

THE OCEANIA DX CONTEST

2014 Results



The Quake Contesters team (**ZL3PAH**, **ZL3GA**, **ZL4PW** and **G3USR**) used this tranquil QTH at **YJ0X** to enter the PHONE and CW M1 categories in the 2014 contest. They were the leading Oceania team in the CW M1 category. The antennas consisted of a hex beam and ground plane verticals for 80M and 40M. See <https://yj2014.wordpress.com/> for more information about the YJ0X operation.

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1. Summary of 2014 OCDX Contest Results

Overview

Congratulations to all the winners in the 2014 Oceania DX (OCDX) Contest, and thank you to everyone who made it a success by participating, even if only to make one or two QSOs.

The soapbox comments indicate that the entrants had a lot of fun in the contest. In particular, they were enthusiastic about the excellent band conditions over the PHONE weekend. These conditions resulted in the submission of a record number of PHONE logs along with a record level of PHONE activity on the 10M band.¹ The CW weekend was more challenging - poorer band conditions on this weekend meant there was less CW activity and fewer CW logs compared to 2013.

Overall, a total of 1255 logs were received which is close to the record of 1259 logs that we received for the 2011 contest. The SO ALL LP² category was the most popular category, followed by the SO ALL HP category and then the SO 15M LP category. The new QRP categories attracted 38 logs.

Most of the Oceania activity was from Australia, followed by Indonesia and New Zealand respectively. New records were set for the numbers of PHONE logs from Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines. There was also an increased level of activity from rarer Oceania entities including V84, 9M6, T32, KH2, KH7, V63, DU, 5W, A35 and YJ. However, there was a drop in the number of logs from New Zealand. The reason for the reduced New Zealand activity is not clear, but we will be seeking to encourage a greater level of participation from ZL stations in the 2015 contest.

A total of 49 new continent records and 213 new country records were set in the 2014 contest. Many of the new records relate to the new QRP categories that were introduced in the 2014 contest. A summary of the new continent records is provided in Table 8 of this report. A detailed list of all the continent and country records is published on our web site at www.oceaniadxcontest.com.

There were many notable achievements in the 2014 contest. It is not possible to recognise all of them separately but we think the following entrants deserve special mention:

- Ken Bawden **VK4QH** for his huge effort in taking out the top spot and setting a new record in the Oceania PHONE SO ALL HP category. Ken easily beat the record held by **VK7ZX** in this category and was also close to topping the record set by **KH7X** in 2003 for the Oceania PHONE SO ALL category.
- David McCauley **VK3EW** for setting a new record in the in the Oceania PHONE SO ALL LP category.
- Dan Aitken **VK4OH** for achieving the highest QRP score worldwide in the PHONE section.
- The **VK4NM** team (**VK4NM**, **VK4LAT**) for stretching themselves to beat their 2011 score and set another OCEANIA record in the PHONE M1 category.
- Stanislaw Kasik **SP3YM** for setting a new Europe record in the PHONE 15M SO ALL LP category.
- Giammarco Berti **IZ4ZAW** for setting a new Europe record in the PHONE 15M SO ALL HP category.
- Jacek Porayski **SP5AUY** for setting a new Europe record in the PHONE SO 10M LP category, including almost doubling the previous record score that he set for this category in the 2012 contest.
- Masayuki Maruyama **JA7BEW** for substantially improving on his 2013 score in the PHONE SO ALL LP

¹ We started recording individual band activity data in 2003.

² Note: The following abbreviations are used to describe the various entry categories throughout this report: **ALL** = All Bands, **CK** = Check Log, **HP** = High Power (Total output power greater than 100W), **LP** = Low Power (Total output power no more than 100W), **QRP** = Reduced Power (Total output power no more than 5W), **M1** = Multiple Operators and Single Transmitter, **M2** = Multiple Operators and Two Transmitters, **MM** = Multiple Operators and Multiple Transmitters, **SO** = Single Operator, and **SWL** = Shortwave Listener.

category and setting another new record for Asia in this category.

