

SANGSTER SHIELD 2024 RESULTS

Big thanks to all who took part this year.

I have received 18 entries (a record 95%) this year out of a total of 19 participants across 11 Branches.

Central & Southern regions seemed to have had the best of band conditions this year. While I experienced good band conditions on both nights, reports were mixed from comments received.

No VK contacts were recorded by any entrant. This was a surprise after last year's steady rise to 16 claims in total. Maybe the lack was due to the super magnetic storms in previous weeks.

Open Section Leader board

Congratulations to our Open Section winner Geoff Clark ZL3GA, 2nd Place to myself ZL2KZ & 3rd Equal Places to Mike Burch ZL2AUA & Bill Cousins ZL3VZ.

As Open Section winner, Geoff ZL3GA automatically wins the Arthur Stevens (South Island) Trophy this year with Bill Cousins ZL3VZ 2nd Place and Barry Davenport ZL2LN 3rd. There was a reasonable slew of South Island entrants but only one (Greg Walsh ZL4GW) from the deep South.

Geoff Clark ZL3GA is our NZART Contest Manager & this is his first Open section & South Island win. He operated portable both nights from his caravan at Conway Flat.

Two Operators qualify for the Transistor Trophy (first time Sangster entrant) this year. Congratulations to winner Ben Gilbert ZL4BDG & 2nd Greg Walsh ZL4GW. Ben observed that this was a great gentle introduction to his first CW contest. Only a few contacts separated both entrants but Greg missed 3 North Island Branches from his deep South location & Ben missed only 2 Branches. Interestingly they also did not work eachother!

The Tony Fletcher (ZL2ALJ) Memorial Trophy Branch Award this time heads South to Branch 22 Marlborough ARC with 3 entrants ZL3VZ, ZL1AZB & ZL2GVA with a combined score of 12,000 points. North Canterbury Branch 68 came close with 11,850. Three Branches qualified with 3 or more entrants. Amazingly Whangarei Branch 28 had 4 entrants and one other participant (ZL1HX) for a short period.

The 11 qualifying active Branches were:- 16,22,24,30,28,46,50,63,68,84,88.

All qualifying Branches were active both nights.

I have removed Branches 54 & 86 from the multiplier claims this year. Only 1 contact was recorded for Branch 86 & a Bch 54 callsign was claimed in a summary but no contact was recorded in the log,

As always, I would like to stress that I do not remove logged contact claims for these cases as it is better to have more stations on air no matter how short a period they can manage.

No undeclared dupes were detected which I guess gives support to computer logging.

The main blemishes were claiming for own Branch plus incorrect transcribing of callsigns &/or Branch numbers from logs to Summary Sheets. No penalties were applied for these obvious errors.

Comments received

- Good fun. Wish Ops would listen before tuning up. *One instance was likely me mishandling my 2nd VFO - ZL2KZ!*
- Fewer Branches this year & no VKs.
- *From deep South* - Poor conditions. Local noise S6/7. Hard work but enjoyable.
- *From North Canterbury* - Massive QSB on Saturday Night. Sunday much better.
- *From Whangarei* - Too much local noise on loaded Vertical. Inv. L helped on Sunday.
- *From Tauranga* - Struggle to hear above the background noise both nights. My CQs produced only 3 or 4 contacts, all the rest were Search & Pounce.
- Really enjoyed taking part even with small number of participants.
- Good conditions. Where were all the ZL1's? - *From a ZL1 in North Canterbury!*
- Bill ZL3VZ was not able to use his Marlborough Sounds low noise site due to Kenepuru road closure.
- Our Shield defender Paul ZL1PC only operated for a short period on Sunday & *this year ended up at the opposite, & unfamiliar, end of the scoreboard!*

Publicity:-

Thanks to Jim (ZL2BHF) for carrying news items in official broadcasts, to the NZART Contest Manager Geoff ZL3GA for his timely support (and most successful participation). 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 the record percentage of operators which makes checking (& adjusting) easy.

