



ARRL 10 Meter Contest 2019 Preliminary Results

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I am happy to provide the preliminary results of the 2019 ARRL 10 Meter contest.

The 2019 edition, like the previous two years, occurred in a low sunspot year. Going into the contest weekend there had been 30 consecutive days without any sunspots. Optimism was in the air though. Operators around the world turned on their rigs, dusted off their keys and mics and got on the air. Total logs submitted worldwide were 1,886. Essentially unchanged from 2018. However, this activity and enthusiasm could not overcome propagation challenges and total reported QSOs dropped 9% to 112,594. To put this in perspective, during the most recent peak in 2014, over 5,000 logs were submitted and over 2 million QSOs were reported.

Conditions experienced were not geographically uniform. Europe bounced back after a miserable contest in 2018. Total QSOs reported by stations there more than doubled and QSOs per log increased over 50%. Conversely, stations in North America saw their QSO count and QSOs per log drop 25% from 2018. Long distance intercontinental QSOs continue to be a challenge. Even the normally reliable North to South propagation from South America to North America took the year off. North American stations reported a 47% drop in QSOs with South America compared to 2018.

The Winners

Here are the preliminary high scores worldwide in each of the categories. The full article, appearing online at contests.arrl.org in April 2020, will have high scores by the major reporting geographies: US, Canada, Mexico, and DX. Congratulation to these operators and stations.

Single Operator, Mixed Mode, High Power	
WØAIH (NE9U, op)	272,048
Single Operator, Mixed Mode, Low Power	
L55D (LU5DF, op)	120,120
Single Operator, Mixed Mode, QRP	
WA6FGV	4,452
Single Operator, Phone Only, High Power	
CV7S (CX7SS, op)	48,000
Single Operator, Phone Only, Low Power	
CA4PSH	21,090
Single Operator, Phone Only, QRP	
TG9ANF	1,650
Single Operator, CW Only, High Power	
K1TO	210,960
Single Operator, CW Only, Low Power	
LU6DOT	63,720
Single Operator, CW Only, QRP	
N5OE	2,856
Single Operator Unlimited, Mixed Mode, High Power	
N8OO	284,200
Single Operator Unlimited, Mixed Mode, Low Power	
K9OM	102,510
Single Operator Unlimited, Mixed Mode, QRP	
EB1RL	4,488
Single Operator Unlimited, Phone Only, High Power	
LU1DX	33,158
Single Operator Unlimited, Phone Only, Low Power	
K2DRH	10,582
Single Operator Unlimited, Phone Only, QRP	
K2GMY	518
Single Operator Unlimited, CW Only, High Power	
NN7CW	157,872
Single Operator Unlimited, CW Only, Low Power	
CX2BR	88,440
Single Operator Unlimited, CW Only, QRP	
NØUR	1,248
Multioperator, Single Transmitter, High Power	
LW8DQ	272,748
Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power	
N4SVC	41,076

Special mention goes out to four operators who were repeat winners in the same category from 2018.

They were:

- CX7SS operating as CV7S in the Single Operator, Phone Only, High Power category
- N5OE in the Single Operator, CW Only, QRP category
- K9OM in the Single Operator Unlimited, Mixed Mode, Low Power, and
- K2DRH in the Single Operator Unlimited, Phone Only, Low Power category

N8OO and NN7CW were back to back winners as well, but in different categories. Note the number of North American stations as category winners. The lack of the usual South America to Europe and Asia paths greatly reduced their multiplier opportunities, offering a chance for stations in North America to move up in the standings. In 2017 14 of the 20 category winners were from South America. In 2018 and 2019 just 8 category winners were from South America.

At the time this article was written the club competition results are still being circulated for review so there is nothing to report.

The Conditions

One interesting measure of the depressed conditions is that the worldwide high score in 19 of the 20 categories decreased from 2018. On average these scores were just 50% their comparable 2018 scores. Additionally, there were decreases in the stateside multiplier counts of the top stations. NV9L and WØAIH managed to work just 45. In 2018, N4BP worked 49 (just missing Alaska for the WAS sweep). In 2017 the top state multiplier count was 42 by KTØK.



Jon Jones, NØJK, operated QRP from his fixed mobile station in located in Kansas. Although conditions weren't optimal for the contest, he took advantage of a Sunday afternoon opening to South America, working stations in Argentina and Chile. [Jon Jones, NØJK, photo]

All scores presented in this preliminary report are provisional, pending final review. Watch for the full contest results coming soon to this website. Top scores will be printed in the July issue of QST.