# 2014 CW Open – Results Sponsored by CWops and ICOM America

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### **Introduction and Summary**

The CW Open consists of three separate four-hour sprints known as "sessions." The objective is to work as many CW stations worldwide as possible within each session. Each station may be worked once per band in each session. Entry can be made to any or all of the sessions. Each session is scored separately. Entries into multiple sessions are added together to form a combined score. Additionally, there is a team competition, which is unconstrained by geographical location.

The sessions occupied the following slots: 1: 0000–0359z, 2: 1200–1559z, 3: 2000–2359z.

The awards provided by **ICOM America** are beautiful and consist of trophies and plaques. CWops really appreciates ICOM's continuing support of our premier operating event. Please be sure to check out ICOM at: http://www.icomamerica.com/en/amateur/

Participation was good but down this year to 53,202 QSOs (19,327, 17,515, 16,360; Sessions 1, 2, and 3, respectively) and 496 logs were submitted and adjudicated (159, 179, 158; Sessions 1, 2, and 3, respectively). Interestingly, the number of QSOs/log stayed approximately constant at 108/log in 2014 vs. 112/log in 2013. There were certainly fewer entries from ITU Region 1 in 2014 relative to 2013.

The CW Open has settled into a regular calender slot: "First Saturday in September." The contest calendar is full and the CWO Committee is doing its best to avoid direct time conflicts. This year, the final minute of Session 3 bumped into the start of the NA Sprint. This form of near conflict will only occur every five years or so.

Regarding results, the race for the top spot in HP was a "photo finish" in Session 1 and Session 2 and required a detailed recount! Error-free logs were way up this year, even with the tough CWO exchange and less-than-optimal conditions.

The CWO had its first (unofficial) Multi Multi operation with Rick N1DC and Pi K1RV piloting K1USN during Session 2. They had a visit from Mr. Murphy but soldiered on and put in a great performance. The CWO Committee plans to discuss different operating classes for next year.

In addition to the Top Ten boxes and full box scores, be sure to check out the Soapbox! All the files are located at: http://www.cwops.org/cwopen.html.

And the big news.....

The award structure was expanded significantly for 2014!

### Congratulations to the 2014 award winners!

Trophy, high score, each session, each ITU Region

Region 1: Session 1: **UA5C** Session 2: **UA5C** Session 3: **DL5AXX** Region 2: Session 1: **N4AF** Session 2: **N4AF** Session 3: **N4AF** Region 3: Session 1, Session 2, Session 3: Not Awarded in 2014

Trophy, high combined score (all sessions), each ITU region

Region 1: **UA5C** Region 2: **N4AF** Region 3: Not Awarded in 2014

Plaque, high score, each of HP, LP and QRP, each session, each ITU region

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Region 1
      Session 1
            HP:
                  UA5C
            LP, QRP: Not Awarded in 2014
      Session 2
            HP:
                  UA5C
            LP:
                  SF3A
            QRP: Not Awarded in 2014
      Session 3:
            HP:
                  DL5AXX
            LP, QRP: Not Awarded in 2014
Region 2
      Session 1
            HP:
                  N4AF
            LP:
                  K<sub>0</sub>AD
            QRP: NW2K
      Session 2
            HP:
                  N4AF
            LP:
                  N5AW
            QRP: W7ZRC
      Session 3:
            HP:
                  N4AF
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WJ9B

QRP: NW2K

Region 3

LP:

Session 1: HP, LP, QRP, Not Awarded in 2014 Session 2: HP, LP, QRP, Not Awarded in 2014 Session 3: HP, LP, QRP, Not Awarded in 2014

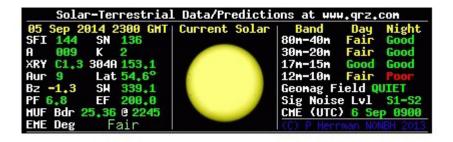
Winner, Team Competition (Awarded Most Excellent Bragging Rights!)

