

## Results - Rookie Roundup – April 2012 (SSB)

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A third year of the ARRL's [Rookie Roundup](#) has begun with the April SSB contest. As the old TV show theme sang, "Californy is the place ya wanna be..." as there was a baker's dozen of entries from the Golden State. We saw lots more activity from the 8<sup>th</sup> district, too, and every one of the call areas was represented.

Along with dropping 6 meters from the contest, two major rule changes were in effect with this running of the contest; multioperator entries and team competition. Clubs had requested a multioperator category to maximize the number of Rookies that could use a club station and team competition has proved popular in other contests – why not in Rookie Roundup?

Scores	Call Area
1	VE, XE, DX
3	W0
4	W1
2	W2
3	W3
7	W4
5	W5
13	W6
7	W7
8	W8
5	W9

There was a bit of confusion about call signs and identification for some of the stations. A Technician call sign cannot be used on the HF phone bands (other than 10 meters) without adding the control operator's call. For example, a Technician such as KE7VDA working 20 meter phone at her station with control operator K6UFO would have to sign KE7VDA/K6UFO to show that the control operator is authorized for those frequencies, or simply use the control operator's call sign. (See FCC §97.119) For non-Rookie operators, should you encounter an operator identifying with a call sign not authorized for that frequency, politely inform them of the problem, make sure there isn't some mistake, and then suggest the correct procedure as you would like to be informed of a problem with your operating – no need to get upset as we all make mistakes.

We had quite a few "repeat Rookies" show up again in the results this year – welcome back!

5<sup>th</sup> district: NN5AA (district winner, 4<sup>th</sup> place last April)  
 7<sup>th</sup> district: KF7KCF (district winner, 2<sup>nd</sup> place last April)  
 7<sup>th</sup> district: KF7LUA (3<sup>rd</sup> place, district winner last April)  
 8<sup>th</sup> district: KF8OPI (3<sup>rd</sup> place, district winner last April)  
 9<sup>th</sup> district: KC9STV (district winner, 2<sup>nd</sup> place last April)

The top scores were from the coasts as Ashley, K6NAA (photo in the Soapbox section) hit the wire first with 15548 points from CA with Stephen, KF7KCF right behind her with 14798. Very nicely done!

	K6NAA	KF7KCF
Rookie QSOs	65	74
Non-Rookie QSOs	208	154
Multipliers	46	49
Final Score	<b>15548</b>	<b>14798</b>

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*KF7KCF's QSO and multiplier totals have been corrected here from the original version of the results – they were correct in the data table – Ed.*

How about these other exciting races? 1<sup>st</sup> district leader Mike, KB1UGS and runner-up Jeffrey, KG1WTI went toe-to-toe, separated at the final bell by only 129 points, 12470 for UGS and 12341 for WTI! In the 4<sup>th</sup> district, it was a close race between Scott, KK4ECR and KK4DZP for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

As this was the first Rookie Roundup with a Multioperator category – we’re putting the scores right up front. The top score – unlike the Single Operator category – came from the middle of the country and how appropriate is it that the Roundup’s highest multiop score came from Texas? A very nice job by the K5KRE group of operators to set the standard high for upcoming contests.

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Call Used	Operator Calls	QTH	Rookie QSOs	Non-Rookie QSOs	Multipliers	Score	Call Area
K5KRE	KF5PAX,K5KRE,KF5PGM,KF5JHY,KF5LK,KF5PFC,KF5STR,KF5MRN,KF5OWL	TX	45	96	40	7440	TX
W7DK	W7XTZ,W7MWF,KF7PXB,KF7SOV	WA	26	36	28	2464	WA
W3LRC	KB3VQH,KB3WNE,KB3WDV,KB3CCI	MD	16	41	25	1825	MD
WØHF	AK2L,KF7TKJ,KF7TKI,KF7RNM	AZ	14	5	10	330	AZ
KK4BGG	KK4BGG,KK4HXG	TN	9	3	8	168	TN
W9CEQ	KC9UZV,KC9SEB,AC9BS,WX9VOR	IL	10	1	8	168	IL
K6ALR	K6ALR,KJ6OVV	CA	3	5	8	88	CA
W1GMW	KB1VIK,KB1VIJ,KB1WSI	VT	2	2	2	12	VT

In the Team competition – Team Gold (W6VMT and KJ6VLD) submitted a total of 410 points with Team Red (a solo effort by NA8Y) turning in 189 points. Let’s see some more teams next time – let us know how we can make teams easier to form and publicize!

