



FULL REPORT

2012

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST 2012 REPORT FOR RD WEBSITE

What a great weekend the Remembrance Day contest was. There were 1346 unique stations on air and with excellent propagation and low noise, made for a large quantity of contacts. 38,000 log entries in fact.

The new rule structure brought activity levels back to where it was many years ago. The new 3 hour re-contact period did what it was meant to, and made activity shift to different bands for new contacts. (Under the old 2 hour rule, it was too easy to sit on one frequency without having to look for new stations to work.) Many logs show run rates of working 1 to 2 contacts per minute for most of the weekend's busy periods. Several soapbox comments reflected appreciation of rule simplification and brought new and long lost participants back to the fold. Those who may have not participated due to the VHF/UHF amalgamation with HF sorely missed an opportunity to join in the busiest RD seen in a while.

Although log submission fell just short of last years entries, the logs this year contain many more contacts resulting in 5165 more points than last year. Logs were received from 16 Foundation, 25 Standard and 183 Advanced licences making up 16.6% of actual participants. There were 133 unique Foundation Licence calls logged, 45 QRP stations, 51 portable, and 16 mobile. 18 paper logs and 211 electronic logs were received. Of these, 5 were treated as check logs. 155 operators used VKCL Logger, 46 RD Logger, 8 Excel and the rest unknown. 133 logs contained HF contacts only, 78 contained HF, VHF &UHF contacts, and only 12 VHF and above logs.

A contest is where ones skills as an operator and logging accuracy are tested. Points will be lost and one may have their log certified as a check log due to poor logging or if failing to abide by rules is not met. It became very obvious with some of the logs received, that some participants did not read the rules – to their detriment. Logs became a check log because of:

- a) Rule violations (Serial exchange for example)
- b) Major logging errors like missing columns (Freq, Date, or Time for example)
- c) Totally unreadable / unusable for paper and electronic entries.

Some had downloaded the cover sheet and did not download the log book provided, and then missed relevant info. If you have a computer and can download the files provided, please use them as making your own format up can easily lead to missing information and loss of points or having your log delegated a check log. Points were deducted for miss-logged calls, but this year I have been forgiving where /M2 /P1 type entries were incorrectly entered. Correct logging examples are now on the WIA RD website. 36 logs were score corrected for incorrectly logging calls, scoring for duplicates, only scoring 1 point during the 3 point session, and not having scored where the contact was allowed and not logging the receive exchange.

Finding log errors was made easy by Deane VK3TX's Cabrillo checking software. The software produces a report showing wrongly logged calls, duplicates, and a host of other possible problems. Mike VK3AVV and John VK5DJ worked closely with me to bring the logging software up to speed. Except for a couple of minor issues the loggers and checking software made log checking very easy and saved many hours in the checking process. My sincere thanks to all involved for being the first to bring Cabrillo log checking into Australian domestic contesting.

The new scoring system developed by Andrew VK1DA sees state scores running very close indeed. VK7 is this year's winner with very close runners up VK6 and VK5. The scores are totally dependant on the operator sending in their log, and the percentages are very poor as can be seen in Table 1. Submitting a log is the only way to support your state score.

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State	Total logged Participants	Percentage who submitted a log	Nr of Logs Submitted less check logs	Logged Contacts	PH	CW	Raw Score	Weighted Score
VK 1	28	32.1	9	1309	1308	1	1318	1.50
VK 2	279	11.5	32	7398	7010	388	9260	2.15
VK 3	287	11.5	33	4335	4128	207	5288	1.25
VK 4	248	16.1	41	7599	7406	193	9134	3.13
VK 5	200	20.0	41	7261	7079	182	8367	5.37
VK 6	129	35.7	46	6329	6256	73	8334	6.11
VK 7	93	18.3	17	3191	3072	119	3989	7.15
VK 8	8	12.5	1	86	86	0	85	0.52
ZL	73	4.1	4	614	583	31	885	0.56
P2	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	1346	16.4	224	38122	36928	1194	46660	TOTAL

Table 1.

Individual Efforts.

As mentioned earlier, logs contained many more contacts on average than previous years. Great efforts were received from Wayne VK7NET and Ken VK4QH with 1055 and 948 points respectively for the SO Phone category. Ray VK6ZRW had a superb lead to take 1st place with 891 points in the SO Mixed category which produced 6 more entries than last year.



Wayne VK7NET – Single Op Phone winner.

