www.ten-ten.org">www.ten-ten.org</a>
3	0200	3 1459	1.8-28	Tisza Cup CW Contest	CW	RST, CQ zone	<a href="http://www.tiszacup.eu">www.tiszacup.eu</a>
3	0600	3 0800	7,14	Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	CW	RST, serial, suffix of previous QSO	<a href="http://qrp.ru/contest/wakeup">qrp.ru/contest/wakeup</a>
3	1300	4 0100	1.8-28, 50,144	Kentucky QSO Party	CW,Ph,Dig	RS(T), KY county or SPC	<a href="http://www.kyqsoparty.org/rules">www.kyqsoparty.org/rules</a>
3	1300	4 1300	50	UKSMG Summer Contest	not specified	RST, serial, 6-char grid square	<a href="http://uksmg.org/summer-contest-rules.php">uksmg.org/summer-contest-rules.php</a>
3	1500	4 1459	1.8-28	IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW	CW	RST, serial	<a href="http://www.darc.de">www.darc.de</a>
3	1500	4 1500	1.8-28	RSGB National Field Day	CW	RST, serial	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org">www.rsgbcc.org</a>
3	1800	4 2359	1.8-28,50	ARRL Int'l Digital Contest	Dig (no RTTY)	4-char grid square	<a href="http://contests.arrrl.org/dig">contests.arrrl.org/dig</a>
5	1900	5 2030	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Champ, Data	Dig	RST, serial	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org">www.rsgbcc.org</a>
6	0100	6 0300	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, pwr	<a href="http://arsqrp.blogspot.com">arsqrp.blogspot.com</a>
7	1700	7 2100	144	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	FT8	4-char grid square	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu">www.ft8activity.eu</a>
8	1900	8 2000	3.5,7	EACW Meeting	CW	RST, nickname, mbr or DXCC prefix	<a href="http://www.eacwspain.es/eacwmeeting">www.eacwspain.es/eacwmeeting</a>
10	0000	10 2359	1.8-28	VK Shires Contest	CW,Ph	RS(T), VK shire, or CQ zone	<a href="http://www.wia.org.au">www.wia.org.au</a>
10	1100	10 1300	14,21	Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	Ph	RS, serial	<a href="http://jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt">jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt</a>
10	1200	11 1200	3.5-28	Portugal Day Contest	CW,Ph	RS(T), CT district or serial	<a href="http://portugaldaycontest.rep.pt/rules.php">portugaldaycontest.rep.pt/rules.php</a>
10	1200	11 2359	1.8-28,50	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
10	1400	10 1800	144,432	AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	CW	RST, serial, pwr, 6-char grid square	<a href="http://www.agcw.de/contest/vhf-uhf">www.agcw.de/contest/vhf-uhf</a>
10	1500	11 1500	3.5-28	GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	CW	RST, CQ zone	<a href="http://gacw.ar">gacw.ar</a>
10	1600	11 1600	50	REF DDFM 6m Contest	CW,Ph	RS(T), serial, 4-char grid square	<a href="http://concours.r-e-f.org">concours.r-e-f.org</a>
10	1800	12 0259	50 and up	ARRL June VHF Contest	CW,Ph,Dig	4-char grid square	<a href="http://www.arrrl.org/june-vhf">www.arrrl.org/june-vhf</a>
11	1700	11 2200	All, no WARC	Cookie Crumble QRP Contest	CW,Ph,Dig	RS(T), SPC, cookie number, name	<a href="http://w3atb.com/cookie-crumble">w3atb.com/cookie-crumble</a>
12	0000	12 0200	1.8-28	4 States QRP Group 2nd Sun Sprint	CW,Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or pwr	<a href="http://www.4sqrp.com">www.4sqrp.com</a>
14	0030	14 0230	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>
14	1700	14 2100	432	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	FT8	4-char grid square	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu">www.ft8activity.eu</a>
14	1900	14 2030	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Champ, CW	CW	RST, serial	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org">www.rsgbcc.org</a>
15	1900	15 2000	3.5-14	NTC QSO Party	CW	Max 25 WPM: RST, mbr, or "NM"	<a href="http://pi4ntc.nl/ntcqp">pi4ntc.nl/ntcqp</a>
16	1200	16 1300	7	SARL Youth QSO Party	Ph	RS, age	<a href="http://www.sarl.org.za">www.sarl.org.za</a>
17	0000	17 2359	3.5-28	Pajajaran Bogor DX Contest	Ph	RS, serial	<a href="http://pbdx-contest.com/rules">pbdx-contest.com/rules</a>
17	0000	18 2359	1.8-28	All Asian DX Contest, CW	CW	RST, 2-digit age	<a href="http://www.jarl.org/English">www.jarl.org/English</a>
17	0000	18 2359	50	SMIRK Contest	CW,Ph	4-char grid square, mbr (optional)	<a href="http://smirk.info/contest.html">smirk.info/contest.html</a>
17	1400	18 1400	50	IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest	CW,Ph	RS(T), serial, 6-char grid square	<a href="http://www.iau-r1.org">www.iau-r1.org</a>
17	1500	18 1500	1.8	Stew Perry Topband Challenge	CW	4-char grid square	<a href="http://smirk.info/contest.html">smirk.info/contest.html</a>
17	1600	18 0400	3.5-28	West Virginia QSO Party	CW,Ph,Dig	RS(T), WV county or SPC	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc">www.qsl.net/wvsarc</a>
17	1800	17 1959	1.8-28,50	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	mbr, SPC, grid square	<a href="http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home">sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home</a>
17	1800	17 2359	3.5-14,18, 21,24,28, 2 rpters	ARRL Kids Day	Ph	name, age, QTH, favorite color	<a href="http://www.arrrl.org/kids-day">www.arrrl.org/kids-day</a>
18	0800	18 1400	50	WAB 50 MHz Phone	Ph	RS, serial, WAB square or country	<a href="http://wab.intermip.net">wab.intermip.net</a>
21	0030	21 0230	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>
21	1700	21 2100	1.2G	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	FT8	4-char grid square	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu">www.ft8activity.eu</a>
22	1900	22 2030	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Champ, SSB	Ph	RS, serial	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org">www.rsgbcc.org</a>
24	0600	24 1700	3.5-28	UFT QRP Contest	CW	RST, QRP/QRO, mbr or "NM"	<a href="http://www.uft.net/concours-qrp-uft">www.uft.net/concours-qrp-uft</a>
24	1200	25 1200	1.8-28	His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	Ph	RST, EA province or serial	<a href="http://concursos.ure.es">concursos.ure.es</a>
24	1800	25 2100	All, no WARC	ARRL Field Day	CW,Ph,Dig	Number of transmitters, operating class, ARRL/RAC Section or "DX"	<a href="http://www.arrrl.org/field-day">www.arrrl.org/field-day</a>
26	1900	26 2030	3.5-14	RSGB FT4 Contest	FT4	Signal report	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf">www.rsgbcc.org/hf</a>
28	0000	28 0200	1.8-28,50	SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>

