ARRL November CW Sweepstakes 2019 Preliminary Results

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It was a mixed up, topsy-turvy story at the tops of a few categories for the 2019 running of the ARRL Sweepstakes CW contest. Steve, N2IC, who is no stranger to the No. 1 spot in Single Operator High Power is nowhere to be found in that category but instead is in the same position in Single Operator Low Power.

Bob, N6TV, operating at Nevada superstation W7RN, climbed into the Single Op High Power lead, edging just ahead of Pat, N9RV, in Montana. Mark, AG9A, operating at NØNI, took top spot in Single Operator QRP with a sizeable lead over No. 2, Ron, VE3VN.

Randy, KØEU, is in his usual spot atop Single Operator Unlimited, High Power ahead of Bob, N4BP. The Single Operator Unlimited Low Power title goes to Don, N4ZZ, who was 21,000 points up on John, KK9A, at W4AAA.

The zeroes had it in Multioperator, Single Transmitter, High Power. Chuck's KØRF Colorado powerhouse beat out Lee's KØWA for top spot. In Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power, sweep-starved combatants were happy to see NP2X from the U.S. Virgin Islands, a rare section since a pair of hurricanes ravaged the Virgin Islands as well as Puerto Rico in 2017.

"Really surprised to see KØHC winning School," said nobody. Ever. Bob, WØBH, continues his dominance of the category from KØHC at Hesston College in Kansas.

The coveted sweep, or working all 83 sections, was certainly doable this year. Across all categories, 195 operators brought out the broom. That's a considerable increase from 2017 — the year the hurricanes took out KP2 and KP4 — and 2018. In 2017, only 21 stations earned a sweep and in 2018, that number only rose to 58. It's close to the top in the past five years (in 2016, 213 operators earned sweeps) but a far cry from the halcyon days of 2013, when 402 operators earned the honor.

Stay tuned for full results.

Category Winners

Single-Op, High Power (SOHP)
W7RN (N6TV, op) 218,124

Single-Op, Low Power (SOLP)
N2IC 208,828

Single-Op, QRP (SOQRP)
NØNI (AG9A, op) 126,160

Multi-Op, High Power (MSHP)
KØRF (KØRF, WØUA, W1XE ops) 215,800

Multi-Op, Low Power (MSLP)
NP2X (NØAX, K9VV ops) 152,222

Single-Op Unlimited, High Power (SOUHP)
KØEU 209,658

Single-Op Unlimited, Low Power (SOULP)
N4ZZ 175,296

School Club Station (S)
KØHC (WØBH, op) 166,830

Affiliated Club Competition (CW + Phone)

Category	*Club*	*Total Score*
Unlimited	Potomac Valley Radio Club	14,079,340
Medium	Mother Lode DX/Contest Club	3,874,762
Local	Pizza Lovers 259	1,367,848

Logs Submitted

There were 1295 logs submitted this year. Category breakdowns were as follows:

SOLP	212
SOHP	497
SOUHP	275
SOULP	175
SOQRP	90
MSLP	15
MSHP	24
SCHOOL	7

All scores presented in this preliminary report are provisional, pending final review. Watch for the full contest results coming soon to this website and be sure to read the write-up in the May issue of QST.