

2016 Oceania DX Contest – Results Summary

Introduction

Congratulations to all the winners in the 2016 Oceania DX (OCDX) Contest, and thank you to everyone who participated, even if only to make one or two QSOs.

The PHONE section was tough going this year with the solar flux down to 81 and Planetary A index as high as 15. VK3NCC summed it up by suggesting that ‘Someone has built a Faraday Cage around Australia!’ Only a few QSOs were made on 10M in the PHONE section and most of these were limited to within Oceania and with Asia. The conditions also had an unusually severe impact on 20M activity, with the number of QSOs on 20M being significantly less than 15M. This suggests that some of usual openings to Oceania on 20M did not eventuate or were only marginal over the PHONE weekend.

The CW section enjoyed more favorable conditions, with the solar flux up to 104 and more settled geomagnetic activity. This resulted in more QSOs being made on the higher bands, including a number of 10M QSOs with Asian, North American and European stations.

A total of 1192 logs were received for the 2016 contest, made up of 626 PHONE logs and 566 CW logs. This is 2% more than the number received in 2015 and a good outcome considering the difficult conditions experienced over the PHONE weekend. The number of PHONE logs decreased by 5% but this was more than offset by a 10% increase in the number of CW logs.

The reduced number of PHONE logs was mainly due to a decrease in participation from European stations. Making QSOs between Oceania and European stations can be challenging at any time, but it was clearly more challenging than usual with the adverse conditions during the PHONE weekend and this appears to have negatively impacted participation from Europe.

The good news is that participation from Oceania and Asian stations increased. New records were set for the number of logs received from these regions. Compared to 2015, the number of Oceania logs increased by 17% and the number of Asian logs by 19%. Most of the growth in Oceania activity was due to increased participation by Indonesian stations. The ongoing efforts of **YBONDT**, the **YB Land DX Club** and other YB amateurs to promote the contest are clearly continuing to have a positive impact in attracting new participation from Indonesian amateurs. It was also pleasing to see an increase in the level of participation from stations in the Philippines, East Malaysia and Hawaii. This ongoing upward trend in participation from Oceania stations is very encouraging, considering that Oceania participation is essential for attracting more participation from stations outside Oceania and continuing to grow the contest.

As well as the more common Oceania entities (such as **KH6**, **VK**, **YB** and **ZL**) the 2016 contest saw activity from rarer Oceania prefixes such as **9M6**, **A35**, **DU**, **KH0**, **KH2**, **V85**, and **VK9**. The activity from these rarer prefixes is appreciated as it makes the contest more interesting and attractive for participants, especially for stations outside Oceania.

It is also pleasing to see an increase in the number of entries in the multi-operator categories, up from 33 in 2015 to 44 in 2016. Multi-operator entries tend to have better equipped stations so they are helpful for driving activity in the contest. They can also be a useful learning environment for introducing newcomers to the contest and contesting more generally.

This report is only a summary of the contest results. Individual scores and other information about the results are published in the following documents on the contest website at <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/Results/results.html> :

- 2016 Oceania DX Contest – PHONE Scores
- 2016 Oceania DX Contest – CW Scores
- 2016 Oceania DX Contest – PHONE station information and soapbox comments
- 2016 Oceania DX Contest – CW station information and soapbox comments
- 2016 Oceania DX Contest – Analysis

Notable achievements

There were many notable achievements in the 2016 contest including the setting of 26 new continent records and 144 new country records. A summary of the new continent records is provided in Table 1 below and a detailed list of all continent and country records is published on the contest web site at <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/Results/results.html> . Here are some stations that deserve special mention for their achievements in the 2016 contest:

- Vladimir Lyakhov **R4HCM** for beating the adverse conditions and setting a new record in the Europe PHONE SO ALL QRP category.
- Barry Simpson **VK2BJ** for taking the top position in the Oceania CW SO ALL HP category while also managing to edge in front of Alan Shannon **VK4SN** to win the Australia PHONE SO ALL HP category.
- The **HSOZIA** team (HSOZIA, HS1NIV, HS5SRH) which set new records for the Asia M2 category in both the PHONE and CW sections.
- Handiko Gesang Anugrah Sejati **YD1SDL/2** for easily winning and setting new Oceania records for both the PHONE and CW SO 40M LP categories.
- The **Geelong Amateur Radio Club** for encouraging 14 of its members to make at least 50 QSOs in the contest and (again) winning the Australia Club Plaque.