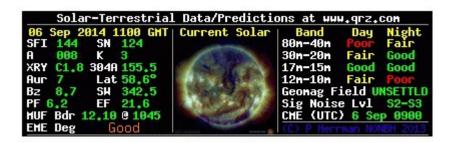
# **PVRC Zutters**

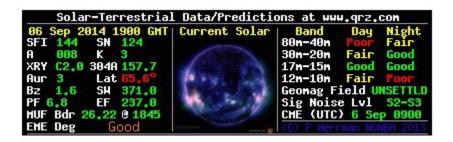
<sup>\*\*\*</sup> A minimum of 100 QSOs (after log checking) was required to win an award. If the same entrant won multiple awards, the awards will be combined.

### **Conditions and Propagation**

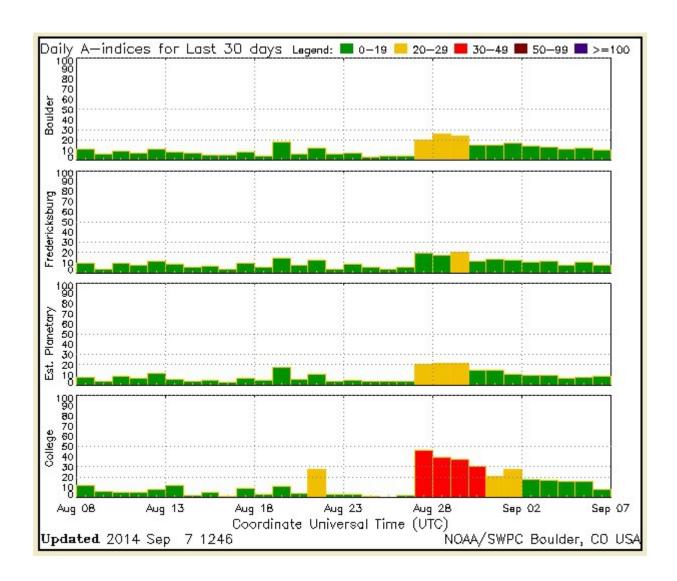
Conditions were simply OK during the CW Open this year. Here are a few informative charts regarding propagation, one hour before the start of each Session:

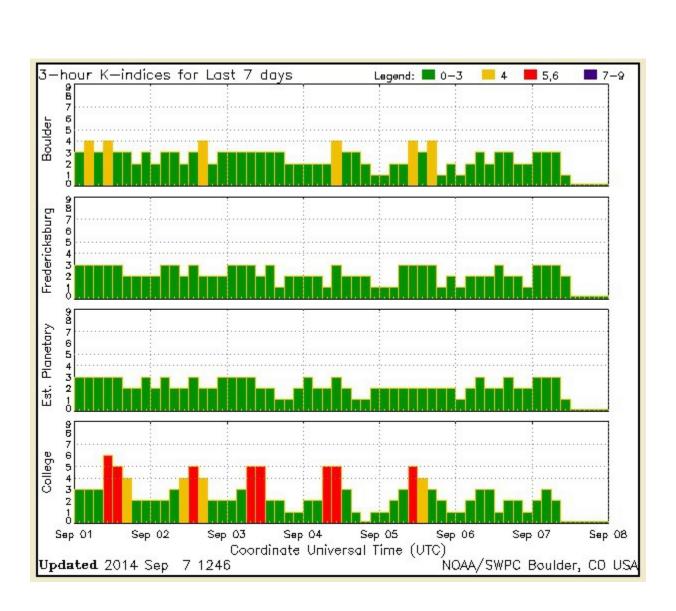


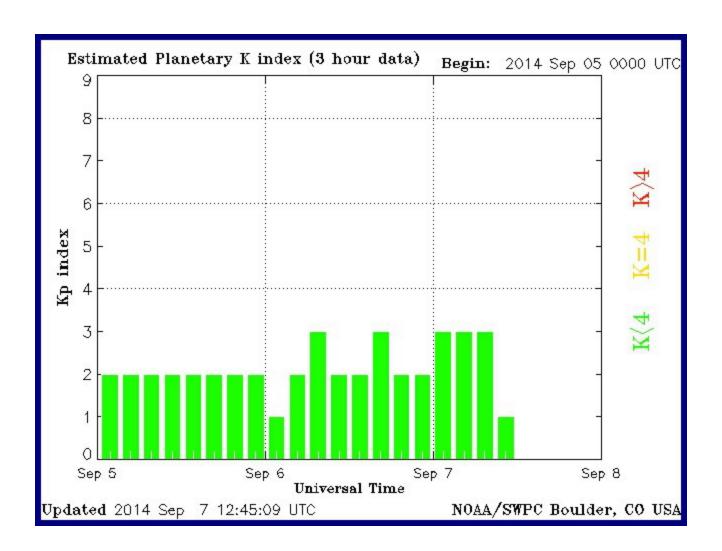




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#### 2014 Results – General Comments

The overall results are presented by session (1, 2, 3), and by power level (HIGH, LOW, QRP). These tables are located in separate PDF files on the CWops website. Error-free logs are denoted in gold. Top Ten lists were then created by session and power level to highlight the fine achievement of the leading Ops. These Top Tens are located below. Additionally, tables were created to illustrate the top combined scores, which are also listed below. Finally, the team competition is discussed and summarized near the end of this report. Plaques and Trophies will be mailed in JAN-FEB 2015.

### A Note on Log Checking

All submitted logs were checked for accuracy and scoring issues. Every log received was checked by computer to cross check each and every QSO. If the "other" log was available, all parts of the QSO were checked. If a QSO was uncheckable because the other log was not available, then some parts could still be checked by recognizing that others who worked the same station had similar (in most cases exact) reported exchange information.

All log checks resulted in a RPT (report) file detailing each and every deduction. If you would like to receive your RPT file, let us know with an email to CWO@cwops.org.

### A Note on Accuracy

There were plenty of Golden Logs! Session 1: 9; Session 2: 14; Session 3: 19. Golden Logs are error-free and contain 50 or more QSOs. The Golden Logs are highlighted in Gold in the Top Ten results. One contestant had Pure Gold! Congratulations Jim K7WA!

Jim K7WA (Session 1: 89/71, Session 2: 67/59, Session 3: 52/49)

Of special mention, with two Golden Logs each:

Jim KI7Y (Session 1: 137/94, Session 3: 59/52)
Deko LZ1QV (Session 1: 51/48, Session 2: 71/60)
Mike AA8IA (Session 1: 62/50, Session 2: 108/86)
Mitch NW0M (Session 2: 191/123, Session 3: 162/110)
Mel KJ9C (Session 2: 84/69, Session 3: 54/47)
Mark W7TST (Session 2: 183/120, Session 3: 183/127)
Phil HB9ARF (Session 2: 83/70, Session 3: 84/69)

Even with the complicated CWO exchange and rough conditions, several Ops had QSO error rates well below 1%. Check out the Top Ten boxes below to see how the leaders did in terms of accuracy.

While all logs are checked by computer, there is human intervention in generating the results documents. Please check your scores and send us a note if we made a mistake (CWO@cwops.org).

# Thanks to CWops and ICOM!

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Special Thanks to the fine Ops around the World that participated in the 2014 CW Open.

See you next year on September 5, 2015! Details here: http://www.cwops.org/cwopen.html