Now that you’ve broken the ice, it will be much easier to get on and start making contacts in the upcoming ARRL Field Day! There’s no better way to get a big dose of operating fun and guidance than at your local club’s Field Day operation. You can find local club Field Day sites at the ARRL’s [Field Day Station Locator](#) web page.

PDF certificates for all stations will be ready shortly courtesy of Bruce, WA7BNM – watch the Rookie Roundup Blog ([www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup](http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup)) for more information!

If you’ve enjoyed the Rookie Roundup, check out August’s North American QSO Party contests . ([www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com)) The popular NAQP events last for 12-hours (you can operate for 10 out of the 12 hours) on Saturday. The CW contest is on Aug 4<sup>th</sup> and the Phone contest on Aug 18<sup>th</sup>. Power is restricted to 100 watts output – so everyone is “barefoot”. The exchange is your name and state/province/DXCC entity and you can work stations on all six HF bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. It’s a GREAT way to work on your Five-Band Worked All States (5BWAS) award. ([www.arrl.org/was](http://www.arrl.org/was))

The biggest summertime HF of the year is coming up, too – the IARU HF Championship. All of the HF bands and both CW and SSB QSOs will be busy with stations from all over the world! You’ll find a

complete list of contests in the ARRL's Contest Corral at [www.arrl.org/contest-coral-calendar](http://www.arrl.org/contest-coral-calendar) and in *QST* every month.

August 15<sup>th</sup> will be the date for the RTTY version of Rookie Roundup and December 16<sup>th</sup> is the opportunity for Rookies to try CW contesting.

Tell your friends and your club about Rookie Roundup! For those Rookies who are graduating to non-Rookie status, it was great having you participate – why not put on your Elmering hat and help a Rookie get started. We'll see you in the next one!

73, Sean Kutzko KX9X, ARRL Contest Branch Manager

*[For those readers unfamiliar with the contest, Rookies (hams licensed during the past three years) work each other as well as non-Rookies while the Non-Rookies may only work Rookies. That format makes it very similar to the old ARRL Novice Roundup and the Rookie Roundup has a similar mission – to give new hams a contest just for them and encourage them to operate on the HF bands.]*

## SOAPBOX

*(It's called "soapbox" from the old term of "standing on a soapbox" to make a public comment. The following soapbox commentary was collected from the scores received web page.)*

*I am a brand new ham (first licensed 2/23/2012) and was introduced to this contest by my Elmer. I was not sure if I would like contesting and wanted to slide into it slowly. I got a lot more than I expected. The Rookie Round Up was a great introductory contest for me to enter and I will be bringing up this contest to my club to try to get the rest of them behind it. I was not sure what I was doing, but the friendly responses I got from my contacts encouraged me more and kept my excitement up for the duration of the event and even days after. I am looking forward to entering in 2013/2014, and I plan to be on the air looking for the rookies after that to help promote the event. I am sure the memory of this event will stay with me and will be something I tell new hams for years to come. Thank You and the ARRL for sponsoring this event. -- Jeff Shaw, KB1WTI*

*We had antenna problems which resulted in almost no QSO's but the roundup was a qualified success anyway. Hams that have been around for a long time modeled good listening and tuning skills, good QSO and logging skills and so on. We also demonstrated logging software. In addition I provided each rookie with a folder full of good information including maps, RST info, country prefixes, band chart and so on. So it was OK. - WA1VT (Elmer for W1GMW)*

