

QRP HOURS CONTEST – 9th April 2019

Conditions this year were nothing short of disastrous. CW signals had to be pulled out of QRN here in VK4, and was not much better down south. The last 15 minutes of the 1st hour saw signals coming up a bit, but still not good enough for the 2nd hour for the voice segment. No Digital contacts took place, so for this year it has turned out to be a CW contest only.

Twelve operators in total gave it a shot and out of that 10 logs were received. It was good to see people uploading to the new VK Log Checking site, and for those who sent me logs direct, it was no problem for them to be converted and uploaded by me. All operators should have received an acknowledgment and a copy of the Cabrillo 3 log as submitted. A couple of points were lost across the logs but in general an almost perfect set of logs.

Due to the number of participants and contacts there is more than one operator to a placing.

MODE	CALLSIGN	SCORE	PLACING
CW	VK5LJ	10	1 st
CW	VK7BO	10	1 st
CW	VK2IG	8	2 nd
CW	VK2JDR	7	3 RD
CW	VK3BYD	7	3 RD
CW	VK3YE	7	3 RD
CW	VK4SN	7	3 RD
CW	VK3TP	6	4 TH
CW	VK4QS	4	5 TH
CW	VK4VXX/6	4	5 TH

Table 1: Winners listed in alphabetical/point score order.

Here is what the operators had to say.

VK2IG: Lots of QRN tonight, otherwise signals were good. Thanks to all who participated and the contest manager. Look forward to seeing you all in the next QRP Hours Contest.

VK3BYD: Not a busy contest, I worked all that I could hear and still only had 7. I did not bother with SSB, getting late and too hard with QRP power on SSB on a noisy 80m.

Maybe 30 minutes each mode next time? (Noted by manager)

VK3TP: FT891 throttled back to 5W. Wire dipole running N-S. Keys used - old Hi-Mound and Autoplex Bug I enjoy QRP operation and have a number of QRP rigs I only wish the band conditions were more supportive of low power operation.

VK3YE: A fun contest - thanks!

VK4SN: Very poor conditions tonight although CW sigs came up in the last 15mins. Only ones heard by the RBN VK4CT and VK4RJ were VK4SN VK4QS VK2IG and VK3EI Voice signals were so low they didn't even show up on the SDR and what I could hear were not workable, hence a CW only log this year.

73 de VK4SN standing in for 2019 manager. 20/4/2019

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