

The 2002 California QSO Party

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Wow! What a contest! This was a banner year for the "California Sweepstakes". I don't think activity has ever been higher or the competition stiffer than in the 2002 CQP.

This year, we received a total of 597 logs, which is a whopping 21% increase over last year. I only wish the stock market had been this good.

SINGLE OP RESULTS - CA

This year we had a really tight race for top score between N6ED, K6LA and K6LL (at K6NA). Ken described this himself: "...as I listened to both Dave and Craig toward the end, I was pulling away from Dave, but Craig was pulling away from me, up around 60 QSOs. Traditionally, I get a lot more CW QSOs than Craig and about the same as Dave. This year I got 145 more CW QSOs than last year for a total of 889. I'm hoping I have more than 120 more CW QSOs than Craig to make up the difference in raw QSO numbers and come out on top. But whatever the result, contesting doesn't get more fun than this."

As you can see in the results, the scores are very close with N6ED getting 69 more QSOs than K6LA, who in turn had 95 more than K6LL. Considering these guys had about 2500 QSOs each that is a small margin indeed. K6LA did have more CW QSOs, but not enough to overcome Craigs' lead.

S/O low power stations were considerably further behind the leaders. K6AM in San Diego led the LP group with a new low power record performance beating N6MU in Kern county and AA6PW in Orange county

As I sit here in San Jose writing this report, I'm a bit dismayed that all three top S/O and top three S/O low power stations were in southern California.

The top 20 S/O stations are also the CA wine winners. You can see those stations on the awards page, and what it takes to win the wine in CQP. It now takes a score of > 230k to win the wine .. up from 200k last year.

SINGLE OP RESULTS – non CA

In the non-CA single op category, W8MJ dominated the competition and easily won not only the top non-CA S/O category, but also the low power category, and the 1st to 58 challenge. Ken set three new records in the process. N0AC and K9ZO fought a close battle for 2nd place, but were well behind Ken. Low power competition was offered by CJ7RR (VA7RR) and N4PN but they couldn't come close to W8MJ. The only record not broken by W8MJ was the all time non-CA high score still held by VA7RR.

Again, if you look at the non-CA wine list, you'll see the top 20 single ops and what it takes to win the wine from outside CA. Its getting tougher every year.

MULTI-SINGLE -

M/S competition has a new force to contend with. W6YX. The Stanford Radio Club (S/O last year) put on a great show with 6 operators sharing the "chair". They were followed by W6PT and W6EEN in an incredibly close race for 2nd place.

	Mult	CW	SSB	QSOs	Score		
W6YX	57	860	1660	2520	336357	MS	S
W6PT	58	562	1687	2249	293625	MS	E
W6EEN	58	610	1607	2217	292639	MS	
W6LZ	58	468	1541	2009	260188	MS	
K6LRN	58	577	1090	1667	226838	MS	
N6A	58	913	559	1472	223793	MS	E
W6DI	58	0	1844	1844	213904	MS	
N6JS	57	0	1677	1677	191178	MS	
K6L	57	488	744	1232	168264	MS	E
N6KI	58	544	589	1133	162980	MS	
NC6DX	57	219	840	1059	133294	MS	
N6WB	54	420	255	675	95634	MS	LP
K6TZ	57	0	740	740	84360	MS	LP
KN6Y	54	320	233	553	77004	MS	LP
W6M	49	0	504	504	49441	MS	LP
W6EO	51	156	248	404	49291	MS	LP E
K6EAR	53	19	354	373	40598	MS	LP

MULTI-MULTI -

The biggest score by any station any where was (again) the massive N6O effort put out by the Radio Oakley M/M folks. They operated five transmitters, and have set M/M records several years in a row. This year, one of their logging computers crashed big time and they lost all of their 160 and 20 meter logs. Despite this blow they still won with over 3,500 QSOs. It's sort of like competing with one arm behind your back.

