

## SANGSTER SHIELD 2023 RESULTS

As usual thanks to all who took part this year.

I have received 15 entries and 1 check log. From my analysis there were 20 ZL participants in total.

While I experienced good band conditions on both nights, reports were mixed from comments received.

VK contacts were slightly up on last year with a total of 16 VK contacts claimed by 7 entrants. This compares to just 11 VK's claimed by 7 entrants last year. VK7KPC once again provided an entry to the Open Section. The most worked VK this year was VK3DBD appearing in all logs received with DX contacts.

### Open Section Leader board Milestone

Congratulations, and another milestone achieved by our now **8 times Open Section winner** Paul ZL1PC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place to Gerard ZL2GVA & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place to Geoff ZL3GA.

Gerard van Antwerpen ZL2GVA scores his first-time win of the Arthur Stevens (South Island) Trophy this year with Geoff Clark ZL3GA 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Barry Davenport ZL2LN 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a good showing of South Island entrants but only 2 (ZL4KX & ZL4FM Branch 30) from deeper South.

Only 1 Operator has qualified for the Transistor Trophy (first time Sangster entrant) this year. Congratulations to Nick Batt ZL2OB who advised that this is the first "real CW contest" he has ever entered. Thanks Nick for having a go this year & may it continue.

The Tony Fletcher (ZL2ALJ) Memorial Trophy Branch Award heads once again to Branch 28 Whangarei as the only qualifier with 3 entrants ZL1PC, ZL1YC & ZL1AW combined score of 17,820 – up on last year's 15,075.

The 13 qualifying active Branches were:- 5,10,16,22,24,26,30,28,50,54,68,84,88.

I have removed Branches 55, & 23/33? from the multiplier list this year. These Branch stations worked for very short periods on Sunday. Branch 55 appeared in only 4 logs & each worked the station only once. Branch 23/33 (same callsign) appeared in only 2 logs - again with just one contact each. As always I would like to stress that I do not remove the contact claims for these cases as it is better to have more stations on air no matter how short a period they can manage.

Almost all other Branches were active both nights. Roger Wincer ZL2RX (Branch 26) operated 6 hours in total & provided a check log.

ZL1PX Branch 10 worked on Sunday for a limited period but contacts were recorded in 10 logs (*sadly not in mine - ZL2KZ!*).

I detected just 3 dupes overall but 2 of these were recorded at one end only & were valid exchanges being given for a contact to a different station! I have not detected this issue previously.

### **Comments received**

- Disappointing to hear no stations at all from the greater Auckland area or Hamilton.
- Pretty good propagation (*North Canterbury*) considering the solar indices. Thanks to all who took part.
- QRN & QSB problems (*Bay of Islands*), VKs were slow morse contesting on 3520. Worked 2 only.
- Plenty of QRN and QSB (*Patea*) made life interesting. Thanks to everyone who worked me.
- Conditions good both nights (*Motueka*) Some QSB. A number of weak stations not strong enough to work. Heard 2 VKs but failed to work VK3EMU.
- Good fun. The first night was better than the second night.
- *From Christchurch* - 4 Branches down on my last 2019 entry.
- Lousy conditions (*Horowhenua*) on Sunday evg. Good fun contest.
- Noisy to me (*in Whangarei*). Could only just hear ZL2LN. Good fun.
- Weather on Saturday toppled my telescopic pole & repairs in the storm after 9:30pm. ZLs1PC & 2AUA were constant & extra strong here in Tauranga.
- From VK *using 50w* - Sunday only. Tried using 5w but ZLs could not hear.

It was sad to note that Bruce Scahill ZL1BWG became a SK during the year. Bruce was a consistent Sangster entrant from around 2010 right up to his entry in last year's Contest. The SKN (Straight Key Night) Contest has also just named the "Bruce Scahill ZL1BWG Best Fist Award" in respect of his long term support of their bi-annual CW event.

### **Publicity:-**

Thanks to Jim (ZL2BHF) for carrying news items in official broadcasts, to the NZART Contest Manager Geoff ZL3GA for his timely support. Also to HQ for Infoline & NZART Home Page with calendar links reminding Sangster dates, times & rules well in advance.

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

**Sangster Shield Results 2023**

<b>Sangster Shield - Open Section</b> [* indicates South Island entrant eligible for Arthur Stevens Trophy]										
Place	Station	Name	NZ	DX	Bchs	Pwr	Total	Branch	Equipment	
1	ZL1PC	Paul Slako	155	2	12	5w	9540	28	Icom 7610, 80m Full Wave Loop	
*2	ZL2GVA	Gerard Van Antwerpen	136	1	12	5w	8280	22	Elecraft K2, Horizontal Delta Loop	
*3	ZL3GA	Geoff Clark	133	1	12	5w	8100	68	TS590SG, 102' doublet and EZee Match.	
4	ZL2AUA	Mike Burch	128	2	12	5w	7920	84	Icom 7410, Dipole, ITT Key, H/Brew Paddles	
5	ZL2KZ	Glenn Kingston	139	2	11	5w	7865	50	Y'su FT1000, 5/8w off centre @ 5-15m, Super Key 2	
6	ZL2AGY	Tony Marr	122	0	12	5w	7320	54	Icom 7610, Inv Vee 10m up	
*7	ZL2LN	Barry Davenport	120	0	12	5w	7200	24	Yaesu FT847, 80m Windom	
*8	ZL3AB	Mark Sullivan	100	6	12	5w	6720	68	Kenwood TS590SG Dipole	
*9	ZL3WF	Wayne Fisher	114	2	10	5w	5900	5	Kenwood TS2000. 80/40 1/2w trapped dipole	
10	ZL2JU	Les Jury	94	0	12	5w	5640	16	Icom 746 Pro, Emtron ATU, G5RV antenna	
11	ZL1YC	Bruce Haswell	88	0	12	5w	5280	28	Icom 7000, Home Brew Tuner, 80/40 Dipole	
12	ZL1AW	Allan Walker	60	0	10	5w	3000	28	Elecraft K2, 80m Loop	
*13	ZL2OB	Nick Batt	62	0	6	5w	1860	22	Icom 7300, Inverted V Dipole	
14	ZL2AQL	Mike Spearman	45	0	8	5w	1800	88	Yaesu FT450D, Wire Inverted V	
15	VK7KPC	Peter Dodd	0	3	2	50w	60	Ov's's	Icom IC-718, 80m 1/2w end fed.	
<b>Transistor Trophy (first time Sangster contest entrant)</b>										
1	ZL2OB	Nick Batt	62	0	6	5w	1860	22	Icom 7300, Inverted V Dipole	
<b>Arthur Stevens South Island Trophy (Top "3" only)</b>										
1	ZL2GVA	Gerard Van Antwerpen	136	1	12	5w	8280	22	Elecraft K2, Horizontal Delta Loop	
2	ZL3GA	Geoff Clark	133	1	12	5w	8100	68	TS590SG, 102' doublet and EZee Match.	
3	ZL2LN	Barry Davenport	120	0	12	5w	7200	24	Yaesu FT847, 80m Windom	
<b>Tony Fletcher (ZL2ALJ) Memorial Trophy Branch Award (miniature permanent trophy via Bch 50 to winning branch)</b>										
1	Branch 28	Whangarei	3 entrants ZL1PC, ZL1YC & ZL1AW							
<b>Checklog</b>										
	ZL2RX	Roger Wincer	With Thanks				26	Worked 6 Hrs in total over both nights		