

Sangster Shield Contest 2005 Results

Logs were received from 21 operators out of the 30 callsigns that were active.

Congratulations to Andrie ZL1TM in winning the Sangster Shield.

Seasoned campaigners Ken ZL1AIH takes 2nd place and Leo ZL2AJB makes the top 3. Alistair ZL2ARC takes the South Island Trophy with some competition again from John ZL4IM.

With the aurora in full swing (reported max. was Sunday afternoon) John had his Sunday night wiped out totally & reports hearing only bits of three ZL1 transmissions that night. The magnetic storm caused increasing trouble to stations, the further South they were located.

This year I have invoked Rule 13 and have deducted 4 Branches as multipliers on the grounds of below minimum activity. The recorded contacts derived from the logs received totalled 8, 9, 12 & 14 for each of the branches discounted. The chance of entrants working each of these branches was really a lottery. I have deducted the branch No. claims but allowed all contact points as claimed by each entrant since there is no sign of any unfair advantage in the scoring patterns. It is not my intention to discourage contestants from appearing in the contest since we would all sooner have the additional activity - even if some can stay only a short while. While 1st and 2nd places were unaffected by this action, unfortunately 3rd and some lesser place positions were altered.

ZL2LN reported 10 watts on Saturday and 5 watts on Sunday. I have adjusted all claims to match this fact. Most claims were actually correct! Not one entrant managed a VK contact this year. This must be a first. There was also no entrant for the Transistor Trophy (less than 1 year licensed) and again no Branch Award has been made due to lack of the required 3 submitted logs.

Down from last year, the 19 qualifying active Branches were:-
2,3,8,10,12,13,20,24,25,27,28,29,45,50,56,65,71,78,86. Branches 16, 40, 69 and 72 were discounted as multipliers but their contacts benefited overall activity.

I was pleased to enter the contest for the full time this year. For me the extra activity on Sunday was tempered by the adverse band conditions. All received signal strengths plummeted but also Saturday's steady crystal CW notes took on a warble mindful of the old days of keyed finals and VFOs. Once again the scoring task was a pleasure.

Comments received were:-

- ZL1BHQ - Usual enjoyable event spoilt by atrocious condx Sunday with even close stations barely audible.
- ZL2DF enclosed details from W1AW of the Solar event 1650z Friday 13th May which peaked all the solar flux indexes by Sunday 15th.
- ZL1DD [first Sangster was 1953 using ARC-5 & R1155!] operated Sunday only, worked 95 QSOs & heard no ZL3 or 4s. Barry used a computer linked rig and posted a faultless log. He remarks on how times have changed!
- ZL1UB - QRN steady 5/9+ Sunday 15th at Milford.

- ZL2AOH praised other operators for having “good ears” if his signal was comparable to theirs.
- ZL2ADN is still enjoying the thrill of contesting at age 79!

Check Log: Nigel Hardy ZL2TX pwr 5w, Br 16, Yaesu FT1000MP/DC

One or Two Night Contest? - Of the 20 entrants, 9 were in favour of one night - (Sat was the most picked), 4 prefer two nights and 7 did not comment. One wished for earlier start and one requested later finish. It would be nice to get 10 operating periods over 5 hours [7-12] and this is my bid for the moment. Comparing nights, Sunday seems to be the more consistently active but 12 midnight is a bit heavy for those working weekdays.

Decision for 2006. *Go with two nights, then*

Alter the Call Book rules for a *one night contest in 2007* - Tentatively 10 half hour operating periods 19:00 to 24:00 midnight Saturday of the 3rd full weekend in May. Forward your comments to ZL2KZ or the Contesting Reflector at contesting@nzart.org.nz for the option of Saturday vs Sunday and the start/ finish times

Glenn ZL2KZ Sangster Manager.

No	Station	Name	0-5w	6w+	DX	Brs	Pwr	Total	Br	Equipment
Sangster Shield - Open Section										
1	ZL1TM	Andrei Chatalov	194	2	0	18	5w	17496	2	Kenwood TS 570DG, Bow Dipole
2	ZL1AIH	Ken McCormack	187	2	0	18	5w	16866	71	2xElecraft K2's, 2 x Inv. L's
3	ZL2AJB	Leo Hodge	184	3	0	18	5w	16614	20	K'wood TS120V, Centre Fed 1/2w Inv Vee
4	ZL1MH	Mike Hutchins	178	1	0	18	5w	16038	78	Elecraft K2, 1200ft Horiz loop
5	ZL1BHQ	John Powell	172	2	0	18	5w	15516	29	-
6	ZL1TW	Ron Willcocks	170	1	0	18	5w	15318	28	Elecraft K1, 1/2w dipole, no tuner
7	ZL1PZ	Ian Sexton	174	2	0	17	5w	14824	10	Thermionic 7C5 valve from TS830, Zepp
8	ZL2KZ	Glenn Kingston	155	2	0	18	5w	13986	50	Home Brew BLY87A, valve RX, 1/2w Dipole
9	ZL1DK	David Karrasch	150	3	0	18	5w	13554	65	K'wood TS440, Trapped Dipole, Iambic keyer
10	ZL2AVL	Bill Luscombe	148	2	0	18	5w	13356	45	K'wood TS120V, Extended Double Zepp
11	ZL2DF	Nigel Hayton	111	1	0	18	5w	10008	27	Elecraft K2, 5 band vert. elevated radials
12	ZL1WI	Roy Milam	117	0	0	17	5w	9945	3	Yaesu FT767, 1/2w dipole
13	ZL1DD	Barry Kirkwood	95	0	0	16	5w	7600	86	FT1000D, 1/2w dipole up 20m, Writelog
14	ZL2ARC	Alastair Christie	80	0	0	14	5w	5600	56	K'wood TS120V, Extended Double Zepp
15	ZL1ALZ	John Balsille	78	0	0	14	5w	5460	65	K'wood TS120V, 1/2w Dipole
16	ZL1UB	Don Wilson	80	0	0	12	5w	4800	29	ICOM IC706, Dipole, off centre fed Inv Vee
17	ZL2AOH	Ralph Sutton	77	0	0	11	5w	4235	50	Kenwood TS120V, Dipole
18	ZL2ADN	John Stuart	50	0	0	16	5w	4000	20	FT101ZD, 1/2w centre fed, GSB (P&T) Key
19	ZL2AWH	Denys Brosnan	58	0	0	13	5w	3770	13	Ten Tec Argosy, Diamond trap dipole
20	ZL4IM	John Norton	38	0	0	13	5w	2470	8	TS 580SAT, 2x1/2 waves in phase up 80'

Arthur Stevens South Island Trophy

14*	ZL2ARC	Alastair Christie	80	0	0	14	5w	5600	56	K'wood TS120V, Extended Double Zepp
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