

WIA WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY CONTEST 2015

RESULTS Division 1 and Division 2



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Division 1 – Results Summary

Section A1. Portable station, single op. 24 hrs	Points	Section A2. Portable station, single op. 8 hrs	Points
Four-bands: VK2IO	417	Single-band: VK3ZAP	114
All-bands, digital: VK2CU	2123	Four-bands: VK2VOM	192
		All-bands: VK3APW	2516
		All-bands, digital: VK2DAG	442
Section B1. Portable station, multi-op. 24 hrs		Section B2. Portable station, multi-op. 8 hrs	
All-bands: VK3KQ	5627	Four-bands: VK2TG	402
		All-bands: VK3UHF	2894
Section C1. Home station. 24 hrs		Section C2. Home station. 8 hrs	
Four-bands: VK4ALH	976	Single-band: VK3VL	138
All-bands: VK3MY	4101	Four-bands: VK3CG	421
All-bands, digital: VK2JDS	1006	All-bands: VK3QI	1960
		Single-band, digital: VK1WJ	55

Division 2 – Results Summary

Section A1. Portable station, single op. 24 hrs	Points	Section A2. Portable station, single op. 8 hrs	Points
Four-bands: VK2IO	2276	Four-bands: VK1DA	3850
		All-bands: VK3HY	13,957
Section B1. Portable station, multi-op. 24 hrs		Section B2. Portable station, multi-op. 8 hrs	
All-bands: VK3KQ	141,234	Four-bands: VK2BOR	3409
Section C1. Home station. 24 hrs		Section C2. Home station. 8 hrs	
Four-bands: VK3PP	22,555	Four-bands: VK3CG	3929
All-bands: VK3MY	59,904	All-bands: VK3QI	14253
		Single-band, digital: VK1WJ	5301

■ Top-scoring Foundation station operator: VK5FDEC. Division 1, C1 298. Division 2, C2 822

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WELL DONE

Congratulations to all the section / sub-section winners in each Division, and – once again – to Damien VK5FDEC, the top-scoring Foundation station, who picked up this spot for Divisions 1 and 2. A particular pat-on-the-back must go to those operators who took the new sub-sections out for a 'run'.

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Who's afraid of a big, bad winter, then?

By all reports, the numbers of stations braving the elements at portable locations this winter were down on previous winters. Notably, 'super station' VK3ER, with a cast of thousands, decided to call a bye this time. Curiously, a klatch of portable operators handing out numbers did not submit logs. But I note that this is a common feature of previous events. Makes one wonder. You never know your luck when it comes to picking up a certificate – if you enter a log. The grapevine also tells me that a number of operators prominent in previous events were "holidaying" in warmer grid squares. Must be an artifact of climate change!

The comparatively low turnout is readily apparent in the tables on the last page, listing the participating stations who submitted logs for this event, compared with the Winter 2014 and Summer 2015 events. The doomsayers and the clickerati [1] will no doubt attempt all-sorts of prognostications about this. However, I observe that the number of submitted logs for Winter events has been quite volatile since its introduction in 2008, and submitted log numbers for the 2013 event were also comparatively low, for example. The standout observation in the table of stations who submitted logs for this year's event is that – once again – the whole field is pretty much having an each-way bet on Division 1 versus Division 2 scoring. I can hear the wringing of hands from here!

Some Wintertime sporadic E gave a fillip to six metres, with contacts between VK4 to VK3 and VK5, along with VK2 to VK4 and VK5.

Change, hell and handbaskets

As this is the first event with the revised categorization of sections and sub-sections, the summary tables set out here are quite different to those presented previously. As you can see, the Four-bands (only) sub-section was enthusiastically taken up by quite a few operators, particularly by those choosing to do 8-hour stints at the rigs, for both portable and home operations. The All-bands category proved as popular as ever. Four operators took up the digital challenge for its first 'outing', being Waldis, VK1WJ, Justin VK2CU, Matt VK2DAG and David VK2JDS – each entering a mix of sub-sections. Thanks guys.

Of particular note is the fact that five Foundation licence operators participated, compared to only three in the Winter 2014 event. While contacts in the submitted logs revealed that VK2FABV, VK3FMHY, VK5FABG, VK5FCLK and VK5FDEC exchanged contacts with various stations in the event, only VK5FABG and VK5FDEC submitted logs. Good to see Foundation operators from three states getting amongst it. Looking over the Spring 2014 and Summer 2015 events, five F-calls participated in each event, but only from VK3 and VK5. Here's hoping participation from F-call operators will grow over future events.

