

Results, 1994 Novice Roundup

The Novice Roundup truly made me feel welcome into the world of Amateur Radio.—*Elizabeth, KE4HAH*

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Have you ever tried operating in a contest? Have you ever been interested in trying to join in one, only to feel intimidated by "big gun" stations? Ever get stumped trying to figure out complicated rules for a contest that sounded interesting, only to give up over terms you couldn't understand? If this is you, then the Novice Roundup might be just the ticket you're looking for. It's the perfect chance to get on the air, meet new hams and pick up operating skills. With these newly learned skills, you'll find it easier to pick stations out of a pileup and to know which band is open to where at a given time.

There are people who feel that most newcomers to Amateur Radio are passing contesting by. Not so! This year's Novice Roundup was another great success, giving newer hams their first taste of a popular ham activity. We received numerous comments about the high level of activity, a good indication of how many people enjoy operating in the Novice Roundup.

The competition draws a lot of hams into the Roundup. For some, this is *their* chance to be the rare station and to be the one to run a pileup. Most people don't have fancy antenna systems either, which makes for a simple rule—if you can hear them, they probably can hear you, and vice versa.

There are newer hams who never make that first contact out of fear of making a mistake, or because of mike or key fright. The NR can cure that! Not only will you meet other hams with about the same level of experience as you, but there are always plenty of "old-timers" on the bands willing and able to lend you a hand and help you with the QSO. Everyone has to start somewhere—and we all make mistakes. Don't let this apprehension keep you from enjoying this contest.

If you've been looking to upgrade your license, the NR will give you the CW practice you need. More than one operator has found they've broken the 13-wpm "barrier" by the end of the contest and were ready to upgrade. As Jay, KD4OOI, remarks, "I spent more time operating this year and my code speed tripled!"

The Novice Roundup is a great place to start your wallpaper collection. Every Novice and Technician who sends in a log gets a certificate for his or her effort. In addition, many use the NR to hunt for that elusive state for their ARRL Worked All States (WAS) award. Others get their first exposure to the world of DXing. Robert, N8YGG, notes, "Once I heard

DX, my plans for working a lot of other contacts went out the window!"

You'd think the conditions for this part of



Elizabeth, KE4HAH, poses by the antennas of the Georgia Tech ARC. She remarks, "I must have sent ? 100 times my first night on 40 meters!"



"Who says I can't copy code?" Tony, N0TXN, worked 253 QSOs on CW, most of them on 40 meters.

the solar cycle would have led to a lowering of scores. This proved not to be the case—the top finishers posted totals above those reported last year. This just goes to show what a little perseverance can do when it comes time to sit down and grind out the contacts.

As we've started to do for other contests, we're now listing the results by Divisions, as opposed to broken down by Sections. This should give you a better idea of how other hams in your area did.

A scan of the top scores shows that Larry, WA6PUT, improved his contesting skills. He jumped from third place last year to first place in the Technician class this year, doubling his score in the process. 40 meters was his most productive band, as he worked more than half his QSOs (and a third of his multipliers) there. Among the Novices, Kevin, KB5WWA, worked a bit harder this year, jumping from second last year to claim the top spot this time around. Good job!

No matter where you finished in the standings, you should be proud of your score. When you're starting out, every QSO is an accomplishment. Here's hoping that you used the Novice Roundup as the start of a new future in Amateur Radio contesting! There are plenty of contests throughout the year that you can participate in and have fun. Keep an eye on Contest Corral for your next adventure.

SOAPBOX

I only made a quarter of the score I had last year. I need to pick up my code speed if I'm going to do anything significant (N7VBN). I had a good time on the first weekend running stations. The poor conditions are an incentive to upgrade. There should be more contests like this where the "little pistol" Novices and Technicians can call CQ and run stations (N2LDU). The Roundup was a fine way to introduce new hams like me to the fine art of contesting (N1OEL). I forgot the code not once, but numerous times, and got a lot of practice tapping out PLS RPT UR CALL RST ES SECTION! (N9REP). All the ops I contacted were helpful (KE4HXU). The Novice Roundup truly made me feel welcome into the world of Amateur Radio. Countless experienced hams were on the air to give newcomers like me a sample of contesting. Thanks to all who called me—your patience was remarkable, especially my first evening on 40 meters, when I must have sent ? a hundred times (KE4HAH). I enjoyed the contest and got a lot of good CW operating time under my belt. I was surprised to work the West Coast on 80 meters (KE4IAF). I had a great time working the Roundup. This was my first opportunity to work a contest and I enjoyed every minute (N9VIB). The contest worked! I passed my 13-wpm code test! (N1QKG). This was my third NR, and every year gets better and is more fun. I'm especially grateful for the higher-license-class hams who chip in to make the NR the great

