

Contests 20/21-JUNE-2009

I have strung a random wire antenna under the weaves of the house to keep in touch of band conditions. Not much doing, but guess with the onset of the Winter Solstice this is about one can expect.

This week's principal contesting activity is the renowned All Asia CW Contest, an All Band affair and catering for a good mix of choices as to the various categories available for participation. The JAs support our Oceania DX Contests and reciprocation by us ZLs would be appropriate. Good luck to those taking part.

All Asian DX Contest, CW: 0000Z, Jun 20 to 2400Z, Jun 21

Mode:	CW
Bands:	160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m
Classes:	Asian Single Op Single Band (High/Low) Non-Asian Single Op Single Band (High) JA Single Op Multi Band (High/Low/Junior/Silver) Asian Single Op Multi Band (High/Low) Non-Asian Single Op Multi Band (High) Multi-Single Multi-Multi
Max power:	HP: >100 watts LP: 100 watts
Exchange:	RST + 2-digit age
Work stations:	Once per band
QSO Points:	(see rules)
Multipliers:	Asian Stations: DXCC entities once per band non-Asian Stations: Asian prefixes once per band
Score Calculation:	Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by:	July 31, 2009
E-mail logs to:	aacw[at]jarl[dot]or[dot]jp
Mail logs to:	JARL, All Asian DX Contest, CW 170-8073 Japan
Find rules at:	http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/2009AA_Rule.htm

Digital Pentathlon: 1800Z-2200Z, Jun 19

Mode:	Olivia
Bands:	80, 40, 20, 15, 10m
Classes:	(none)
Max power:	50 watts
Exchange:	Serial No. + 6-Character Grid Square + Power(W)
QSO Points:	Points/QSO = distance (km) between stations/(product of power (W) of two stations)
Score Calculation:	Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by:	July 31, 2009
E-mail logs to:	dp2009[at]dqso[dot]net
Mail logs to:	(none)
Find rules at:	http://dqso.net/index.files/digipen-en.html

2009 NZART MEMORIAL CONTEST

When : 4 & 5 July 2009
Times: 2000 NZST until 2300 NZST each evening
Band: 80m
Modes: Phone, and CW

Please refer to the 2007/8 NZART Callbook, Contest Section for full details of the Contest Rules and other operating Information., or the NZART Website- <http://www.nzart.org.nz/contests> for this information.

In view of the commemorative and "sacred" nature of this event the support by all NZART members would be welcome to honour those who sacrificed their lives in the defence of New Zealand. Without their unselfish actions it is highly likely that we would not be taking part in Amateur Radio activities today.

LOGS

Please note that all logs should be received by the Memorial Contest Manager by 4 August 2009, address details as follows :-

Email :- zl1bhq@nzart.org.nz or, Snail Mail,
Memorial Contest Manager,
J.F. Powell, ZL1BHQ
21 Lasiandra Place,
MOUNT MAUNGANUI. 3116

PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECTION TO THE DATES OF THE CONTEST - BOTH EVENINGS OF SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

2009 IARU HF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

When :- 11 (Sat.) & 12 (Sun.) July 2009
Times :- 1200 UTC (Sat.) until 1200 UTC (Sun.)
Bands :- All Bands
Modes :- Phone and CW
Cateogries :- High Power, Low Power & QRP (Phone and CW)

Please refer to the Contest Website for Contest Rules and Other Operating information :-
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2009/iaru.html>

2009 WAITAKERE SPRINTS

When:- Phone – 25 July 2009
CW - 1 August 2009
Time:- 1000 UTC (2200 NZST) until 1100 UTC (2300 NZST)
Band :- 80m

Contest Rules and other operating information – please refer to the Contest website :-
<http://www.qsl.net/zl1vk>

2009 CONFERENCE CONTEST FORUM

Around 30, or so attended the Sunday morning Forum. Originally, Stuart Watchman, ZL2TW, was scheduled to jointly conduct the Forum along with myself. However, Stuart was unavoidably detained at the AREC Annual General Meeting and as a consequence discussion of Jock White Field Day Contest matters was somewhat restricted.

The following contests were reviewed and ideas were canvassed for comment and suggested revision, improvement, or otherwise of the respective rules governing their running.

Sangster Shield

I put forward a proposal based on my discussions with Glenn Kingston, Sangster Shield Contest Manager in mid-2007 :-

- that the Sangster Shield Contest be conducted on one evening only, the Saturday, with extended operating hours until 2400 NZST, i.e. the hours of operation being 2000 NZST until 2400 NZST.

The general consensus was acceptance of the proposal, with implementation becoming effective in the 2010 event.

NZART Memorial Contest

A proposal was put to me following the 2008 event suggesting a couple of changes to the Contest rules. At the time I advised the proposer that I would like to gauge other participants' views and to do this I would raise the matter at the 2009 Conference Contest Forum. The proposals were: -

- (i) revise the present hourly operating periods to half-hourly operating periods making a total of 12 operating periods spread over both evenings.
- (ii) introduce a new operating section for Low Power (20 watt max, output) SSB operation to encourage VK Foundation License (and ZL Foundation Licensees, later if introduced into NZ).

The first proposal was supported by the meeting, while the second matter failed to get any support.

Jock White Field Day Contest

In the absence of Stuart, ZL2TW I raised the issue as outlined by him in the May/June 2009 Break In Contests column (page34) regarding the fostering of increased 40M operation by Field day stations. The proposal generally found support from those present, although there were diverse views on how any incentive scoring would be applied. I requested those present to take this topic back to their Branch(es) and advise Stuart Watchman, ZL2TW of their respective views.

Inter North Island Top Dog Field Day Station _ Jock White Memorial Field Day

Lee Jennings, ZL2AL commented on the lack of rivalry between the ZL1 and ZL2 (North Island) Field day Teams that previously existed prior to the re-structuring of the Contest awards to the present day format. He kindly offered to fund the provision of a trophy to the top-scoring Branch, in either a ZL1, or a North Island ZL2 in the Annual Field Day Contest. Lee has suggested that the trophy be named "The Ron Wills, ZL2TT Memorial Trophy" – honouring and remembering the late Ron Wills, ZL2TT a well-respected contester and dear friend of Lee and his family.

PLEASE TAKE THESE MATTERS TO YOUR BRANCH FOR DISCUSSION AND THEN SUBMIT SUGGESTIONS, OR AN INDICATION OF APPROVAL TO STUART WATCHMAN, ZL2TW

Email :- zl2tw@nzart.org.nz or his Call Book address.

CONTEST MANAGER

Towards the end of 2007 I indicated to Council that I would like to hand over the reins in mid 2010. This I confirmed to Council in late 2008.

Council has appointed Edwin Musto, ZL1BBO as my successor and I envisage the changeover will occur in early/mid 2010.

Mary, my XYL and I are keen to undertake some travel and as the years roll by, the concept of emulating "Old Mr. Grace", of Are You being served fame is decidedly unattractive, hence my decision.

OTHER FORTHCOMING CONTESTS

His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 27 to 1200Z, Jun 28
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	1200Z, Jun 27 to 1200Z, Jun 28
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jun 27 to 1400Z, Jun 28
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest	0000Z, Jul 4 to 2359Z, Jul 5
DL-DX RTTY Contest	1100Z, Jul 4 to 1059Z, Jul 5
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 11 to 1200Z, Jul 12
DMC RTTY Contest	1200Z, Jul 18 to 1200Z, Jul 19

I trust that those participating in either of the above contests have good band conditions. To those

not contesting this weekend I hope the weather in your area is bright and sunny to shed those Winter Blues !!.
Until next week.

73

John Powell. ZL1BHQ