

SANGSTER SHIELD 2009 RESULTS

Thanks to all who took part this year. Logs were received from 29 operators, a record in recent years.

Congratulations to Paul ZL1PC in winning the Sangster Shield once again. Paul's 4th win of the Open Section this year equals the record of ZL1PZ who gained his 4th win in 2002. - Well done Paul.

Barry ZL2LN (Motueka) moves up to 2nd from 3rd last year & Graeme ZL1T takes 3rd place on his return after several years absence.

Barry ZL2LN (as 2nd overall) easily wins the Arthur Stevens South Island Trophy once more from the 4 entries received this year.

Titahi Bay Branch 42 wins the Branch Award with Branch 28 2nd & Branch 50 3rd this year.

There were no newly licenced entrants for the Transistor Trophy.

One station (ZL3FS) operated with over 5 watts and only 2 of his contacts were claimed as 5 points. Only 5 VK contacts were recorded by 5 entrants in this year in logs received which was just ½ last years count. The long wait for improvement in HF conditions still goes on.

The 22 qualifying active Branches were:-

3,5,8,10,13,16,17,24,25,27,28,29,42,45,50,51,56,65,72,75,84,88.

For reasons of low activity or inaccurate copy I have deducted claims for Branches 9 (1 contact recorded), 55(1), 20(2), 30(3), 37(several – read on).

The position with Branch 37 was cleared up by receipt of the check log from Robin ZL4IG. Robin operated Saturday night in Invercargill (Bch 75) & Sunday night in Queenstown (Bch 37). Since the number of contacts from Branch 37 was below the guidelines for Branch claims I have awarded Branch 75 to all contestants who worked ZL4IG on either night. Thanks again to Robin for your check log.

As I have stated each year, operators are encouraged to take part in the contest no matter how few contacts they can manage. We would all sooner have the extra activity rather than less. All contacts count & I have had no problems in dropping the low count Branch claims. Because logs are received from around 90% of operators my job is made easy.

The scoring task was a pleasure as was the opportunity for me to take part both nights this year. I would just like to remind entrants to underline (or highlight) the contacts in their log which are being used to claim a branch.

Comments received:-

- Colin ZL4KJ worked from home this year rather than the "superior" Field day site. - Strange thing is his score is well up on last year!
- Matthew & Stephen Pearce ZLs1MAT & 1ANY Branch 28 shared their shack & worked 1 & 2hr stints each over both evenings. Their scores are pretty close.
- Robin ZL4IG revealed that he entered the contest within 6 weeks of his first ever CW contact!
- John ZL1VD needed his high tech. DSP receiver to ward off another Bch 42 station about ½km away. Just as well we are at 5 watts John. He was also pleased at the lack of "wild bugs" this year.
- Bill ZL2AVL commented on good copy from Tony ZL2ALJ's (Wellington) 2 watts & also queried ZL4IG's Branch (see above Bill – you were pretty close at 38 & I have credited you with 75!).
- Roy ZL1WI reported "Saturday noisy & Sunday noisier – What's new! - Good fun"
- Alistair ZL2ARC (Ch-Ch) reports the most activity he has heard during this contest. Certainly the South Island was well represented.
- First timer Phil ZL3PAH worked around the Rugby on Saturday (Crusaders vs Blues) and visitors on Sunday.

Sangster Operating Periods & Rules:-

I understand that the Sangster, as a one or two night contest, was discussed at this year's conference.

Attendees were asked to take the discussion outcome back to Branches for further input.

I received no comments on single or two nights from entrants this year – but have had one recommendation to dispense with the over 5 watt class. In the last 10 years no scored logs have been received from over 5 watt entrants, hence no awards have been made in this class.

- 73's de Glenn ZL2KZ

Sangster Shield Results 2009										
Sangster Shield - Open Section										
Place	Station	Name	0-5w	6w+	DX	Bchs	Pwr	Total	Branch	Equipment
1	ZL1PC	Paul Slako	243	0	1	20	5w	24500	28	Icom 746 Pro, Full Wave Loop
2	ZL2LN	Barry Davenport	213	0	1	20	5w	21500	24	Yaesu FT847, G5RV Inv Vee up 11m
3	ZL1T	Graeme Hunt	203	0	0	21	5w	21315	84	Yaesu FT1000mp MKV, 1/2 w Inv Vee up 45'
4	ZL1ALZ	John Balsille	206	0	1	20	5w	20800	65	K'wood TS120V, 1/2w Dipole
5	ZL2BIF	Sid McKain	178	0	0	20	5w	17800	72	No information given
6	ZL2KZ	Glenn Kingston	167	2	0	20	5w	16740	50	H/Brew valve xcvr, BLY87A final, 1/2w Dipole
7	ZL1VD	John Cutler	148	0	1	21	5w	15750	42	Yaesu FT847, Bent loaded Dipole, Hand key
8	ZL2AUA	Mike Burch	164	0	0	19	5w	15580	42	Icom 735, Windom, Naval straight key
9	ZL2AVL	Bill Luscombe	140	0	0	21	5w	14700	45	Kenwood TS120V, Extended double Zepp
10	ZL2JU	Les Jury	124	0	0	21	5w	13020	16	K'wood TS570D, Dipole O'wire feeders
11	ZL2AEL	Tony Locke	116	1	0	18	5w	10458	42	K'wood TS570D, 5 Band HYGAIN Vertical
12	ZL2AOH	Ralph Sutton	114	0	0	17	5w	9690	50	Kenwood TS120V, Dipole
13	ZL1WI	Roy Milam	112	0	0	17	5w	9520	3	FT767, 1/2w dipole
14	ZL2ARC	Alastair Christie	106	0	0	17	5w	9010	56	Yaesu FT-857, G5RV
15	ZL1DK	David Karrasch	104	0	0	16	5w	8320	65	Kenwood TS2000X, Trapped dipole
16	ZL2BIT	Joe Willan	92	1	0	16	5w	7376	27	Elecraft K2, Loaded vertical
17	ZL1ANY	Stephen Pearce	65	0	0	17	5w	5525	28	Elecraft K3 xcvr, Dipole
18	ZL1BWG	Bruce Scahill	66	0	1	16	5w	5440	28	Kenwood TS120V, 80/40Mx trapped dipole
19	ZL1MAT	Matthew Pearce	68	0	0	15	5w	5100	28	Elecraft K3 xcvr, Dipole
20	ZL4KJ	Colin Robertson	59	1	0	16	5w	4736	8	Kenwood TS120V, 1/2w Inv Vee
21	ZL2ALJ	Tony Fletcher	43	0	0	17	2w	3655	50	Argonaut, 130 ft wire 25ft up
22	ZI3PAH	Phil Holliday	42	0	0	16	5w	3360	56	Elecraft K3/100, Trapped Vertical
23	ZL2AQL	Mike Spearman	50	0	0	12	5w	3000	88	Yaesu FT101Z, Centre fed Dipole
24	ZL4IM	John Norton	39	0	0	15	5w	2925	8	Kenwood TS850, 2 1/2 waves in phase 80' up
25	ZL1DAC	Charlie Moates	49	0	0	10	5w	2450	28	Elecraft K2, 1/2w dipole up 13m
26	ZL3UJZ	Gilbert Best	5	3	0	2	5w	56	5	H/Brew VK1PK TX, G6ALU RX, Inv V 6m
Transistor Trophy (Opr licensed less than 1 year)										
		None this year								
Arthur Stevens South Island Trophy										