| Mode | Continent | Category | Call | Final Score |
|------|---------------|------------|----------|-------------|
| PH | Oceania | SO 160M HP | VK4SN | 7560 |
| PH | Oceania | SO 40M LP | YD1SDL/2 | 307530 |
| PH | Oceania | SO 20M QRP | YC1BIQ | 529 |
| PH | Oceania | SO 15M QRP | YB8XM | 19090 |
| PH | North America | MM | N6O | 2568 |
| PH | Europe | SO ALL QRP | R4HCM | 1140 |
| PH | Europe | SO 40M HP | US1I | 18920 |
| PH | Europe | SO 20M QRP | IV3AOL | 35 |
| PH | Asia | SO 40M LP | 9W2VRD | 6090 |
| PH | Asia | SO 40M HP | RT0F | 21375 |
| PH | Asia | SO 15M HP | JA2XLV | 8400 |
| PH | Asia | M2 | HSOZIA | 108004 |
| CW | Oceania | SO 40M QRP | VK2AR | 7840 |
| CW | Oceania | SO 40M LP | YD1SDL/2 | 265320 |
| CW | Oceania | SO 20M LP | VK4FW | 217427 |
| CW | Oceania | SO 15M QRP | YB2VMC | 1400 |
| CW | Oceania | SO 15M HP | NH2DX | 212220 |
| CW | North America | SO 10M HP | N6SS/7 | 315 |
| CW | Europe | SWL | F-59706 | 4125 |
| CW | Europe | SO 40M HP | DL2SAX | 3990 |
| CW | Europe | SO 20M QRP | US5VX | 88 |
| CW | Asia | SO 20M QRP | JK7DWD | 504 |
| CW | Asia | SO 20M HP | JA2XLV | 665 |
| CW | Asia | SO 15M LP | JA6FCL | 2464 |
| CW | Asia | SO 15M HP | RK0UT | 2600 |
| CW | Asia | M2 | HSOZIA | 46284 |

Table 1: New continent records in the 2016 contest

2016 Continent Leaders

| Mode | Category | Asia | Europe | North America | Oceania | South America |
|------|------------|-------------|---------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| PH | SO ALL QRP | | R4HCM | | YB9KA | |
| PH | SO ALL LP | 9M2MDX | RL3AW | K5GDX | VK4LAT | CE7KF |
| PH | SO ALL HP | JA6GCE | RJ4P | KA6BIM/7 | YB1AR | PY5QW |
| PH | SO 160M HP | | | | VK4SN | |
| PH | SO 80M LP | | | | ZL1YE | |
| PH | SO 80M HP | | | | KH6QJ | |
| PH | SO 40M LP | 9W2VRD | SP6IHE | VE3DZ | YD1SDL/2 | |
| PH | SO 40M HP | RT0F | US1I | K2RD/7 | YC3DY | |
| PH | SO 20M QRP | | IV3AOL | | YC1BIQ | |
| PH | SO 20M LP | BA3MM | R4MM | | YB8TK | HC5VF |
| PH | SO 20M HP | JA7DOT | I2MME | | 4F3FSK | |
| PH | SO 15M QRP | 7N4WPY | UA6BFE | | YB8XM | |
| PH | SO 15M LP | JE1RRK | UT5UT | WZ6ZZ | YB8RW | |
| PH | SO 15M HP | JA2XLV | SP5AUY | AE7VA | YB0MWM | |
| PH | SO 10M LP | | | | YC6JRT/0 | |
| PH | M1 | JJ2YKZ | | | VK6NE | CE2LS |
| PH | M2 | HSOZIA | | W8AJT | VK4KW | |
| PH | MM | | | N6O | VK5ARG | |
| PH | SWL | UA0-107-181 | F-59706 | K3TW | ERC-231 | |

