

2008 Sangster Shield Contest Manager's Report

Thanks to all who took part this year. Logs were received from 25 operators, same as last year.

Congratulations to John ZL1ALZ in winning the Sangster Shield.

Tom ZL1WW gained 2nd with Barry ZL2LN (Motueka) making the top 3.

Barry ZL2LN also wins the Arthur Stevens South Island Trophy from the 3 entries received.

There were no newly licenced entrants for the Transistor Trophy.

VK4TJ was the most prolific overseas station but only 10 entrants managed contacts outside ZL.

Papakura Branch 65 wins the Branch Award with Branch 42 2nd & Branch 28 3rd this year.

Les ZL2JU & Bill ZL2AVL recorded the same score for 6th equal.

The 19 qualifying active Branches were:-

3,8,10,13,16,20,24,25,27,28,29,39,42,45,50,51,56,65,86.

Some incorrect branch claims were due to inaccurate copy. I have deducted only one Branch (70 Fielding) as a multiplier for which only 6 contacts were recorded from logs received. Contacts still count. I would like to re-iterate that operators are encouraged to take part in the contest no matter how few contacts they can manage. We would all sooner have the extra activity rather than less.

Once again the scoring task was a pleasure as was the opportunity for me to take part this year.

Comments received:-

- Almost all entrants found Saturday night tough going compared to Sunday. I missed this drama since I was able to work only Sunday.
- Colin ZL4KJ in the deep South had extreme trouble copying on Saturday evening & observes that he must have caused the "Boys up North" to scratch their heads.
- Tom ZL1WW has maintained his last year's placing by shifting house to Branch 17 Huntly. *Real dedication - ZL2KZ*
- Matthew & Stephen Pearce ZLs1MAT & 1ANY Branch 28 shared their shack & worked alternate periods during the whole contest. This may be a first for the Sangster!
- Bill ZL2AVL notes there were no QRO stations & once again asks that the contest revert to the original QRP contest concept.
- One entrant encourages operators to set their electronic keyers to lower speed BEFORE the contest to save a lot of correction time & frustration for the recipient. – *Ouch! –ZL2KZ*
- First timers:- Ian ZL2IH used a dipole at 2 metres height, Graeme ZL2APV used a 10dB attenuator to ensure that his TS850s was set to 5w output.
- John ZL1BHQ had neighbourhood Plasma TV interference - as I guess many of us do.

- 73's de Glenn ZL2KZ

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