

QRP HOURS CONTEST 2016

Results

First place in the CW/PSK section went to Mike VK2IG who operated his FT817 from home. First place in the SSB section went to Vince VK7VH.

Overall we had fewer logs submitted this year than last year, 10 for the CW section and 12 for SSB. No doubt the noisy conditions made it hard work. No PSK or RTTY contacts were reported. Contact numbers were generally lower than in recent years. I heard some JA and W callsigns on CW but none of them answered my calls... ☹

CW and PSK section

CALLSIGN	Mode	Points awarded	Place
VK2IG	CW	13	1
VK1CT	CW	10	=2
VK4SN	CW	10	=2
VK2AOH	CW	8	=3
VK2JDR	CW	8	=3
VK3ARH	CW	7	
VK3CAB	CW	4	
VK3YE	CW	3	
ZL3CC	CW	2	
VK2UH	CW	10	Check log

SSB section

Logs received: 12.

CALLSIGN	Mode	Points awarded	Place
VK7VH	SSB	25	1
VK7JGD	SSB	15	2
VK4SN	SSB	14	3
VK2FENG	SSB	13	Best Foundation score
VK3ARH	SSB	8	
VK2JDR	SSB	6	
VK2HRX	SSB	4	
VK4DD	SSB	3	
VK5ATQ	SSB	3	
VK3ZPF	SSB	2	
ZL3CC	SSB	1	
VK2UH	SSB	9	Check log

General comments

Several points were lost due to either the logged callsign or the number received from the other station not matching the callsign or number sent by the station worked. In keeping with normal contest rules, the sender is assumed to have sent the correct sequence number provided it is in sequence, and where errors occur it is presumed that the receiver did not log it correctly.

There is some confusion about whether the sequence used in the two hours should be continuous or whether the number should restart at 001 for the SSB section. Whatever was done by operators was acceptable. We will clarify that next year.

Certificates

Were awarded to the first three logs in each section and also one to Helen VK2FENG for the best Foundation licence score, actually only a point behind the 3rd place in ssb section.

Nice to hear both Mike and Helen operating in the contest this year from their station in Gundaroo, certainly a huge signal at Yass.

Another QRP contest?

Several logs included support for another QRP contest later in the year, with some suggesting 40m and others 80m. These comments will be considered and the contest calendar examined to see what might work and the details will be in LoKey.

The next main contest in the Australian calendar is the RD contest in August. Do join in the contest even on QRP. It is quite possible to make good scores using QRP.

Again, congratulations to a number of newcomers to CW contesting, it was great to hear you joining in.

Good to see the entry from Andrew ZL3CC too. Andrew is a SOTA operator...

Andrew VK2UH

QRP Hours contest manager for 2016