Top 10

Novice

Call Sign	Score
KB5WWA/N	120,696
KB0KYO/N	94,940
KE4HAH/N	87,932
KD6KKP/N	56,429
KE4BES/N	45,424
KB5MSN/N	45,152
KE4IAF/N	39,936
KB0LFV/N	32,208
KB5KCG/N	31,186
KB8OZV/N	28,140

Technician

Call Sign	Score
WA6PUT/T	107,540
N9NUN/T	85,986
KB0JSH/T	80,160
KA8OAT/T	57,964
WB2VBV/T	55,432
KB0LIJ/T	53,760
KD4LUS/T	47,104
N9VIB/T	46,950
KA1SSU/T	45,276
KA7OAJ/T	39,760

contest it is. I would have had a much lower score without them (KB5KCG). This year's contest started great the first weekend, then solar flares messed up the bands somewhat the last weekend (KB0KY0). This is one contest our club members look forward to! The conditions on 10 meters caused many to try their hands, literally, on CW, and their success has spurred them on to work at upgrading their licenses (KB2LYS). The contest was great for increasing my code speed (KD4LUS). The Novice Roundup was a blast! I had a great time in the NR and it points out how much I enjoy CW. Even when 10 was open and I could have made more points on phone, I found myself fisting it out on the lower bands with my \$7.98 straight key! I'll always remember this, my first NR, and be glad to give out points next year after I upgrade (KB0LIL). I didn't make many contacts and I did a lot of listening, but it was an enjoyable experience (KB0LIL). I swore up and down that I wouldn't use SSB for any contacts, and only broke it to pick up some oddball

multipliers (KB5NFN). It was a heck of a lot of fun. Special thanks to the many non-Novice and Technician operators who gave me multipliers and new states. It's a rush when multiple stations come back to your CQ. I wish I was better at picking one out of the throng (N8QNF). I hope to have upgraded by next year, but I plan to operate anyhow (N8SNC). It was fun to help the Novices and Technicians! Last year, I participated as a Technician, so I have fond memories of this contest. Conditions were good the whole week, especially on 15 where there were some DX openings. I'm sure several new ops got their first taste of DXing! (AA0NB). I spent more time operating this year and my code speed tripled. It's exciting when DX stations give you a call (KD4OOI). The NR was my introduction to ham radio contesting. At first I was reluctant to try it, but after my first few CW contacts, I settled in and enjoyed myself. The Novice Roundup is the best source of on-the-air CW call-sign practice available and definitely the most fun. I want to

thank the upper-class licensees for their invaluable help and encouragement during the contest (KD6PRM). It was a great contest. It improved the code speed of all the participants in our club (WA2RGV). I'm sorry I didn't participate a few years ago when I was a Technician. I hope I helped some of them by giving out a multiplier (KD3RW). This was my first Novice Roundup and I had a great time. I worked a few new states and a new country. My thanks to the higher-licensed hams for their participation! (KB7SCF). I was hoping to work lots of phone on 10 meters, but poor band conditions caused me to concentrate on 40 and 15. The NR is a great way for Novice and Technicians to increase operator skills and get a slower-paced taste of contesting (KD6TAX). I was nervous at first, and my code speed and sending were poor. After the contest started, I was more confident and my CW skills improved. I thought it was nice that the more-experienced operators went out of their way to give me advice and help (KB7ULI).



Matt, KB0LFV, says, "I like CW better than phone because people will answer me, and it's more of a challenge."



Brian, N0YTZ, operated the Novice Roundup from his father's shack, finishing in first place among Technicians in Minnesota.



Jenny, KD6KKP, swings the paddle for another one of her 662 QSOs, on her way to a fourth-place overall finish in the Novice Competition.

Scores

Novice and Technician scores are listed by Division, in descending order of score. Single operators are listed first, followed by multioperators. Score listings indicate call sign, score, number of QSOs, multipliers (number of ARRL Sections + DXCC countries), total hours and ARRL Section. Other entries are listed in order of descending score.

