

Results, 1993 Novice Roundup

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How well do you think you did in this year's Novice Roundup? Did you rely on 10 meters for most of your contacts or did you operate on several bands? In the past, if you wanted to do well, you needed to spend a good portion of your contest time on 10 meters, but not this year. The conditions on 10 meters weren't as good as in recent years, giving more people an incentive to try the other bands. If you made a lot of QSOs this year, you probably spent a great deal of time taking advantage of the excellent conditions on 40 and 80 meters. As the solar cycle continues to fade, you'll rely more on the low bands and CW to make contacts. CW will often get through for the QSO where phone won't—use this to your advantage.

Propagation was generally down this year, with only scattered reports of good conditions the final two days. Because of this, more people headed for the CW subbands than had in the past few years. The number of CW QSOs this year went up dramatically over the past years, with a reported ratio of two CW contacts for every phone contact.

Many ops found that making CW contacts is easier than they thought, and a lot of fun, too. If you've been "gun-shy" about operating CW, this event is custom-made for you. The Novice Roundup is a contest with an emphasis on developing operating skills. Most people you meet on CW operate at speeds you'll find easy to copy. No one will mind much if you make mistakes. You'll also find that they'll be as eager to

work you as you are to work them. As you get some QSOs under your belt, you'll find things easier, and you'll enjoy yourself more and more as time goes on. As Mike, KD6OUQ, says, "When I started to study code, I thought I'd never use it, but now it's starting to be fun!" For another good report of how much fun CW operating can be, check the sidebar "How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the Code." Others took the time to make their first phone contacts. Barry, KB5KCG, says, "It seemed strange to speak into a mike after using a J-38 for three years." If you've ever felt a little nervous about getting on the air,

the Novice Roundup is a good place to get experience in any mode.

Once you get started, you'll be surprised at the fun you'll have! Jim, NØRFG, exclaims, "I had the time of my life and finally accomplished something I had wanted to do for 40 years!" Newcomer Marianne, KB2PSE, wrote, "I'm proud of my achievement, considering I had only been licensed three weeks before the contest." Steve, N7YUA, says, "I found it to be a great way to build my confidence and become a more efficient operator."

This year's Novice winner, Greg, KB5MSN, did an outstanding job, racking up 175 QSOs on 80-meter CW and working 85 multipliers for his score of 61,540. Second place was won by Kevin, KB5WWA, who did nearly as well, ending up with 57,460, mostly on 40 and 80 meters. The top contesters of the future may be coming from Arkansas, as they swept the top three spots!

In the Technician class, Amanda, KBØJSH, operated only CW and won the overall competition with 98,136 points. She did well on 40 meters, making 287 of her 522 contacts on that band. Congratulations also to Robin, WB2VBV, for finishing second in a close race this year.

If you don't have HF privileges, there's still a place for you in the Novice Roundup. Why not set up on 222 and 1270 MHz to make a few QSOs? For example, you could get your friends together on 222 MHz simplex and generate some excitement that way. You can have a good time no matter what mode or frequency you use. Every Novice and Technician who sends in an

Top 10

Novice		Technician	
Call Sign	Score	Call Sign	Score
KB5MSN/N	61,540	KBØJSH/T	98,136
KB5WWA/N	57,460	WB2VBV/T	91,180
KB5SMB/N	54,808	WA6PUT/T	46,939
KA2SJK/N	50,526	KB4LUW/T	44,880
KB5VYD/N	34,320	KA8OAT/T	44,322
KD4UDY/N	27,840	N9NUN/T	40,527
KBØDTA/N	23,084	N4XML/T	35,298
KB5KGN/N	21,060	KD4UYZ/T	33,852
WA4RXX/N	20,706	N8QYM/T	33,550
KB5KCG/N	20,034	KA7OAJ/T	33,264

Proposed Rules Change for the Novice Roundup

The ARRL Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) is looking into the possibilities of restructuring the Novice Roundup to include full privileges for Technician operators.