### **Top Tens - Session 1**

#### Session 1

Call	Operator	Station	Name	QSOs	Mults	Score	Busts	Р	SO2R	Assisted
N4AF	N4AF	N4AF	HOWIE	356	211	75116	10	Н	Υ	Υ
AA3B	AA3B	AA3B	BUD	370	202	74740	3	Н	Υ	Υ
K0RF	K0RF	K0RF	CHUCK	368	194	71392	11	Н	Υ	Υ
N5RZ	N5RZ	N5RZ	<b>GATOR</b>	336	182	61152	5	Н	Υ	Ν
N6RO	N6RO	N6RO	KEN	342	176	60192	7	Н	Υ	Ν
K6RB	K6RB	K6RB	ROB	322	177	56994	6	Н	Υ	Ν
K4RO	K4RO	K4RO	KIRK	318	176	55968	8	Н	Υ	Υ
K4BAI	K4BAI	K4BAI	JOHN	318	175	55650	2	Н	Ν	Ν
AE6Y	AE6Y	AE6Y	ANDY	312	172	53664	3	Η	Υ	Ν
N4PN	N4PN	N4PN	PAUL	290	171	49590	6	Н	N	Y
Call	Operator	Station	Name	QSOs	Mults	Score	Busts	Р	SO2R	Assisted
K0AD	K0AD	K0AD	AL	292	167	48764	3	L	Υ	Y
K7SV	K7SV	K7SV	LAR	290	154	44660	4	L	Ϋ́	Y
WJ9B	WJ9B	WJ9B	WILL	276	160	44160	7	L	Υ	Ν
W1NN	W1NN	W1NN	HAL	262	141	36942	1	L	Ν	Υ
N3JT	N3JT	N3JT	JIM	241	146	35186	8	L	Ν	Υ
W3KB	W3KB	W3KB	KEITH	244	144	35136	10	L	Ν	Υ
KG5U	KG5U	KG5U	DALE	217	126	27342	4	L	Ν	Ν
NW0M	NW0M	NW0M	MITCH	208	131	27248	1	L	Ν	Ν
W7TST	KN7T	W7TST	MARK	194	131	25414	4	L	Ν	Ν
N4YDU	N4YDU	N4YDU	SAM	193	118	22774	8	L	N	Υ
Call	Operator	Station	Name	QSOs	Mults	Score	Ruete	Р	SO2R	Assisted
NW2K	NW2K	NW2K	DEAN	172	110	18920	1	Q	Y	Y
W6JTI	W6JTI	W6JTI	FRANK	128	94	12032	1	Q	N	N
N5RR	N5RR	N5RR	BILL	149	78	11622	5	Q	N	Y
K2UFT	K2UFT	K2UFT	DICK	103	74	7622	2	Q	N	N
W7ZRC	W7ZRC	W7ZRC	ROD	84	74	6216	1	Q	N	N
KU7Y	KU7Y	KU7Y	RON	88	69	6072	3	Q	N	Y
RT4W	RT4W	RT4W	MIKE	55	34	1870	2	Q	N	Ϋ́
WB5BKL	WB5BKL	WB5BKL	NICK	46	39	1794	7	Q	N	N
N6GA	N6GA	N6GA	CAM	29	29	841	1	Q	N	N
N8XX	N8XX	N8XX	OSCAR	26	26	676	0	Q	N	N

Gold indicates a Golden Log, 50 or more QSOs. "Busts" is the number of busted QSOs.

In HP, Howie N4AF edged out Bud AA3B by a mere 376 points (0.5%!) and Chuck K0RF was close behind in third. Gator N5RZ and Ken N6RO rounded out the top 5 in HP. If you want a win in HP, you'll need to add SO2R to the shack.

The LP winner, Al K0AD, snagged more mults than second place finisher Lar K7SV. By design, mults make all the difference in CWO. Will WJ9B was extremely close behind in third and was unassisted unlike Al and Lar. Hal W1NN and Jim N3JT secured 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively.

The 5W gang saw Dean NW2K lead the pack over second place finisher Frank W6JTI. Bill N5RR, Dick K2UFT and Rod W7ZRC, finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place.