There are a number of weekly contests not included in the table above. For more info, visit: [www.qrpfoxhunt.org](http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org), [www.ncccsprint.com](http://www.ncccsprint.com), and [www.cwops.org](http://www.cwops.org). All dates and times refer to UTC and may be different from calendar dates in North America. Contests are not conducted on the 60-, 30-, 17-, or 12-meter bands. Mbr = Membership number. Serial = Sequential number of the contact. SPC = State, Province, DXCC Entity, XE = Mexican state. Listings in blue indicate contests sponsored by ARRL or NCJ. The latest time to make a valid contest QSO is the minute listed in the "Finish Time" column. Data for Contest Corral is maintained on the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at [www.contestcalendar.com](http://www.contestcalendar.com) and is extracted for publication in QST 2 months prior to the month of the contest. ARRL gratefully acknowledges the support of Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, in providing this service.



# Delete Scarborough Reef (BS7) from the List of DXCC Entities?

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Years ago, there were DX entities like Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic (East Germany), Walvis Bay and the Panama Canal Zone. The world changed, the Berlin Wall fell, the Canal Zone reverted to Panama and as luck would have it, these DXCC entities were deleted. The politics of the world creates a constant state of flux in the sovereignty of geographical areas,

Often the ARRL is on top of these situations and has added and subtracted entities as the situation demands. There is one current entity that seems to have escaped the ARRL's notice-Scarborough Reef (BS7).