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105 operators were spread over 10 Multi single and 12 MM stations. VK2GGC Multi-Single station operated by VK2SJK, VK2HFP, VK2SD, VK2FDXR, VK2ZMT and VK2MOR produced a massive 1148 points to win their section and produce the best score overall. VK4XA recorded another great score of 935 taking 1st place in the Multi-multi section.

The new QRP section was well represented with a total of 45 taking part and 16 submitting logs. Onno VK6FLAB won the section with 259 points with Bob VK4BYX runner up. Bob was reported by many as having a great signal. Bob's OB2040 beam sits 25 meters in the air on top of a narrow mountain ridge. Who said free space antennas don't perform?

Although there was no Rookie category (IE first year as a Ham), VKHAM (.com) has kindly sponsored an award for the highest scoring Rookie. This year eight Rookies, VK2FNJW, VK2FWWD, VK3FEZZ, VK3NCC, VK4FAAS, VK4FPDG, VK4FABF and VK6FAAW submitted scores from 23 to 354. Congratulations to Doug VK2FWWD with his excellent score of 354.

Seven teams were submitted with team Wallaroo VK4TS Trent, VK4GH Catherine and VK7NET Wayne taking honours followed by the Lockyer Legends VK4QH Ken, VK4MN Peter, and VK4SN Alan, and Elizabeth ARC VK5LZ, VK5NE Paul, and VK5KX Peter for third place. One team seemed to disappear in battle leaving 6 in the end. See Table 2.

TEAM NAME	OP 1	OP 2	OP 3	TOTAL
Wallaroo	VK4TS	VK4GH	VK7NET	1898
Lockyer Legends	VK4QH	VK4MN	VK4SN	1819
Elizabeth ARC T1	VK5LZ	VK5NE	VK5KX	1506
Wait-A-While	VK6ZRW	VK6TWO	VK6IR (no log)	1460
ACT Contesters	VK1MT	VK1HW	VK1PAR	992
Elizabeth ARC T2	VK5ZD	VK5UE	VK5AIM	336

Table 2

Band usage

BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW
1800	906	818	88
3500	9236	8690	546
7000	17365	16849	516
14000	4280	4257	23
21000	420	414	6
28000	204	199	5
50	496	490	6
144	3416	3416	0
432	1780	1776	4
1.2G	18	18	0
TOTAL	38121	36927	1194
	RATIO	PH:CW	31:1

A full list of statistics is on the WIA RD website in PDF format. Soapbox comments have been copied and pasted from logs and emails, and are also available.

From this year onwards, awards will be sent from the W.I.A office for all major 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Downloadable PDF certificates for individual state placing are available.

In closing, everyone reflected a very positive outlook and acceptance of the rules and by next year the word will have spread. As others have said, "Can't wait till next years RD"

Table 3

Best 73's
Alan Shannon VK4SN

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Operator results:

Single Op Phone						Single Op CW		Multi-Single	
Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points
VK7NET	1055	VK6DT	172	VK2IO	68	VK7RF	180	VK2GGC	1148
VK4QH	948	VK2EJW	169	VK5AV	67	VK2EL	150	VK2ACW	752
VK5CB	728	VK6KMC	169	VK4SR	65	VK2BJT	136	VK2ATZ	600
VK2XN	686	VK6LV	169	VK3DY	65	VK4WM	118	VK2MA	429
VK5BC	649	VK7VH	167	VK6DF	65	VK3TX	62	VK2WG	412
VK6AXB	631	VK5DJ	162	ZL3IO	65	VK6AFW	30	VK5LZ	279
VK3CKC	619	VK3AKT	161	VK5MAK	64	VK7AD	10	VK1MT	232
VK5LJ	591	VK3AMW	159	VK5LSB	62	Single Op Mixed		VK6AHR	184
VK6CSW	584	VK3LM	146	VK5JR	60	Callsign	Points	VK2AFY	181
VK2HBG	564	VK5DMC	146	VK2HV	59	VK6ZRW	891	VK2BOR	149
VK3LDR	530	VK5OQ	145	VK6AB	58	VK5NE	736	Multi-Multi	
VK4KRX	517	VK6NI	138	VK4GQ	57	VK6TWO	569	Callsign	Points
VK4GH	516	VK2BAM	134	VK6CG	56	VK4SN	486	VK4XA	935
VK1HW	504	VK6NWK	131	VK1EY	54	VK5ATU	435	VK2AWX	862
VK5KX	491	VK1DW	122	VK2FNJW	51	ZL3AKM	366	VK4HH	636
VK4GMH	471	VK5AIM	119	VK5HR	50	VK3IO	354	VK2CL	618
VK7OO	463	VK3YE	118	VK6FJA	47	VK4AMG	199	VK7OTC	581
VK6MAB	461	VK5JW	118	VK5UE	44	VK6KY	177	VK2AWA	523
VK5UV	406	VK2LEE	118	VK4FNQ	43	VK4NP	151	VK4WIS	505
ZL2TZE	385	VK6FAAW	116	VK4BL	42	VK6RZ	149	VK3CMZ	459
VK4MN	384	VK4GLC	115	VK3ZPF	42	VK7GN/VK4	142	VK5MTM	314
VK7HW	374	VK4VBU	112	VK4PB	42	VK2AR	137	VK2AMW	208
VK2FWWD	354	VK5AR	112	VK6POP	41	VK3LRE	134	VK5GRC	187
VK6HAD	351	VK3XH	110	VK5ZKK	41	VK6ZMS	105	VK5BAR	177
VK4TS	327	VK6RC	110	VK2QH	40	ZL3VZ	71	Check Logs	
VK5KBJ	318	VK7KC	110	VK6MJC	38	VK1SV	22	VK4XY	
VK6BDO	318	VK3NRW	104	VK3FABW	38	QRP Phone		VK6KHZ	
VK6AH	307	VK1WX	103	VK6OE	37	Callsign	Points	VK3FMPB	
VK6FMON	307	VK4BLP	102	VK3NCC	36	VK6FLAB	259	VK2KF	
VK5MK	294	VK3BPN	101	VK6SN	36	VK4BYX	194	VK6CN	
VK4FAAS	287	VK7ZGK	100	VK4AMM	35	VK4ATH	162		
VK3TCX	286	VK3ASD	100	VK6ADF	35	VK5UU	65		
VK6MM	286	VK3FASW	100	VK5YX	34	VK2HAZ	47		
VK3SIM	283	VK2VE	99	VK7FM	34	VK6OE	37		
VK4JRO	277	VK5ALX	98	VK4IE	31	VK7KPC	27		
VK3GC	273	VK3FCAA	96	VK6AFW	30	VK6LO	22		
VK1PAR	256	VK3TWR	95	VK4FSD	28	VK3XY	20		
VK3MEG	255	VK5RV	91	VK2OX	27				
VK4MON	253	VK5STU	90	VK4ZUK	27				
VK4MAD	252	VK5EE	86	VK1ZHC	24				
VK6AIF	249	VK8DA	86	VK6GG	24				
VK7HDM	241	VK4FOXS	84	VK3FEZZ	23				
VK6KTV	239	VK5PAS	84	VK4KML	22				
VK5MCB	220	VK6HDX	81	VK3DGN	20				
VK6USB	216	VK7AJ	81	VK6FLMJ	20				
VK4KKN	216	VK6AR	80	VK4JAM	19				
VK2BGL	210	VK6ST	80	VK6IW	17				
VK3TKO	208	VK4FPDG	79	VK2ODD	16				
VK5BWH	200	VK5ZT	78	VK3SM	15				
VK4TAA	195	VK6OK	76	VK4CZ	14				
VK5FCJM	188	VK6DDX	75	VK5SE	11				
VK7DG	185	VK4FABF	73	VK1CM	10				
VK6JP	181	VK4FSCR	72	VK3YJ	3				
VK7FB	179	VK4FLR	70						
VK5ZD	173	VK7HK	68						

Table 4

REV. 5/11/12. Added VK6AFW and VK7ZGK. 30/11/12 Corrected VK5ZKK to 41 pts.