### Top Tens - Session 2

#### Session 2

Call	Operator	Station	Name	QSOs	Mults	Score	Busts	Ρ	SO2R	<b>Assisted</b>
N4AF	N4AF	N4AF	HOWIE	317	198	62766	3	Η	Υ	Υ
AA3B	AA3B	AA3B	BUD	319	195	62205	5	Η	Υ	Υ
K4RO	K4RO	K4RO	KIRK	275	187	51425	8	Н	Υ	Υ
K4BAI	K4BAI	K4BAI	JOHN	280	181	50680	2	Н	Ν	Ν
K6RB	K6RB	K6RB	ROB	293	170	49810	2	Η	Υ	Ν
UA5C	UA5C	UA5C	ALEX	236	194	45784	17	Η	Ν	Υ
N4GG	N4GG	N4GG	HAL	264	167	44088	5	Η	Ν	Υ
RK4FU	RK4FU	RK4FU	VLAD	232	190	44080	19	Н	Υ	Υ
N6RK	N6RK	N6RK	RICK	268	160	42880	6	Η	Ν	Ν
N8AA	N8AA	N8AA	JOHN	253	167	42251	4	Н	N	N
Call	Operator	Station	Name	QSOs	Mults	Score	Busts	Р	SO2R	Assisted
N5AW	N5AW	N5AW	MARV	309	197	60873	2	L	Υ	Ν
WJ9B	WJ9B	WJ9B	WILL	303	165	49995	8	L	Υ	Ν
K0AD	K0AD	K0AD	AL	251	160	40160	4	L	Υ	Υ
K7SV	K7SV	K7SV	LAR	229	148	33892	2	L	Υ	Υ
W3KB	W3KB	W3KB	KEITH	223	136	30328	2	L	Ν	Υ
K0FX	K0FX	K0FX	DON	203	134	27202	13	L	Ν	Ν
KG5U	KG5U	KG5U	DALE	200	127	25400	3	L	Υ	N
K7WP	K7WP	K7WP	JOHN	189	125	23625	2	L	Ν	N
NW0M	NW0M	NW0M	MITCH	191	123	23493	0	L	Ν	N
W8CAR	W8CAR	W8CAR	DAN	182	123	22386	3	L	N	N
Call	Operator	Station	Name	QSOs	Mults	Score	Busts	Р	SO2R	Assisted
W7ZRC	W7ZRC	W7ZRC	ROD	163	102	16626	4	Q	Ν	Ν
NW2K	NW2K	NW2K	DEAN	154	96	14784	1	Q	Υ	Υ
KU7Y	KU7Y	KU7Y	RON	127	88	11176	3	Q	Ν	Υ
K2UFT	K2UFT	K2UFT	DICK	103	83	8549	4	Q	Ν	Ν
K6XT	K6XT	K6XT	ART	81	69	5589	3	Q	Ν	Ν
N8XX	N8XX	N8XX	OSCAR	69	63	4347	1	Q	Ν	Ν
WB5BKL	WB5BKL	WB5BKL	NICK	63	48	3024	5	Q	Ν	Ν
RT4W	RT4W	RT4W	MIKE	53	39	2067	1	Q	Ν	Ν
RW3AI	RW3AI	RW3AI	VAL	32	29	928	0	Q	Ν	Ν
N6GA	N6GA	N6GA	CAM	28	25	700	1	Q	N	N

Gold indicates a Golden Log, 50 or more QSOs. "Busts" is the number of busted QSOs.

Again, Howie N4AF achieved the top spot in HP in another "photo finish" with Bud AA3B, with only 561 points between them (0.9%!). Kirk K4RO, John K4BAI and Rob K6RB formed a tight points cluster in 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>. Every Q and mult counts in the CWO!

In LP, Marv N5AW pushed hard to a decisive win by racking up the mults, with Will WJ9B holding a strong 2<sup>nd</sup>. Marv's impressive total would have placed him solidly in 3<sup>rd</sup> in HP! Al K0AD finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> with Lar K7SV and Keith W3KB in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively.

In QRP, Rod W7ZRC outscored Dean NW2K in both QSOs and mults with Ron KU7Y showing in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dick K2UFT and Art K6XT completed the Top 5 in QRP.