- Igor Burykh **RT0F** for winning the Asia PHONE SO ALL HP category and easily smashing the previous record set by **JA7NVF** in 2013. Igor logged 452 QSOs which is the highest number ever recorded by a station outside Oceania. Igor was also the leading station from Asia in the CW SO ALL HP category.
- Kenji Murata **JR9NVB** for substantially improving on the record that he already held in the Asia PHONE SO 40M LP category.
- Yasuhiro Kim **JR3WB** for easily achieving the highest score and setting a new Asia record in the PHONE SO 10M LP category.
- Eijirou Takahira **JA7OWD** for almost tripling the previous record score that he set in 2011 for the Asia PHONE SO 10M HP category.
- Ville Hiilesmaa **PY2ZEA** for setting a new South America record in the CW SO ALL HP category.
- Atsuo **5W1SA** for setting a new Oceania record in the CW SO 40M LP category
- The **ZM1A** team (**ZL1AIH, ZL1GO, ZL3CW and ZL3WW**) for continuing to improve their performance in the CW M2 category and beating the previous Oceania record that they set for this category in 2010.
- Gary Hembree **N7IR** for easily beating the record that he had previously set in 2011 for the North America CW SO ALL LP category.
- The **UD3D** school club station for enabling younger operators Evstegneeva Irina **R3D-88** (age 13) and Zhukovets Tatyana **R3D-164** (age 10) to participate in the CW section of the contest.
- The ZL Quake Contesters team (**ZL3PAH, ZL3GA, ZL4PW and G3USR**) for their commitment to making a serious entry as **YJ0X** in both the PHONE and CW contests, including winning the Oceania CW M1 category. **YJ0X** created a lot of interest, including some big pileups, in the contest.
- The **Geelong Amateur Radio Club** for its outstanding effort in encouraging 22 of its members to get on the air and make 50 or more QSOs in the contest. The club is the recipient of the Australia Club Plaque.

Finally, we are sad to report that the 2014 contest was the last contest in which Mirek Rozbicki **VK6DXI** (formerly **SP5IXI**) and Lee Jennings **ZL2AL** (previously from VE3) will participate. Both Mirek and Lee have passed away since the 2014 contest.

Mirek **VK6DXI** was an enthusiastic participant and supporter of the OCDX contest for many years, including being a member of the OCDX Committee since 2006. He was the generous sponsor of the Frank Vander Drift **VK3COF** Memorial Plaque for the highest scoring station from Europe in the CW SO ALL category, and was instrumental in establishing the **VKCC** award for the top scoring VK club in the contest. Mirek still holds the Australia record for the CW SO ALL HP and CW SO 80M HP categories. We will greatly miss his call sign in future OCDX contests and his valuable contribution as a member of the Committee.

Lee **ZL2AL** has also been a passionate supporter of the OCDX contest for many years. He was the founder and leader of the **ZM4T** (formerly **ZM2M**) contest team which has entered the contest regularly since 2009 and continues to hold the New Zealand record for the PHONE M2 and CW M1 categories. His death is a huge loss to the contesting community and we will greatly miss his contribution in future OCDX contests.

A summary of the results is provided in the remainder of this section. An analysis of the activity in the 2014 contest and historical trends is provided in section 2. The detailed scores, along with soapbox comments and information about the equipment and antennas used by the entrants, are provided in sections 3 to 8.

2014 Continent Leaders

Mode	Category	Africa	Asia	Europe	North America	Oceania	South America
PH	SWL		UA0-107-181	F-59706			
PH	SO ALL QRP		JE200Q	IV3AOL		VK4OH	
PH	SO ALL LP	EA8AQV	JA7BEW	RL3AW	W7ZV	VK3EW	PY5DC
PH	SO ALL HP		RT0F	RS3A	K3TW	VK4QH	PJ4DX
PH	SO 80M HP					YB2DX	
PH	SO 40M QRP					DW1IFH	
PH	SO 40M LP		JR9NVB	UX7UW		YF3BPL	
PH	SO 40M HP		JA2HNP	UA4LCH	N1RR	YB0NDT	
PH	SO 20M QRP			EC4AA			
PH	SO 20M LP		4L1UN	YL3IZ		VK3VTH	
PH	SO 20M HP		RK9DM	UA1AFT	W7ON	VK4IU	LU8ADX
PH	SO 15M QRP		JQ1NGT	MI6LLG			
PH	SO 15M LP	EA8CTK	UA0UK	SP3YM		YC9WIC	
PH	SO 15M HP		R0AA	IZ4ZAW	N0SMX	ZL3TE	HC1JQ
PH	SO 10M QRP		JA2M WV	DL6BR	AI9I		
PH	SO 10M LP		JR3RWB	SP5AUY	K7ULS	VK2NSS	
PH	SO 10M HP		JA7OWD	IK2YCW	K4BAI	T32AZ	
PH	MM					VK2CL	
PH	M2				W8AJT	VK4KW	
PH	M1		RW9UZZ	DL2SAX	K5GDX	VK4NM	CE2LS