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VK4ADX Shack



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OVERALL WINNERS		
Category	Place	Call
SOPH <i>Highest Scoring, Sponsored by VK Classifieds</i>	1st	VK7NET
	2nd	VK4QH
	3rd	VK5CB
SOCW	1st	VK7RF
	2nd	VK2EL
	3rd	VK2BJT
SOMX	1st	VK6ZRW
	2nd	VK5NE
	3rd	VK6TWO
QRP PH	1st	VK4BYX
	2nd	VK4ATH
	3rd	VK5UU
QRP CW <i>Highest scoring QRP Station Sponsored by CW Operators QRP Club</i>	1st	VK3QB
	2nd	VK2ACL
	3rd	VK3AGQ
QRP MX	1st	VK2IG
	2nd	VK5CZ
	3rd	VK2PN/5
MS <i>Sponsored by</i>	1st	VK2GGC

<i>South Pacific Contest Club</i>	2nd	VK2ACW
	3rd	VK2ATZ
MM <i>Sponsored by South Pacific Contest Club</i>	1st	VK4XA
	2nd	VK2AWX
	3rd	VK4HH
TEAM <i>Sponsored by Trent VK4TS</i>	1st	Wallaroo Lockyer Legends Elizabeth ARC T1
	2nd	
	3rd	
FOUNDATION	1st	VK2FWWD
	2nd	VK6FMON
	3rd	VK4FAAS
ROOKIE <i>Sponsored by VKHAM</i>	Nr1	VK2FWWD

STATE WINNERS VK2

SOPH	1st	VK2XN
	2nd	VK2HBG
	3rd	VK2FWWD
SOCW	1st	VK2EL
SOMX	2nd	VK2BJT
QRP PH	1st	VK2AR
QRP CW	1st	VK2HAZ
QRP MX	1st	VK2ACL
MS	1st	VK2IG
MIM	2nd	VK2PN/5
	1st	VK2GGC
	1st	VK2AWX

STATE WINNERS VK3

SOPH	1st	VK3CKC
	2nd	VK3LDR
	3rd	VK3TCX
SOCW	1st	VK3TX
SOMX	1st	VK3IO
QRP PH	2nd	VK3LRE
QRP CW	1st	VK3XY
MIM	1st	VK3QB
	2nd	VK3AGQ
	1st	VK3CMZ

STATE WINNERS VK1

SOPH	1st	VK1HW
	2nd	VK1PAR
	3rd	VK1DW
SOMX	1st	VK1SV
MS	1st	VK1MT

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STATE WINNERS VK4

SOPH	1st	VK4QH
	2nd	VK4KRX
	3rd	VK4GH
SOCW	1st	VK4WM
SOMX	1st	VK4SN
	2nd	VK4AMG
	3rd	VK4NP
QRP PH	1st	VK4BYX
	2nd	VK4ATH
MM	1st	VK4XA

STATE WINNERS VK6

SOPH	1st	VK6AXB
	2nd	VK6CSW
	3rd	VK6MAB
SOMX	1st	VK6ZRW
	2nd	VK6TWO
	3rd	VK6KY
QRP PH	1st	VK6OE
	2nd	VK6LO
MS	1st	VK6AHR

STATE WINNERS VK8

SOPH	1st	VK8DA
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STATE WINNERS ZL

SOPH	1st	ZL2TZE
	2nd	ZL3IO
SOMX	1st	ZL3AKM
	2nd	ZL3VZ

STATE WINNERS VK5

SOPH	1st	VK5CB
	2nd	VK5BC
	3rd	VK5LJ
SOMX	1st	VK5NE
	2nd	VK5ATU
QRP PH	1st	VK5UU
QRP CW	1st	VK5CYM
QRP MX	1st	VK5CZ
MS	1st	VK5LZ
MM	1st	VK5MTM

STATE WINNERS VK7

SOPH	1st	VK7NET
	2nd	VK7OO
	3rd	VK7HW
SOCW	1st	VK7RF
	2nd	VK7AD
SOMX	1st	VK7GN/VK4
QRP PH	1st	VK7KPC
MM	1st	VK7OTC

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PHONE CONTACTS PER BAND PER STATE												
BAND	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	VK8	ZL	P2	%
1800	818	12	288	52	223	119	70	32	0	22	0	2
3500	8690	266	1845	1233	1834	1648	914	804	0	146	0	24
7000	16849	988	4425	2408	3681	3273	794	1043	86	151	0	46
14000	4257	26	430	358	1486	767	686	289	0	215	0	12
21000	414	5	18	35	109	69	120	9	0	49	0	1
28000	199	0	1	2	2	52	138	4	0	0	0	1
50	490	0	1	4	13	142	167	163	0	0	0	1
144	3416	8	1	29	50	747	2201	380	0	0	0	9
432	1776	3	1	5	7	246	1166	348	0	0	0	5
1.2G	18	0	0	2	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	36927	1308	7010	4128	7405	7079	6256	3072	86	583	0	100

