

SANGSTER SHIELD 2018 RESULTS

Thanks to all who took part this year. Numbers were down with 13 logs received from 9 of the 11 Branches on air. From my analysis of logs there were 15 participants in total. A few new callsigns have appeared this year with two first timers entering the Transistor Trophy.

Scores are noticeably down on last year which is almost certainly due to lower numbers and the reported poor conditions on Sunday night.

Congratulations to Open Section winner Bill ZL3VZ operating near Portage which once again gives him the Arthur Stevens (top South Island) Trophy. Bill now has three Open & four South Island wins – well done.

Grant ZL2GD takes second place just ahead of Mike ZL2AUA third.

South Islanders Grant ZL2GD & Barry ZL2LN take 2nd & 3rd places in the Arthur Stevens Trophy.

Congratulations to first time entrants David ZL1DCO 1st in Transistor Trophy and to Gerard ZL2GVA 2nd. Apart from 2016 there have been no Transistor Trophy entrants since 2007. Let's hope that the rule change to allow first time entrants rather than first year licensed will encourage more to try their hand at CW.

Whangarei Branch 28 once again entered 4 logs and hence win the Tony Fletcher (ZL2ALJ) Memorial Trophy (Branch Award). Operators were Bruce ZL1BWG, Paul ZL1PC, Alan ZL1AW & Charlie ZL1DAC. Once again I will record all 4 stations on their Award since no other Branch reached the required 3 entrants.

The 10 qualifying active Branches were:- 3,5,22,24,28,29,42,68,84,86

I have removed branch 69 (ZL1VD) from branch claims on grounds of low contacts. ZL1VD worked during the first ½ hour period on Saturday & the highest serial number recorded by entrants was 006.

As I have stated before I have not removed any contact counts since we all would sooner have more contestants on air whether for a long or short time.

Fifteen VK DX contacts were recorded this year which included a VK7 (Tasmania). This was way down on the 50 odd VK's recorded last year.

Owing to my attendance at an NZPO Radio Tech's reunion in Napier I was unable to take part this year & Branch 50 was not represented. Some of our members are constructing BitX transceivers so maybe next year we can sport more entrants from Wellington.

I have some observations as Manager:-

- Of the top 5 open section entrants 4 were South Island operators. I cannot recall this previously.
- Paul ZL1PC, our last year's winner, operated Saturday only. *66 ZL, 4 DX & full Branch count!*
- Logs submitted were of a high standard of readability. Unfortunately some computer logs recorded and maintained an incorrect branch number for first & every subsequent contact with the same station and also listed it incorrectly in the claim summary. No penalty was imposed for this "robotic blemish".
- Recording of contact numbers in the exchange has made my crosschecking much easier. I have had no complaints about this format which is good JWMFD practice for club activity.

Comments received:-

- No stations below Christchurch this year.
- Some who may have participated may have been watching the Royal wedding!
- Many said Sunday conditions were worse than Saturday with added electrical storm noise.
- Both first timers enjoyed the Contest & one "had fun". *Great news! – ZL2KZ.*
- ZL4FZ (Ch-ch) observed that propagation moved up & down the country as time got later each night.
- From the suburbs - "Hard work as usual but worked 90% of stations heard".
- Mike ZL2AQL operated from Auckland (Western Suburbs) using a "near to ground" antenna. He managed to get the SWR off infinity but reckoned his 5 watts was nearer 1 watt effective.

Publicity:-

Thanks to Jim (ZL2BHF) for carrying news items in official broadcasts and to the Break In editor (Mark) for running publicity for this year's contest.

Due to Conference report timing the May/June Break In was delayed this year to arrive about the same day as the Contest. I will need to target the March/April issue next year.

Acknowledging also Bruce Horn, WA7BNM who lists this contest in –

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php> (now maps to

<http://www.contestcalendar.com/weeklycont.php>) which hopefully alerts DXers looking for international activities.

Once again it was great to have a log from almost all operators which makes checking (& adjusting) easy.

- 73's de Glenn ZL2KZ

Sangster Shield Results 2018

Sangster Shield - Open Section [* indicates South Island entrant eligible for Arthur Stevens Trophy]									
Place	Station	Name	NZ	DX	Bchs	Pwr	Total	Branch	Equipment
*1	ZL3VZ	Bill Cousins	127	3	9	5w	5985	22	Icom IC-706 MkIIIG, 1/2w Dipole
*2	ZL2GD	Grant Daniel	109	3	9	5w	5175	68	Icom IC-7610, 80m Inv Vee at 35ft
3	ZL2AUA	Mike Burch	108	2	9	5w	5040	84	Icom 7410, Dipole, ITT Key
*4	ZL2LN	Barry Davenport	101	0	9	5w	4545	24	Yaesu FT847, 4 Band Trapped Dipole
*5	ZL4FZ	Richard Smart	83	2	9	5w	3915	5	Elecraft K2, Coax & balun fed dipole up 8m.
6	ZL1BWG	Bruce Scahill	83	0	9	5w	3735	28	Yaesu FT817, G5RV, Admiralty No. 7681 Key
7	ZL1PC	Paul Slako	66	4	9	5w	3330	28	Icom IC-740 Pro, Full wave 80mx loop
8	ZL2CLX	Max Saunders	58	0	7	4w	2030	42	Youkits HB1B, G5RV
9	ZL1AW	Allan Walker	56	0	7	5w	1960	28	Elecraft K2, full size 80m Horizontal Loop
10	ZL2AQL	Mike Spearman	48	0	6	5w	1440	3	Yaesu FT450D, 80m Dipole "2m above ground"
11	ZL1DAC	Charlie Moates	29	1	5	5w	775	28	Elecraft K2, Dipole up 13m
Transistor Trophy (first time entrant)									
1	ZL1DCO	David Cosgrave	55	0	7	5w	1925	29	Kenwood TS120V, Dipole, Vibroplex key
2	ZL2GVA	Gerard Van Antwerpen	35	0	6	5w	1050	22	Yaesu FT897D, Short Dipole with stubs up 8m
Arthur Stevens South Island Trophy									
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