Table 1: Continent Winners in the PHONE Section

Mode	Category	Africa	Asia	Europe	North America	Oceania	South America
CW	SWL		UA0-107-181	F-59706			
CW	SO ALL QRP		JA5NSR	F5VBT	K9JWV	YB0ANN	
CW	SO ALL LP		RN0D	OK1FKM	N7IR	VK2BJ	L33M
CW	SO ALL HP		RT0F	UA5C	K3PA/0	VK2IM	PY2ZEA
CW	SO 80M QRP					VK2CCC	
CW	SO 80M LP			G4XRV			
CW	SO 80M HP				N6RO	ZM4G	
CW	SO 40M QRP					VK5BUG	
CW	SO 40M LP		JR9NVB	YL3IZ		5W1SA	LU4HK
CW	SO 40M HP		RK0UT	OH3GD	N6MA/7	ZL2RVW	
CW	SO 20M QRP			US5VX			
CW	SO 20M LP		UA9W	UT5EO			PY4ARS
CW	SO 20M HP			UA1AFT	W4UAT/6	VK6SMK	
CW	SO 15M QRP		JF8LPB	DJ7MH			
CW	SO 15M LP		HS8JYX	LY2CQ	AB1LT	VK3QI	
CW	SO 15M HP		R0AA	RN3TT	K3TW	VK3DGN	
CW	SO 10M QRP		JF3ROH		KU7Y		
CW	SO 10M LP		JE2VYM	UA4PDO		VK4TT	
CW	SO 10M HP		JA2XLV	LY2OU		ZL2AGY	
CW	M2					ZM1A	
CW	M1		RY9C	LY2XW		YJ0X	

Table 2: Continent Winners in the CW Section

2014 Oceania Country Leaders

Mode	Category	Australia	Brunei Darussalam	East Malaysia	Eastern Kiribati	Guam	Hawaii	Indonesia	Micronesia	New Zealand	Philippines	Samoa	Tonga	Vanuatu
PH	SO ALL QRP	VK4OH						YB0ANN						
PH	SO ALL LP	VK3EW						YB5BOY	V63XP	ZL1JV	DU7RH		A35RT	
PH	SO ALL HP	VK4QH					WH7W	YB0JZS		ZL1T	DU1IVT			
PH	SO 80M HP							YB2DX		ZL2CC				
PH	SO 40M QRP										DW1IFH			
PH	SO 40M LP	VK2IUW						YF3BPL			4F9AM			
PH	SO 40M HP	VK3WK						YB0NDT		ZL2RVW				
PH	SO 20M LP	VK3VTH						YB1BGI			DU1LC			
PH	SO 20M HP	VK4IU						YB2TX			DU1EV			
PH	SO 15M LP	VK3QI						YC9WIC			DU1EG			
PH	SO 15M HP			9M6YBG				YC1LA		ZL3TE	DU1UGZ			
PH	SO 10M LP	VK2NSS		9W6IVY			NH7PE	YB1JYL			DU4JT			
PH	SO 10M HP	VK3UA			T32AZ	KH2JU		YB1AR				5W0AG		
PH	MM	VK2CL												
PH	M2	VK4KW												
PH	M1	VK4NM	V84O	9M4CBP						ZM1A	DX1PUP			YJ0X
CW	SO ALL QRP							YB0ANN						
CW	SO ALL LP	VK2BJ						YD1DPM		ZL3AB	DU3BC		A35RT	
CW	SO ALL HP	VK2IM					WH7W	YC1DOL		ZL2BR				
CW	SO 80M QRP	VK2CCC												
CW	SO 80M HP	VK4CT								ZM4G				
CW	SO 40M QRP	VK5BUG												
CW	SO 40M LP	VK2BPL					AH6KO	YC1EGP				5W1SA		
CW	SO 40M HP									ZL2RVW				
CW	SO 20M HP	VK6SMK						YB2TX						
CW	SO 15M LP	VK3QI		9M4CBP										
CW	SO 15M HP	VK3DGN									DU1EV			
CW	SO 10M LP	VK4TT		9M6ZAE				YD1NAA			DU1XX			
CW	SO 10M HP							YB2ERL		ZL2AGY				
CW	M2						WH7M			ZM1A				
CW	M1													YJ0X