CW CONTACTS PER BAND PER STATE												
BAND	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	VK8	ZL	P2	%
1800	88	1	44	9	14	6	6	0	0	8	0	7
3500	546	0	193	82	90	107	6	49	0	19	0	46
7000	516	0	149	116	85	64	28	70	0	4	0	43
14000	23	0	2	0	4	5	12	0	0	0	0	2
21000	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	1
28000	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
50	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	1
144	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
432	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
1.2G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1194	1	388	207	193	182	73	119	0	31	0	100

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LOGS RECEIVED BY CATEGORY												
PER STATE												
Category	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	VK8	ZL	P2	PERCENTAGE CATEGORY
SO PH	164	7	14	26	32	32	38	12	1	2	0	73
SO CW	6	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
SO MXD	17	1	1	2	3	2	5	1	0	2	0	8
QRP PH	8	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	4
QRP CW	4	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
QRP	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
MXD	10	1	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
MM	12	0	4	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	5
TOTAL	224	9	32	33	41	41	46	17	1	4	0	100

Note: VK0 Credited to VK7. VK9 Credited to closest mainland state.

VK9/32 VK0/8

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VK1 Contacts		VK1 BAND USAGE			
Prefix	Worked	BAND	PHONE	CW	TOTAL
VK1	85	1800	12	1	13
VK2	319	3500	266	0	266
VK3	292	7000	988	0	988
VK4	201	14000	26	0	26
VK5	206	21000	5	0	5
VK6	48	28000	0	0	0
VK7	110	50	0	0	0
VK8	8	144	8	0	8
VK9	0	432	3	0	3
ZL	41	1.2G	0	0	0
P2	0				

VK3 Contacts		VK3 BAND USAGE			
Prefix	Worked	BAND	PHONE	CW	TOTAL
VK1	192	1800	52	9	61
VK2	1012	3500	1233	82	1315
VK3	848	7000	2408	116	2524
VK4	773	14000	358	0	358
VK5	832	21000	35	0	35
VK6	167	28000	2	0	2
VK7	342	50	4	0	4
VK8	41	144	29	0	29
VK9	0	432	5	0	5
ZL	128	1.2G	2	0	2
P2	0				

VK2 Contacts		VK2 BAND USAGE			
Prefix	Worked	BAND	PHONE	CW	TOTAL
VK1	277	1800	288	44	332
VK2	1807	3500	1845	193	2038
VK3	1393	7000	4425	149	4574
VK4	1625	14000	430	2	432
VK5	1211	21000	18	0	18
VK6	242	28000	1	0	1
VK7	514	50	1	0	1
VK8	49	144	1	0	1
VK9	0	432	1	0	1
ZL	276	1.2G	0	0	0
P2	0				

VK4 Contacts		VK4 BAND USAGE			
Prefix	Worked	BAND	PHONE	CW	TOTAL
VK1	217	1800	223	14	237
VK2	1785	3500	1834	90	1924
VK3	1213	7000	3681	85	3766
VK4	2250	14000	1486	4	1490
VK5	1050	21000	109	0	109
VK6	308	28000	2	0	2
VK7	432	50	13	0	13
VK8	75	144	50	0	50
VK9	0	432	7	0	7
ZL	260	1.2G	0	0	0
P2	5				

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VK5 Contacts		VK5 BAND USAGE			
Prefix	Worked	BAND	PHONE	CW	TOTAL
VK1	183	1800	119	6	125
VK2	1202	3500	1648	107	1755
VK3	1174	7000	3273	64	3337
VK4	943	14000	767	5	772
VK5	2848	21000	69	0	69
VK6	282	28000	52	0	52
VK7	421	50	142	0	142
VK8	68	144	747	0	747
VK9	0	432	246	0	246
ZL	134	1.2G	16	0	16
P2	3				

VK7 Contacts		VK7 BAND USAGE			
Prefix	Worked	BAND	PHONE	CW	TOTAL
VK1	83	1800	32	0	32
VK2	503	3500	804	49	853
VK3	466	7000	1043	70	1113
VK4	369	14000	289	0	289
VK5	366	21000	9	0	9
VK6	128	28000	4	0	4
VK7	1162	50	163	0	163
VK8	18	144	380	0	380
VK9	0	432	348	0	348
ZL	94	1.2G	0	0	0
P2	1				

