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RSGB CONTESTS FOR JUNE 2014 *(by Quin G3WRR & John G3XDY)*

Monday	2nd June 2014	80m Club Championship Contest (data)	1900 - 2030 UTC
Tuesday	3rd June 2014	144MHz UK Activity Contest	1900 - 2130 UTC
Saturday - Sunday	7th - 8th June 2014	HF NFD (1.8/3.5/7/14/21 /28MHz CW)	1500 - 1500 UTC
Tuesday	10th June 2014	432MHz UK Activity Contest	1900 - 2130 UTC
Wednesday	11th June 2014	80m Club Championship Contest (CW)	1900 - 2030 UTC
Sunday	15th June 2014	2nd 144MHz Backpackers Contest	0900 - 1300 UTC
Tuesday	17th June 2014	1.3GHz UK Activity Contest	1900 - 2130 UTC
Thursday	19th June 2014	80m Club Championship Contest (SSB)	1900 - 2030 UTC
Saturday - Sunday	21st - 22nd June 2014	50MHz Trophy Contest	1400 - 1400 UTC
Tuesday	24th June 2014	50MHz UK Activity Contest	1900 - 2130 UTC
Tuesday	24th June 2014	SHF UK Activity Contest (3.4 / 5.7 / 10 GHz) SHF UK Activity Contest (2.3GHz)	1900 - 2130 UTC 2030 - 2230 UTC
Sunday	29th June 2014	50MHz CW Contest	0900 - 1200 UTC
Sunday	29th June 2014	70MHz Cumulative Contest #4	1400 - 1600 UTC

RSGB CONTESTS FOR JULY 2014 *(by Quin G3WRR & John G3XDY)*

Tuesday	1st July 2014	144MHz UK Activity Contest	1900 - 2130 UTC
Saturday - Sunday	5th - 6th July 2014	VHF NFD	1400 - 1400 UTC *

Sunday	6th July 2014	3rd 144MHz Backpackers Contest	1100 - 1500 UTC
Monday	7th July 2014	80m Club Championship Contest (CW)	1900 - 2030 UTC
Tuesday	8th July 2014	432MHz UK Activity Contest	1900 - 2130 UTC
Tuesday	15th July 2014	1.3GHz UK Activity Contest	1900 - 2130 UTC
Wednesday	16th July 2014	80m Club Championship Contest (SSB)	1900 - 2030 UTC
Sunday	20th July 2014	Low Power Contest (3.5 / 7 MHz CW)	0900 - 1600 UTC
Sunday	20th July 2014	70MHz Trophy Contest	1000 - 1600 UTC
Tuesday	22nd July 2014	50MHz UK Activity Contest	1900 - 2130 UTC
Tuesday	22nd July 2014	SHF UK Activity Contest (3.4 / 5.7 / 10 GHz) SHF UK Activity Contest (2.3GHz)	1900 - 2130 UTC 2030 - 2230 UTC
Saturday - Sunday	26th - 27th July 2014	IOTA Contest (3.5 / 7 / 14 / 21 / 28 MHz, SSB / CW)	1200 - 1200 UTC
Tuesday	29th July 2014	70MHz UK Activity Contest	1900 - 2130 UTC

* Times on different bands vary

The full 2014 contest calendars and rules for the above contests are available from [here](#) (HF) and [here](#) (VHF).

OTHER UK VHF/UHF CONTESTS IN JUNE 2014 *(by John G3XDY)*

The UK Microwave Group 1.3 / 2.3 / 3.4 GHz contest takes place on Sunday 8th June 2014 from 0800 - 1400 UTC, and the 5.7 / 10 / 24GHz contest on Sunday 29th May 2014 from 0600 - 1800 UTC. Rules are [here](#).

OTHER EUROPEAN VHF/UHF CONTESTS IN JUNE 2014 *(by John G3XDY)*

A consolidated list of IARU Region 1 contests can be found [here](#).

OTHER HF CONTESTS IN JUNE 2014 *(by Quin G3WRR)*

For more data on a wide range HF contests, the [SM3CER website](#) is a very useful source of information.

RECENT RESULTS *(by Quin G3WRR & John G3XDY)*

The following results have been published or updated since the previous Newsletter:

[50MHz UKAC](#)
[70MHz UKAC](#)
[432MHz UKAC](#)
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[SHF UKAC](#)
[Overall UKAC](#)

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER *(by Ian G0FCT)*

Greetings! As part of an initiative to consult with the contesting community over topics of mutual interest, the Contest Committee has published a 'white paper' containing eighteen proposals and suggestions for changes to the RSGB contest rules for 2015. Six of the proposals apply to both HF and VHF contests, eight apply to HF contest and the remaining four only apply to VHF contests. The white paper is available from the RSGB Contest Committee website at www.rsgbcc.org/whitepaper2014.pdf or by clicking on [this link](#).