No Rovers ventured out this Winter. Well, not quite. One optimistic operator started out fully intending a Rover operation, but it didn't quite work out that way, what with two locations not working out, then battery power failing, followed by a vehicle breakdown. There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip, goes an old expression.

It was heartening to note that seven new operators submitted logs for this event, who had not submitted logs for previous events (unless they perhaps changed callsigns in the meantime).

It seems that the introduction of a two-hour period for repeat contacts was welcome, as operators took advantage of it, judging by the logs. And, better yet, no one complained!

On logs and logging

Since logs only in ASCII text format were accepted from this Winter event, Mike VK3AVV reports much-improved submission of logs this time; only a couple were not generated by VKCL. Accuracy of time reporting showed a big improvement, according to Mike. [Apologies for announcing incorrect start and end times. No one was penalised for starting or ending 'early']. Very few contacts were logged that were more than 10 minutes apart at each end of a QSO. Most were accurate to better than five minutes. Nevertheless, there are still some operators who have difficulty in converting local time to UTC; some logs needed correction for this. Other minor logging anomalies have not changed significantly, says Mike, such as calls or exchanges copied incorrectly, or entering of cross-band contacts (maybe the stations were on the one band, but the log entry was stuffed up). Mike counsels that cross-band contacts in logs are often difficult to resolve if neither station uses the OmniRig utility with VKCL.

Something new

A notable innovation for VHF-UHF contesting has been the [Contest Radar](http://www.contestradar.com) website (www.contestradar.com). Before an event, enter your planned portable location (4- or 6-character locator), or your home QTH, along with other salient station details, and the website displays your details on a map – along with the flock of other stations doing the same. You can see at a glance who's where. And the website is integrated with the VKCL logging software. Contest Radar was pretty busy leading up to, and during, the June contest weekend.

A few statistics

In total, 3149 contacts were recorded, with 1931 checked, or 61%. Ten calls were copied incorrectly; a band was entered incorrectly on nine occasions; and 57 exchanges were copied incorrectly.

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Interim Contest Manager

[1] *Clickerati*. n, plural – meaning social media commentators, observers or sages; from *literati*. n, plural – intellectuals who read and comment on literature.

DIVISION 1

Section A1 – Portable, Single Operator, 24 hours

Callsign	Name	Location/s	VHF – UHF Bands					Microwave Bands						All-bands TOTAL	
			50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	TOTAL	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz		76 GHz
VK2IO	Gerard Hill	QF46	47	210	160	–	417								
VK2CU	Justin Lavery DIG.	QF46	29	87	145	232	493	250	260	300	300	–	260	260	2123

Section A2 – Portable, Single Operator, 8 hours

Callsign	Name	Location/s	VHF – UHF Bands					Microwave Bands						All-bands TOTAL	
			50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	TOTAL	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz		76 GHz
VK3ZAP	Jim Wilson	QF22	–	114	–	–	114								
VK2VOM	Martin Bennett	QF55	21	66	105	–	192								
VK5AR	Alan Rafferty	PF96	22	69	–	–	91								
VK3APW	Peter Westgarth	QF21	47	189	290	360	886	440	430	430	330	–	–	–	2516
VK3HY	Gavin Brain	QF22	70	360	330	400	1160	220	–	–	430	–	–	–	1810
VK2DAG	Matt Hetherington DIG.	QF46	26	78	130	208	442	230	230	250	240	–	220	220	1832

Section B1 – Portable, Multiple Operators, 24 hours

Callsign	Name	Location/s	VHF – UHF Bands					Microwave Bands						All-bands TOTAL	
			50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	TOTAL	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz		76 GHz
VK3KQ	Damian Ayers	QF21, QF22	158	1041	1150	848	3197	680	580	580	590	–	–	–	5627

Section B2 – Portable, Multiple Operators, 8 hours

Callsign	Name	Location/s	VHF – UHF Bands					Microwave Bands						All-bands TOTAL	
			50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	TOTAL	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz		76 GHz
VK2TG	Bob Demkiw	QF56	57	180	165	–	402								
VK3UHF	Lara UHF Mwave Group	QF21	34	237	395	368	1034	470	460	460	470	–	–	–	2894
VK3ALB	Lou Blasco	QF11	48	225	245	328	846	390	360	370	370	–	–	–	2336

