

Results of the 2011 CQ DX Marathon

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W8QZA, the 2010 Formula Class winner for 10 watts or less, IK0OZD, 2011 Unlimited Class winner, shown in his impressive shack.



Was it the announcement of additional plaques? The great propagation in the latter half of the year? Maybe both! Overall participation in the DX Marathon increased dramatically in 2011. Although the maximum possible score increased by only 2 points (333 vs 331) over last year, over 20% of the 2011 Marathon participants scored 300 points or more—a whopping 250% more than 2010! Needless to say, competition at the top of most categories was very fierce. Adding to the competition was the activation of a few countries that only lasted a few hours; if you missed them, you missed critical points in 2011.

Submissions were up by over 20%, with a significant increase in those chasing single-band or single-mode awards. With the expansion of the number of plaques from 2 to 19 in 2011, there will be more Marathon participants hanging a beautiful award on their shack walls. Once again the majority of the logs (75%) were Unlimited Class. Although 60% of the logs came from the

USA and Brazil, submissions from Canada, Australia, Italy, Germany, Japan, and Chile were up significantly.

And the Winners Are....

After two years of the Unlimited Class winner coming from North America, we are very pleased to announce that Antonio "Tony" d'Arpino, IK0OZD, won this year's competition with a score of 327, working 287 countries and all 40 zones. Congratulations, Tony! Following closely behind were OM3EY, NY0V, and G0BLB with scores of 325, 324, and 322, respectively. Competition in

Formula Class was even closer with Tom Colyard, K4MM, claiming the Formula Class Plaque with a total score of 284—30 points higher than last year's Formula Class winner! Right behind Tom were UT9FJ, DL4CW (last year's winner), and N5UD with scores of 284, 280, and 280, respectively. Since K4MM and UT9FJ had the same score, we used the DX Marathon tie-breaker rule, which looks at the earliest date for the last country worked. K4MM's last entry was December 29th, while UT9FJ's last entry was December 31st. Congratulations to all of our Formula Class participants.

PX MARATHON PLAQUE SPONSORS

We wish to thank the sponsors of the DX Marathon plaques as your support is critical to the success of the DX Marathon program. There are additional openings for plaque sponsors, so please contact the DX Marathon administrator if you are interested in sponsoring a plaque.

Current plaques and sponsors:

Top Unlimited Class Score – Northern Illinois DX Association

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Top CW only score – Bencher, Inc.

Top SSB only score - Collins Amateur Radio Club in Memory of Art Collins, W0CXX

Top Digital only score – Carroll D Jensen Memorial K6CDJ

Top Single band scores (10-80) – Plaque sponsor wishes to

Top Continental scores - Plaque sponsor wishes to remain anonymous

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TOP SCORES

Note: Callsign is followed by final score. Boldface = plaque winner.
 * = certificate winner.

Unlimited Class

IKØOZD	327
OM3EY	325
NY0V	324
G0BLB	322
EA1DR	321
PY2ADR	321

Formula Class - 100w

K4MM	284
UT9FJ	280
DL4CW	280
N5UD	272
E77O	264

Formula Class - 10w

PY4ZO	273
WG5G	267
W8QZA	259
IV3AOL	245
ND0C	245

CW

W1JR	306
W1RM	304
W4VQ	303
OH6MW	297
F5IN	296

Phone

PP5EG	311	North America
K3BZ	300	NYØV
MØTTB	300	NØFW
W8BBQ	295	W4QN
N3CDA	288	AA6YQ

Digital

IK5FKF	266	Oceania
IK5PWQ	252	VK4CC
K7CMR	230	VK3HJ
G3LZQ	228	ZL2IFB
R6YY	220	VK2MWG

Africa

V51YJ	237	South America
J28RO	134	PY2ADR
7P8PB	118	PP5EG
ZS1D	67	PY4OG

Asia

JH2UVL	320	6 Meters
A65CA	319	*9A5CW
JAØFVU	312	VE2PIJ
JAØDAI	308	
YB1AR	291	

Europe

IKØOZD	327	10 Meters
OM3EY	325	F4FDA
GØBLB	322	PU2LEP
EA1DR	321	K3NK
IWØHOU	320	PU1TMT

N4DW	184
15 Meters	
W9KVR	176
17 Meters	
K7MTR	269
LY5M	266
20 Meters	
SMØMPV	267
KØARY	176
YO9CWY	147
DK8JB	72
30 Meters	
W9KNI	286
SP3BGD	262
40 Meters	
N8MZ	275
VE3UTT	192
CE3EEA	173
DL2CC	154
SP5JXK	148
80 Meters	
No Entrants	
160 Meters	
*N4IS	192
K7ZV	140
K4IQJ	130

With the expansion of the number of DX Marathon plaques, we are pleased to announce that the CW plaque was won by Joe Reisert, W1JR, with a score of 306; the Phone plaque was won by Oms, PP5EG, with a score of 311; and the Digital plaque was won by Piero Giorgi, IK5FKF, with a score of 266. Additional plaque winners for individual band submissions and the Continental Plaque winners are listed in the Top Scores chart elsewhere in this article. We had quite a few 10-meter-only submissions this year, with some very impressive scores. Welcome back, sunspots! As always, we sincerely appreciate the tremendous support of all of our plaque sponsors.

Certificates will once again be given to the top scorer in each country and zone, plus the 6- and 160-meter top scorers, for those who did not already qualify as a plaque winner. If you or someone you know would like to

become a DX Marathon plaque sponsor, please contact me directly.

