

## QRP Hours contest April 2020

The contest was held on a very noisy 80m band this year. Many operators found conditions unusable.

The first and second places in CW and SSB were shared by VK2IG and VK5LJ. Well done Mike and Lawrie.

### Scores

Mode	Callsign	Score	Position
CW	VK2IG	9	1st
CW	VK5LJ	7	2nd
CW	VK3TP	6	3rd
CW	VK3BYD	5	4th
CW	VK4SN	2	5th
CW	VK1DA	5	check log

Mode	Callsign	Score	Position
SSB	VK5LJ	5	1st
SSB	VK2IG	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
SSB	VK3BYD	2	3 <sup>rd</sup>
SSB	VK1DA	3	check log

### Soapbox

VK2IG	Quiet contest - especially the voice hour - but enjoyable. MM Contest was on at the same time (e.g. see my one ZL QSO who sent "OC" as the exchange instead of a number). Thanks to those who answered my CQ calls, and see you next contest. Station consisted of TS-480HX at 5W output, and 80m inverted vee with feedpoint at 15m height.
VK5LJ	Not many stations calling but all that I heard were easily workable. Band noise was usual atmospheric hash at about S5 but no storm static for a change. Running 5w into an OCF dipole.
VK3BYD	Worked most that I heard, 5W for both CW and SSB. Did not stay long for SSB, only heard two calling CQ
VK3TP	Pretty hard work
VK4SN	Poor conditions again between VK4 and southern states. CW only as no SSB QRP stations were heard.
VK1DA	Check log only. Very noisy band.

The log checker site provided by Alan vk4sn took all the hard work out of the log checking as it is an automated process. Many thanks to Alan for his support in 2019 while I was away.

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