

## QRP Hours Contest – October 2019 Results

Well conditions were not much better than back in the April Contest. QRP signals don't seem to travel far in the low sunspot, or should I say zero sunspot activity. Here in VK4 signals were very low to non-existent. As a VK4, I listened to one sided QSO's and even replying to some where I was not heard. Around the major population areas down south made more QSO's and at least some SSB exchanges took place where there was no SSB in the April contest.

Seven logs were submitted out of a total of sixteen participants. All but one log was directly submitted via the website. The manager received one log via email as was submitted to the website thereafter.

Unfortunately, due to a miss-communication, the formatted spread sheet did not make it to the website for downloading, and notification that VKCL logger was updated this year to cater for the QRP contests. Next year operators can use the popular VKCL logger with ease as a step by step "setup and how to use" guide will be available. Keep your eye on the QRP website for more details.

This is how the operators faired:

MODE	CALLSIGN	SCORE	PLACING
CW	VK3MH	6	1 <sup>ST</sup>
CW	VK7CW	5	2 <sup>ND</sup>
CW	VK3TP	5	2 <sup>ND</sup>
CW	VK2IG	5	2 <sup>ND</sup>
CW	VK4SN	2	3 <sup>RD</sup>
CW	VK2GAZ	1	4 <sup>TH</sup>
SSB	VK3MH	10	1 <sup>ST</sup>
SSB	VK3KJ	1	2 <sup>ND</sup>
SSB	VK2IG	1	2 <sup>ND</sup>
COMBINED	VK3MH	16	1 <sup>ST</sup>
COMBINED	VK2IG	6	2 <sup>ND</sup>
COMBINED	VK7CW	5	3 <sup>RD</sup>
COMBINED	VK3TP	5	3 <sup>RD</sup>
COMBINED	VK4SN	2	4 <sup>TH</sup>
COMBINED	VK3KJ	1	5 <sup>TH</sup>

Soapbox comments were received from the following ops:

VK2GAZ	Very difficult conditions
VK2IG	TS-480HX 5W OUTPUT, 80M OCF DIPOLE 15M UP. T/STORM QRN DURING BOTH HOURS. NOT MUCH SSB ACTIVITY. TNX TO ALL WHO ANSWERED MY CALLS, AND THE CONTEST MANAGER. SEE YOU ALL NEXT CONTEST!
VK3MH	Conditions were poor for short skip, yet DX was very strong.
VK4SN	Life is way too short for QRP. Not hearing much and a vk3 didn't even reply to my calls.. lol. Conditions still at the bottom.

Good luck for future contests.

Best 73  
 Alan Shannon  
 VK4SN  
 (Assisting manager for 2019)