Close behind were K6IDX and the county expedition of W6ML. Of special note was N6XI who was actually a M/S entry but disregarded the 10 minute rule. This handicap of M/S stations has been addressed and new rules will take effect next year.

	Mult	CW	SSB	QSOs	Score		
N6O	58	1028	2479	3507	466436	MM	
K6IDX	58	1167	1867	3034	419630	MM	
W6ML	58	1051	1958	3009	410089	MM	E
N6XI	58	915	1166	2081	294466	MM	
K6C	58	576	1114	1690	229448	MM	E
ND6E	58	246	1233	1479	185890	MM	E
W6AB	56	6	662	668	75152	MM	
KS6U	54	382	105	487	73305	MM	E

MOBILES -

Once again, all California Counties were on the air in force, thanks in large part to the Mobile operations by K6AQL (K0DI, K0KTZ) who covered 25 counties; from Alameda to Yuba. This is the same route they have used in the past, and this time they put a special effort into making more CW contacts. They were joined by WA6FGV (one county), K6PJ (9 counties), K6III (one county), and K6MI (three counties).

Several non-CA mobiles also joined the fun. Entries were received from K8MAT (OH), KC0HMJ (NE), KB3HWA (MD), N8ZR (OH), and K9KKX (IL).

COUNTY EXPEDITIONS -

County Expeditions are Field Day style operations from rare counties, or at least a nice location that's off the

beaten path. Fourteen different County Expeditions were active in 13 different counties.

These operations ranged from simple to complex M/M. Doing an expedition can be a lot of fun. Top S/O Expedition score goes to W6PH in Inyo county followed by W6PZ (K6SRZ) in Trinity county. Top M/S Expedition score was W6PT in Imperial county, and the top M/M Expedition was, once again, W6ML in Mono county.

Of special note was the combined Expeditions of K6L (Lake) and K6C (Colusa). These two stations were located about 100 yards from each other and manned by the same operators.

	Mult	CW	SSB	County	Score		
W6PH	58	772	1013	Inyo	251836	SO	C
W6PZ	58	857	676	Trinity	227534	SO	C
K6S	58	549	725	Sierra	179771	SO	C
KA6BIM	58	141	1277	Plumas	172811	SO	C
N6YEU	55	492	429	Del Norte	128370	SO	LP C
KE6UAR	31	0	94	Inyo	5828	SO	LP C
W6PT	58	562	1687	Imperial	293625	MS	C
N6A	58	913	559	Alpine	223793	MS	C
K6L	57	488	744	Lake	168264	MS	C
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SWEEPS -

A big part of the fun is to work all 58 multipliers. Given the huge participation of CQP this year it was easier than ever to make the "sweep".

Even with all this activity, only 30 out of state stations managed to work a complete CA sweep. Compare that to only 9 last year! The toughest county appeared to be Yuba. One notable sweep was made by W4DKS who made all 58 counties in only 73 QSOs.

The very first sweep was made by W8MJ when he worked KJ6RA in Siskiyou county at 20:07Z. That's only 4 hours and 7 minutes into the contest. Congratulations!

Sweeps of all CA counties:

CJ7RR	W8MJ	N4PN	K7QQ	K4FCG
VE3KZ	N0AC	N8BJQ	K0JPL	N9AG
VE5SF	K9ZO	K4RO	K07X	NF4A
KX4X	NB1B	W8GN	N5ZK	KF0U
N5EG	KE9I	N2CU	WD5K	K4BEV
K8CC	W1ZT	K7PGL	W1OP	W4DKS

In California, no less than 45 stations found all 50 US states plus the eight Canadian call districts for sweeps. Compare this to only 36 last year. This is the only state QSO party where the number of multipliers is the same for both in-state and out-of-state operators.

The very first sweep from CA was made by NT6K at 22:47Z or 6 hours and 47 minutes when he contacted VE4DIG. Congratulations!