VK3KQ: Ralph Parkhurst VK3LL; Mike Ross VK3RZ; Damian Ayers VK3KQ
 VK2TG: Bob Demkiw VK2TG; Dave Ritchings VK2BDR; Ron Griffey VK2NZL
 VK3UHF: VK3PY Chas Gnaccarini, VK3QM David Learmonth
 VK3ALB: Lou Blasco VK3ALB; Jenni Blasco VK3FJEN; Nik Presser VK3BA

DIVISION 1

Section C1 – Home Station, 24 hours

Callsign	Name	Location/s	VHF – UHF Bands					Microwave Bands						All-bands TOTAL		
			50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	TOTAL	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz		76 GHz	
VK4ALH	Leicester Hibbert	QG63	79	165	220	512	976									
VK3BQ	Andrew Scott	QF22	45	222	345	280	892									
VK3SRB	Steven Benz	QF22	22	282	290	–	594									
VK3AUQ	Kevin Phillips	QF22	43	174	235	–	452									
VK5DT	Darren Jury	PF95	37	174	185	–	396									
VK3ND	Greg Smith	QF22	25	99	185	–	309									
VK5FDEC	Damien Clissold	PF95	–	153	145	–	298									
VK3MY	Ross Keogh	QF22	121	696	690	584	2091	550	390	540	530	–	–	–	–	4101
VK3DLR	David Ryan	QF22	52	183	220	208	663	260	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	923
VK4CZ	Scott Watson	QG62	–	–	–	480	480	210	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	690
VK2JDS	David Scott DIG.	QF46	28	84	140	224	476	–	–	270	260	–	–	–	–	1006

Section C2 – Home Station, 8 hours

Callsign	Name	Location/s	VHF – UHF Bands					Microwave Bands						All-bands TOTAL		
			50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	TOTAL	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz		76 GHz	
VK3VL	David Harms	QF33	–	138	–	–	138									
VK3CG	Gerard Sexton	QF22	39	147	235	–	421									
VK3JL	David Rolfe	QF21	21	177	140	–	338									
VK3PH	Pater Hartfield	QF22	26	108	185	–	319									
VK4LW	Ricky Chilcott	QG62	32	69	105	–	206									
VK2IUW	Hilary Bridel	QF56	21	102	–	–	123									
VK3QI	Peter Forbes	QF22	43	213	290	224	770	360	240	240	350	–	–	–	–	1960
VK3UX	Glenn Summergreene	QF22	24	69	110	184	387	220	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	607
VK1WJ	Waldis Jurgens DIG.	QF44	55	–	–	–	55									

DIVISION 2

Section A1 – Portable, Single Operator, 24 hours

Callsign	Name	Valid QSOs	Avg. km/QSO	VHF – UHF Bands					Microwave Bands						All-bands TOTAL		
				50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	TOTAL	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz		76 GHz	
VK2IO	Gerard Hill	19	86	950	1117	209	–	2276									

Section A2 – Portable, Single Operator, 8 hours

Callsign	Name	Valid QSOs	Avg. km/QSO	VHF – UHF Bands					Microwave Bands						All-bands TOTAL		
				50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	TOTAL	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz		76 GHz	
VK1DA	Andrew Davis	22	130	2252	926	672	–	3850									
VK3HY	Gavin Brain	81	84	2956	2398	3209	2193	10,756	781	–	–	2420	–	–	–	–	13,957

Section B1 – Portable, Multiple Operators, 24 hours

Callsign	Name	Valid QSOs	Avg. km/QSO	VHF – UHF Bands					Microwave Bands						All-bands TOTAL		
				50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	TOTAL	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz		76 GHz	
VK3KQ	Damien Ayers	464	126	14,701	22,010	39,570	20,094	96,375	12,028	9005	10,667	13,159	–	–	–	–	141,234
VK4EA	Peter Schrader	45	128	2521	875	761	3712	7869	291	–	421	1766	1110	–	–	–	11,457