Atlantic

KA2CKI/T	31,720	264	65	24 WNY
N3RHO/T	24,366	256	93	29 WPA
N3QWR/T	23,220	211	60	28 SNJ
N3PGG/T	19,200	200	48	23 MDC
N3OAW/T	13,860	154	45	23 EPA
KA2SJB/N	9,804	129	38	12 WNY
N3LYX/T	8,840	89	40	13 EPA
N3OWF/T	5,280	120	44	24 WPA
KA3OHV/N	3,500	50	35	24 EPA
KB2LYF/T	3,290	47	35	4 WNY
N3GKP/T	3,000	60	25	13 EPA
N2WEL/T	2,464	46	27	10 WNY
N2PKX/T	2,170	62	35	13 SNJ
N2XBO/T	2,000	40	25	5 WNY
KA3UOL/T	1,768	68	26	6 WPA
KA3WIK/T	1,518	33	23	11 WPA
KH2CY/T	799	47	17	11 MDC
N2WTF/T	405	28	9	5 WNY
KB2ODK/N	240	20	12	2 SNJ
KB8NVF/T	162	9	9	9 MDC
WB0IWG/T	154	14	11	24 WPA
N3PRB/T	112	9	7	7 EPA
KB3AOT/T	108	9	6	7 MDC
N3KJO/T	90	15	5	4 MDC

Central

N9NUN/T	85,986	488102	28	WI
N9VIB/T	46,950	313	75	28 WI
N8VEX/T	30,276	261	58	21 IN
N9VIC/T	28,920	241	60	30 WI
KA9ZCF/N	6,480	81	40	30 WI
N9REP/T	2,210	49	26	16 IL
N9VHV/T	2,028	39	26	15 IN
KB9INZ/N	242	11	11	30 IN
KB9ITE/N	189	15	9	2 IL
KB9IHN/N	142	17	13	14 WI

Dakota

KB0LFV/N	32,208	244	66	24 ND
N0YTZ/T	13,886	131	53	30 MN
KB0FPA/N	12,036	118	51	16 MN
KB0GTW/N	2,268	42	27	16 MN

Delta

KB0JBZ/T	160	12	10	3 MN
KB5WWA/N	120,696	605107	30	AR
KB5MSN/N	45,152	332	68	21 AR
KB5VG/T	35,108	262	67	28 AR
KC5DU/T	1,728	36	24	22 AR
KD4ZPA/T	18	3	3	5 TN

Great Lakes

K8OAT/T	57,964	424	86	21 OH
KB0ZV/N	28,140	212	67	28 OH
N9SSA/T	23,400	180	65	22 MI
KB0QPN/T	20,735	197	55	30 MI
N8XZF/T	13,668	134	51	22 OH
N8QNF/T	11,176	127	44	18 OH
N8RUD/T	7,280	91	40	10 OH
N8YME/T	6,400	80	40	15 MI
N8YGG/T	228	19	12	10 OH
KB8OFS/T	120	15	8	30 OH
KB8OKK/T	117	13	9	2 MI
N8SNC/T	8	2	2	1 OH
KB8PCK/T	4	2	2	10 MI
KA8RLM/T	1,612	79	39	9 MI
N8KYI/T	42	7	6	9 MI

Hudson

WB2VBV/T	55,432	338	82	25 NJ
N2LDU/T	10,890	197	55	16 NJ
N2UWM/T	6,160	89	35	22 NY
KB2QNW/N	5,112	71	36	12 NJ
KB2QLK/N	4,312	62	28	12 NJ
KA2JAK/T	1,260	30	21	11 NJ
N2OWO/T	1,176	28	21	12 NJ
KB2BVP/N	176	11	8	3 NJ
N2YU/L	171	18	9	9 NJ
N2TDT/T	85	17	5	4 NJ
WA2RGV/T	7,776	81	48	15 NJ
KB2LYS/T	2,436	51	29	29 NJ

Midwest

KB0JSH/T	80,160	501	80	30 IA
N0TXN/T	32,384	253	64	23 MO
KB0KSA/T	23,548	204	58	29 KS
N0YPB/T	5,760	73	40	30 MO
N0LYT/T	5,585	81	35	14 MO
KB0HYF/N	4,760	63	35	9 IA
KB0JUX/N	100	10	10	6 MO
KB0LIL/N	32	4	4	5 NE