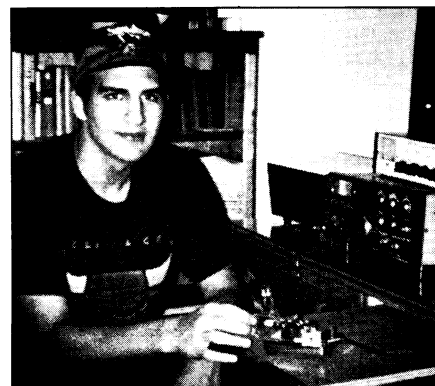
The present rules restrict participants to the Novice subbands and power limits. This proposed rule change would allow Technician-class licensees to make contacts on all bands from 50 MHz and up. They'd still be able to make contacts on any HF band for which they have license privileges.

This wouldn't affect Novice participants because Novices and Technicians compete separately for awards. Technicians would be able to take advantage of all of their operating privileges on the VHF/UHF bands, instead of being restricted to the 222- and 1270-MHz bands.

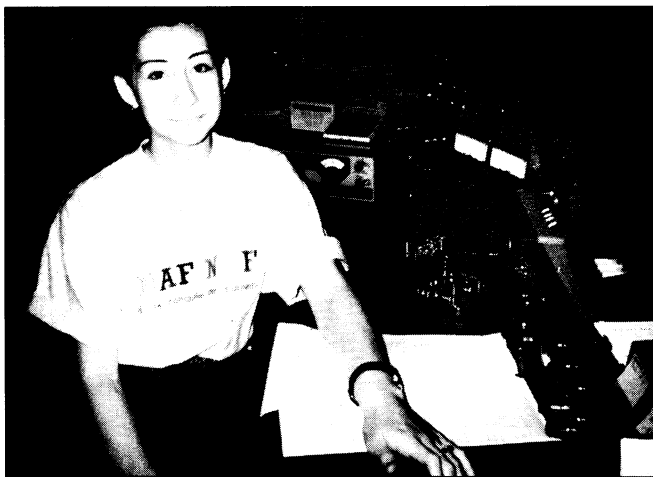
The CAC wants to know if you think this is a good or bad idea. Your CAC representative is on page 81 of April QST. Drop him a line or send your comment directly to ARRL HQ today.



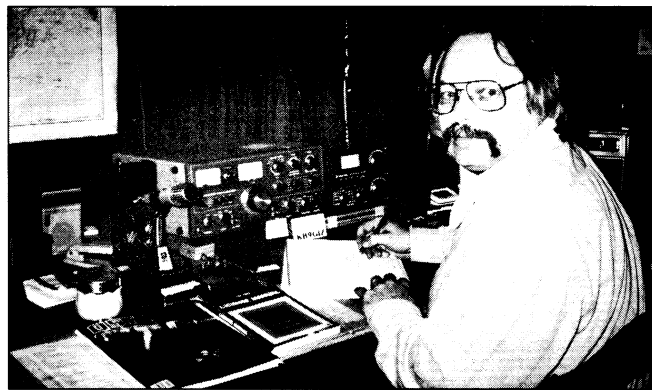
Mary, KD4UYZ, mustered up the courage to make a few CW contacts and finished at the top of her Section and in eighth place overall among Technicians.



Jeremiah, KB5VYD, says, "I had the best time in the Novice Roundup."



Amanda, KBØJSH, finished first overall in the Technician competition.



Scott, KB9GIZ, claims, "I learned a lot—now it's time to upgrade!"

Division Leaders

Novice	Division	Technician	
KA2SJK/N	50,526	Atlantic	N3BXR/T 25,610
KB9GIZ/N	17,192	Central	N9NUN/T 40,527
		Dakota	KBØKJJ/T 15,232
KB5MSN/N	61,540	Delta	KD4GON/T 2,280
KA8IFN/N	10,296	Great Lakes	KA8OAT/T 44,322
KB2BVP/N	4,826	Hudson	WB2VBV/T 91,180
KBØDTA/N	23,084	Midwest	KBØJSH/T 98,136
WA4RXX/N	20,706	New England	KA1NRR/T 23,872
KB7OVB/N	9,202	Northwestern	KA7OAJ/T 33,264
KD6DNY/N	3,696	Pacific	N6IFW/T 6,732
KD4QPP/N	6,902	Roanoke	KB4LUW/T 44,880
KB5KCG/N	20,034	Rocky Mountain	KB5SZZ/T 24,360
KD4UDY/N	27,840	Southeastern	WA6PUT/T 46,939
KD6PUJ/N	3,360	Southwestern	KD6NTG/T 26,380
KB5VYD/N	34,320	West Gulf	—



Dave, KA1YOG, had fun making a couple of QRP QSOs.

entry gets a certificate. Contesting is excitement—why not try it and see for yourself?