Table 3: Oceania Country Leaders in the PHONE and CW Sections

2014 Top Scores from Oceania

Mode	Call	Country	Category	Final Score
PH	VK4KW	Australia	M2	13374996
PH	VK4NM	Australia	M1	6466915
PH	VK4QH	Australia	SO ALL HP	6094074
PH	ZM1A	New Zealand	M1	3746804
PH	VK6NE	Australia	M1	3461872
PH	VK4HH	Australia	M1	2838470
PH	VK3EW	Australia	SO ALL LP	2642040
PH	VK2IM	Australia	SO ALL HP	2577362
PH	YJ0X	Vanuatu	M1	2342840
PH	ZL1T	New Zealand	SO ALL HP	2192862
PH	VK6IR	Australia	SO ALL LP	1826172
PH	ZL1BYZ	New Zealand	SO ALL HP	1690994
PH	VK5SFA	Australia	SO ALL HP	968338
PH	VK5ARG	Australia	M1	959616
PH	VK4UC	Australia	SO ALL HP	880000
PH	VK5PAS	Australia	SO ALL LP	813780
PH	ZL1X	New Zealand	SO ALL HP	732552
PH	VK4TJF	Australia	SO ALL LP	649429
PH	VK2CL	Australia	MM	636990
PH	VK5AKH	Australia	SO ALL HP	472720

Table 4: Top 20 Scores from Oceania in the PHONE Section

Mode	Call	Country	Category	Final Score
CW	ZM1A	New Zealand	M2	8416456
CW	WH7M	Hawaii	M2	6072634
CW	YJ0X	Vanuatu	M1	2809040
CW	VK2IM	Australia	SO ALL HP	2090414
CW	VK2BJ	Australia	SO ALL LP	1866840
CW	ZL2BR	New Zealand	SO ALL HP	1614459
CW	ZL1BYZ	New Zealand	SO ALL HP	1547415
CW	VK4SN	Australia	SO ALL LP	1225224
CW	VK2GR	Australia	SO ALL LP	801445
CW	VK4TJF	Australia	SO ALL LP	779416
CW	VK2PN	Australia	SO ALL HP	648567
CW	VK3TDX	Australia	SO ALL HP	557996
CW	VK3MI	Australia	SO ALL LP	502830
CW	ZM90DX	New Zealand	SO ALL HP	489416
CW	VK4LAT	Australia	SO ALL LP	313785
CW	ZL2AL	New Zealand	SO ALL HP	291048
CW	VK4NM	Australia	SO ALL HP	256637
CW	ZL3AB	New Zealand	SO ALL LP	226086
CW	DU3BC	Philippines	SO ALL LP	209788
CW	5W1SA	Samoa	SO 40M LP	137640

Table 5: Top 20 Scores from Oceania in the CW Section

2014 Top Scores from Outside Oceania

Mode	Call	Continent	Country	Category	Final Score
PH	RT0F	Asia	Asiatic Russia	SO ALL HP	178920
PH	RS3A	Europe	European Russia	SO ALL HP	100688
PH	JA7NVF	Asia	Japan	SO ALL HP	93456
PH	RJ4P	Europe	European Russia	SO ALL HP	59712
PH	JA7BEW	Asia	Japan	SO ALL LP	51324
PH	JA6GMC	Asia	Japan	SO ALL HP	40338
PH	VR2XMT	Asia	Hong Kong	SO ALL HP	26520
PH	UA4S	Europe	European Russia	SO ALL HP	25974
PH	RW9JZ	Asia	Asiatic Russia	SO ALL HP	25702
PH	JA3QOS	Asia	Japan	SO ALL HP	22914
PH	UN9LW	Asia	Kazakhstan	SO ALL HP	21924
PH	DL2SAX	Europe	Fed. Rep. of Germany	M1	20880
PH	JA7OWD	Asia	Japan	SO 10M HP	20493
PH	K3TW	North America	United States	SO ALL HP	20450
PH	YO8RNI	Europe	Romania	SO ALL HP	19665
PH	LA3BPA	Europe	Norway	SO ALL HP	17766
PH	K3ZO	North America	United States	SO ALL HP	16500
PH	YP0C	Europe	Romania	SO ALL HP	15675
PH	SP4R	Europe	Poland	SO ALL HP	15104
PH	UA0FX	Asia	Asiatic Russia	SO ALL HP	15064

