

## SANGSTER SHIELD 2017 RESULTS

Thanks to all who took part this 90<sup>th</sup> Sangster anniversary year. Numbers were steady with 17 logs received from 12 of the 14 Branches on air. From my analysis of logs there were 19 participants in total. A few new callsigns have appeared this year which is promising for the future.

Scores are noticeably down on last year which may be due to poor conditions on Sunday night mainly affecting Central & South call areas.

Hearty congratulations to long time contestant Paul ZL1PC who gains a milestone in the roll of honour in being the first ever entrant to record 5 Open Section wins. Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> win was 1999 and he has appeared on the open section podium an impressive 9 times to date.

Mike ZL2AUA takes second place just ahead of Bill ZL3VZ.

Now third time South Island winner Bill ZL3VZ steps up from 2<sup>nd</sup> last year to once again take the Arthur Stevens Trophy with Barry ZL2LN second & Phil ZL3PAH 3<sup>rd</sup>.

No contestants requested entry into the Transistor Trophy section this year.

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

The 14 qualifying active Branches were:- 2,5,11,16,22,24,28,42,50,56,69,84,87,88.

I first removed branch 11 (ZL2MYT) from claims on grounds of low contacts but restored it again after finding that there was no change to places for any entrant. Alex sent in a check log & I see no sign of any favouritism in his operation. From his notes he listened all Saturday night & plucked up enough courage to operate on Sunday. Although his total was low he worked every hour on Sunday & successfully contacted all the "big guns" & a number of South Islanders. Alex would have preferred us all sending the "/" code between each number group in the exchange and praised those who did when contacting him.

A good number of VK DX contacts were recorded this year but almost all were from VK2IG whose highest recorded contact number was 49 - sent to me 22:59 Sunday! A really dedicated operator.

### Comments received:-

- No ZL4's but good to hear ZL3's
- Where were the ZL4's? Only 1 VK – *more than one VK was worked but only one other callsign*
- Reasonable conditions except 1<sup>st</sup> hour Sunday – *from top of the South*
- Band died on Sunday here in Wgton, Good to work some new callsigns this year
- Fun to take part but wish there was more activity
- Hard going with S9 noise floor, Saturday good but Sunday poor. ZL1PC had outstanding signal in Ch-Ch
- Saturday workable but Sunday was a write off with only 2 stations worked reliably – *from Bay of Plenty*
- Not enough stations operating, CW quality very poor at times, boring contest compared to international events – *from top of the South*
- Oops keyer died – *during or after last contact Saturday?*

### 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.

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

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/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 2017**

<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	161	8	13	5w	11505	28	Icom IC-746 Pro, Full wave 80mx loop -higher up!
2	ZL2AUA	Mike Burch	139	4	13	5w	9555	84	Icom 7410, Dipole, ITT Key
3*	ZL3VZ	Bill Cousins	134	5	13	5w	9360	22	Icom IC-706 MkIIG, 1/2w Dipole
4	ZL2KZ	Glenn Kingston	120	6	11	5w	7260	50	FT1000MP, Assym. 5/8w Dipole, Superkeyer II
5*	ZL2LN	Barry Davenport	112	3	12	5w	7080	24	Yaesu FT847, 80/40, Trapped Dipole
6*	ZL3PAH	Phil Holliday	104	7	11	5w	6490	24	Elecraft K3s, 1/4w vertical with elevated radials
7*	ZL3WF	Wayne Fisher	86	6	13	5w	6370	5	Ken wood TS2000, 80/40 1/2w Trapped Dipole
8	ZL1BWG	Bruce Scahill	95	2	10	5w	4950	28	Icom IC-7200, G5RV, Marconi 365B straight key
9	ZL2JU	Les Jury	72	2	11	4w	4180	16	Elecraft K3, Emtron ATU, 80m coax fed Dipole
10*	ZL2ARC	Alistair Christie	66	4	11	5w	4070	56	Kenwood TS480, 80m Dipole
11*	ZL2GD	Grant Daniel	78	0	10	4.8w	3900	56	Icom IC-7300, 80m Inv Vee at 34ft
12	ZL2AGY	Tony Marr	74	3	9	5w	3600	87	Elecraft K3, 1/2w Inv Vee up 5m, TR4W logger
13	ZL2CLX	Max Saunders	49	0	9	4w	2205	42	Youkits HB1B, G5RV
14	ZL1AW	Allan Walker	49	0	8	5w	1960	28	Elecraft K2, full size 80m Horizontal Loop
15	ZL2AQL	Mike Spearman	34	0	7	5w	1190	88	Yaesu FT450D, 80m Dipole
16	ZL1DAC	Charlie Moates	28	0	6	5w	840	28	Elecraft K2, Dipole up 13m
<b>Transistor Trophy (first time entrant)</b>									
No entrants this year									
<b>Arthur Stevens South Island Trophy</b>									
1	ZL3VZ	Bill Cousins	134	5	13	5w	9360	22	Icom IC-706 MkIIG, 1/2w Dipole
2	ZL2LN	Barry Davenport	112	3	12	5w	7080	24	Yaesu FT847, 80/40, Trapped Dipole
3	ZL3PAH	Phil Holliday	104	7	11	5w	6490	24	Elecraft K3s, 1/4w vertical with elevated radials
<b>Check Log</b>									
	ZL2MYT	Alex Sutton	10	0	6	5w		11	Not stated