

## CQP 2013

With 30 new records set, a couple unexpected upsets and some new calls at the top, CQP 2013 once again proved to the amateur world that some of the best international competition can be had by working the premier state focused contest. The California QSO party!

At approaching a half-century in the running, The California QSO party (CQP) has long since graduated from infancy and has evolved into much more than a state QSO party. 2013 represented the 48<sup>th</sup> year running of this event, that traditionally rings in the annual amateur contesting season.

CQP employs the latest in technology for log submission and scoring, and combined with a team of dedicated veteran contest focused volunteers, is able to provide results accuracy that rival or exceed many International focused dx contests. With our headquarters centered squarely in the Silicon Valley, you can rest assured that we are continually reviewing our technology to improve efficiency in producing quality results. When our team completed this year's exhaustive scoring process, we were excited to see some new calls at the top of the box, and an astounding 30 new all time records broken from both inside and out of the Golden state!

The CQP team in association with the Northern California Contest Club greatly appreciates all participants in the contest. We work hard to make this competition fun and fair and encourage any and all operators world wide to participate. We congratulate all of this year's winners and hope to see you back next year for more!

Single OP category, In State.

This year the top Single Operator position award goes to veteran contester and former WRTC competitor Bob, K6XX. Bob turned in a very respectable score from his northern California coastal superstation in Santa Cruz winning him the top spot. Coming in second place was Rich WC6H with a big enough score to slide into second place from Calaveras County. Andy AE6Y also handed in a big score to earn 3<sup>rd</sup> place honors from Amador county. With a tight race between all 3 of these stations we congratulate Bob for the win and all 3 for a good show.

Single OP category Out of State

Ultimately CQP is a contest put on not just for California, but also for contesters worldwide. Many of the most serious entries come from different parts of the United States. This year brought us a tight race with serious entries from 3 separate US states. Dennis W1UE takes this year's top honor from Mass. In a tight race and just 7000 points behind Dennis, Don N4ZZ took the second place honors from Tenn. WX4G snagged 3<sup>rd</sup> place from North Carolina.

Multi-OP category

The multi-op category, long dominated by Team N6O from Contra Costa County was presented with an unexpected upset as a large and well-coordinated multi-op effort was executed from the Stanford Amateur Radio Club school station. Establishing a new all time multi-op record and school club honors, W6YX set the new bar for Multi-op stations around the state. Congrats to all the operators of the Stanford ARC for an outstanding performance.

## Club Competition

### In state

It's no secret that there are some big rivalries for the top honors of in-state club. Securing their win with a new all time record, the Mother Lode DX and Contesting club handily defended their position in first with an all time record in category. Redwood Empire DX association took second and new entrant Contest Club California Peninsula took 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Out of state

CQP is proud to hold club-based competition. With some great clubs competing for the top trophy, this year's winner with 31 logs submitted is Contest Club Ontario. In a tight race for second, the Potomac Valley Contest Club (PVRC) nudged ahead of The Tennessee Contest Group to take second place club honors.

### County expeditions.

Our county expeditioners are the backbone to the success of CQP. California is a huge state, with many remote counties that are difficult to activate. Prior to acknowledging this year's winner, I want to personally thank all operators who had the resources and energy to get out and activate rare counties for the world to work! In the single op expedition category W6ML (W6KC op) took top honors from MONO county. Right on his heels AD6E took second from Tulare. A fine business effort from both ops. Top Multi-Multi expedition went to team K6Z in Inyo, and multi-single to K6QK in Imperial County. All of you are CQP warriors. Thanks to all for your efforts and outstanding performances.

As a contest manager I wish I had the resources to mention each and every achievement in our write up, but results speak volumes. I would like to encourage each and every participant to check out our detail results page, congratulate these years' winners and hopefully prepare yourself for a win in 2014.

Check the full list of results, records and achievements at <http://www.cqp.org> and click on results.

Many thanks go to all of you, the CQP participants, and to all the dedicated testers that donate countless hours and resources making this one of the best contests of the year.

We once again congratulate all the winners and applaud the achievements that saw 30 records fall in 2014 and hope to see you next year!

73 and see you in CQP 2014

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