Table 6: Top 20 Scores from Outside Oceania in the PHONE Section

Mode	Call	Continent	Country	Category	Final Score
CW	RT0F	Asia	Asiatic Russia	SO ALL HP	35720
CW	K3PA/0	North America	United States	SO ALL HP	30879
CW	UA5C	Europe	European Russia	SO ALL HP	30096
CW	N7IR	North America	United States	SO ALL LP	29088
CW	K1GQ	North America	United States	SO ALL HP	18920
CW	RN0D	Asia	Asiatic Russia	SO ALL LP	17346
CW	K2DSW/0	North America	United States	SO ALL HP	15876
CW	RT0Q	Asia	Asiatic Russia	SO ALL HP	15736
CW	W2VJN/7	North America	United States	SO ALL HP	13150
CW	RY9C	Asia	Asiatic Russia	M1	12584
CW	LY2XW	Europe	Lithuania	M1	11024
CW	K3UL	North America	United States	SO ALL HP	10458
CW	VE3DZ	North America	Canada	SO ALL HP	10032
CW	NX1P/7	North America	United States	SO ALL HP	8544
CW	RX7M	Europe	European Russia	M1	7876
CW	UA0ZAM	Asia	Asiatic Russia	SO ALL HP	7622
CW	N9NA/7	North America	United States	SO ALL HP	7524
CW	IK2GZU	Europe	Italy	SO ALL HP	7266
CW	RX0L	Asia	Asiatic Russia	M1	7138
CW	VE7JKZ	North America	Canada	SO ALL HP	6960

Table 7: Top 20 Scores from Outside Oceania in the CW Section

New continent records in the 2014 contest

Mode	Continent	Category	Call	Final Score
PH	South America	SO ALL LP	PY5DC	810
PH	South America	SO 15M HP	HC1JQ	2
PH	Oceania	SO ALL QRP	VK4OH	29160
PH	Oceania	SO ALL LP	VK3EW	2642040
PH	Oceania	SO ALL HP	VK4QH	6094074
PH	Oceania	SO 40M QRP	DW1IFH	20
PH	Oceania	SO 20M LP	VK3VTH	113787
PH	Oceania	M1	VK4NM	6466915
PH	North America	SO 10M QRP	AI9I	30
PH	North America	M2	W8AJT	30
PH	North America	M1	K5GDX	5766
PH	Europe	SO ALL QRP	IV3AOL	585
PH	Europe	SO 20M QRP	EC4AA	30
PH	Europe	SO 15M QRP	MI6LLG	242
PH	Europe	SO 15M LP	SP3YM	3720
PH	Europe	SO 15M HP	IZ4ZAW	6272
PH	Europe	SO 10M QRP	DL6BR	210
PH	Europe	SO 10M LP	SP5AUJY	1092
PH	Europe	M1	DL2SAX	20880
PH	Asia	SO ALL QRP	JE2OOQ	1080
PH	Asia	SO ALL LP	JA7BEW	51324
PH	Asia	SO ALL HP	RT0F	178920
PH	Asia	SO 40M LP	JR9NVB	5980
PH	Asia	SO 15M QRP	JQ1NGT	1120
PH	Asia	SO 10M QRP	JA2MWV	3234
PH	Asia	SO 10M LP	JR3RWB	4680
PH	Asia	SO 10M HP	JA7OWD	20493
PH	Africa	SO 15M LP	EA8CTK	112
CW	South America	SO ALL HP	PY2ZEA	6680
CW	South America	SO 20M LP	PY4ARS	25
CW	Oceania	SO ALL QRP	YB0ANN	570
CW	Oceania	SO 80M QRP	VK2CCC	770
CW	Oceania	SO 40M QRP	VK5BUG	2015
CW	Oceania	SO 40M LP	5W1SA	137640
CW	Oceania	M2	ZM1A	8416456
CW	North America	SO ALL QRP	K9JWV	2616
CW	North America	SO ALL LP	N7IR	29088
CW	North America	SO 80M HP	N6RO	420
CW	North America	SO 20M HP	W4UAT/6	260
CW	North America	SO 10M QRP	KU7Y	1134
CW	Europe	SO ALL QRP	F5VBT	1804
CW	Europe	SO 20M QRP	US5VX	66
CW	Europe	SO 20M HP	UA1AFT	680
CW	Europe	SO 15M QRP	DJ7MH	8
CW	Asia	SO ALL QRP	JA5NSR	1694
CW	Asia	SO 20M LP	UA9W	228
CW	Asia	SO 15M QRP	JF8LPB	50
CW	Asia	SO 10M QRP	JF3ROH	3
CW	Asia	SO 10M HP	JA2XLV	1440