If you've never tried operating in the Novice Roundup, you've missed a lot of excitement. It's the perfect chance to improve your operating skills while you have a good time and make new friends.

Start practicing now—next year's Novice Roundup will be here before you know it.

SOAPBOX

Conditions weren't as good as last year, but it was great to be able to run stations. There should be more contests like this for Novice and Tech opera-

tors (N2LDU). I had a great deal of fun in the 1993 Novice Roundup (KD4UDY). My goal was to get started on CW (N4XTP). This was my first contest and it was very enjoyable! (N1LLT). This was my best score in the Novice Roundup, largely because I used my 100-watt rig, rather than QRP (KA2SJK). I wish I had an 80-meter dipole for nighttime operation! (N2NMB). All the good operators did a great job digging out my QRP signal! (WW1P).

How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the Code

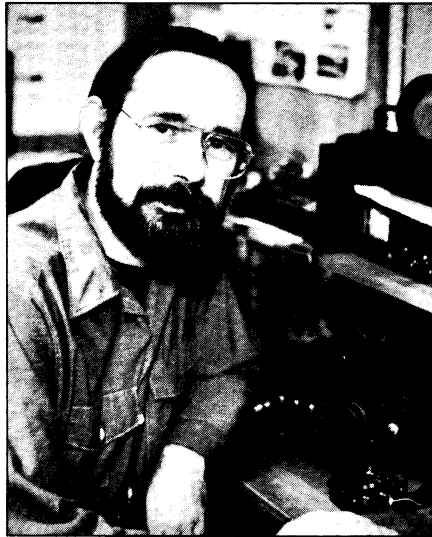
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The Novice Roundup was my first contest. I thought I'd learn enough CW to upgrade someday, but I never intended to go on the air with it.

Ten-meter phone was dead the first eight days of the contest, so I decided to try a few CW calls on 40 and 80 meters. I didn't even know if my radio would tune up on them. My tuner worked on 40 meters, but would cycle on 80 meters at anything above 3.677 MHz and 40 watts. So, with that limitation, I proceeded to answer a couple of CQs and then tried calling CQ myself. I was too slow at first, but built speed quickly until I was right up there with the 5-10 WPM speed most people on the air were using. I was starting to "not mind" CW after the first day.

The next day, I told some ham friends what I was doing, and one of them recommended 15 meters to me. I eagerly tuned at full power (100 watts) and called CQ. A 93-year-old man from Ohio answered and we "talked" for an hour about spark-gap rigs on 200 meters and all of his license upgrades, etc. After that call, I was really falling for CW! Later in the contest, I had a long QSO with a station in Spain, and had a great time. I'd never had a DX station all to myself for so long and it was great. Anyway, I knew I wouldn't win any awards, but wanted to try it. It's great to have a low-key contest like this to jump into. The Advanced and Extra Class hams I talked with were happy to QRS for me and sent praise on my "fist." As a direct result of the Novice Roundup, I'm now be a regular on the CW subbands. I'll value my participation certificate, because I'm convinced that I won't still be a Technician for another Novice Roundup!

I found the contest to be a lot of fun (N9OV). I enjoyed working the few stations that I did, although I didn't have much time to participate and my main radio went belly up at the start of the Roundup (WB4MBV). I enjoyed the Novice Roundup this year. I decided to run only QRP, but was only able to work a bit more than three hours. I haven't heard 10-meter sound so crowded in ages, with so many courteous and cheerful operators! (N2LWL/6). I had a great time, even though my new radio broke down the day before the contest (KB5VYD). This is my first shot at the Novice Roundup. Propagation was poor the first weekend of the contest, but I managed to run some stations on Sunday afternoon. On the final two days, conditions were the best we might see on 10 meters for a few years. I had trouble finding stations to slow down the CW on 10 and I could have used more antennas for the other bands—oh, well! (KD4HXT). I had a great time working the 1993 ARRL Novice Roundup. Having just acquired my Novice-class license in October 1992 and upgrading to Technician-plus in November, this was my first opportunity to do any contesting. It was a challenge to work as many stations as



