

Ward Silver, NØAX

Ward has been an active contester since before his Novice days began in 1972, participating with high school club friends. His list of contest operating spans four continents and includes a variety of good scores from home and multioperator stations such as HC8N, PJ4Q, KH6RS/NH6T, K3LR, K9CT, W7RM, KL7RA, W5ZN, and W1AW. Hosting multi-ops with the Elayer Contest Club (W0ECC) is a lot of fun, too!

Ward is a founder of the World Radiosport Team Championships (WRTC) which began in 1990. He was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame in 2015. In 2013 he was elected President of the Yasme Foundation which supports amateur radio activities around the world. He is the Lead Editor of the ARRL Handbook, Antenna Book, and is the author of Ham Radio for Dummies, now in its 4th edition. He received the Bill Orr Technical Writing Award from the ARRL twice - once in 2003 and again in 2017.

He considers himself fortunate to have a few top finish plaques on the wall of the radio room but the best part is participating in record-setting team efforts with friends from around the world.