VK6 Contacts		VK6 BAND USAGE			
Prefix	Worked	BAND	PHONE	CW	TOTAL
VK1	49	1800	70	6	76
VK2	245	3500	914	6	920
VK3	225	7000	794	28	822
VK4	282	14000	686	12	698
VK5	273	21000	120	6	126
VK6	5049	28000	138	5	143
VK7	118	50	167	6	173
VK8	22	144	2201	0	2201
VK9	0	432	1166	4	1170
ZL	63	1.2G	0	0	0
P2	0				

VK8 Contacts		VK8 BAND USAGE			
Prefix	Worked	BAND	PHONE	CW	TOTAL
VK1	1	1800	0	0	0
VK2	20	3500	0	0	0
VK3	16	7000	86	0	86
VK4	17	14000	0	0	0
VK5	21	21000	0	0	0
VK6	2	28000	0	0	0
VK7	6	50	0	0	0
VK8	1	144	0	0	0
VK9	0	432	0	0	0
ZL	3	1.2G	0	0	0
P2	0				

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ZL Contacts		ZL BAND USAGE			
Prefix	Worked	BAND	PHONE	CW	TOTAL
VK1	19	1800	22	8	30
VK2	159	3500	146	19	165
VK3	119	7000	151	4	155
VK4	132	14000	215	0	215
VK5	72	21000	49	0	49
VK6	32	28000	0	0	0
VK7	60	50	0	0	0
VK8	7	144	0	0	0
VK9	0	432	0	0	0
ZL	15	1.2G	0	0	0
P2	0				

VK4FABF	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK4FLR	Duplicate scored	1
VK4FNQ	Scored for DX	1
VK4GMH	3 scored for 2000z ph.	2
VK4KKN	Missed score - ADD one point	1
VK4MAD	3 scored for 2000z ph.	2
VK4MON	Missed score - ADD one point	1
VK4QH	Duplicate scored	1
VK4SR	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK4XA	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK5BWH	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK5CB	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK5GRC	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK5RV	Wrong callsign logged	2
VK5UV	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK6AH	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK6CSW	Wrong callsign logged	2
VK6DDX	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK6RC	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK6TWO	Wrong callsign logged	3
VK7HDM	Duplicate scored	2
VK7HW	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK7NET	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK8DA	Wrong callsign logged	1

Score adjustments

Points deducted/added for

VK1CM	Missed received exchange twice.	2
VK1WX	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK1WX	Duplicate scored	1
VK2ACW	Wrong callsign logged	4
VK2AWX	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK2CL	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK2OX	Wrong callsign logged	1
VK3FABW	Increased score - wrong pts	12
VK3LM	Scored 2 points for PH on 80m	2
VK3TCS	Duplicate scored	1
VK4CZ	Scored 3 points instead of 1	24
VK4FAAS	3 scored for 2000z ph.	2

OPERATOR COMMENTS

(Copied and pasted as received)

The most enjoyable RD contest since the 1980s. All bands all modes is the fun way to go when you live in an urban environment. Not once did I feel like falling asleep in my chair. Triple point during the early morning kept the action going all night and the 160 metre band even co-operated.

VK5NE

Thanks Alan,

By the way I've heard from several local operators here that the RD contest brought activity level on several bands up to where it was many years ago. It's a shame that the people who seem to come on only for the contest don't come on more often.

73 Ed.

VK2ARE

Thanks Alan,

Great job on the contest restructure. I am reasonably certain the participation was better than last year and it certainly made our participation (Multi op single TX) viable. It will be on our calendar next year.

I think you can be justifiably proud of your influence on the rules.

We can't wait to see the overall results! 😊

Regards,

Steve Kennedy VK2SJK

In conclusion it has been a breath of fresh air to have a contest manager who will communicate with the contesters in a friendly manner.

Keep up the good work.

kind regards

Grahame VK2FA

Hi Alan,

Thanks very much for managing the RD Contest this year, and also for your efforts with revamping the rules. Please find attached my log.

I like the new contest format; and the idea of the exchange not containing a QSO sequence number is good as it keeps us all guessing as to how the other stations are going! :-) I did run into the odd station who appeared to be using an incrementing sequence number, but me operating QRP and sometimes being on the verge of readability was not conducive to explaining the new rules to them. :-) I think that the earlier start and finish times also allow better utilisation of one's weekend - being on a rural property, for me it means I can get the weekend's tasks completed on Saturday morning and/or Sunday afternoon, instead of having all of Sunday written off.