Table 2: Continent Winners in the PHONE Section

| Mode | Category | Asia | Europe | North America | Oceania | South America |
|------|------------|----------|---------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| CW | SO ALL QRP | | IV3AOL | | YB0ANN | |
| CW | SO ALL LP | JH2KKW | OM8ON | N7IR | YC1ME | PY4ARS |
| CW | SO ALL HP | RM0F | R4RE | N8OO/5 | VK2BJ | RI1AND |
| CW | SO 160M HP | | | | VK2IR | |
| CW | SO 80M LP | JA4XHF/3 | | | | |
| CW | SO 80M HP | JA5NSR | | K3TW | ZL1AIH | |
| CW | SO 40M QRP | 7K1CPT | | | VK2AR | |
| CW | SO 40M LP | JR9NVB | UZ4U | | YD1SDL/2 | LU3MAM |
| CW | SO 40M HP | JA6MQY | DL2SAX | N6RO | ZL1AM | |
| CW | SO 20M QRP | JK7DWD | US5VX | | | |
| CW | SO 20M LP | BA3MM | SP9DLY | | VK4FW | |
| CW | SO 20M HP | JA2XLV | SP4R | K4BAI | VK4TJF | |
| CW | SO 15M QRP | JF8LPB | RA3XEV | | YB2VMC | |
| CW | SO 15M LP | JA6FCL | SP7C | HP1AC | YC9FAR | |
| CW | SO 15M HP | RK0UT | SP5AUY | W7CT | NH2DX | |
| CW | SO 10M LP | JF1OVA | | | | |
| CW | SO 10M HP | JA7OWD | LZ4TX | N6SS/7 | | |
| CW | M1 | RK9LWA | LY2XW | | YE1ZAL | |
| CW | M2 | HSOZIA | | | | |
| CW | SWL | | F-59706 | | | |

Table 3: Continent Winners in the CW Section

2016 Oceania Country Leaders

| Mode | Category | Australia | Brunei Darussalam | East Malaysia | Guam | Hawaii | Indonesia | Lord Howe Island | Mariana Islands | New Zealand | Norfolk Island | Philippines | Tonga |
|------|------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|-------|--------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------|
| PH | SO ALL QRP | VK5FO | | | | | YB9KA | | | | | | |
| PH | SO ALL LP | VK4LAT | V85ZX | 9W6EZ | | KH7T | YB3EDD | | | ZL1JV | | DU3/W6QT | A35JP |
| PH | SO ALL HP | VK2BJ | | 9M6XRO | KH2JU | WH7W | YB1AR | | | ZL1T | | DU1IVT | |
| PH | SO 160M HP | VK4SN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PH | SO 80M LP | | | | | | YCOIEM | | | ZL1YE | | | |
| PH | SO 80M HP | | | | | KH6QJ | | | | | | DU7JGU | |
| PH | SO 40M LP | VK3OB | | 9W6HMI | | | YD1SDL/2 | | | ZL1TM | | DW3TRZ | |
| PH | SO 40M HP | VK3WK | | | | | YC3DY | VK9LX | | ZL2W | | | |
| PH | SO 20M QRP | | | | | | YC1BIQ | | | | | | |
| PH | SO 20M LP | | | | | | YB8TK | | | | | DU4JT | |
| PH | SO 20M HP | | | | | | | | | | | 4F3FSK | |
| PH | SO 15M QRP | | | | | KH6BE | YB8XM | | | | | | |
| PH | SO 15M LP | | | | | | YB8RW | | | ZL3TE | | DU4DXT | |
| PH | SO 15M HP | VK8RD | | | | | YB0MWM | | | | | | |
| PH | SO 10M LP | | | | | | YC6JRT/0 | | | | | | |
| PH | M1 | VK6NE | V85SAB | 9M6MI | | | YC1ZAD | | KH0UA | | | | |
| PH | M2 | VK4KW | | | | | | | | | VK9NZ | | |
| PH | MM | VK5ARG | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PH | SWL | ERC-231 | | | | | YB3MM | | | | | | |
| CW | SO ALL QRP | VK2IUW | | | | | YB0ANN | | | | | | |
| CW | SO ALL LP | VK3MI | V85TL | | | | YC1ME | | | ZL3TE | | DU7HF | |
| CW | SO ALL HP | VK2BJ | | 9M6XRO | | WH7W | YC6MYO | | | ZM2B | | 4F3FSK | |
| CW | SO 160M HP | VK2IR | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CW | SO 80M HP | | | | | | | | | ZL1AIH | | | |
| CW | SO 40M QRP | VK2AR | | | | | YB1UUU | | | | | | |
| CW | SO 40M LP | VK6AAK | | | | | YD1SDL/2 | | | ZL1DCO | | | |
| CW | SO 40M HP | VK3GK | | | | NH7AA | YC0OSX | | | ZL1AM | | | |
| CW | SO 20M LP | VK4FW | | | | | YB1TIA | | | | | | |
| CW | SO 20M HP | VK4TJF | | | | | YB3MM | | | | | | |
| CW | SO 15M QRP | | | | | KH6BE | YB2VMC | | | | | | |
| CW | SO 15M LP | | | 9M6RHM | | | YC9FAR | | | | | DW3TRZ | |
| CW | SO 15M HP | VK4CT | | | NH2DX | | YB1AR | | | ZL1T | | | |
| CW | M1 | VK2ACW | | 9M6MI | | | YE1ZAL | | | | | | |

