



AWARD "PENNE NERE"

1) To achieve the "PENNE NERE" (Black Feathers) Diploma of a permanent nature, the interested OM, should have connected radio amateurs belonging to the "GRA-Amateur Alpine Group", and reached a threshold, defined as follows:

Italians Radio amateurs	300 points in MIX	260 points in SSB	220 points in CW	120 points in DGT
European Radio amateurs	220 points in MIX	200 points in SSB	150 points in CW	80 points in DGT
ExtraEurope Radio amateurs	180 points in MIX	100 points in SSB	80 points in CW	50 points in DGT.

2) After obtaining the Diploma, the OM may continue in activities to achieve higher scores, such as to enable him to obtain the "Targa" (Plate).

To get the "Plate" it will be required:

Italians Radio amateurs	400 points in MIX	360 points in SSB	300 points in CW	180points in DGT
European Radio amateurs	280 points in MIX	250 points in SSB	200 points in CW	100points in DGT
Extra urope Radio amateurs	150 points in MIX	130 points in SSB	100 points in CW	70 points in DGT.

3) Beginning from February 1st 2012 all the qso's will be valid on the following bands:

10 m – 15 m – 20 m – 40 m – 80 m – 160 m

4) All stations of the "G.R.A.", in order to obtain points for this Diploma, can be connected only once a day regardless of the "Band" and the used "Mode".

5) The members can transmit from the “Symbolic Places”, having requested by email, at least 7 days before the actual activity, the permission to the "GRA" committee and specifying the Call that will be used during the operation. The transmissions will be authorized for a maximum of 48 hours, namely from 00.00 on the first day to 23.59 of next day. If the used call will be that of a Club Station, the same, of course, must previously have joined to the “G.R.A”.

Each symbolic area for the Alpini Corps, as memorials, mausoleums, etc.. .. will be marked with a unique identification and sequential number by the "GRA", **and the same will be the only one used in the authorized radio activities**. The list of the special places can be found at the "GRA" website through the following link:

<http://g-r-a.jimdo.com/home/download-programma-log-gra/>

All the radio activities from “Symbolic Places”. (Sacrariums, Mausoleums, etc.) must be done within a maximum radius of 500 meters from the site.

Who transmits from the "Symbol Place", can only assign the points allocated for the current event, but **he can not receive any point**.

6) The **amateur** radio stations belonging to and operated by the Alpine Brigades, will make QSO's valid for the Diploma " Penne Nere ".

7) The stations of the " GRA " will make their calls in the following way :

“CQ G.R.A. - Alpine Radioamateur Group”

During all the contact done for the “G.R.A.”, the calling station must communicate **to the correspondent** the one and only own membership "GRA" number. It's also forbidden to insert into the log different Calls from that of the actual correspondent.

8) To obtain the "Diploma" and / or the "Plate" it's mandatory to have connected, at least once, a "Station with a special call" which was authorized to transmit during events of major importance for the Alpines like “Special Events” or “Alpine National Gatherings”. To transmit with a Special Call to use during a Special Event, a permission must be obtained by the "GRA" committee, after having sent them, at least 7 days before the beginning of the activity, the documentation regarding the coming event and specifying the Call that'll be used during the same. All of the above in order to be able to analyze and to authorize the applicants and advising members of the forthcoming event. During the transmissions carried out from the "Symbol Places" as by the "Alpine Brigades" and so during the "Special Events", never must be used the personal "GRA" number, but only the number of the event in progress. Any QSO made with the personal number will not be considered valid for the score of the Diploma.

9) The scores for the connections made will be as follows :

a) QSO done by the G.R.A. - "Station Alpine"	CW 5	SSB 4	DGT 3
b) QSO done by the G.R.A. - "Station Sympathizer"	CW 3	SSB 2	DGT 2
c) QSO done by "Alpine Brigade" ham stations"	CW 9	SSB 7	DGT 5
d) QSO done from "Symbolic Sites "	CW 10	SSB 8	DGT 6
e) QSO done with by GRA Stations during "Special Events"	CW 12	SSB 10	DGT 8
f) QSO done with the GRA Station during the "National Alpine Gathering".	CW 15	SSB 15	DGT 10

n.b. For 9e) and 9f) paragraphs usually special Calls dedicated to the specific Event will be used.