Thanks again, and it was good to work you again during the contest.

73,

Mike Dower VK2IG/QRP

OPERATORS: VK4MAD

SOAPBOX: It was my first contest, and thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks to all who SOAPBOX: put it together.

SOAPBOX: Regards

SOAPBOX: Wayne

OPERATORS: VK5BC

SOAPBOX: Great contest, 1st time I'd given contest a real go for a few years,

SOAPBOX: had become disillusioned with rules of the contest but with the

SOAPBOX: changes made this year it was great. Good move to combine HF & VHF.

SOAPBOX: Would still like the 3hour rework removed.

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OPERATORS: VK7FB

SOAPBOX: Great fun thanks.

OPERATORS: VK4XA, VK4FD, VK4VHY

SOAPBOX: Enjoyed the contest.

OPERATORS: VK2BJT

SOAPBOX: I really like the new rst/serial number system. Less competitive pressure.

SOAPBOX: Possibly the time between repeat contacts could be lowered for the CW

SOAPBOX: only group? There was a lot of down time due to the lower number of active stations on this mode. Thanks for a fun contest. Best 73's, Ian

Hi Alan,

Thanks for the contest, I had limited time this year for the contest much to my dismay, There was a fair bit more activity this year which would account for the guy's & gal's being able to work their own state, Good stuff it makes the time go faster, See you next year all being well.?

Cheers Tom Hatton VK4ATH -.-

OPERATORS: VK3NCC

SOAPBOX: Thanks to the organisers for making this year's contest

SOAPBOX: more accessible.

SOAPBOX: This is my first contest as an Amateur Operator.

SOAPBOX: I would have liked to spend more time involved but....

SOAPBOX: In any case I enjoyed the time and learned some new operating

SOAPBOX: skills and met a lot more people.

SOAPBOX: Keep up the good Work... Colin

OPERATORS: VK5MCB

SOAPBOX: Great format easy to use and great fun. Lots of contacts for the RD

OPERATORS: VK6MJC

SOAPBOX: Thanking you, enjoyed the contest.

New simplified format better

SOAPBOX: It was a great contest and I made many new contacts. Most enjoyable.

Peter VK4FPDG

G'day Alan

Enjoyed the contest, new format is the way to go, sure are some long time hams out there, either 30 plus years or 3 or less ?? in my log, where are the inbetweeners?.

Thanks for your efforts

73 Wade VK4WM

OPERATORS: VK3AMW

SOAPBOX: Most contacts I have ever had!!

SOAPBOX:

SOAPBOX: Good format for a friendly contest.

SOAPBOX:

SOAPBOX: Most enjoyable.

Thanks Alan

You have done a great job in organising all this.

Also, thanks for the contact yesterday in the RD contest on 20m. I thought the call sign was familiar.

Cheers

73 Mike VK6MJC

Great conditions, and format.

Cheers, Barry Bates, VK5KBJ.

OPERATORS: VK3SIM

SOAPBOX:

SOAPBOX: THE NEW RULES ARE VERY GOOD.

A great contest this years I had a ball i'm only new this but have slowly improved in the past year 205 contacts 125 individual stations phone only.

I did a portion of the graveyard shift and it was great the way every one was having a chat 80m was very good even had the odd zl sneak in on 80m. worked all my hf bands except 10 meters. thanks for making the changes re numbering to using years in which license has been held that was great to salute the old timers. the disappointment was vhf and uhf very quiet there on fm in melbourne. never heard a p29 I wonder if any were around

cheers

steve

vk3meg

OPERATORS: VK5CZ

SOAPBOX: Great contest thanks to all concerned.

SOAPBOX: Pity about the European cw contest on 20m it jammed up the band

SOAPBOX: a bit for qrp ops .

OPERATORS: VK7NET

SOAPBOX: Great contest .

SOAPBOX: Good to see more ops around compared to recent years.

SOAPBOX: Equipment: TS590S, 4 element TET triband, 2 element quad and vertical antenna.

SOAPBOX: Look forward to this contest again next year.

The time and rule changes this year were terrific. The exchange cipher, using years of being licenced, makes it less daunting for an occasional contester like myself.

I also liked the ability to contact one's own call area, it provides another opportunity when

things are quiet.

Well done on a great contest.

Many Thanks

Chris Walker VK6DDX

Geez I had a lot of fun and made double the contacts that I made last year, as I am only new to the hobby. Looking Forward to the next RD contest now.