Table 4: Oceania Country Leaders in the PHONE and CW Sections

2016 Top Scores from Oceania

| Mode | Call | Country | Category | Final Score |
|------|----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| PH | VK4KW | Australia | M2 | 4341600 |
| PH | VK6NE | Australia | M1 | 2750630 |
| PH | KH0UA | Mariana Islands | M1 | 2065800 |
| PH | VK5ARG | Australia | MM | 1388251 |
| PH | VK2AU | Australia | M1 | 1033950 |
| PH | VK9NZ | Norfolk Island | M2 | 938415 |
| PH | YB1AR | Indonesia | SO ALL HP | 679575 |
| PH | VK2BJ | Australia | SO ALL HP | 631774 |
| PH | VK4NM | Australia | SO ALL HP | 617991 |
| PH | VK2XZ | Australia | SO ALL HP | 530098 |
| PH | VK3GK | Australia | M1 | 435356 |
| PH | 9M6MI | East Malaysia | M1 | 379080 |
| PH | VK4LAT | Australia | SO ALL LP | 358912 |
| PH | DU1IVT | Philippines | SO ALL HP | 323190 |
| PH | DU7JAY | Philippines | SO ALL HP | 312280 |
| PH | 9M6XRO | East Malaysia | SO ALL HP | 311370 |
| PH | YB3VO | Indonesia | SO ALL HP | 310310 |
| PH | YD1SDL/2 | Indonesia | SO 40M LP | 307530 |
| PH | ZL1T | New Zealand | SO ALL HP | 291312 |
| PH | YB3EDD | Indonesia | SO ALL LP | 279206 |

Table 5: Top 20 Scores from Oceania in the PHONE Section

| Mode | Call | Country | Category | Final Score |
|------|----------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| CW | VK2BJ | Australia | SO ALL HP | 2425221 |
| CW | VK4SN | Australia | SO ALL HP | 1880450 |
| CW | ZM2B | New Zealand | SO ALL HP | 1825288 |
| CW | VK2GR | Australia | SO ALL HP | 1164548 |
| CW | ZL4YL | New Zealand | SO ALL HP | 986082 |
| CW | ZL2AGY | New Zealand | SO ALL HP | 960004 |
| CW | YC1ME | Indonesia | SO ALL LP | 888276 |
| CW | VK3MI | Australia | SO ALL LP | 523488 |
| CW | YC6MYO | Indonesia | SO ALL HP | 506880 |
| CW | ZL1AM | New Zealand | SO 40M HP | 468000 |
| CW | ZM4G | New Zealand | SO ALL HP | 435750 |
| CW | VK2PN | Australia | SO ALL HP | 332484 |
| CW | 9M6XRO | East Malaysia | SO ALL HP | 298386 |
| CW | YD1SDL/2 | Indonesia | SO 40M LP | 265320 |
| CW | VK4LAT | Australia | SO ALL LP | 219282 |
| CW | VK4FW | Australia | SO 20M LP | 217427 |
| CW | NH2DX | Guam | SO 15M HP | 212220 |
| CW | VK7BO | Australia | SO ALL HP | 204392 |
| CW | ZL3TE | New Zealand | SO ALL LP | 191836 |
| CW | VK6IT | Australia | SO ALL LP | 185220 |

