

## SANGSTER SHIELD 2014 RESULTS

Thanks to all who took part this year. Numbers were well up with 20 entrants and 24 logs received from about 30 active stations. Top scores have increased in line with improved local band conditions and with more participants.

Congratulations to Graeme ZL2APV in winning the Sangster Shield using his homebrew SDR transceiver – his first win to date, swapping places with last year's winner Barry ZL2LN second. Tom ZL1WW is third from his new location in Waitara.

Barry ZL2LN once again takes the Arthur Stevens Trophy as top South Island Station with Bill ZL3VZ runner up & first timer Richard ZL4FZ third. Barry is now sitting on a record 8 wins of this trophy.

Whangarei Branch 28 has the required 3 entrants this year & takes the Branch award with no opposition.

There were also no newly licensed entrants for the Transistor Trophy.

As far as I am aware we are still yet to record a first YL entrant in this contest.

The 21 qualifying active Branches were:- 3,5,14,16,22,24,25,27,28,29,30,41,42,47,50,53,56,72,80,84,87.

No Branch multipliers or contacts were deducted this year. One or 2 stations worked less contacts than I would count as a multiplier but these were located in Branches with multiple entrants. May I re-iterate that I do not want to discourage any operator from entering the Sangster no matter how long they are on or how few contacts they work.

Only 2 DX contacts were recorded. Alan using a 22 year old Chelmsford, operating only 2 watts in ZL4AA's Club contest station container worked AX3AUQ as did Ken (ZL1AIH) with 10watts from his home shack in the North.

Logging was generally accurate this year & my main change, apart from removing dupes here & there, was to a couple of logs which contained callsigns claimed under 2 different Branch numbers. Only 1 entrant incorrectly claimed an "own Branch" multiplier.

### Comments received:-

- Quiet Band but no VK's.
- More Branches this year.
- Why do we have to list Branch names in the summary?
- Would it be possible to send our logs in Excel spreadsheets to an email address? – Yes, see below.
- FIST Operator's first Sangster!
- More publicity in VK Land please – <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php>
- Sangster was more like a party than a contest!
- Such a pity we don't hear qrp more often.
- Couldn't get Writelog to work - so resorted to paper.
- Saturday signals strong, last 1.5 hrs Sunday weak at Bay of Plenty.
- No 80mx antenna on site!
- Greater courtesy than JWMFD!
- My first attempt at any solo contest.
- Too cold in the shack with only the K2 barefoot. Went to bed early!
- So pumped up - could not get to sleep after finally getting to bed.

### Publicity:-

Thanks to Jim (ZL2BHF) for carrying a news item in the April official broadcast and to the NZART web team for a timely infoline plug. One entrant has provided me with a respected international URL (see comments above) to advertise the contest more widely among the DX community.

My apologies for not participating this year but travel for family reasons clashed with the Contest dates.

It was refreshing to have a log from almost all operators which makes checking easy.

I will allow emailed excel, word or pdf text logs next year & will notify this in 2015. I will insist that they be printable without drama for my checking & that they contain all information as per the rules. I will work on getting an NZART proxy email address for this.

- 73's de Glenn ZL2KZ