Thank You for taking the time to put all this together, much appreciated.

Kind Regards

David VK5LSB

Thanks Alan. It was a great contest. Word from others is that VHF was very quiet but HF active (intra call area contacts helped).

Here's some video footage from yesterday morning that you might enjoy...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8aqN2d3kGk>

...especially the bit where the dog got all excited when you mentioned the TH6 pointing here!

73, Peter VK3YE

It was great to have so many stations operating throughout the 24 hours- definite improvement.

Still a great friendly contest and we also gently introduced some amateurs including foundation licences to contesting. Great stuff!

73, Justin, VK7TW

Secretary REAST Inc.

Hi Alan,

Thanks for organising a great RD Contest.

73, Clive Wallis VK6CSW

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OPERATORS: VK2TTP, VK2JCC, VK2BMU,
VK2DAY, VK2TAN

SOAPBOX: New Logging software and contest
format great improvement.

SOAPBOX: What happened to all the VHF/UHF
operators, nothing heard.

OPERATORS: VK4GMH

SOAPBOX: First contest with Adv Lic

SOAPBOX: I like the new exchange system

SOAPBOX: TriBand Vertical 80/40/20m

Hi Have enclosed contest log , a fantastic
contest, but called to work at 1145am, hope
you get this log OK.

Cheers Gerald Bonnington VK2HBG.

Would like to thank you and all your helpers
that give their time freely to make this contest
the success that it was ! Thank you again and
look forward to next year

Regards Ron Betts

VK6kHz

OPERATORS: VK2FA, VKBBI, VK2YCJ, VK2BBC,
VK2KHA, VK4ADX, VK2CMM, VK2SH, VK2BMP,
VK2RJ, VK2L

SOAPBOX: Bloody good contest. We'll be
better organised next year.

I would have to say I think the contest went off
great with the early start and finish, I thought it
would have been a little better if people had
read the rules about the serial number. we had
a lot of reports that gave just a number. this
was a lot of operators who just came up to
give out numbers to help out.

OPERATORS: VK2IO

SOAPBOX: This contest is now a lot more fun
with the abolition of the rule

SOAPBOX: about working only interstate
stations and also a lot more friendly

SOAPBOX: to portable stations with the new
operating times.

SOAPBOX: Well done!

OPERATORS: VK3IO

SOAPBOX: Good conditions made for a fun
contest, but I did not hear anyone on

SOAPBOX: the 10m band and maybe that was
because the printed rules said 10m was a
WARC band.

SOAPBOX: Of course, I did not read the rule
changes before starting.

SOAPBOX: Sorry to those first qso's I had
where I gave incorrect numbers to,

SOAPBOX: by starting of with giving serial
numbers and then giving an incorrect

SOAPBOX: number of operating years, before
being corrected by my dear wife.

SOAPBOX: I am still not sure about all these
changes.

SOAPBOX: Maybe by next year I will

understand all these changes, but I doubt it.

SOAPBOX: Thank you to all those who did qso
with me, especially those running qrp.

SOAPBOX: 73's from Ron.

Enjoyed contest. Rules permitted better
flow/pacing of contacts.

Kevin Crockett - VK3CKC

OPERATORS: VK2LEE

SOAPBOX: NEW TIMES WERE GREAT. YEARS
LICENCED WERE OK TOO

SOAPBOX: ITS STILL THE FRIENDLY CONTEST.
MY 80M HELICAL WHIP

SOAPBOX: ONLY WORKED FOR A COUPLE OF
CONTACTS, NOT SURE WHAT

SOAPBOX: HAPPENED, V HIGH SWR, WILL
HAVE TO GET MY INVERTED

SOAPBOX: VEE UP. ONLY HAD ONE CONTACT
ON 15M. CAN'T WAIT UNTIL

SOAPBOX: THE NEXT RD CONTEST. 73 LEE
VK2LEE

Thanks for your efforts in running the contest
and just wanted to say that it was very
enjoyable this year, the changes seemed to be
very good.

Cheers,

Stuart

VK5STU

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Thanks Alan,
You've done a sterling effort with
the contest. I'm sure your
observation of all the feedback does
see both the negative, but also all
of the positive!
I'm proud to say I'm in the +ve and
that comes from a bloke who doesn't
normally embrace the latest of
anything!!!!
Rik VK4KRX