*There was no one who wanted to talk to me. As a Technician I was limited to ten meters which was pretty dead. This was fantastic motivation to pass the General, which I am taking tomorrow night in NYC. This was my second contest since getting my license in February. My first was multi operator effort in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest which I did with my grandfather, N2FF, where I made almost 200 QSOs in four hours. I am thirteen years old and in the eighth grade. -- KC2BSM*

*Thanks for the contest!! 73s to all!! – KC4DZP*

*My first contest, and I only had a half hour to do it, but I talked with a rookie in New Hampshire and another in Germany! I'll be back. – N4NUD*

*Hoped to do better this year, but pretty much the entire state of Arkansas was covered with heavy clouds, with intermittent rain and some torrential downpours from slow-moving thunderstorms. I had just installed a much better ground system, worked great Saturday evening. But alas, too much QRN Sunday afternoon that was weather related. I had quite a difficult time even hearing some stations, and I'm sure it was the same on their end too. It was still fun to participate. Now to get ready for the RTTY event in August and the CW event in December. -- NN5AA*

*Great fun, most of the non-rookies were patient with us... -- W5TJS*

*A great time had by all. Rookies were operating like old timers after 10 minutes at the microphone. – K5KRE*

*The bands were not open except 20m, however we were able to contact CE4UJU in Chile, Brazil via 10m. – K6ALR*



*My first contact in this contest was only the 4th contact I ever made in my life. It was lots of fun working my Dad, K6NA, on three bands, our first QSOs ever. Thanks to N6TV for being the world's best coach. – K6NAA (Photo by N6TV)*

*I really enjoyed the Rookie Roundup. It is only the second time that I have operated HF since I got my license, and it was a lot of fun. I was especially pleased with making my first and only DX contact, with JA2GZZ in Japan, in the last few minutes of the contest. Many thanks to the people who helped me at the Stanford ARC (W6YX): Joanna (K6YL) and Rebar(N6DB).—KJ6PUN*

*First Rookie Roundup I ever worked! – KJ6MQM*

*This is my first contest and I did it all with no help so I hope I did it right. No matter what I had a blast doing it and can't wait for the next one. – KB6ECV*

*Lots of fun my first time. No action on 40 or 80. – K6TDI*

*My son and I, both Rookies, had a great day at the awesome Stanford ARC station (W6YX). I improved my HF operating knowledge many-fold by listening in as my son operated and getting on the air a bit myself. Many thanks to Joanna (K6YL) and Rebar (N6DB) who provided the station, made participation easy, and gave so much helpful advice. – KJ6PUO*

*All on 10 meters. – KJ6HUP*

*Only worked 10m. The band was not very active here on the West Coast. – KJ6NLD*

*My first ever contest! During my first two hours I was at best fumbling with not much success. I almost hung it up but instead decided to give it a go with 2 hours to go. By the last 30 minutes I was getting a pile up! Kind of cool being on the other end of it. My heart was literally racing trying to catch my final few QSOs in the last remaining minutes. – KF7TGI*

*This was my last year participating in the Rookie Roundup as a Rookie. I've thoroughly enjoyed this contest, and look forward to participating next year as an OM! – NM8W*

*The bands seemed dead or I am really bad. Not sure which. Anyhow, see ya at Field Day.—NA8Y*

*Other commitments limited my operating time. I still had lots of fun. – KD8PPW*

*We operated as an all-Rookie station using the club call, W9CEQ, Fox River Radio League, Aurora, IL. Had a great time learning much about contesting procedures. Had help from other club members who came out to Elmer our experience. All of us want to continue to improve on our contesting skills. 73 – W9CEQ*

*Didn't hear anything on 10m. Had a few contacts on 40m. Most contacts were on 20m but tough to get through the Georgia QSO Party traffic. For my first contest I think it went ok. – VA3EEB*

