

Results John Moyle Memorial National Field Day 2004

Portable, 6 Hour

Station	S/M Op	Mode	Band	Points	Cert.
VK5SR	Multi -op	Phone	All	2746	*
VK3AWS	Multi -op	Phone	All	1170	*
VK3BOR	Multi -op	Phone	All	538	*
VK3BSY	Multi -op	Phone	VHF	396	*
VK3FRC	Multi -op	Phone	All	326	
VK5GRC	Multi -op	Phone	All	264	
VK4AOE	Multi -op	Phone	HF	186	*
VK2EMU	Multi -op	Phone	HF	68	*
VK3ZPF	Single	Phone	VHF	1216	*
VK3XYC	Single	Phone	VHF	632	*
VK6ZN/2	Single	Phone	HF	210	*
VK1AI	Single	All	HF	94	*
VK2IRP	Single	All	HF	76	*
VK3JS	Single	Phone	VHF	76	*
VK3JMG	Single	Phone	HF	66	*
VK3MGZ	Single	Phone	HF	44	*
VK5RG	Single	Phone	HF	40	
VK5VH	Single	Phone	HF	36	
VK1WJ/2	Single	All	HF	36	*
VK2AGC	Single	Phone	HF	26	
VK2BPB	Single	Phone	HF	10	

Portable, 24 Hour

VK3SAA	Multi	Phone	VHF	6646	*
VK2SRC	Multi	All	All	4984	*
VK3QM	Multi	Phone	VHF	3902	*
VK5ARN	Multi	Phone	VHF	3510	*
VK5BP	Multi	Phone	All	3154	*
VK3BML	Multi	Phone	All	2898	*
VK5AR	Multi	Phone	All	1658	
VK4BAR	Multi	Phone	All	1452	
VK2HZ	Multi	Phone	All	1363	
VK3EGC	Multi	Phone	All	1346	
VK2AFY	Multi	Phone	All	966	
VK4IZ	Multi	Phone	HF	930	*
VK4WIS	Multi	All	HF	752	*
VK5BAR	Multi	Phone	HF	566	*
VK4WIT	Multi	All	HF	296	*
VK4TWR	Multi	Phone	All	292	
VK2TWR	Single	Phone	VHF	2022	*
VK3KME	Single	Phone	VHF	1606	*
VK5NJ	Single	CW	All	290	**
VK3DBQ	Single	Phone	All	267	*
VK2KWM	Single	Phone	All	250	*
VK3UBM	Single	Phone	HF	216	*
VK5DG	Single	Phone	HF	200	*
VK4EV	Single	All	HF	156	*
VK3JS	Single	CW	All	110	*
VK3XOK	Single	Phone	HF	108	
VK3JS	Single	Phone	HF	40	

** President's Cup

HOME Station, 24 Hour

VK3FGN	Single	All	All	255	*
VK3KYF	Single	All	All	215	*
VK5JBJ	Single	All	All	211	*
VK3XBA	Single	All	All	117	
VK2XIE	Single	All	All	86	
VK3KQB	Single	All	All	64	
VK5NY	Single	All	All	63	
VK2KRR	Single	All	All	59	

Home Station, 6 Hour

VK3IO	Single	All	All	183	*
VK3TSR	Single	All	All	56	*
VK5EK	Single	All	All	49	*
VK3XKS	Single	All	All	48	
VK4BIF	Single	All	All	46	
VK2BQS	Single	All	All	45	
VK2JHN	Single	All	All	43	
VK2VD	Single	All	All	37	
VK3KK	Single	All	All	36	
VK2IGS	Single	All	All	6	

SWL, 24 Hour

Ray Ford	Single	All	All	171	
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Check Logs

VK3CIS VK3ZUX VK5JGM

Comments from 2004 JMFD

Firstly an apology. I only received the last of the logs in August and then with the pressure of work was unable to complete the task until now. I had planned to retire early to allow time for this activity and then somebody offered me more money than my likely pension so I took the offer. Having moved to VK8 it took a while for the log submissions to catch up.