New England

KA1SSU/T	45,276	301	77	21 ME
KB1AOD/N	18,568	211	44	10 VT
KB1AUM/N	3,648	57	32	6 MA
N1EW/T	3,102	47	33	23 WMA
KA1YHW/T	3,040	48	32	8 WMA
KA1VMG/T	1,680	38	28	12 CT
N1QKG/T	1,232	28	22	10 VT
N1OKP/T	414	23	18	8 CT
W1AW/T	935	55	17	3 CT
N1OEL/T	182	14	13	9 ME
N1QMT/T	162	18	9	15 CT
KA1RRX/T	112	8	7	2 VT
W1NRG/T	4,440	307	24	CT

Northwest

KA7OAJ/T	39,760	284	70	29 OR
KB7UHL/T	16,225	152	59	26 ID
KB7OUB/T	16,170	165	49	22 WA
KA7MOB/T	8,832	96	46	20 OR
KB7OLZ/T	7,832	89	44	17 WA
KB7THE/T	6,396	82	39	11 WA
WB7TIR/N	5,029	107	47	21 OR
KB7SCF/N	4,662	63	37	19 OR
KB7QVW/T	4,270	61	35	19 OR
KB7SDC/T	1,008	61	15	12 WA
KB7KLU/T	8,610	205	42	13 OR
WL7OMT	4,655	129	35	9 AK

Pacific

KD6KKP/N	56,429	662	73	29 SJV
KD6TAX/T	21,045	223	61	30 SJV
KD6TOB/T	6,320	79	40	8 SCV
N6IFW/T	3,640	91	40	21 SJV
KD6PUD/T	3,488	66	32	24 SCV
KC6WMM/N	3,395	93	35	12 SCV
KB7GYS/T	630	32	18	3 NV
KD6LHQ/T	388	18	16	9 EB

Roaooke

KD4LUS/T	47,104	368	64	27 VA
KE4BES/N	45,424	334	68	23 NC
KE4IAF/N	39,936	312	64	23 NC
KD4OOI/T	25,404	213	58	27 VA
WB4HFL/T	19,173	249	77	21 NC
KC4ZZE/T	17,368	171	52	22 NC
KB4TLZ/T	15,840	165	48	30 VA
KD4OPR/N	9,045	92	45	18 WV
KE4HXU/T	7,550	91	45	24 NC
KE4BCN/T	4,224	66	32	18 VA
KC4GHM/T	4,140	90	46	30 NC
KD4QVT/N	528	33	16	18 VA
KD4KIG/T	20	5	4	8 SC
N8ZXA/T	16	4	4	5 NC

Rocky Mountain

KB0KY/N	84,940	670101	30	CO
KB0LI/T	53,760	449	80	28 CO
KB5KCG/N	31,188	253	62	30 NM
KB0KKX/T	2,320	40	29	13 CO
N0SLF/T	324	27	12	15 CO
KB0LOD/N	80	19	4	12 CO

Southeastern

WA6PUT/T	107,540	569	95	29 GA
KE4HAH/N	87,932	571	89	30 GA
WA4CXV/N	28,014	203	68	21 PR
KD4HXT/T	18,023	220	67	28 FL
N4UQD/T	10,750	215	50	10 AL
KD4LPG/T	6,068	74	41	30 FL
KE4BXT/T	3,780	105	36	22 FL
KE4CX/T	3,600	90	40	8 FL
KA2VKP/N	902	39	22	12 FL

Southwestern

KD6PRM/T	37,884	249	84	28 LAX
KD6VWK/T	20,557	174	61	27 ORG
N7VBN/T	8,688	181	48	17 AZ
KE6CAH/T	3,850	56	35	27 LAX
N2LWL/T	2,890	51	34	12 SDG
KD6NFW/T	1,220	61	20	6 LAX

West Gulf

KB5NFN/T	21,004	181	59	18 STX
KB5SFL/T	4,340	73	31	30 NTX
KC5CBS/T	1,364	31	22	6 NTX

DX

WP4KTF/HP2/T	3,780	105	36	8 HP
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Others

N2XDJ	(+K2JAO)	14,734	HP1AC
5800	W7HO	4,270	AA0NB
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Checklogs

K1PGS	W2HD/4	K6XO/7	KE3CR
KE6N	KG5OV	K17RO	KR4CZ
N1OPZ	N6HC	N7IUE	N9NJK
N0OCT	VE4AAU	VE5JZ	W6DDB
KA4YMY	112	NE0P/9	98
KA1UEH	92	KA3VLY	25