Comments on any of the proposals and suggestions are invited. All comments will be reviewed by the RSGB Contest Committee and the revised rules for all RSGB contests will be published by the date of the RSGB Convention in October - earlier if possible. The revised rules will take effect on 1st January 2015. Please send your comments to committee@rsgbcc.org no later than 14th August 2014.

To complement this initiative, a revised rule change process has been produced and this is given below:

1. Rules for the contest year will be "locked- down" and published no later than the date of the RSGB Convention in October for implementation in the following year. No further changes are permitted except for (a) typo corrections and (b) changes brought about by external events (e.g. license changes by OFCOM).
2. Proposed changes to contest rules will be considered at the Contest Committee (CC) meeting in March/April.
3. A 'white paper' summarising the proposed rule changes will be published on the CC website and publicised in the May CC newsletter.
4. Links to this document will be posted on (at least) the uk-hf and uk-vhf

reflectors.

5. Comments/consultation on the proposed changes will be invited from the contesting community.
6. The comments on the proposed changes will be reviewed at the CC meeting in September and the rules for the following year locked-down at the end of this meeting.
7. The locked-down rules will be posted on the CC website.
8. No further consultation will be entered into on the locked-down rules, and no changes will be made except as noted in (1) above.

CONTEST COMMITTEE MINUTES *(by Ian G0FCT)*

The minutes of the March 2014 Contest Committee meeting are available [here](#).

SHF UKACs - SUMMARY OF DATE & TIME CHANGES FOR THE REST OF 2014 *(by Quin G3WRR)*

The following text, in addition to reiterating the position as set out in the May special issue of the Newsletter (subject to correction of the reference to the third, rather than the fourth, Tuesday), adds an additional limitation (in italics below) which applies to two very specific geographic areas only. The CC believes that these areas are most unlikely to be utilised by UKAC entrants, but the additional limitation has been included in the interests of fullest possible compliance with the Ofcom requirements:

"After further feedback on possible date / time changes to avoid potential interference to the primary user on 2.3GHz, it has been decided to:

- * retain the fourth Tuesday of the month slot for the SHF UKAC
- * move the start times for 2.3GHz later and shorten the period for that band to 2 hours during the summer months.

The times for 2.3GHz will be 2130 - 2330 BST for the months of May, June and July, reverting to 2000 - 2230 clock time from August onwards. Timings for the other bands will remain as they were, running 2000 - 2230 clock time

Stations that plan to operate in Wales within 150km of Aberporth (NGR SN247 518) or in Scotland within 200km of St Kilda (NGR NF 094 987) must not commence operation until after local sunset. More detailed guidance can be found in Annex 1 of the Ofcom PSSR Amateur Statement at <http://tinyurl.com/ofhvh2z>"

Stations wishing to take part in the 2.3GHz events are reminded that they must register their station with Ofcom by e-mailing pssramateurs@ofcom.org.uk providing the following information:

- * Name
- * Address

- * Call sign
- * Location of use
- * Frequency range uses
- * Type of use
- * Regularity of use (e.g. evenings and weekends; 24/7; occasional)
- * Transmit power (ie. EIRP)."

The italicised additional limitation is also being promulgated via other RSGB communication channels.

RETAINED MEMENTOS FOR TROPHY WINNERS *(by Ed GW3SQX & Quin G3WRR)*

The RSGB General Manager has requested that we ask contesters about trophy presentations made at the RSGB Convention each year. Trophies have to be returned to RSGB HQ by winners at their own expense after a year, to be inspected and engraved for the next presentation.

In 2013 for the first time, winners additionally received a small commemorative plate to keep. The question is whether recipients would value the provision of such a memento in this and subsequent years sufficiently to justify the overheads of providing it? Please send any comments to chairman@rsgbcc.org.

REGISTRATION FOR HF & VHF NFD *(by Quin G3WRR)*

Registration for HF NFD has now closed, with 43 entrants having registered (5 up on the total number of entrants in 2013). Registration for VHF NFD is still open [here](#) and will remain so until midnight on 27th June.

AND FINALLY

That's all for this month - good contesting.

73, Quin G3WRR

For RSGB Contest Committee

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