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Call Used	Operator Call	QTH	Rookie QSOs	Non-Rookie QSOs	Multipliers	Score	Place	Call Area
K1ING	K1ING	CO	54	98	33	6798	1st	∅
KDØQNC	KDØQNC	KS	5	4	8	112	2nd	∅
KDØOAJ	KDØOAJ	KS	0	1	1	1	3rd	∅
KB1UGS	KB1UGS	MA	63	164	43	12470	1st	1
KB1WTI	KB1WTI	NH	53	195	41	12341	2nd	1
AB1OD	AB1OD	CT	9	2	9	180	3rd	1
KC2WMR	KC2WMR	NY	11	12	10	340	1st	2
KD2BSM	KD2BSM	NY	0	3	2	6	2nd	2
AJ3O	AJ3O	PA	10	14	16	544	1st	3
K3LLC	K3LLC	PA	3	0	2	12	2nd	3
AK4QU	AK4QU	TN	24	84	34	4488	1st	4
KK4ECR	KK4ECR	FL	18	34	24	1680	2nd	4
KK4DZP	KK4DZP	FL	17	25	28	1652	3rd	4
KJ4VXG	KJ4VXG	TN	9	16	13	442	4th	4
N2HAK	N2HAK	NC	4	11	8	152	5th	4
N4NUD	N4NUD	FL	2	0	2	8	6th	4
NN5AA	NN5AA	AR	7	14	12	336	1st	5
W5TJS	W5TJS	OK	6	13	7	175	2nd	5
AF5DI	AF5DI	OK	6	6	8	144	3rd	5
KF5GBL	KF5GBL	TX	2	5	7	63	4th	5
K6NAA	K6NAA	CA	65	208	46	15548	1st	6
KJ6PUN	KJ6PUN	CA	28	111	37	6179	2nd	6
KJ6SEE	KJ6SEE	CA	22	48	28	2576	3rd	6
W6VMT	W6VMT	CA	12	8	12	384	4th	6
KJ6MQM	KJ6MQM	CA	10	9	4	116	5th	6
KB6ECV	KB6ECV	CA	5	3	8	104	6th	6
K6TDI	K6TDI	CA	6	2	7	98	7th	6
KJ6PUO	KJ6PUO	CA	3	7	7	91	8th	6
K6PBF	K6PBF	CA	5	2	4	48	9th	6
K6RQT	K6RQT	CA	4	2	4	40	10th	6
KJ6HUP	KJ6HUP	CA	2	8	2	24	11th	6
KJ6NLD	KJ6NLD	CA	2	7	2	22	12th	6
KF7KCF	KF7KCF	WA	74	154	49	14798	1st	7
KF7TGI	KF7TGI	OR	35	77	36	5292	2nd	7
KF7LUA	KF7LUA	ID	16	43	27	2025	3rd	7

K9QJS	K9QJS	WA	9	17	7	245	4th	7
K7RVW	K7RVW	OR	2	4	5	40	5th	7
KD8OSD	KD8OSD	MI	12	33	23	1311	1st	8
NM8W	NM8W	OH	16	20	20	1040	2nd	8
KD8OPI	KD8OPI	OH	13	21	18	846	3rd	8
KD8POD	KD8POD	MI	14	3	9	279	4th	8
NA8Y	NA8Y	OH	7	7	9	189	5th	8
KD8QYE	KD8QYE	MI	4	5	9	117	6th	8
KD8PPW	KD8PPW	OH	7	0	7	98	7th	8
KD8PIR	KD8PIR	OH	1	5	2	14	8th	8
KC9STV	KC9STV	WI	30	81	29	4089	1st	9
NX9A	NX9A	WI	10	19	13	507	2nd	9
KC9TEP	KC9TEP	IL	11	7	13	377	3rd	9
KC9UJM	KC9UJM	WI	0	1	1	1	4th	9
VA3EEB	VA3EEB	ON	9	8	12	312	1st	VE3

**Non-Rookie Participants:**

W6NN, KX9X, K6NA, W1WBB, K4RO, N5ZO, KA7O – these stations submitted a score on the contest web page but many, many more made contacts with the Rookie operators. Thank you to all of the experienced contesters that either made it into a Rookie's log or made a station available to them for the contest!