

Jock White Field Day 2015 Report

Thank you to all for a good turn out this year.

Almost the entire country enjoyed good weather this year, I say almost as Wellington branch 50 unfortunately were unable to participate due to high winds and the Tauranga emergency communications group (89) had to cease operation due to weather.

Propagation on 80 metres seemed to be good this year with 40 metres perhaps being pretty average.

The ZL1XH Te Aroha team appeared this year and caused an upset in the Northern region with an excellent score. Sadly Northland was absent this year, I have heard they will be back in 2016.

The Napier ZL2G team were back after an absence last year taking out the central region just ahead of the 'two queen fox' team from South Taranaki.

Hibiscus Coast branch 80 entered this year which was great to see making a great effort for a two man team.

Te Puke improved their standing this year racing up the score board but Papakura still took first place in 80 metres only.

Manawatu swapped places with Franklin from 2014 to take out the phone only section.

Paul VK5PAS operating portable in the Porter Scrub conservation park in the Adelaide Hills submitted an entry joining regular Chris VK2ACD.

There was a lot more interest in the QRP section this year with two stations (Marton and Nelson) operating kitset equipment. The Nelson team made 338 phone contacts on 40 metres which is up there among the 100 Watt stations.

Comments from teams

Note: I do enjoy reading comments but there seemed to be fewer submitted with entries this year. I received some interesting photos from the Auckland team, VK5PAS and ZL1LS.

The 703 (Icom) retired hurt and will have to go to the vet.

We were so exhausted putting up a 3 el Yagi on an 80 ft tower we were too exhausted to operate!

My XYL brought a Chinese takeaway meal and we had dinner at the picnic table provided for visitors to the beach

The station was situated near the small provincial tower of Paeroa (L & P Bottle)

Missed some of the regulars this year

Good weather

Our band of helpers included prospective amateurs

80 good 40 average

Improving Field Day Operating Technique

It is best for all if numbers can be exchanged as efficiently as possible.

It is becoming commonplace for the number received to be repeated back "thank you for your 59 121 branch 99 my number to you is"

If you are happy that you have received the number from the other station accurately there is no need to read the number back. Think of that QRP station that is always at the end of the queue, or other stations that have to wait due to being weaker for whatever reason. The wait is much longer if unnecessary read-backs are occurring. The quicker exchanges take place the more contacts everyone can make per hour.

An example of an efficient QSO:

CQ call by ZL2YZ

Answered by ZL1ZZ

Acknowledged by ZL2YZ: "ZL1ZZ 59001/95"

Reply by ZL1ZZ: "59003/99"

Acknowledged by ZL2YZ: "Thank you CQ ZL2YZ.."

By all means if conditions are deteriorating and there is uncertainty ask for the number again.

Late entries and entries not submitted

This year many entries were well beyond the one month cut-off. It makes my life easier if you are prompt and allows me to get the results out sooner.

Two field stations did not submit logs: ZL2AA Gisborne and ZL1BHD Kawerau.

There are many jobs to do in setting up a field station, the first job that should be allocated is scoring and entering the log when it's over.

Electronic Logs

The last section of the rules states that you *post* the entry to my address. It says nowhere to e-mail them. I am getting quite tired of unpleasant comments from some when I point this out. Yes, its snail mail but that's how the JWFD operates for now. It is not much of an effort to print an electronic log and complete the summary sheets and post them. More than 2/3 of field stations use pen and paper for log keeping.

Contact Numbers

It is great to see that the message seems to have got through that field stations need to make a minimum of 50 phone and/or 20 CW contacts on a particular band to reach valid multiplier status. This year only one submitted field station entry failed to meet this (only 8 CW contacts on 80).

When an entry is received like this I delete those contacts. Why? If there is no disincentive to this practice then what would stop a whole lot more field stations from 'making a few CW contacts' or 'let's make one or two phone contacts on 40' etc. The

result would be a mess with many invalid multipliers claimed that I would have to delete from many of the entries.

This was the practice of Stan White and Jock White before me. One branch has been quite 'direct' in its protests about this, I can only say I would have loved to have read a Jock White response to this, have a look through old Break-Ins some time and read his 'pet peeves' comments.

Statistics

35 Field stations with 210 team members.

Ten field station logs were electronic.

Twelve home stations submitted logs.

Valid Multiplier List

A total of 95 active, the maximum for field stations was 91 as you cannot claim your own.

80 Phone (35): 02 03 05 08 10 11 12 18 20 22 25 26 27 29 30 32 37 42 48 44 53 56
58 59 60 65 67 68 69 77 80 84 86 87 89

80 CW (18): 03 05 12 16 22 25 30 32 27 37 42 53 56 65 69 77 84 87

40 Phone (29): 02 03 05 08 10 11 12 18 20 22 23 25 26 29 30 32 37 44 56 58 59 60
67 68 77 80 84 87 89

40 CW (13): 03 05 12 22 25 30 32 37 56 67 77 84 87

Non Valid Multipliers: 13 28 43 88

Check logs

Received with thanks from the following home stations:

ZL1AW, ZL1BQA, ZL1DAC, ZL3TE and ZL4KA.