### Top Tens - Session 3

### Session 3

Call Operator S	Station Nan	ne QSOs	Mults	Score	Busts	Р	SO2R	Assisted
N4AF N4AF N	N4AF HOW	IE 329	215	70735	6	Н	Υ	Υ
K5OT K5OT K	K5TR LARF	RY 329	202	66458	2	Н	Υ	Ν
K4BAI K4BAI K	K4BAI JOH	IN 304	211	64144	1	Н	Ν	Ν
N5ZO N5ZO N	N5ZO MARK	O 295	191	56345	2	Н	Υ	Ν
K7RL K7RL K	K7RL E	D 273	185	50505	7	Н	Υ	Υ
K1RO K1RO F	K1RO MAF	RK 274	184	50416	1	Н	Ν	Ν
K6RB K6RB k	K6RB RC	)B 271	172	46612	0	Н	Υ	Ν
K5KG K5KG F	K5KG GE	O 259	178	46102	8	Н	Ν	Υ
N4GG N4GG N	N4GG HA	AL 258	173	44634	5	Н	Υ	Υ
AA3B AA3B A	AA3B BU	JD 262	165	43230	3	Н	Υ	Υ
Call Operator S	Station Nan	ne QSOs	Mults	Score	Rusts	Р	SO2R	Assisted
•	WJ9B WI		144	35280		L	Y	N
	K0VBU BI		153	29223		Ĺ	N	N
	WD4AHZ RC		150	27150		L	N	Y
	W8CAR DA		135	24840		L	N	N
		IM 185	128	23680		L	N	Y
	W7TST MAF		127	23241		L	N	N
	K1DW DALLA		129	22059		L	Ν	Υ
	K7SV LA		117	20241	9	L	Υ	Υ
	K9XZ MIK		127	19558	27	L	Ν	Υ
	NW0M MITC		110	17820		L	N	N
Call Operator S	Station Nan	ne QSOs	Mults	Score	Ructe	Р	SO2R	Assiste d
•	NW2K DEA		121	23232		Q	Y	Assisted
	W7ZRC RC		106	17490		Q	N	N
	KU7Y RO		108	15984		Q	N	Y
	WB5BKL NIC		59	4366		Q	N	N
	N5RR BI		46	2438		Q	N	N
	K1SX DAV		28	896		Q	N	N
	N6GA CA		27	729		Q	N	N
	WT2P FRE		22	729 484		Q	N	N
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		AR 11	11	121	3	Q	N	N

Gold indicates a Golden Log, 50 or more QSOs. "Busts" is the number of busted QSOs.

Howie N4AF racks up another win in HP this year with Larry K5OT in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hat Trick for Howie! John K4BAI finished 3<sup>rd</sup> ahead of Marko N5ZO. Mitch K7RL secures a Top 5 in HP.

Will WJ9B wins LP with 245/144 ahead of Bill K0VBU and Ron WD4AHZ. Dan W8CAR achieves  $4^{\rm th}$  with Jim N3JT earning another Top 5.

Dean NW2K wins QRP ahead of Rod W7ZRC and Ron KU7Y. Nick WB5BKL and Bill N5RR finish 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively. The QRP category continues to be an important component of the CW Open and it's increasingly competitive.

### **Combined Scores - Top Tens**

Call	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total	Power
N4AF	75116	62766	70735	208617	HIGH
AA3B	74740	62205	43230	180175	HIGH
K4BAI	55650	50680	64144	170474	HIGH
K6RB	56994	49810	46612	153416	HIGH
N4GG	47261	44088	44634	135983	HIGH
K1RO	46646	33176	50416	130238	HIGH
K3MD	46784	39273	36972	123029	HIGH
WO4O	39116	36300	40915	116331	HIGH
K4RO	55968	51425	0	107393	HIGH
N8BJQ	38448	31500	35164	105112	HIGH
Call	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total	Power
WJ9B	44160	49995	35280	129435	LOW
K7SV	44660	33892	20241	98793	LOW
K0AD	48764	40160	0	88924	LOW
W3KB	35136	30328	15855	81319	LOW
N3JT	35186	19836	23680	78702	LOW
N5AW	2254	60873	10120	73247	LOW
W7TST	25414	21960	23241	70615	LOW
NW0M	27248	23493	17820	68561	LOW
KG5U	27342	25400	0	52742	LOW
W8CAR	4672	22386	24840	51898	LOW
Call	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total	Power
NW2K	18920	14784	23232	56936	QRP
W7ZRC	6216	16626	17490	40332	QRP
KU7Y	6072	11176	15984	33232	QRP
K2UFT	7622	8549	0	16171	QRP
N5RR	11622	0	2438	14060	QRP
W6JTI	12032	0	0	12032	QRP
WB5BKL	1794	3024	4366	9184	QRP
K6XT	0	5589	0	5589	QRP
N8XX	676	4347	0	5023	QRP
RT4W	1870	2067	0	3937	QRP

