

## WRTC CHAMPS K1TO, N5TJ DO IT AGAIN IN SLOVENIA

World-champion contenders Dan Street, K1TO, and Jeff Steinman, N5TJ (ex-KRØY), retained their title at the World Radiosport Team Championship 2000 competition held in Slovenia in early July. Street and Steinman topped the field of 53 WRTC-2000 two-operator teams from around the world in off-and-on-the-air operating events designed to test their contesting skills. Using the call sign S584M, the K1TO-N5TJ combo racked up 965.31 points of out a possible 1000.

During the 20-hour on-air event, concurrent with the IARU HF World Championship Contest held over the July 8-9 weekend, K1TO and N5TJ managed to put 2234 contacts into the log and collected 364 multipliers (under WRTC rules, multipliers were counted separately on phone and CW).

The winning team also scooped the pileup tapes competition held earlier. Street and Steinman topped all competitors at the last WRTC, held in 1996 in the San Francisco Bay area.

Finishing in second place with 910.86 points was the Russian team of Igor Booklan,



***We are the champions!* WRTC-2000 winners Dan Street, K1TO (left), and Jeff Steinman, N5TJ.**

RA3AUU, and Andrei Karpov, RV1AW, operating as S587N. Coming in at number three with 867.15 points was the US wildcard team of Doug Grant, K1DG, and *CQ* magazine contest editor John Dorr, K1AR. Grant and Dorr operated as S582A.

In the final results, only one other US

team made the top 10. The S519I team of Bob Shohet, KQ2M, and Dan Handa, W7WA, finished at number 9.

The WRTC-2000 top 10 finishers represented world-class contesters from seven countries, including three from the US and two bi-national teams—UT4UZ from Ukraine and RW1AC from Russia, who operated as S523W, and DL6RAI from Germany and OE2VEL, from Austria, who operated as S533G.

During this third WRTC, the teams competed using modest stations running 100 W on CW and SSB, plus equivalent antennas—three-element triband Yagis for 10, 15, and 20 meters, and Windoms for 80 and 40 meters, both mounted about 40 feet above ground. All stations were on hilltops or mountains.

Sponsoring WRTC-2000 was the Slovenia Contest Club. Serving as the chief referee at this year's event was the ARRL's Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ.

A listing of the WRTC-2000 teams and scores is available at <http://wrtc2000.bit.si>, and accounts posted by several participants and observers are on the *NCJ* Web site at <http://www.ncjweb.com>.