10) The Diploma and/or the Plate are available in the following issues:

"CW" - "SSB" - "DGTtal" and "MIX". To get the Award, participants must send a request, attaching the file generated, for the purpose, by the "DiplomaGRA" program through the "Stampe/Richiesta Diploma" menu. With the same will be attached also a JPG or PDF scan of the payment done (as the following paragraph 12) and specifying also the actual address where to send the DIPLOMA and/or the PLATE. All must be sent by email to: gra@aricuneo.it ;

11) The log extract must contain, in addition to usual and essential data for the validity of the QSOs, also the registration Number "GRA xxx" (Example: 599 "GRA xxx") of the contacted stations. It will report the sufficient number of QSOs to achieve the target score. It's strongly recommended to list a few more of them, to compensate for any connections NOT VALIDATED, after cross-checking them.

12) The contribution for the expenses for Diplomas and Plaques and for 2013 year is :
to receive the "**Diploma**":

Italian stations : € 10 + 2 € for postal costs thais a total of 12 €

foreigners stations, please ask G.R.A. gra@aricuneo.it the actual total sum.

to receive the "**Targa** " :

Italian stations : € 30 + 10 € for postal costs thais a total of 40 €

foreigners stations, please ask G.R.A. gra@aricuneo.it the actual total sum.

to receive the Diploma and the Targa togheter :

Italian stations € 50 (postal cost included)

foreigners stations, please ask G.R.A. gra@aricuneo.it the actual total sum.

The former sums are valid unless other variations of the postage fees.

Payment must be made by PostePay (n°. 4023 6006 0518 7519), made payable to :
Bruno Giraud Cod.Fisc: GRD BRN 50A29 B033G.

13) All “GRA” stations that will transmit both as “activators” like as “hunters” must use exclusively the official Log management Program downloadable from the following link:

<http://www.g-r-a.jimdo.com/home/download-programma-log-gra/>

The “activators” must submit their program generated Log file containing “all” the QSOs made on behalf of the GRA, shortly after the end of each quarter of the year (where they will list “ALL” the contacts made for the “GRA” during that time frame). It's clear that not sending those data penalizes the Award applicants that made QSO's with the same.

Of course,, if in a given "Quarter " has not been made any QSO , NO LOG must be sent to the " GRA" or communicated to the same. The date of the end of each calendar quarter, is: 1st Qtr. = March 31, 2nd Qtr.= June 30, 3rd Quarter. = September 30 and Q4 = December 31. The "LOGs " containing the QSOs of the reference quarter, should be sent to "GRA" within 30 days after the end of the quarter in question.

The stations that will operate from the “ Symbolic places”, or during the “National Alpine Gatherings” or during a “Special Event”, must send their logs not after 30 days of the transmissions endings.

14) **SWL** : the following scores will be applied:

To achieve the “PENNE NERE ” **Award** and/or the **Targa** is required as essential the HRD of at least a station with a “Special Call” authorized to transmit during a particularly important event like a “Special Event” and/or the “Alpine National Gathering”.

a) One HRD of a G.R.A. "Alpine" station	CW 5	SSB 4	DGT 3
b) One HRD of a G.R.A. "Sympathizer" station	CW 3	SSB 2	DGT 2
c) One HRD of an "Alpine Brigade" station	CW 9	SSB 7	DGT 5
d) One HRD of a station from a "Symbolic Place"	CW 10	SSB 8	DGT 6
e) One HRD of a station for a " Special Event"	CW 12	SSB 10	DGT 8
f) One HRD of a station from the "Alpine National Gathering"	CW 15	SSB 15	DGT 10

The score necessary for SWLs to achieve the Diploma "PENNE NERE" is established in 100 points and 180 points for the Plate.

For the SWLs for the requests both of the Diploma as of the Plate the same rules as for the Oms will be applied

The file in excel format where fill in all the HRD done is downloadable at:

<http://www.g-r-a.jimdo.com/home/download-programma-log-gra/>

At the discretion of the team who drew them up, these Rules can be subject to changes and additions aimed to improve the performance of the Diploma,
The same will come into force from the moment of publication on the website of the "GRA".

Anyone interested in the achievement of this Diploma, engages to comply with the rules, regulations and courtesy normally used by radio amateurs in the use of their stations.



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