The Permanent Court of Arbitration (a United Nations Agency) has ruled that Scarborough Reef is under the sovereignty of the Philippines. Because of the Philippine sovereignty, the reef may no longer meet the criteria as a separate entity.

Recently a proposal was made to the DXCC Advisory Committee to delete this entity.

## **A Proposal for the Deletion of Scarborough Reef (BS7) from the ARRL List of DXCC Entities**

The ARRL DXCC program is an amateur radio operating award program administered by the American Radio Relay League. It aims to encourage DX (long-distance) communication between amateur radio operators around the world. The program maintains a list of entities, which are defined as political entities or geographic locations that have a distinct IARU prefix.

Scarborough Reef, also known as Panatag Shoal, Bajo de Masinloc, Huangyan Island or the Scarborough Shoal, is a disputed area in the South China Sea. It is a triangular-shaped chain of reefs and rocks surrounding a lagoon, and it lies within the Philippine EEZ. However, China also claims the area as part of its "nine-dash line" claim, which encompasses almost the entire South China Sea.

The area is claimed by, among others, China, the Philippines, and Taiwan.

The inclusion or exclusion of Scarborough Reef in the DXCC list is ultimately up to the discretion of the ARRL DXCC program administrators.

The ARRL has stated that it follows the United Nations' list of non-self-governing territories to determine DXCC entities. Scarborough Reef is not currently on that list, but it remains a valid entity for DXCC credit.

It's worth noting that the political status of Scarborough Reef has been subject to ongoing international disputes and negotiations, and changes to its status affect its inclusion in the DXCC list.

The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) ruling on Scarborough Reef, which was issued on July 12, 2016, has a significant impact on the Philippine claim over the area. The ruling recognized the Philippines' sovereign rights over the waters within its 200-nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and rejected China's historic rights claim to the waters. Scarborough Reef is within that 200 nautical mile of EEZ.

The PCA ruling clarified that Scarborough Reef is a "rock" under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), which means that it cannot generate an EEZ or continental shelf. However, the ruling also stated that the area does have a territorial sea, which extends 12 nautical miles from the reef.

**THIS MEANS THAT THE PHILIPPINES HAS THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO EXPLOIT THE LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES OF SCARBOROUGH REEF AND ITS SURROUNDING WATERS.**

The PCA ruling also invalidated China's claim to historic rights to the waters within the nine-dash line. This means that China cannot claim sovereignty over Scarborough Reef or any other feature within the Philippine EEZ based on historic claims.

In summary, the PCA ruling verifies the Philippines' claim over Scarborough Reef and clarifies the legal status of the area under UNCLOS.

We should note that China has rejected the ruling and continues to assert its claims over the South China Sea, including Scarborough Reef.

**RATIONAL FOR DELETION:**

1. The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) has verified the Philippines' claim over Scarborough Reef. China's claims have been rejected.
2. The ARRL DXCC Rules state "A new entity results in the case of an island under any of the following conditions: The island is separated from its Parent, and any other islands that make up the DXCC entity that contains the Parent, by 350 kilometers or more." (ARRL DX Rules 2, b,1 "Island Areas (Separation by Water)")

Scarborough Reef is less than 350 kilometers from the nearest Philippine land mass (Luzon Island).

3. Scarborough Reef is NOT on the United Nations' list of non-self-governing territories that the ARRL uses as criteria for determining DXCC status.

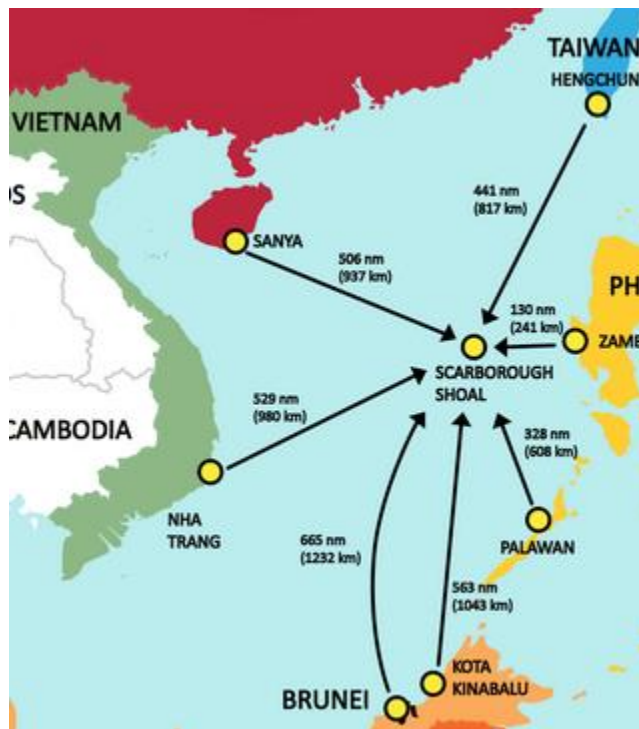
- 4 Scarborough Reef no longer meets the ARRL criteria as a separate entity, as it is now part of the Philippines.