This was the first Novice Roundup for Barry, KD6NTG. He says, "It was a challenge to work the stations and keep track of all the information!"

possible and keep track of the required information. I certainly appreciate the higher license-class hams who took the time to provide more contacts for all of us Novice- and Technician-class operators (KD6NTG). It was a lot of fun and a great contest (N2RMZ). After operating in three straight Novice Roundups, it was like riding a horse (KC4SGO). I enjoyed the contest a lot! (N7YUA). This was my first contest and it was a blast! (KBØJQP). Although I may be a serious contender for the "low-score award," I thoroughly enjoyed myself, especially because my first Novice Roundup contact was also my first QSO on HF (KD4SJC). This was my second year as a Novice and as a participant in the Novice Roundup. I found both very rewarding (KB9GLZ).

Scores

Score listings indicate call sign, score, number of QSOs, multipliers (number of ARRL Sections + DXCC countries) and total hours.



1				Western New York				KD4LUS/T 3,248 58 28 5				WL7CEE/N (+WL7s BZZ,CBR,CBV, CBW,CEN,CEO,CFR,CGK,CGL, CGM,CGN,CGO) 29,470 421 70 22				N9OV/B/T 308 14 11 7			
Connecticut				KA2SJK/N 50,526 401 63 28				KB2PID/T 21,448 203 56 30				N7VBN/T 25,326 469 54 30				Indiana			
KA1VMG/T 4,218 64 38 13				KB2MFM/T 18,536 176 56 30				N7ZVK/T 1,924 37 26 20				KA9HKB/N 6,120 88 36 13							
N1NQD/T 2,464 88 28 25				N2RMZ/T 4,515 68 35 20				KB7PHS/N 1,034 47 22 25				N9PSG/T 240 13 10 6							
KA1YOG/T 50 5 5 2				N2SNR/T 3,660 61 30 10				KB7PHQ/N 1,008 48 21 25				Wisconsin							
KA1YWW/T 15 5 3 1				3				KB7IPW/N 798 42 19 20				N9NUN/T 40,527 338 79 19							
W1NRG/T (KA1s WAT,WAU,ZDU,N1s KGY,LEU,ops)5,700 150 38 9				Eastern Pennsylvania				KB7IPU/T 3,552 111 32 29				KB9BJM/T 23,836 402 59 17							
Eastern Massachusetts				N3MHW/T 13,248 147 46 23				Idaho				KB9GIZ/N 17,192 165 56 29							
N1MJM/T 20,160 194 70 23				N3KLUJ/T 3,762 57 33 9				N7YUA/T 13,197 126 53 18				KB9HSG/T 884 26 17 13							
KB1ANT/N 387 43 9 3				N3MDV/T 682 31 11 10				KB7LCB/T 680 20 17 11				0							
KB1AHC/T 44 11 4 5				KB3ACD/N 140 10 7 10				Oregon				Colorado							
New Hampshire				Maryland-DC				KA7OAJ/T 33,264 264 63 18				KBØKYO/N 17,880 238 60 30							
N1OAZ/T 14,612 141 52 30				KA3TOI/N 7,740 86 45 5				KB7OVW/N 864 24 18 11				KBØJQP/N 3,024 56 27 22							
N1MVU/T 2,970 57 33 30				N3PVT/T 1,452 33 22 24				Utah				NØRZF/T 1,320 31 12 9							
N1MNF/T 1,768 34 26 7				Western Pennsylvania				KB7NMY/T 4,080 94 34 15				KBØHIO/T 846 47 28 5							
KA1YSO/T 198 18 11 5				N3BXR/T 25,610 197 65 26				Western Washington				NØQLX/T 32 4 4 1							
N1NCJ/T 60 12 5 5				KA3ZZC/T 836 44 19 14				KB7OLZ/T 30,740 380 58 29				Iowa							