Table 6: Top 20 Scores from Oceania in the CW Section

2016 Top Scores from Outside Oceania

| Mode | Call | Continent | Country | Category | Final Score |
|------|----------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| PH | JA6GCE | Asia | Japan | SO ALL HP | 118690 |
| PH | HS0ZIA | Asia | Thailand | M2 | 108004 |
| PH | RM0F | Asia | Asiatic Russia | SO ALL HP | 83316 |
| PH | RJ4P | Europe | European Russia | SO ALL HP | 56840 |
| PH | 9M2M | Asia | West Malaysia | M2 | 50160 |
| PH | RK4FL | Europe | European Russia | SO ALL HP | 45835 |
| PH | JA6GMC | Asia | Japan | SO ALL HP | 43470 |
| PH | JA7BME | Asia | Japan | SO ALL HP | 30750 |
| PH | VU2YVK | Asia | India | SO ALL HP | 30291 |
| PH | JA1LNZ | Asia | Japan | SO ALL HP | 23360 |
| PH | RT0F | Asia | Asiatic Russia | SO 40M HP | 21375 |
| PH | KA6BIM/7 | North America | United States | SO ALL HP | 19300 |
| PH | US1I | Europe | Ukraine | SO 40M HP | 18920 |
| PH | ES5MG | Europe | Estonia | SO ALL HP | 17640 |
| PH | 9M2MDX | Asia | West Malaysia | SO ALL LP | 15620 |
| PH | UA4LCH | Europe | European Russia | SO 40M HP | 15375 |
| PH | JA6BWH | Asia | Japan | SO ALL HP | 15190 |
| PH | RN6A | Europe | European Russia | SO ALL HP | 13440 |
| PH | 9M2YUT | Asia | West Malaysia | SO 40M HP | 13065 |
| PH | JH2MYN | Asia | Japan | SO ALL LP | 12992 |

Table 7: Top 20 Scores from Outside Oceania in the PHONE Section

| Mode | Call | Continent | Country | Category | Final Score |
|------|--------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| CW | HS0ZIA | Asia | Thailand | M2 | 46284 |
| CW | RM0F | Asia | Asiatic Russia | SO ALL HP | 36182 |
| CW | N800/5 | North America | United States | SO ALL HP | 29370 |
| CW | WJ9B/7 | North America | United States | SO ALL HP | 27008 |
| CW | R4RE | Europe | European Russia | SO ALL HP | 25416 |
| CW | RK4FL | Europe | European Russia | SO ALL HP | 21942 |
| CW | JT1CO | Asia | Mongolia | SO ALL HP | 19323 |
| CW | RN0D | Asia | Asiatic Russia | SO ALL HP | 19095 |
| CW | JA7BME | Asia | Japan | SO ALL HP | 18084 |
| CW | JA2XYO | Asia | Japan | SO ALL HP | 17174 |
| CW | YL3FT | Europe | Latvia | SO ALL HP | 16680 |
| CW | N7IR | North America | United States | SO ALL LP | 16107 |
| CW | LY2XW | Europe | Lithuania | M1 | 15982 |
| CW | UI8J | Asia | Asiatic Russia | SO ALL HP | 15254 |
| CW | K3ZO | North America | United States | SO ALL HP | 14805 |
| CW | JO7KMB | Asia | Japan | SO ALL HP | 13572 |
| CW | UT5C | Europe | Ukraine | SO ALL HP | 13340 |
| CW | UF5F | Europe | European Russia | SO ALL HP | 13230 |
| CW | N9NA/7 | North America | United States | SO ALL HP | 12788 |
| CW | K1GQ | North America | United States | SO ALL HP | 10045 |