Sweeps of all states and provinces:

W6PH	W6CIT	K6AM	K6GT	AD6WL
W6PZ	N6ED	N6IJ	W6IXP	W6EEN
K6S	K6LA	N6MU	N6RER	W6LZ
KA6BIM	K6NA	WA5VGI	KE6ZSN	K6LRN
W6PT	K6XX	N6WIN	W6TKV	W6DI
N6A	AE6Y	W6JTI	NZ6N	N6KI
W6ML	KF6T	NT6K	W6BBS	N6O
K6C	N6IG	KD6FW	W6ISO	K6IDX
ND6E	N6HC	K6RIM	NR3Y	N6XI

CLUBS -

CA Club competition is again a run away with the Mother Lode DX & Contest Club putting together another massive effort that resulted in 18 logs totaling over 2 million points. This is quite a reduction from last years' win with 26 logs and 2.6 million points, but never the less it is still the top club score. The next best club effort was by the Redwood Empire club with 10 logs and 848,466 points which is almost exactly the same score they achieved last year.

New for this year is the non-CA club competition. A new plaque sponsored by W6ZZZ is available from now on for non-CA clubs with the same rules as CA clubs. In this maiden year, the very first non-CA plaque goes to the Tennessee Contest Group. They managed 16 entries totaling 703,996 points! The next best club was Contest Club Ontario with 13 logs totaling 481,408 points.

CA Clubs	# Logs	Total
Mother Lode DXCC	18	2,048,730
Redwood Empire DXCC	10	848,466
Caltech ARC	2	378,502
River City Contesters	2	362,748
Livermore ARK	4	278,081
San Fernando Valley ARC	3	104,442
Circle City Contest Club	2	85,893

non CA Clubs	# Logs	Total
Tenn Contest Group	16	703,996
Contest Club Ontario	13	481,408
Florida Contest Group	11	468,158
Mad River Radio Club	11	440,342
Society of Midwest Contesters	8	397,186
Yankee Clipper CC	10	336,362
South West Ohio DX Assoc	2	198,998
British Columbia DX Club	2	149,876
Kentucky Contest Group	2	149,550
North Coast Contesters	2	112,060
Bay Area Wireless	2	98,517
PVRC	2	97,722
MN Wireless Association	3	81,471
Central Texas DX Club	2	68,768
South East Contest Club	2	48,140
Weekend Warriors	2	36,297
Metro DX Club	4	34,597
Order of Boiled Owls	2	34,179
Grand Mesa Contest Club	3	29,443
Kiev Contest Group	3	10,572

SCHOOLS-

Again this year the school competition was won by Stanford, W6YX. However, a serious challenge was offered by Cal Tech station W6CIT. Univ of Idaho, W7UQ again won the non-CA school plaque.

School competition

W6YX	Stanford	MS	336,357
W6CIT	Cal Tech	SO	308,212
W7UQ	Univ of Idaho	SO	40,560
K5UTD	Univ of Texas at Dallas	MS	22,848
WF4DD	Wake Forest	SO	19,796

QRP-

The number of QRP stations in CQP has remained fairly steady since this category was first introduced four years ago. This year we had 30 QRP logs, up noticeably from 22, 18, and 25 for the past three years. They are noted in the results tables with a "Q" after their score. Top CA QRP station was W3SE/6 in Los Angeles county. Top non-CA QRP station was again N9NE in WI. Of significant note are JR1NKN and SP5AKG who joined the fun despite less than favorable DX conditions.

QRP stations:

W3SE/6	W3BBO	W8TM	AA6GL	AA9KH
W6UT	KC8LTL	NK6A	N0OKS	AD6GK
W6UFT	W4DEC	N4IJ	NE0P	KA6SGT
N6WS	K1RC	WC7S	K3TW	NK0E
N9NE	AC7A	WB6BWZ	K6MMC	KB6OJS
VE3WZ	WB3AAL	K6III	JR1NKN	SP5AKG

RECORDS -

Amazingly 35 new records were set this year, compared to 27 last year. Congratulations to all the new record holders.