Many stations lost points due to simple callsign errors, whether by logging incorrect DX spots or simple typing errors. The call FH/W6IZT was found in many logs, but W6IZT was actually operating from FS. Other examples of errors were: S77REX, which was actu-

ally H77REX; HN7M, which was 5N7M; and FW/F8DVD, which was JW/F8DVD. However, the biggest mistake made by many stations was claiming ZL50VK to be in Antarctica or other islands and a variety of CQ zones, but the station was actually located in New Zealand. CE9/VE3LYC and CE9/PA3EXX also were a problem for many,

DX MARATHON AWARDS

Plaques will be awarded as follows:

- Highest overall score in Unlimited Class
- Highest overall score in Formula Class
- Highest overall CW only score.
- Highest overall SSB only score.
- Highest overall Digital only score.
- Highest overall score for each of the 6 Continents.
- Highest overall score for single band entries (10-80).

Plaques for the CW, SSB, Continent, and Band winners will be awarded if the winning scores in those categories are at least 50% of the score of the overall DX Marathon Unlimited Class winner. Entrants may receive one plaque per year. In the case of a participant qualifying for more than one plaque, that participant will receive a plaque for the highest level based on the above order.

Certificates will be awarded as follows:

- Highest overall Country score.
- Highest overall Zone score.
- Highest overall score in the Formula Class 10 watts or less option.
- Highest overall score for single band entries (6, 160).

Plaque winners are not eligible for certificates. Only certificate will be awarded per entrant. In the case of a participant qualifying for more than one certificate, that participant will receive a certificate for the highest level based on the above order.

ZONE CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Callsign	Countries	Zones	Score
N6ML	276	39	315
W4QN	280	40	320
VK8PDX	186	40	226

Note: Top scorers in other zones received Plaques or Top Country Certificates. Complete listing of all Zone Leaders is available on the CQ website.

COUNTRY CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Callsign	Countries	Zones	Score
XV4Y	148	37	185
7P8PB	89	29	118
9A2EU	260	40	300
A65CA	279	40	319
BV1EK	146	39	185
BA7IO	251	38	289
CE2WZ	168	37	205
CT1AHU	119	31	150
CU3EJ	104	29	133
DL5AN	272	40	312
DV1/JO7KMB	163	40	203
E77O	232	40	272
EA1DR	282	39	321
EI7CC	239	40	279
F5CQ	267	40	307
FG4NO	205	36	241
GØBLB	282	40	322
GI4SJQ	147	36	183
GMØOOAA	139	32	171
GUØSUP	162	39	201
GW4EVX	99	25	124
HA1ZH	261	40	301
HB9DDZ	156	40	196
HC6EP	73	26	99
7Z1HL	202	38	240
J28RO	103	31	134
KH2/N2NL	264	39	303
NP4IW	204	39	243
LA9DFA	238	40	278
LU3JVO	154	39	193
LY3W	262	38	300
OH2BEN	266	40	306
OK2SG	275	36	311
OM3EY	285	40	325
ON4ON	270	40	310
OZ7YY	270	40	310
PAØMIR	197	37	234
S51DX	252	40	292
SM5DJZ	261	40	301
SP6T	268	38	306
SV1DPI	262	40	302
SV9COL	234	40	274
TA1DX	152	36	188
UA9FAR	266	39	305
RA9OO	161	38	199
US7MM	273	40	313
V31AO	127	38	165
VE1DX	277	40	317
VP8NO	256	40	296
VU2PTT	208	39	247
YB1AR	253	38	291
YI1RZ	136	38	174
YO4AAC	164	37	201
YO9CWY	116	31	147
YV6BXN	108	25	133
ZL2IFB	258	39	297
ZL3DW	88	29	117
ZS1D	44	23	67

Note: Top scorers in some countries received plaques. Complete listing of all country leaders is available on the CQ website.



Shack of EA1DR, who submitted the top score in Spain in 2011 and tied for 4th place in Unlimited Class.

being logged incorrectly as one of the Antarctic island groups, but the duo was actually in Chile.

Of course, pirates are always a problem and 2011 was no different. As soon as we become aware of pirates and other callsign issues, we publish them on the DX Marathon website. (www.dxmarathon.com). We invite you to use this valuable resource.

In 2011 many entrants lost points due to the complex changes in the Russian callsign system. Be sure to update your logging programs often. We suggest that all participants carefully submit call-

signs for zones 2, 3, 4, and 5, as well as carefully check those prefixes that are used for multiple countries—such as E5, FO, 3D2, TA, VK9, and others.

And finally, don't forget that the CQ countries list includes additional valid countries that are not part of the ARRL DXCC program. Since most logging programs use the ARRL list, don't forget to work TA1 (European Turkey), IT (Sicily), IG9/IH9 (African Italy), and others. For complete details, please go to <www.dxmarathon.com>.

73, John, K9EL/VA3CDX

Oops...

2011 DX Marathon – CORRECTION

In the Top Scores listing for Oceania, the score for KH2/N2NL was inadvertently dropped from the listing. KH2/N2NL and VK4CC both had a total score of 303. As VK4CC's last country entry in his log was earlier than that of KH2/N2NL, VK4CC remains the winner of the Oceania Plaque. We sincerely regret the omission and congratulate KH2/N2NL on his excellent Oceania score.

The Oceania Top Score listing should be:

TOP SCORES

BOLD = Plaque Winners

Oceania

Callsign	Score
VK4CC 303	
KH2/N2NL	303
VK3HJ	301
ZL2IFB.	297
VK2MWG.	267