As per the NZART website Rules PDF Certificates will be emailed to the relevant winners & place getters. The Branch Trophy is an engraved miniature commemorative plaque & will be posted as usual.

- 73's de Glenn ZL2KZ

Sangster Shield Results 2024

Sangster Shield - Open Section [* indicates South Island entrant eligible for Arthur Stevens Trophy]									
Place	Station	Name	NZ	DX	Bchs	Pwr	Total	Branch	Equipment
*1	ZL3GA	Geoff Clark	133	0	10	5w	6650	68	Elecraft KX2 on battery, Low Dipole 16ft
2	ZL2KZ	Glenn Kingston	128	0	10	5w	6400	50	Y'su FT1000, 5/8w off centre @ 5-15m, Super Key 2
3=	ZL2AUA	Mike Burch	122	0	10	5w	6100	84	Icom 7410, Dipole, ITT Key, H/Brew Paddles
*3=	ZL3VZ	Bill Cousins	122	0	10	5w	6100	22	QRP Labs QCX Xcvr, 80m ZK6BKW Dipole
*5	ZL2LN	Barry Davenport	108	0	10	5w	5400	24	Yaesu FT847, 80m Windom
6	ZL1ANY	Stephen Pearce	94	0	10	5w	4700	46	US OTA (USQX) + ATU, Doublet antenna 160'
*7	ZL1AZB	Russell Young	78	0	10	5w	3900	22	Yaesu FT747GX, NZPO Hand Key, G5RV 35ft up.
*8	ZL2GD	Grant Daniel	66	0	10	5w	3300	68	Icom 7610, Inverted vee dipole up 10m.
9	ZL1AW	Allan Walker	64	0	9	5w	2880	28	Icom 7300, 80m Loop
10	ZL4BDG	Ben Gilbert	56	0	8	5w	2240	63	Elecraft KX3, 80m EFHW at 6m up.
*11	ZL2GVA	Gerard Van Antwerpen	40	0	10	5w	2000	22	Elecraft K2, Horizontal Loop up 5m
*12	ZL3AB	Mark Sullivan	38	0	10	5w	1900	68	Kenwood TS590SG Dipole
*13	ZL4GW	Greg Walsh	53	0	7	5w	1855	30	Icom 7300, G7FEK ant, homebrew keyer & tuner
14	ZL2AQL	Mike Spearman	45	0	7	5w	1575	88	Yaesu FT450D, Wire Inverted V
15	ZL2JU	Les Jury	35	0	9	5w	1575	16	Elecraft K2. Open wire fed Dipole
16	ZL1YC	Bruce Haswell	42	0	6	5w	1260	28	Icom 7000, Home Brew Tuner, 80/40/20 Dipole
17	ZL1BBW	Gavin Williams	30	0	8	5w	1200	28	Icom 7610, 80 m loaded vertical + Inverted L
18	ZL1PC	Paul Slako	23	0	8	5w	920	28	Icom 7610, 80m Full Wave Loop
Transistor Trophy (first time Sangster contest entrant)									
1	ZL4BDG	Ben Gilbert	56	0	8	5w	2240	63	Elecraft KX3, 80m EFHW at 6m up.
2	ZL4GW	Greg Walsh	53	0	7	5w	1855	30	Icom 7300, G7FEK ant, homebrew keyer & tuner
Arthur Stevens South Island Trophy (Top "3" only)									
1	ZL3GA	Geoff Clark	133	0	10	5w	6650	68	Elecraft KX2 on battery, Low Dipole 16ft
2	ZL3VZ	Bill Cousins	122	0	10	5w	6100	22	QRP Labs QCX Xcvr, 80m ZK6BKW Dipole
3	ZL2LN	Barry Davenport	108	0	10	5w	5400	24	Yaesu FT847, 80m Windom
Tony Fletcher (ZL2ALJ) Memorial Trophy Branch Award (miniature permanent trophy via Bch 50 to winning branch)									
1	Branch 22	Marlborough ARC	3 entrants ZL3VZ, ZL1AZB & ZL2GVA						