New County Records in California

Del Norte	N6YEU	128,370
Humboldt	W6JTI	212,251
Inyo	W6PH	251,836
Los Angeles	N6ED	338,111
Monterey	N6IJ (AD6E)	258,970
Placer	KF6T	273,209
San Bernardino	N6WIN	216,514
Santa Cruz	K6XX	297,656
Sierra	K6S (KU6J)	179,771
Trinity	K6PZ (K6SRZ)	227,534

New State/Province Records

Alabama	KX4X	71,601
Arizona	WE6G/7	46,612
Arkansas	K5DB	94,598
Colorado	KF0U	78,126
Illinois	K9ZO	146,479
Iowa	N0AC	149,408
Kansas	N0AG	69,720
Kentucky	K4CMS	83,106
Louisiana	N5II	66,352
Maine	NY1S	74,442
Massachusetts	NB1B	123,076
Michigan	W8MJ	161,385
New York	N2CU	96,744
Ohio	N8BJQ	117,392
Oklahoma	K0CIE	69,597
Ontario	VE3KZ	82,186
Saskatchewan	VE5SF	50,402
Alberta	VE6AO	44,891

What a blast working all you guys! It was great fun to chase all the mobiles, and I love all the activities. Anyone want to sked on 2 mtrs next year?
K9ZO

Other New Records

CA - QRP	W3SE/6	98,685
CA - Low Power	K6AM	259,550
Non-CA Low Power	W8MJ	161,385
CA - Most CW	N6IG	1,567
CA - M/S Expedition	W6PT	293,625
Non-CA 1 st to 58	W8MJ	20:07Z

LOG CHECKING -

Our goal is to provide the best accuracy possible in these results. As always, there may be errors and any error found after publication will be updated on the CQP web site: <http://www.cqp.org>.

Logs without specifically showing an operating category were all entered as single op, high power. Many logs were received indicating an operating QTH very different than what others copied them to be on the air. In such cases, we used the vast majority of received reports rather than what was indicated in the log. Before submitting any log, please review it to be sure it has complete and accurate information.

Log checking was tackled by K6III, W6OAT, K6EP, N6DE, KF6RIP, N6ZFO and AD6E. Any simple copying error such as wrong NR, wrong QTH, or wrong call was penalized by reducing the score by 1/2 of that QSO. Double copying errors (e.g. wrong call and wrong NR) or worse were penalized by removing the QSO. The team used extensive search software to be as accurate as possible. Only QSOs that were either proven to be in error, or had a very highly probable error were reduced. No penalty was given by software alone. There was always a human judge to make the actual decision.

My thanks go to the log checkers who put in many hours of effort to get these results out. Their efforts have made these results more credible. Anyone who submitted a "soft" log can get a report file that details each and every deduction. Please send your request to cqp@contesting.com

SOAPBOX -

Congratulations to W8MJ on one incredible low power effort. His claimed score is only a bit below the out-of-state HIGH POWER record! ... Having spent five years from 1986 through 1990 working for the Northern California Contest Club as the Chairman of the CQP, it's fantastic to see that this contest is still so vibrant and activity-filled some 12 years after I retired from organizing it. Congratulations and thanks to those involved for generating the activity, getting together the awards, computer checking the logs so that the scores are meaningful, and publishing the final results. It's a big job, and you guys did great!
VA7RR

This undoubtedly has been my best CQP ever. Unbelievable support by N.C.C.C. and great band activity by the California Stations. Thanks for another great one.
W8MJ

There was great participation this year and a great shootout between K6LA, K6NA, and I. The bands were packed with CQPers!!! DX was down but stateside participation was up to make CQP a real ratefest. 15 hours of 100+ with another 3 in the 90's made for great fun. Once again CQP was a great success!
Thanks NCCC!!
N6ED