Table 8: Top 20 Scores from Outside Oceania in the CW Section

2016 Plaques and trophies

| Award | Recipient | Sponsor | Recipient |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| OCEANIA Ron Willis ZL2TT Memorial Trophy | Top entrant from Oceania in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band category | ZL2GI, ZL2AL, ZL1AZE, Wellington Amateur Radio Club, NZART | YB1AR |
| OCEANIA PHONE SO 40M Plaque | Top entrant from Oceania in PHONE Single Operator 40M Band category | Mike Mather ZL2CC | YD1SDL/2 |
| VK6NE Memorial Plaque | Top entrant from Oceania in PHONE Multiple Operator Single Transmitter category | Northern Corridor Radio Group | VK6NE |
| OCEANIA PHONE M2 Plaque | Top entrant from Oceania in PHONE Multiple Operator Two Transmitter category | South Pacific Contest Club | VK4KW |
| OCEANIA PHONE Newcomer Plaque | Top entrant from Oceania in the PHONE Newcomer category | Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group | DU7JAY |
| OCEANIA CW SO ALL Plaque | Top entrant from Oceania in CW Single Operator ALL Band category | Chris Chapman VK3QB | VK2BJ |
| OCEANIA CW SO ALL LP Plaque | Top entrant from Oceania in CW Single Operator ALL Band LOW Power category | Fists Down Under Club | YC1ME |
| OCEANIA CW SO 40M Plaque | Top entrant from Oceania in CW Single Operator 40M Band category | Mike Mather ZL2CC | ZL1AM |
| OCEANIA CW M2 Plaque | Top entrant from Oceania in CW Multiple Operator Two Transmitter category | South Pacific Contest Club | No eligible entrants |
| OCEANIA CW Newcomer Plaque | Top entrant from Oceania in the CW Newcomer category | Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group | ZL4YL |
| AUSTRALIA PHONE SO ALL LP Plaque | Top entrant from Australia in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band LOW Power category | Martin Luther VK7GN | VK4LAT |
| AUSTRALIA PHONE SO ALL HP Plaque | Top entrant from Australia in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band HIGH power category | Tony Hambling VK3VTH | VK2BJ |
| AUSTRALIA Frank Hine VK2QL Memorial Trophy | Top entrant from Australia in CW Single Operator ALL Band category | WIA Federal | VK2BJ |
| AUSTRALIA Club Plaque | Local club from Australia with the greatest number of member stations participating in the Contest | VK Contest Club | Geelong Amateur Radio Club |
| VK5 PHONE SO ALL LP Plaque | Top entrant from South Australia (VK5) in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band LOW Power category | Adelaide Hills Amateur Radio Society | VK5PAS |
| VK5 CW SO ALL LP Plaque | Top entrant from South Australia (VK5) in CW Single Operator ALL Band LOW Power category | Adelaide Hills Amateur Radio Society | VK5LJ |
| NEW ZEALAND Club Competition Plaque | Local New Zealand NZART Branch, DX club, or contest group with the greatest number of single operator entries | Phil Holliday ZL3PAH | No eligible entrants |
| INDONESIA PHONE SO ALL Plaque | Top entrant from Indonesia in PHONE Single Operator All Band category | Karsono Suyanto YBONDT | YB1AR |
| INDONESIA General Licence PHONE SO 40M Plaque | Top entrant from Indonesia General Licensee (YD/YG) in PHONE Single Operator 40m Band category | YB Land DX Club | YD1SDL/2 |
| NON-OCEANIA PHONE SWL Plaque | Top Entrant from outside Oceania in the PHONE SWL category | Gary Hinson ZL2IFB | F-59706 |
| ASIA PHONE SO ALL Plaque | Top Entrant from Asia in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band category | Lee Moyle VK3GK | JA6GCE |
| ASIA PHONE M2 Plaque | Top entrant from Asia in PHONE Multiple Operator Two Transmitter category | QRO Communications and OM Power | HSOZIA |
| ASIA CW SO ALL Plaque | Top Entrant from Asia in CW Single Operator ALL Band category | Wes Printz W3SE / ZL3TE | RM0F |
| ASIA CW M2 Plaque | Top entrant from Asia in CW Multiple Operator Two Transmitter category | QRO Communications and OM Power | HSOZIA |

| Award | Recipient | Sponsor | Recipient |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------|
| NORTH AMERICA PHONE SO ALL Plaque | Top Entrant from North America in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band category | Ken Keeler N6RO | KA6BIM/7 |
| NORTH AMERICA CW SO ALL Plaque | Top Entrant from North America in CW Single Operator ALL Band category | South Pacific Contest Club | N800/5 |
| EUROPE PHONE SO ALL Plaque | Top Entrant from Europe in PHONE Single Operator ALL Band category | South Pacific Contest Club | RJ4P |
| Mirek Rozbicki VK6DXI Memorial Plaque | Top Entrant from Europe in CW Single Operator ALL Band category | Slawek Barciuk VK3CTN | R4RE |

Table 9: 2016 Plaque and Trophy Winners

The Australia Club plaque is awarded to the local club from Australia with the greatest number of member stations making at least 50 valid QSOs in the PHONE or CW sections in the contest. The **Geelong Amateur Radio Club** wins this plaque again (for the fourth year in a row in 2016) with a total of 17 eligible logs being submitted from members **VK3ACG, VK3ALB, VK3AMI, VK3AMZ, VK3DJ, VK3FRJF, VK3HQ, VK3LIJ, VK3NX, VK3PK, VK3PY, VK3VLA, VK3WK** and **VK3ZIB**. Another great effort from this club!

