

## Results - Rookie Roundup – 2011 December (CW)

23 December 2011 – FINAL, 3<sup>rd</sup> release

2<sup>nd</sup> release – corrects a data entry error for KJ4VXG and correctly designates KK4BJV as the fourth district winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> release – WT5RZ's score is changed to reflect the correct number of non-rookie QSOs

Another year of Rookie Roundup is now complete – the second full year of the contest. Between this year's August and December contests, the Sun came alive and started producing a prodigious amount of sunspots – making the high bands very active! Now that your keying is warmed up – don't forget the annual ARRL Straight Key Night on New Year's Eve! ([www.arrl.org/straight-key-night](http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night))

Future Rookie Roundups may look a little different as rule changes are being considered to promote more activity. Watch QST and the ARRL website to find out what the new year might bring!

The nice thing about Rookie Roundup is that there will always be new calls to work as the "old timers" use up their three years of eligibility and become Non-Rookies. We did have some repeat contenders from last year's CW edition, though:

5<sup>th</sup> district: WT5RZ (district winner, 2<sup>nd</sup> place last December)  
 6<sup>th</sup> district: W6NN (ex-KE1BYL, overall winner in both 2010 and 2011)  
 6<sup>th</sup> district: K6HTN (3<sup>rd</sup> place)

The big battle this time was in the 6<sup>th</sup> district as Joanna, K6YL was aiming for a sweep of all three Rookie Roundup contests this year. She was piloting the station of N6DQ in San Carlos, CA. Just to her south, Anna, W6NN (ex-KE1BYL) was warming up at the station she shares with KE1B in Los Gatos, CA. The antennas of these two stations can probably see each other from the tops of their towers!

Anna won the CW contest last year but Joanna had the "Big Mo" going for Rookie Roundup in 2011. Both operators were in their final contest of eligibility as Rookies (I can hear all the other Rookies breathing a huge sigh of relief) so who would wind up with the title?

When the contest was finished and scores submitted to ARRL HQ, it was a very tight race but Anna W6NN came out on top 5425 to 5207! Here are the breakdowns:

	<b>W6NN</b>	<b>K6YL</b>
Rookie QSOs	62	44
Non-Rookie QSOs	93	83
Total QSO Points	155	127
Multipliers	35	41
Final Score	<b>5425</b>	<b>5207</b>

Do you have an interesting story or a photo to share? We'd love to read all about it and it's never too late to post them on the ARRL Soapbox page! ([www.arrl.org/soapbox](http://www.arrl.org/soapbox))

As you can see, Anna's higher QSO total was just enough to overcome Joanna's higher multiplier count. A round of applause for both of these Rookies – we will miss them in the contest but both are active in

other contests and their calls will be in the radiosport results for a long time! We hope they will remember to turn on the radio and work some of the Rookies in April.

Elsewhere around North America, the fourth district also featured a couple of big scores. Scott KK4BJV in AL took advantage of good propagation to turn in 2190 points. Both Scott and second-place finisher Ariel, NY4G had 45 contacts with Non-Rookies, but Scott had a few more Rookies in the log and three more multipliers to edge Ariel's 1755 points from SC. (*The initial release of the result incorrectly showed KJ4VXG with 144 Rookie contacts – thanks to KJ4VXG for pointing out this error so that the proper station received credit for the win!*)

Other large scores include Peter, WA1N's 2262 points from NH for the 1<sup>st</sup> district title; Ron, WT5RZ with 2214 points to take the 5<sup>th</sup> district from TX (*corrected score – 3<sup>rd</sup> release*); and Kate, K6HTN making the 6<sup>th</sup> district a one-two-three California YL race with 1007 points.

Every one of your scores is welcome in the Rookie Roundup – the winners this time all started with much smaller scores in past years. Now that you've broken the ice, it will be much easier to get on and start making contacts in the next Rookie Roundup or in ANY contest!

Downloadable PDF certificates for all stations will be prepared after the Christmas holiday – watch the Rookie Roundup Blog ([www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup](http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup)) to find out when they are ready for you!

If you've enjoyed the Rookie Roundup, check out January'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 Jan 14<sup>th</sup> and the Phone contest on Jan 21<sup>st</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)) And if you think THAT was fun, clear your calendar for the ARRL International DX Contests in February (CW) and March (SSB)! 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.

In 2012, Rookie Roundup will kick off with SSB on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – take a break from working on your taxes and get on the bands! August 15<sup>th</sup> will be the date for RTTY and December 16<sup>th</sup> for CW once again.

We hope to see you in the next contest, Rookie or not!

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.]*

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Call Used	Operator Call	QTH	Rookie QSOs	Non-Rookie QSOs	QSO Pts	Multipliers	Score	Place	Call Area
<b>NØTAT</b>	<b>NØTAT</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>WØ</b>
<b>WA1N</b>	<b>WA1N</b>	<b>NH</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2262</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>W1</b>
AB1OD	AB1OD	CT	9	32	50	27	1350	2 <sup>nd</sup>	W1
W1KU	W1KU	MA	3	1	7	4	28	3 <sup>rd</sup>	W1
<b>KC2ZSO</b>	<b>KC2ZSO</b>	<b>NY</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>W2</b>
<b>KK4BJV</b>	<b>KK4BJV</b>	<b>AL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2190</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>W4</b>
NY4G	NY4G	SC	10	45	65	27	1755	2 <sup>nd</sup>	W4
AK4KP	AK4KP	NC	10	18	38	18	684	3 <sup>rd</sup>	W4
KJ4VXG	KJ4VXG	TN	4	8	16	9	144	4 <sup>th</sup>	W4
N4EWT	N4EWT	GA	4	5	13	9	117	5 <sup>th</sup>	W4
<b>WT5RZ</b>	<b>WT5RZ</b>	<b>TX</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2214</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>W5</b>
K5HDE	K5HDE	LA	5	14	24	13	312	2 <sup>nd</sup>	W5
<b>W6NN</b>	<b>W6NN</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5425</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>W6</b>
K6YL	K6YL	CA	22	83	127	41	5207	2 <sup>nd</sup>	W6
K6HTN	K6HTN	CA	13	27	53	19	1007	3 <sup>rd</sup>	W6
KJ6RQT	KJ6RQT	CA	3	2	8	2	16	4 <sup>th</sup>	W6
<b>K9VD</b>	<b>K9VD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>W7</b>
KF7QZB	KF7QZB	OR	7	6	20	5	100	2 <sup>nd</sup>	W7
N7AVN	N7AVN	WA	1		2	1	2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	W7
<b>KC9RXI</b>	<b>KC9RXI</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>W9</b>
KC9RPJ	KC9RPJ	IN		5	5	5	25	2 <sup>nd</sup>	W9

**Non-Rookie Participants:**

AF3Z, KØDTJ, K1PU, K1XM, K1ZZ, K4BAI, K4TEC, K5BZH, K6GEP, KC7YE, KE1CY, KX9X, N3KN, NA4O, NC6Q, VE7BGP, W1RM, W1WEF, W2GB, W2GB, W4NA, W6NF, W6SX, WD1H, WD8RYC, WT6K, AB1OD, AK4KP  
 Thank you to all of the experienced testers that either made it into a Rookie's log or made a station available to them for the contest!