

SANGSTER SHIELD 2015 RESULTS

Thanks to all who took part this year. Numbers were well down with only 10 entrants and 12 logs received from about 15 active stations. Top scores are also down on previous years.

Congratulations to Bill ZL3VZ in winning the Sangster Shield, his second win to date.

Long time entrant Sid ZL2BIF takes second place ahead of Doug ZL1BFS third this year, gaining his first podium result.

Bill ZL3VZ once again takes the Arthur Stevens Trophy as top (& only!) South Island station.

Once again there were no newly licensed entrants for the Transistor Trophy.

Wellington Branch 50 was the only branch this year with more than one entrant and, with the required 3 entrants, gains the Branch Award which this year is the inaugural Tony Fletcher (ZL2ALJ) Memorial Trophy.

I have exercised my power as Manager in deducting multipliers for just one branch this year. Although I did not have a check log to assist me, my analysis shows that entrants recorded only 4 contacts with branch 28, all made during the first operating period of Saturday 16th May.

Stan ZL2ST branch 25 provided me with a check log showing that he operated during a full 2 hours (4 operating periods) but managed to work only 12 contacts. – thought due to band conditions & using an 80m mobile whip at his present QTH. Owing to the low overall turn out & the fact that most Sunday night entrants worked ZL2ST I have allowed all claims for branch 25.

Thanks also to Ken ZL1AIH Branch 29 for his check log for his operation on both evenings.

Only the one branch multiplier has been deleted but I have not deleted the contacts as 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.

The 10 qualifying active Branches were:- 3,16,22,25,29,50,72,80,87,88.

A few more VK DX contacts were recorded this year with Sid ZL2BIF topping the pole with 5 in total which also cemented his second place over Doug ZL1BFS.

Logging was generally accurate this year with only a few branch number errors needing correction.

Comments received:-

- The Yaesu FT2000D (200w pep) needs a 3 dB attenuator to get down to 5 watts output
- The older FT1000MP rigs (100w pep) do wind back to 5 watts!
- My morse was not good enough to convince VK5LJ to give out a contact number
- At 91 years it becomes harder to have the concentration & this will possibly be my last Sangster!
- *Lets hope not & I look forward to receiving further logs or check logs – 2KZ*
- Reports on my signals were all S9!
- Toward the end on Sunday night the number of operators dropped off
- A few more operators on would have helped lots

Publicity:-

Thanks to Jim (ZL2BHF) for carrying a news item in the April official broadcast. Unfortunately there was no infoline reminder or Break In calendar listing the Sangster this year for which I apologise. I did manage to get this contest listed in – <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php> for the first time ever which may have been noticed by VK stations.

My own participation was hampered by a broken 80m dipole which occurred while attempting to mend a break in the feedline. As the broken end was 50ft up in an old pine tree I require professional help not available in time. I used a helical vertical (wound on our 2 storey house plastic downpipe) on the Saturday & got my dipole a couple of metres up for the Sunday. Thanks to those who persisted with my weak signals.

Again it was great to have a log from almost all operators which makes checking easy.

Apologies for my late processing of logs & results. My wife & I have been on overseas holiday from prior to the closing date to late in July.

- 73's de Glenn ZL2KZ