

NZART Memorial Contest 2022 Results

Participation in the contest was at a similar level to last year. Feedback received from participants was that the contest was enjoyable with good propagation.

Thanks also to the VKs who joined in the fun and to the club/branch multi-operator stations who used it as a training exercise. Congratulations to the category winners!

Callsign	Phone Points	CW Points	Prefixes	Score
<u>Mixed</u>				
ZL3VZ	111	94	16	3280
ZL2AUB	107	46	14	2142
VK4SN	72	46	17	2006
ZL3GA	71	72	14	2002
VL4A	38	72	16	1760
ZL3RIK	132	12	11	1584
ZL2AQL	28	44	10	720
ZL4IM	49	20	9	621
VK7KPC	3	26	8	232
VJ3U	3	16	9	171
<u>Phone</u>				
ZL1XS	170	-	10	1700
ZL4RMF	166	-	9	1494
ZL4RO	137	-	9	1233
ZL3GQ	128	-	9	1152
ZL1GA	124	-	9	1116
ZL3AC	117	-	9	1053
ZL4GQ	113	-	8	904
ZL4LO	110	-	8	880
ZL1IB	107	-	6	642
ZL1ECG	105	-	6	630
ZL1PLG	79	-	7	553
ZL4QD	67	-	6	402
ZL3MR	49	-	6	294
VK3MB	45	-	5	225
VK3LF	33	-	6	198
ZL1KNI	24	-	5	120
<u>QRP</u>				
ZL4CTS/QRP	16	-	4	64
<u>CW</u>				
ZL1NZ	-	128	10	1280
ZL1BWG	-	58	8	464
VK5LJ	-	48	9	432
VK2IG	-	34	10	340

ZL2GVA	-	34	8	272
ZL2GD	-	14	4	56

Active Stations (>2 QSOs)		Logs Received	
ZL	51	SSB	17
VK	28	CW	6
Total	79	Mixed	10
		Total	33

Logs: We achieved 100% computer logs for the 2022 Contest! Thank you all. Cross checking and scoring the electronic logs submitted in Cabrillo format takes my PC a matter of minutes meaning we can now get the results out soon after the contest. From 2023, the results will be published on the website and in Infoline rather than waiting for the bi-monthly *Break-In*.

Log observations:

We use the W3KM Cabrillo Evaluation software to cross check all logs and adjust the scoring based on NIL (Not In Log) and incorrect logging of the exchange. Therefore your published score may well be less than your claimed score. Hearty congratulations to VK2IG, ZL1BWG, ZL4CTS and ZL4QD who all submitted error-free logs. The rest of us have some work to do!

- Be careful with copying the exchange and if you are not sure, ask for a repeat
- Ensure your computer clock is set accurately – there were a number of NILs caused by quite large discrepancies (up to 13 minutes) in logged times. The internationally accepted time tolerance is ± 5 minutes. Logging must be in UTC – if you use one of the recommended programs, it takes care of this for you
- Ensure that the other station has your call correct, use (standard) phonetics in SSB to help with this
- Signal reports – contesting etiquette is that signal reports should always be 59 or 599 so that people can focus on getting the serial number/exchange correct. Contesters will not thank you for sending “real” reports!

Currently two free contest logging software programmes fully support the NZART Memorial Contest and produce Cabrillo format logs: **N1MM Logger+** and **VKCL**. Sadly, the author of VKCL, Mike VK3AVV, passed away earlier this year and the software is not able to be supported. I recommend N1MM Logger+ as it is in current development by a worldwide team.

An alternative to using a dedicated Contest logger is to export an ADIF file from your usual logger and convert to Cabrillo using one of the many tools available on the web. Some entrants used the excellent tool at <http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/> to produce and submit their Cabrillo file. Scroll down to “Other Contests” and select NZART Memorial Contest. Some non-contest loggers have an option to export a Cabrillo file (e.g. DXLab suite).

Please send in your log, regardless of how many QSOs you make. If anyone is genuinely struggling with the change to electronic logging, drop me a note (email or Callbook address) and we’ll work on it together.

Thanks for participating in the contest this year and I look forward to seeing you all in the next Memorial Contest in July 2023.

73

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