Table 8: New continent records in the 2014 contest

2014 Plaques and trophies

Plaque or Trophy	Awarded to	Sponsors	Recipient
OCEANIA Ron Wills ZL2TT Memorial Trophy	Top entrant from Oceania in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band category	ZL2GI, ZL2AL, ZL1AZE, Wellington Amateur Radio Club, NZART	VK4QH
OCEANIA SO 40M PHONE Plaque	Top entrant from Oceania in PHONE Single Operator 40M Band category	ZL2CC	YB0NDT
OCEANIA Neil Penfold VK6NE Memorial Plaque	Top entrant from Oceania in PHONE Multiple Operator Single Transmitter category	Northern Corridor Radio Group	VK4NM
OCEANIA M2 PHONE Plaque	Top entrant from Oceania in PHONE Multiple Operator Two Transmitter category	South Pacific Contest Club	VK4KW
OCEANIA PHONE Newcomer Plaque	Top entrant from Oceania in the PHONE Newcomer category	Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group	VK5SFA
AUSTRALIA SO ALL HP PHONE Plaque	Top entrant from Australia in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band HIGH Power category	VK3VTH	VK4QH
AUSTRALIA SO ALL LP PHONE Plaque	Top entrant from Australia in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band LOW Power category	Central Coast Amateur Radio Club Inc.	VK3EW
AUSTRALIA VK5 SO ALL LP PHONE Plaque	Top entrant from VK5 (South Australia) in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band LOW Power category	Adelaide Hills Amateur Radio Society	VK5PAS
OCEANIA SO ALL CW Plaque	Top entrant from Oceania in CW Single Operator All Band category	VK3QB	VK2IM
OCEANIA SO ALL LP CW Plaque	Top entrant from Oceania in CW Single Operator LOW Power ALL Band category	Pacific DXers	VK2BJ
OCEANIA SO 40M CW Plaque	Top entrant from Oceania in CW Single Operator 40M Band category	ZL2CC	5W1SA
OCEANIA M2 CW Plaque	Top entrant from Oceania in CW Multiple Operator Two Transmitter category	South Pacific Contest Club	ZM1A
OCEANIA CW Newcomer Plaque	Top entrant from Oceania in the CW Newcomer category	Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group	VK4LAT
AUSTRALIA Frank Hine VK2QL Memorial Trophy	Top entrant from Australia in CW Single Operator ALL Band category	WIA Federal	VK2IM
AUSTRALIA VK5 SO ALL LP CW Plaque	Top entrant from VK5 (South Australia) in CW Single Operator ALL Band LOW Power category	Adelaide Hills Amateur Radio Society	VK5LJ
AUSTRALIA Club Plaque	Local club from Australia with the greatest number of entries from its members	VK Contest Club	Geelong Amateur Radio Club
NEW ZEALAND Club Plaque	Local New Zealand NZART Branch, DX club, or contest group with the greatest number of single operator entries from its members	ZL3PAH	The Quake Contesters

