

The Canadian Contest Championship for 2002

Final Results

Amateur Radio Contesting continues to be alive and well in Canada. Again there was an increase in the number of stations who qualified for certificates and in the number of operators who submitted an entry in at least one contest. Some statistics later.

High Power

The Grand Champion, High Power, for 2002 is John Sluymer, VE3EJ with a total of 255 points out of a possible 255 points! That means that John was able to be top Canadian in at least five of the contests he entered. Hot on John's heels was Ron Vander Kraats, VE3AT with 253 points and close behind Ron was TCA Sports Page editor Bob Nash with 229 points. Well done gentlemen!

Rounding out the top ten in the High Power Category were: VE3ANX and VA3UZ (tied at 228), VO1TA (also used VO1WET) VA3UA, VE2AYU, and VE3NE.

Low Power

Yet again (I've lost count of how many times in the last ten or so years), Sam Ferris, VE5SF is the Low Power winner with a total of 245 points followed by VE2AWR, Serge Langlois and VE3KP, Ken Dixon, tied at 224 points.

VA3UZ, VE3CR (VE3MQW), VA3DX, VE7FO and VE3XB (tied) VE7XF and VE3BUC complete the top ten in Low Power.

QRP

Participation in the QRP category seems to be on the rise. There were 29 operators who submitted an entry in at least one contest. Of these, only 5 entered the required 4 contests to qualify for a certificate. After all tallying and cross checking were completed VA3JFF, Jeff Hetherington, came out on top with a score of 53 points. VE3WZ (35), VE6BF (34), VA7NT (31) and VE3IGJ (25) complete the list of qualifiers in the QRP category.

Unfortunately, as is always the case, several great scores didn't count because of the 4 entry rule.

Certificate Winners

High Power

VE3EJ	Grand Champion
VE3AT	Ontario
VO1TA	Newfoundland and Labrador
VE2AYU	Quebec
VA5DX	Saskatchewan
VE1ZJ	Nova Scotia
VE6WQ	Alberta
VE7VR	British Columbia
VY2ZM	Prince Edward Island
VE4IM	Manitoba

Low Power

VE5SF	Grand Champion
VE2AWR	Quebec
VE3KP	Ontario
VE7FO	British Columbia
VE4YU	Manitoba
VE6BF	Alberta
VE1JS	Nova Scotia
VO1HP	Newfoundland and Labrador
VE5AAD	Saskatchewan
VE9WH	New Brunswick

QRP

VA3JFF	Grand Champion
VE3WZ	Ontario
VE6BF	Alberta
VA7NT	British Columbia

Here are some statistics taken from the entries over the year 2002.

- a total of 284 Canadian operators entered at least one contest
- of these, 29 operated QRP, 168 operated Low Power and 87 High Power
- the lowest number of entrants was 18 in the CQ 160 m SSB
- the largest number of entrants was 142 in the Canada Day Contest
- the average number of entrants was 58 (this will be maximum points for 2004)
- Breakdown by call areas:
VO1: 12, VE1: 12, VE9: 9, VY2: 3, VE2: 20, VE3: 122, VE4: 13, VE5: 14, VE6: 26, VE5: 14, VE6: 26,
VE7: 48, VY1: 2, VY0: 0, VO2: 1.

From the point of view of compiling the statistics, it seems to have gone reasonably easily this year, except for the inevitable delays in getting results from many sources. Those who changed calls seem to have been letting me know. Please keep doing it! I just wish Industry Canada would wait a bit longer before reissuing calls.

Congratulations to all of the winners and good luck to all in 2004. There are no rule changes for 2004 except for the maximum point total which will be 58.

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