Rhode Island				N3BXL/T 16 4 4 21				KB7OVBN 9,202 107 43 21				KBØJSH/T 98,136 522 94 30							
WA4RXX/N 20,706 180 58 23				4				East Bay				KBØHYF/N 5,624 69 38 13							
KA1YKW/N 10,701 261 41 23				Alabama				Los Angeles				Kansas							
N1LLT/T 9,200 100 46 20				WB4MBV/T 608 20 16 5				KD6PUH/N 3,360 104 32 27				NØTFUT 2,780 46 30 9							
Vermont				KD4SJC/T 72 6 6 9				KD6HXV/T 1,452 63 22 4				KABUQ/N 270 18 15 22							
KA1NRR/T 23,872 373 64 15				Georgia				KD6IC/T 126 9 7 30				KBØKAN/N 216 12 9 6							
N1MJE/T 1,827 63 29 24				WA6PUT/T 46,939 328 73 30				KD6ITY/T (+KC6ZIQ) 10,716 114 47 10				Minnesota							
KA1RRX/T 660 22 15 7				N4XTP/T 555 19 15 14				Orange				KBØKJ/T 15,232 136 56 30							
Western Massachusetts				Kentucky				KD6NTG/T 28,380 215 66 29				KBØIXC/T 6,028 137 44 19							
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2				North Carolina				KC6JPG/T 180 15 12 10				KBØDTA/N 23,084 199 58 17							
Eastern New York				KD4UYZ/T 33,852 542 62 29				Pacific				NØTXN/T 15,812 134 59 30							
N2NMB/T 2,822 52 34 26				KB4JAA/T 28,188 261 54 30				WH6FA/T 2,211 67 33 9				NØLYT/T 11,050 113 50 15							
NYC-Long Island				KD4BCX/T 2,730 70 39 26				Santa Clara Valley				KBØKSX/T 2,600 52 25 13							
WB2VBV/T 91,180 470 97 28				KD4MHF/T 2,296 82 14 23				N2ALE/T 42 7 6 7				Nebraska							
KB2POD/N 4,224 64 33 13				KD4SQN/N 1,764 42 21 7				KB6TDY/T 2 1 1 5				NØRFG/T 2,132 41 26 16							
KA2JAK/T 2,744 49 28 18				Northern Florida				San Diego				Missouri							
KB2PTA/N 528 30 12 16				KD4HXT/T 13,098 218 59 30				N2LWL/6/T 420 28 15 4				KBØDTA/N 23,084 199 58 17							
KB2LYS/T (+W2DDZ,WA2HYQ) 260 17 13 11				KB4FOS/N 8,326 91 46 28				San Francisco				NØTXN/T 15,812 134 59 30							
Northern New Jersey				Puerto Rico				KD6FTV/T 4,736 76 37 18				NØLYT/T 11,050 113 50 15							
N2LDU/T 17,219 256 67 20				WP4KXV/N 15,012 139 54 16				San Joaquin Valley				KBØKSX/T 2,600 52 25 13							
KB2BVP/N 4,828 71 34 15				South Carolina				N6IFW/T 6,732 153 44 30				Nebraska							
N2MZH/T 986 30 17 6				KB4LUW/T 44,880 264 85 28				KD6OUQ/T 1,512 32 24 22				NØRFG/T 2,132 41 26 16							
Southern New Jersey				N4XML/T 35,298 374 74 30				Sacramento Valley				Non-Novices							
KB2KBC/T 15,686 166 62 25				Southern Florida				KD6DNY/N 3,696 88 42 28				KC4SGO 13,365, NØBC 12,240,							
KB2PSE/T 8,640 106 45 9				KD4UDY/N 27,840 256 87 29				KD6PRF/T 1,587 69 23 12				KC8UR 11,154, WB7EIK 6,825, WØVX							
N2PKX/T 522 29 18 10				KC4GFW/T 17,980 155 58 30				KD6PSW/T 720 24 18 9				6,364, KV8Q 6,132, HP1AC 5,772,							
				Tennessee				7				KCØAQ 3,968, KAØSIX 3,894, KG7BO							
				KD4GON/T 2,280 50 30 10				Alaska				2,976, W3ABC 2,772, W4YOK 2,400,							
				Virginia				WL7CY/T 600 20 15 16				WTP3 1,944, W7HO 1,144, WW1P							
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