Table 9: Oceania Plaque and Trophy Winners

Plaque or Trophy	Awarded to	Sponsors	Recipient
NORTH AMERICA SO ALL PHONE Plaque	Top Entrant from North America in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band category	N6RO	K3TW
NORTH AMERICA SO ALL CW Plaque	Top Entrant from North America in CW Single Operator ALL Band category	Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group Inc.	K3PA/0

Table 10: North America Plaque and Trophy Winners

Plaque or Trophy	Awarded to	Sponsors	Recipient
ASIA SO ALL PHONE Plaque	Top Entrant from Asia in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band category	VK3GK	RT0F
ASIA M2 PHONE Plaque	Top entrant from Asia in PHONE Multiple Operator Two Transmitter category	QRO Communications and OM Power	No eligible entry
ASIA SO ALL CW Plaque	Top Entrant from Asia in CW Single Operator ALL Band category	W3SE / ZL3TE	RT0F
ASIA M2 CW Plaque	Top entrant from Asia in CW Multiple Operator Two Transmitter category	QRO Communications and OM Power	No eligible entry

Table 11: Asia Plaque and Trophy Winners

Plaque or Trophy	Awarded to	Sponsors	Recipient
EUROPE SO ALL PHONE Plaque	Top Entrant from Europe in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band category	Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group Inc	RS3A
EUROPE Frank Vander Drift VK3COF Memorial Plaque	Top Entrant from Europe in CW Single Operator ALL Band category	VK6DXI	UA5C

Table 12: Europe Plaque and Trophy Winners

Plaque or Trophy	Awarded to	Sponsors	Recipient
SWL PHONE Plaque	Top Entrant from outside Oceania in PHONE Short Wave Listener category	Patrick Marteville F-59706	F-59706

Table 13: SWL Plaque and Trophy Winners

The Australia Club plaque is awarded to the local club from Australia with the greatest number of member stations making at least 50 valid QSOs in the PHONE or CW sections in the contest. The Geelong Amateur Radio Club won this plaque in 2012 and 2013, and has easily won it again in 2014 with a total of 22 eligible logs being submitted from members **VK3ACG, VK3ALB, VK3BA, VK3BCL, VK3DJ, VK3DQW, VK3FGIR, VK3FJEN, VK3FUNY, VK3FWDS, VK3FWGR, VK3HQ, VK3NCC, VK3NRW, VK3NW, VK3OB, VK3PK, VK3PY, VK3QM, VK3TU, VK3WK, and VK3ZIB**. This is an outstanding achievement, noting that many of the operators were Foundation Class and operating in their first ever contest. The runner up was the Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club with its members submitting 11 eligible logs.

The New Zealand club plaque is awarded to the local New Zealand NZART Branch, DX club, or contest group with the greatest number of members making at least 50 valid QSOs as a single operator in the PHONE or CW sections of the contest. The Quake contesters win this plaque in the 2014 contest with a total of 5 eligible logs being submitted from members **ZL3AB** (PHONE & CW), **ZL3CC, ZL3GK and ZL3PAH**. The runner up was the East Coast Contesters group with 3 eligible entries.

There were no Asian entrants in the PHONE or CW M2 categories so the ASIA M2 PHONE and M2 CW plaques have not been awarded.

We were pleased to have the Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group (ODXG) sponsor two new plaques in the 2014 contest – one for the highest scoring newcomer from Oceania in the PHONE section and the other for highest scoring newcomer from Oceania in the CW section. The plaque rules define a newcomer as an entrant who had not previously entered the relevant section (in any category) more than twice since the 2001 contest. Eligibility was also limited to entrants who have not won the award previously. **VK5SFA** is the winner of the PHONE Newcomer Plaque and **VK4LAT** is the winner of the CW Newcomer Plaque.

As mentioned earlier in this report, the Committee is sad to report the recent passing of Mirek Rozbicki **VK6DXI**. Mirek was the sponsor of the Frank Vander Drift VK3COF Memorial Plaque that was awarded to the highest scoring station from Europe in the CW Single Operator All Band category. Mirek dedicated this plaque to the memory of Frank Vander Drift because of the important role that Frank had played in assisting Mirek to migrate from Poland to Australia. Slawek Barciuk **VK3CTN** has kindly offered to pick up the ongoing sponsorship of this plaque. This will now be known as the VK6DXI Memorial Plaque - in recognition and memory of Mirek's significant contribution to the OCDX contest and amateur radio contesting more generally. Slawek was a friend of Mirek since 1996 when they both participated in the **VK7DI** Deal Island Expedition.