Section B2 – Portable, Multiple Operators, 8 hours

Callsign	Name	Valid QSOs	Avg. km/QSO	VHF – UHF Bands					Microwave Bands						All-bands TOTAL		
				50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	TOTAL	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz		76 GHz	
VK2BOR	Oxley Region ARC	11	328	2598	698	113	–	3409									

VK3KQ: Ralph Parkhurst VK3LL; Mike Ross VK3RZ; Damian Ayers VK3KQ

VK4EA: Peter Schrader VK4EA, Jayene Conroy VK4JNC

VK2BOR: A T Monck VK2ATM; Henry Lundell VK2ZHE; Rob Frost VK2CRF; Lyle Smith VK2SMI; Craig Martin VK2ZCM

DIVISION 2

Section C1 – Home Station, 24 hours

Callsign	Name	Valid QSOs	Avg. km/QSO	VHF – UHF Bands					Microwave Bands						All-bands TOTAL	
				50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	TOTAL	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz		76 GHz
VK3PP	Matthew Gebert	54	453	14,695	7860	—	—	22,555								
VK5AKK	Phil Helbig	13	605	—	4914	8080	—	12,994								
VK4ALH	Leicester Hibbert	42	184	4249	1063	1106	5089	11,507								
VK1KW	Rob Quick	52	96	798	2790	3793	1349	8730								
VK3BQ	Andrew Scott	123	27	1206	1216	2808	1999	7229								
VK2UL	Geoff Rozenberg	56	83	1420	3014	1653	934	7021								
VK3WT	Max Chadwick	94	32	1397	1093	3105	—	5595								
VK3MEG	Steve Barr	38	107	2321	2619	292	—	5232								
VK3AUQ	Kevin Phillips	78	34	1215	996	2689	—	4900								
VK5DT	Darren Jury	42	62	1441	484	1017	—	2942								
VK3OHM	Marc Hillman	33	37	547	493	1253	—	2293								
VK3ND	Greg Smith	23	34	260	418	629	—	1307								
VK5FDEC	Damien Clissold	20	24	—	322	500	—	822								
VK5FABG	John Hayes	12	23	—	149	367	—	516								
VK3MY	Ross Keogh	285	91	7882	9906	9428	6331	33,547	5381	4777	7852	8347	—	—	—	59,904
VK3DLR	David Ryan	69	51	1277	917	1966	1986	6146	2796	—	—	—	—	—	—	8942
VK4IF	Brisbane VHF Group	23	61	—	433	—	2718	3151	—	—	416	1317	—	—	—	4884
VK4CZ	Scott Watson	11	82	—	—	—	3221	3221	180	—	—	—	—	—	—	3401

Section C2 – Home Station, 8 hours

Callsign	Name	Valid QSOs	Avg. km/QSO	VHF – UHF Bands					Microwave Bands						All-bands TOTAL	
				50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	TOTAL	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz		76 GHz
VK3CG	Gerard Sexton	79	28	1313	866	1750	—	3929								
VK2IUW	Hilary Bridel	5	297	1200	293	—	—	1493								
VK3QI	Peter Forbes	79	54	1206	1105	1932	1356	5599	2009	1704	2016	2925	—	—	—	14,253
VK3UX	Glenn Summergreene	14	59	261	137	310	810	1518	932	—	—	—	—	—	—	2450
VK1WJ	Waldis Jurgens DIG.	5	771	5301	—	—	—	5301								

Winter VHF-UHF Field Day 2015 Participating Stations, logs submitted		
	Division 1	Division 2
1		VK1DA
2		VK1KW
3		VK2BOR
4	VK2IO	VK2IO
5	VK2IUW	VK2IUW
6	VK2TG	
7		VK2UL
8	VK2VOM	
9	VK3ALB	
10	VK3APW	
11	VK3BQ	VK3BQ
12	VK3CG	VK3CG
13	VK3DLR	VK3DLR
14	VK3HY	VK3HY
15	VK3JL	
16	VK3KQ	VK3KQ
17		VK3MEG
18	VK3MY	VK3MY
19	VK3ND	VK3ND
20		VK3OHM
21	VK3PH	
22	VK3PP	
23	VK3QI	VK3QI
24	VK3SRB	
25	VK3UHF	
26	VK3UX	VK3UX
27	VK3VL	
28		VK3WT
29	VK3ZAP	
30	VK4ALH	VK4ALH
31	VK4CZ	VK4CZ
32		VK4EA
33		VK4IF
34	VK4LW	
35		VK5AKK
36	VK5AR	
37	VK5DT	VK5DT
38	VK5FABG	VK5FDEC

