

FISTS Down Under Inc.

Welcome Contest

Saturday, 16th February, 2019 / 0900 - 0945UTC

Results

QRP	FISTS #	Name	Call	Points
Y/N	15204	Tony	VK3TP	9
N	14164	Steve	VK7CW	9
N	15215	Bill	VK1MCW	8
N	14185	David	VK2JDR	7
N	15220	Herman	VK7HW	3
N	14151	Garry	VK2GAZ	3

Certificates:

FISTS member with the highest score:

Tony VK3TP #15204

Thank you to all who participated.

Comments:

Another fun contest thanks to all who participated. I hope there is many more FDU contests this year.

Conditions were great, low noise. The ARRL DX contest made it difficult to find local stations. However the local FDU contestants were above 3.530 so it wasn't too hard finding them.
I switched to 40m 7.052 and called last few minutes, nothing heard although W2FU answered my CQ so I gave him a 599 100W for the ARRL comp!

This was my first real return to CW operation after having major back surgery in late December and it hasn't been pleasant to be hunched over a key. Also my shack has been staggeringly hot and unpleasant to work in for the last few weeks. Hopefully things will cool off soon.

Not too sure how the 40/80m band choice was for the event. I think we need to stick with either band. The VK QRP club tried the dual band for their event last year, but many stations ended up calling and listening on either band and missing each other. Given our small numbers, and the short duration of the event, sticking with either 40 or 80m might be better. Anyway, just my thoughts.