**PROPOSED:**

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Scarborough Reef should be deleted from the list of active DXCC entities because it no longer meets the criteria for inclusion under the ARRL DXCC Rules.

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The DXCC Advisory Committee is just that, an advisor to the ARRL Board of the Directors and has no authority to make changes to the program. Having said that, the DXAC does have influence with the Board. It will be interesting to see how the DXAC and the ARRL Board react to this proposal.

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# Question of the Month Answer:

The recent DXpedition to the Spratly Islands used a Philippine license. What countries claim to own all or portions of the island group?

**Answer: A. Philippines, Vietnam, China, Brunei, Taiwan and Malaysia**

The Spratly Islands consist of more than 100 small islands or reefs in the South China Sea surrounded by rich fishing grounds - and potentially by gas and oil deposits.

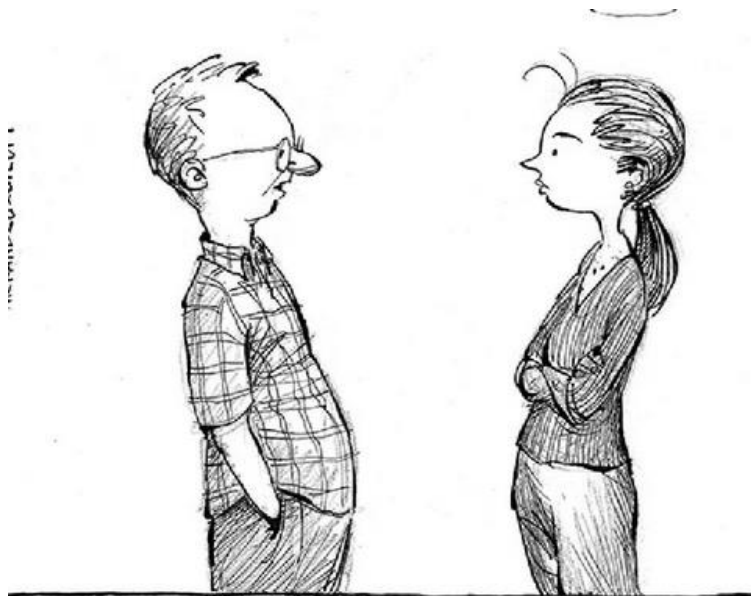
The Spratly Islands contain almost no arable land, are largely uninhabited, and very few of the islands have a permanent drinkable water supply.

The South China Sea is a hotbed of trouble. The littoral states of the South China Sea-China, Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia and Malaysia-have much to argue about: Oil rights, territorial claims, economic zone and national security concerns are all contentious issues which lead to intractable problems.

The Spratly Islands territorial disputes rank high on the controversy list. No less than six governments-China, Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, the Philippines and Brunei-claim part or all of the Spratly Islands. The disputes have defied solution through compromise and have attracted unilateral military actions.

The "1S" license prefix is sometimes used on the Spratly Islands, because of the international dispute over ownership. Without taking a position on the claims involved, this entity is recognized by ARRL for the DXCC program, although prefixes from claimant nations are often used.

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"How can I possibly annoy you  
by disappearing into my radio  
shack for hours on end?"

## FOR SALE ITEMS

**If you have ham items for sale, email me a list along with prices and contact information. I will put it in the next newsletter.**

**Let me know when an item is no longer for sale so I can remove it.**

**For Sale items will be removed from the newsletter after 3 months.**

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I want to thank those that have been sending in articles for the newsletter. All items are appreciated.



Until Next Time,  
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President Northwest Indiana DX Club

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