28 25
73.7% 65.8%
Common 15 = 39.5%

Winter VHF-UHF Field Day 2014 Participating Stations, logs submitted		
	Division 1	Division 2
1	VK1KW	
2	VK2BJ	
3	VK2IO	VK2IO
4	VK2IUW	VK2IUW
5		VK2UL
6		VK2YW
7	VK3ALB	VK3ALB
8	VK3AUQ	VK3AUQ
9	VK3BQ	VK3BQ
10	VK3ER	
11	VK3FEZ	
12	VK3HY	VK3HY
13	VK3JTM	VK3JTM
14	VK3JV	VK3JV
15	VK3KQ	VK3KQ
16		VK3MEG
17	VK3MY	VK3MY
18	VK3ND	
19	VK3PY	
20	VK3QI	VK3QI
21	VK3QM	VK3QM
22	VK3WWW	VK3WWW
23	VK3YE	VK3YE
24	VK3YFL	VK3YFL
25	VK3ZHQ	
26	VK4ADC	VK4ADC
27	VK4ALH	VK4ALH
28	VK4CZ	VK4CZ
29		VK4GHZ
30		VK4JAZ
31	VK4KLC	VK4KLC
32	VK4MJF	VK4MJF
33		VK4NE
34	VK4OE	VK4OE
35	VK4TGL	
36	VK4WIE	VK4WIE
37	VK4WIS	VK4WIS
38		VK5DK
39	VK4ZDP	
40	VK5AR	
41	VK5DF	
42	VK5DT	VK5DT
43	VK5FBA	VK5FBA
44	VK5FSK	VK5FSK
45		VK5JR
46		VK5KBJ
47	VK5KK	VK5KK
48	VK5LZ	VK5LZ
49	VK5NE	VK5NE
50	VK5NI	VK5NI
51		VK5PET
52	VK5OQ	
53	VK5TE	VK5TE
54	VK5VAB	VK5VAB
55	VK5ZT	VK5ZT

45 43
81.8% 78.2%
Common 33 = 60%

Summer VHF-UHF Field Day 2015 Participating Stations, logs submitted		
	Division 1	Division 2
1	VK1AI	
2	VK1DSH	
3	VK1JA	
4	VK2BBQ	
5	VK2CU	
6	VK2DAG	
7	VK2IUW	VK2IUW
8	VK2JDS	
9	VK2UL	VK2UL
10		VK2YW
11	VK3ACG	
12	VK3ALB	
13	VK3ANL	VK3ANL
14	VK3APW	VK3APW
15	VK3AUQ	VK3AUQ
16	VK3CQ	VK3CG
17	VK3DLR	
18	VK3ER	VK3ER
19	VK3FCEK	VK3FCEK
20	VK3FMHY	VK3FMHY
21	VK3KG	VK3KG
22	VK3KQ	VK3KQ
23	VK3MEG	VK3MEG
24	VK3MY	VK3MY
25		VK3OHM
26	VK3PH	
27	VK3QM	
28	VK3SMC	
29	VK3SOT	
30	VK3TZ	
31	VK3UHF	VK3UHF
32	VK3VFO	
33	VK3WRE	
34	VK3WT	VK3WT
35		VK3YAR
36	VK3YFL	VK3YFL
37	VK3ZGP	
38	VK4ADC	VK4ADC
39	VK4ALH	VK4ALH
40		VK4GHZ
41		VK4IF
42		VK4MJF
43	VK4OE	VK4OE
44		VK4OH
45	VK4QG	
46	VK4VU	VK4VU
47		VK4WIE
48	VK4WS	
49		VK5AKK
50	VK5DF	VK5DF
51		VK5DK
52	VK5DT	VK5DT
53	VK5FDEC	VK5FDEC
54	VK5KBJ	VK5KBJ
55	VK5KK	VK5KK
56	VK5KX	
57	VK5MK	VK5MK
58	VK5OQ	VK5OQ
59	VK5TE	VK5TE
60	VK5ZD	VK5ZD
61	VK5ZT	VK5ZT

51 40
83.6% 65.6%
Common 30 = 49.2%