We believe the ongoing sponsorship of plaques is important for maintaining and growing interest in the contest. New sponsorship offers are always welcome and anyone who is interested in becoming a sponsor should contact the Contest Committee. The cost of sponsoring a plaque is currently AUD 50.00 per annum, to cover the expenses associated with the manufacture and delivery of the plaques.

2014 Certificates

Certificates have been awarded to the top scoring station in each category for each continent and country. Additionally, a participation certificate identifying the number of successful QSOs has been awarded to each station that participated in the contest. The certificates are available online for downloading and printing by individual entrants at their convenience. The web link to the certificates is published on the OCDX contest web site at www.oceaniadxcontest.com.

Printed certificates will only be delivered via the postal service in response to written requests from entrants who won a category in their country and made more than 10 QSOs in that category. Such requests can be emailed to the contest committee at info@oceaniadxcontest.com and must be lodged by 31 August 2015.

Log Checking

Approximately 1% of the logs are still being submitted in paper format. The contest committee converts each of these paper logs to Cabrillo format so that they can be cross checked and scored using the same process as the other electronic logs. Although somewhat time consuming, the committee considers that this additional effort is reasonable in order to avoid discriminating against operators who only make a few QSOs and are unable to use, or do not have access to, an electronic logging capability.

A log checking report is available for each entry in the contest. This report provides detailed information about any QSOs that have been removed from the score calculation, along with the reasons for their removal. Entrants can request a copy of their log checking report by sending an email to the Contest Committee at info@oceaniadxcontest.com.

Approximately 35% of the logs had no score reduction, 46% of the logs incurred a reduction of up to 10%, and 19% of the logs incurred a reduction greater than 10%.

Entrants are reminded that **WA7BNM** provides an on-line web form that can be used by entrants to manually enter log data to produce a Cabrillo file and then submit it to the email robot. This form is intended for entrants who are using paper logging, or logging software that doesn't produce a Cabrillo file. The form is available at <http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/>.

Committee Changes

We are pleased to advise that Gary Hinson **ZL2IFB** has kindly agreed to become a member of the OCDX Contest Committee. Gary's appointment will help fill the gap created by the recent passing of our fellow committee member Mirek Rozbicki VK6DXI. Gary is a passionate contester and has been a long standing participant in OCDX contest – both as an individual and as part of the **ZL6QH** and **ZM4T** multi-operator team entries. Gary will initially be focusing on assisting us to improve the marketing of the contest, including refreshing our web presence.

2015 Contest

The 2015 Oceania DX contest will be held on the first two full weekends of October 2015 as follows:

PHONE: 08:00 UTC Saturday 3 October to 08:00 UTC Sunday 4 October
CW: 08:00 UTC Saturday 10 October to 08:00 UTC Sunday 11 October

More information about the contest, including the rules, is available from the Oceania DX Contest web site at www.oceaniadxcontest.com . Email inquiries should be addressed to info@oceaniadxcontest.com .

Acknowledgments

The successful running of the Oceania DX Contest is a large team effort involving contributions from around the world.

Although the log reception, log checking and certificate production processes are largely automated, committee members are still required to contribute many hours of effort per annum to manage these processes, and to administer and promote the contest.

The support of the following people and organisations is also acknowledged and greatly appreciated:

- **NZART, WIA** and the **other sponsors of awards**.
- **K1EA** for the provision of the log checking software.
- **N5KO** for hosting the email robot.
- **K5TM** for publishing the on-line certificates.
- **WA7BNM** for the provision of the on-line Cabrillo web form.
- **ZL1AXG** for hosting the www.oceaniadxcontest.com web pages.

Finally, and most importantly, thank you again to everyone who participated in the 2014 contest and made it such a success. We look forward to seeing you all again, along with new entrants, in the 2015 event. Let's see if we can make it the biggest and best Oceania DX Contest party yet!

73 from

Oceania DX Contest Committee
ZL2IFB, ZL3GA, VK2HN, VK3MI/ZL1AZE, VK3TZ, VK7GN