Stuart Watchman

ZL2TW

Jock White Field Day Manager

2015 JOCK WHITE MEMORIAL FIELD DAY CONTEST RESULTS

Montgomery Cup - Northern Region

CALL	80 metres						40 metres						Tot Mult	Total Score	Pwr Out	BRANCH
	QSOs			Branches			QSOs			Branches						
	Ph	CW	DX	Ph	CW	DX	Ph	CW	DX	Ph	CW	DX				
1	ZL1XH	429	203	4	34	16	389	163	22	28	12	90	408960	100	77 Te Aroha	
2	ZL1UX	275	77	2	34	14	314	26	7	28	8	84	199248	100	12 Hamilton	
3	ZL1BOI	218	103		31	16	155	66	2	27	12	86	170624	100	84 Bay of Islands	
4	ZL1AA	426		4	34		402		19	28		62	168268	100	02 Auckland	
5	ZL1AB	129			28		211		2	28		56	58240	100	29 North Shore	

Patea Trophy - Central Region

1	ZL2G	410	210	3	34	17	373	151	7	28	12	91	387114	100	25 Napier
2	ZL2QF	408	211	3	34	17	325	145	13	28	12	91	376649	100	87 South Taranaki
3	ZL1BCO	407		8	31		461		22	23		54	156816	100	60 Taupo
4	ZL2HV	163			33		184		7	28		61	67771	99	17 Hutt Valley

ZL3/4 Trophy - Midland Region

1	ZL2KS	281	174	1	33	17	284	94	4	28	12	90	277650	80	22 Marlborough
2	ZL3ARC	257	125	2	32	16	300	126	9	28	12	88	267168	100	56 Christchurch West
3	ZL3AC	201	135	1	31	17	298	121	11	27	12	87	252039	100	05 Christchurch
4	ZL3RR	284			33		371		4	28		61	122305	100	68 Rangiora

"4" Trophy - Southern Region

1	ZL4AA	187	109	5	31	15	273	92		28	10	84	204540	100	30 Otago
2	ZL4GQ	114	34	2	27	10	207	33	9	27	9	64	90112	100	37 Southland
3	ZL4AL	122		2	31		187		11	27		58	61306	100	7 Eastern Southland

Single Station: 80 and 40 metres

1	ZL2ANN	138	106		29	17	121	85		27	11	84	145488	5	32 Rahunu Coast
2	ZL1EL	258		3	33		287		5	28		61	104615	100	44 Matamata

W M Hall Memorial - QRP

1	ZL1AC	300	81	1	31	13	298	121	4	28	12	84	239736	5	03 Western Suburbs
2	ZL2ARG	147			32		338		6	28		60	90900	5	26 Nelson
3	ZL1LC	206			30		192		4	27		57	70338	5	58 Helensville
4	ZL1PY	147			30		48		1	21		51	30345	5	59 Magakino
5	ZL2ADL						224		1	28		28	19096	3	22 Marton

CW Only

1	ZL2JU		109		15							15	8175	5	16 Horowhenua
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80 Metres Only

1	ZL1VK	437	237	5	33	17						50	127300	100	65 Papakura
2	ZL1IB	361	118	3	34	17						51	86853	100	53 Te Puke
3	ZL2KB	307	113	3	34	17						51	77316	100	69 Kapiti
4	ZL2AB	301	110		33	16						49	71197	100	27 New Plymouth
5	ZL2YT	298	92	1	34	17						51	69564	100	42 Titahi Bay
6	ZL2JA	441		6	34							34	47022	100	48 Wanganui
7	ZL1ZLD	347		1	33							33	34683	100	86 Musick Pt Radio Grp

Hastings Trophy - Phone Only

1	ZL2KO	410		4	34		399		16	26		60	157620	100	20 Manawatu
2	ZL1SA	425		3	34		356		9	28		62	152706	100	10 Franklin
3	ZL1REG	367		1	34		331		6	28		62	134168	80	89 Radio Electronics Grp
4	ZL1HCR	232			30		337		19	28		58	110026	100	80 Hibiscus Coast

Overseas Section

1	VK2ACD	60			25		116			27		52	27456	100	
2	VK5PAS						45			21		21	2835	40	

Home Stations

1	ZL1PZ	43	30		22	13	109	74	1	26	12	73	71978	100	
2	ZL2RO	66			30		245		8	26		56	56728	100	
3	ZL1BWG		68			14		101			10	24	20280	100	
4	ZL1ANY		71	1		17		40			11	28	15820	100	
5	ZL2RIC						199		1	25		25	15175	100	
6	ZL1TNO	69		1	25							25	5425	100	
7	ZL4NE						52	1		22	1	23	3703	100	