In HP, Howie N4AF wins it all with a Hat Trick and a combined 1002/624. Bud AA3B is right there in  $2^{nd}$  with John K4BAI finishing in  $3^{rd}$ . Rob K6RB and Hal N4GG round out the Top 5.

Will WJ9B cruised to an overall win in LP. Lar K7SV finished a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> with Al K0AD in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Keith W3KB and Jim N3JT complete the Top 5 in LP.

Dean NW2K edged out Rod W7ZRC for the top spot in QRP with Ron KU7Y finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> just ahead of Dick K2UFT and Bill N5RR.

## Team Competition – 2014 CW Open

PVRC ZUTTERS	816,981
N4AF	208,617
WJ9B	129,435
K7SV	98,793
N3JT	78,702
N4YDU	78,214
N3HEE	74,389
K4EU	57,794
N3QE	48,148
WOUCE	41,408
K6RM	1,481
SECC and Friends	773,190
K4BAI	170,474
N4GG	135,983
WO40	116,331
K4RO	107,393
N8BJQ	105,112
N4PN	91,422
N1CC	33,058
KU8E	8,787
WN4AFP	4,630
N4OX	0
DFWCG/CTDXCC	464,625
W5ASP	74,237
N5AW	73,247
N5RZ	70,354
K5OT	66,458
KG5U	52,742
W0VX	51,021
AC5K	50,399
N5QQ	26,167
AF5I	0
K5TU	0

FRC	438,265
AA3B	180,175
K3MD	123,029
W3KB	81,319
W9RE	50,835
K3WW	2,907
N3DXX	0
NCCC	342,640
K6RB	153,416
N6RO	60,192
AE6Y	53,664
W6SX	20,463
K6MR	19,082
W6JTI	12,032
NA6O	9,343
K6DGW	9,038
W6OAT	4,356
M60	1,054
NCC/MRRC & Friends	258,506
N8AA	55,832
W8CAR	51,898
W2GN	46,756
W1NN	36,942
N2ZN	35,868
NA8V	27,894
N8SS	1,848
K8PP	1,468
YCCC Chowda	214,353
K1RO	130,238
N1RR	81,315
W1UJ	2,800
	2,000

Black Hole	181,442
K9XZ	47,996
K3WA	47,152
KJ9C	46,518
AL9A	20,630
AB9YC	17,110
KC9EE	1,552
WT2P	484
W. Washington DXC	136,162
K7RL	50,505
W70M	45,037
W6SZN	22,632
K7WA	12,820
NG7Z/4	5,168
N7TK	0
QRP Team Thunder	128,405
NW2K	56,936
KU7Y	33,232
K2UFT	16,171
WB5BKL	9,184
K6XT	5,589
N8XX	5,023
N6GA	2,270
WA8HSB	0
WB3AAL	0
AA4GA	0
MWA	96,306
KOAD	88,924
NOAT	7,160
KOTNT	222
W9LHG	0
W. Washington CC	79,660
W7TST (KN7T)	70,615
KO7I	9,045
AE7NR	0

K1USN Radio Club	44,441
N1DC	35,630
K1USN	8,811
K1RV	0
The Vikings	24,051
SM3CER (SF3A)	14,676
SM4DQE (SE4E)	9,142
SM5ALJ	233
DFW Contest Group	15,460
K5NZ	15,460
NM5M	0
K5RT	0
N5IR	0
Deep Dixie CC	10,025
WB5EIN	10,025
AB5OR	0
K5XU	0
K5KU	0
N4OGW	0