I was surprised and concerned by the number of submissions that had not properly followed the rules regarding log submission. Even those who submitted an electronic form of the log most simply called the log file JMFD2004. Hence it made life very difficult to separate them from the electronic file in which they were submitted, as most simply had the same file name. In the rules for next year there will be a suggested file name format of 'Callsign_JMFD.*' In this way each of the electronic files will be unique. Paper logs were generally better in compliance with the rules.

There were 68 logs submitted and 28 people sent them in electronically. Many more stations took part than submitted logs, which is a pity as a number of stations that failed to submit a log could well have won some categories. Perhaps stations were not prepared to submit the log because they felt that their score was not in a winning range. I would like to suggest that in 2005 submit the log and you never know.

People who submitted logs even on paper did not always complete the declaration required by the rules or include their return address.

There were no logs submitted from VK7 or VK8 and only one traveller from VK6 put in his log. Perhaps the weather was too bad for the southerners but out west and up north I wonder what the excuse might have been? Maybe in 2005 this can change?

Many people wrote to thank Eric for his past service for this contest and I join them in thanking him for his considerable efforts in the past.

Some comments received: -

The day for me was a great success. I don't often get out in the field much with my gear these days and really enjoyed the planning, setting up of my small operation and making the calls. All on the air were

so keen to make contact and say g'day. My time was limited so only a few contacts were made but the spot I chose at the Avon Dam in the Southern Highlands of NSW could not have been better. The conditions were wonderful, blue skies and about 23 deg C. The bands were quiet and making contact was very easy and pleasurable. My gear work wonderfully well with all of my 5 watts for the most part making the grade with the other contest stations.

Many stations refused to exchange numbers because the "three hours were not up" on the time used by the other station. Others waited for an extra 5 minutes past the hour to ensure that the rule was not contravened.

Power source several fully charged batteries. It ended up very cold and very, very windy. Getting the gear home was funny, got 2 m yagi home with 3 elements bent and smashed folded dipole. Left HF dipole in the tree and the following day cousin's father tried out new slasher and you can guess what happened to 30m of feed-line? I saw the funny side but I am not sure about next year.

Rule Changes

I would like to suggest that the rules need revision and I am asking that people should to think about a possible rule change and can pass those comments to me at yk3zux@hotmail.com or via the WIA. The rule changes are mainly for simplification of the very complex scoring in use at present and to attempt to make it a little more equitable.

1. As far as rule changes there were several negative comments about use of the time blocks instead of the more straight forward three-hour rule between contacts should be used as in other contests.
2. I believe that should be a simplification of the number of categories.
3. There are simply too many categories. Station with very high scores claiming VHF only or all bands did not win an award, as they were 5th in that particular category, while a station with a lowly score claiming only HF could win first place. To simplify the number of categories will better allow stations who have worked very hard to get a good score to win an award. The alternative is virtually to issue a certificate for every log submitted.
4. Portable or Home. The home station should be given some distance multiplier (half of the Portable Station) 24 hour or 6 Hour. Same as every other Contest.
5. The weather and other commitments regulate the activity so there is no guaranteed result. The ideal of the contest is to promote portable operation and it has achieved that aim. However, there is an aim to get more activity and this can be achieved by having people submit their logs. Perhaps a certificate of participation for all submitted logs as well as the awards for fewer categories.
6. Phone or All mode. - There was only 8 logs that claimed All mode and only 2 that claimed CW. CW is moribund and the activity does not require a separate category, though a 2 point advantage for using CW could provide an interesting experiment? Other modes like FSK441 etc should not get any premium?
7. HF or VHF – A number of stations submitted All Band entries as well as HF only and VHF only. Many of the highest scores were VHF only. I do not believe that there needs to be as great a separation between the bands now that everyone has an equal go on all bands.
8. The differential multipliers for VHF produced some very large numbers.

Simply food for comment.