The New Zealand Club Competition plaque is awarded to the local New Zealand NZART Branch, DX club, or contest group with the greatest number of members making at least 50 valid QSOs as a single operator in the PHONE or CW sections of the contest. This plaque is not being awarded for the 2016 contest as no New Zealand club had enough members submitting the required 3 or more eligible entries.

Plaques are awarded to the highest scoring newcomer from Oceania in the PHONE section and the highest scoring newcomer from Oceania in the CW section. The rules define a newcomer as an entrant who has not previously entered the relevant section (in any category) more than twice since the 2001 contest. Eligibility is limited to entrants who have not won any other plaques or trophies in the same section (either in a previous year or the current year). Congratulations to Jay Uy **DU7JAY** for winning the 2016 PHONE newcomer plaque and Xenia Berger **ZL4YL** for winning the 2016 CW newcomer plaque.

The ongoing sponsorship of plaques is important for maintaining and growing interest in the contest. New sponsorship offers are always welcome and anyone who is interested in becoming a sponsor should contact the Contest Committee. The cost of sponsoring a plaque is currently AUD 50.00 per annum, which covers the expenses associated with the manufacture and delivery of the plaques.

2016 Certificates

Certificates have been awarded to the top scoring station in each category for each continent and country. Additionally, a participation certificate identifying the number of successful QSOs has been awarded to each station that participated in the contest. The certificates are available online for downloading and printing by individual entrants at their convenience. The web link to the certificates is published on the OCDX contest web site at www.oceaniadxcontest.com.

Printed certificates will only be delivered via the postal service in response to written requests from entrants who won a category in their country and made more than 10 QSOs in that category. Such requests can be emailed to the contest committee at info@oceaniadxcontest.com and must be received by 31 July 2016.

Due to the ongoing low demand for the posting of printed certificates (we only received 9 requests from 2014 entrants and 3 requests from 2015 entrants) and increasing postage costs, the contest committee is proposing to discontinue this option for future contests.

Log Checking

A log checking report is available for each entry in the contest. This report provides detailed information about any QSOs that have been removed from the score calculation, along with the reasons for their removal. Entrants can request a copy of their log checking report by sending an email to the Contest Committee at info@oceaniadxcontest.com.

The log checking software used by the Contest Committee reviews each QSO in a log to check that it is valid, in the other station's log, and the call and exchange have been copied correctly. QSOs that do not meet these criteria receive zero points and nil multiplier credits. Approximately 35% of the logs in the 2016 contest had no score reduction, 45% incurred a reduction of up to 10%, and 20% of the logs incurred a reduction of greater than 10%.

Entrants are reminded that **WA7BNM** provides an on-line web form that can be used by entrants to manually enter log data to produce a Cabrillo file and then submit it to the email robot. This form is recommended for use by entrants who are using paper logging, or logging software that doesn't produce a Cabrillo file. The form is available at <http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/>.

2017 Contest

The next Oceania DX contest will be held on the first two full weekends of October 2017 as follows:

PHONE: 08:00 UTC Saturday 7 October to 08:00 UTC Sunday 8 October
CW: 08:00 UTC Saturday 14 October to 08:00 UTC Sunday 15 October

More information about the contest, including the rules, is available from the Oceania DX Contest web site at www.oceaniadxcontest.com. Email inquiries should be addressed to info@oceaniadxcontest.com.

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Finally, and most importantly, thank you again to everyone who participated in the 2016 contest and made it such a success. We look forward to seeing you all again, along with new entrants, in the 2017 event. Hopefully conditions will be better than in 2016!

73 from

Oceania DX Contest Committee (ZL2IFB, ZL3GA, VK2HN, VK3GK, VK3MI/ZL1AZE, VK3TZ, VK7GN)