SANGSTER SHIELD 2016 RESULTS

Thanks again to all who took part this year. Numbers were up with 18 logs received as against 10 last year. From logs there were 22 participants in total. It was good to see entrants returning from some time back but we did miss a few of our regulars such as Tom ZL1WW, Sid ZL2BIF & Ken ZL1AIH.

Scores were generally more competitive than last year.

Congratulations to newcomer Lars ZL1IF operating ZL1AM Club Station in winning the Sangster Shield. Frank ZL2BR (our NZART Contest Manager) takes second place ahead of Paul our senior four time champion ZL1PC - third this year.

Barry ZL2LN takes the Arthur Stevens Trophy as top South Island station with Bill ZL3VZ second & Alistair ZL2ARC third. This is Barry's 9th South Island win from 2006, many of which were multiple hat tricks

Since Lars ZL1IF is also a Sangster first time entrant I have awarded him the Transistor Trophy as per the new rules. No other operator qualifies and in any case no one can outscore the Open Section winner!

Two Branches - Whangarei 28 & New Plymouth 27 each managed 3 entrants. The Tony Fletcher (ZL2ALJ) Memorial Trophy (Branch) award goes to Whangarei Branch with the highest overall score. Charlie ZL1DAC, also Branch 28, operated for a while but must have decided to leave it to the 3 capable remaining entrants to carry off the award!

The 16 qualifying active Branches were: -3,16,22,24,27,28,41,42,50,56,65,69,80,84,87,88.

Many more VK DX contacts were recorded this year with John ZL1VD topping the pole with 5.

By accepting that none of us got consistent serial numbers I did allow VK5NJ where this station was logged. Many of us assumed 001 as he did not seem to be au fait with our rules. Later on Sunday he was stronger than some of the ZL's but he did not return my calls - or others - judging by the logs.

Logging was generally accurate this year with only a few dupes & branch number errors needing correction. There were no branch multipliers deleted for low contact reasons.

The serial number exchange now assists me to track down & make a definite correction or locate a dupe in both? logs. Strangely, in most cases, a dupe was recorded at one end only as the other station repeated the earlier serial number rather than persevering to deter the duped contact.

There should be a Q code to indicate "worked already this period". Maybe there is but I have not learned it! If we follow Toyota's advt. a blunt QBO could be sent but I think a more gentlemanly QWA would better apply to the Sangster Contest. Suggestions welcome.

While on this subject we also need to distinguish between "exchange again pse" & "OK but callsign pse". When using pounce & seek it is easy to miss the call but then perfectly copy the exchange. IMI then elicits the exchange again but mostly not the callsign. I think that QRZ is too confusing when a contact has reached this point. More suggestions?

Comments received:-

- Enjoyed new format with new lease of life & more stations to work
- Storm Saturday/ lightning crashes & 50dB/S9 rain static part Sunday
- No Auckland Bch 02's
- Called & searched how could I miss so many?
- Gentlemanly operating & good company
- More effort needed than in the past with number exchange
- Deep QSB on weaker sigs both nights [top of South Is.]
- Good quality operating throughout
- Rule change has attracted more entrants this year
- Although noise was down propagation was poor from North Auckland
- QSB often took out the serial number needing embarrassing repeat requests
- Sorry for duped number. Don't worry there were a number of these & no contacts were deleted for this reason 2KZ
- Better turnout but where are the regulars & SI stations?
- New rules give operators a better idea of our position is this good or bad?
- Hard going [down South] with S8 noise QRM this year & getting worse
- ZL1AM was a very good signal in Ch-ch

- 1st period everyone seemed deaf except ZL2LN [just across the water]. Checked & found that output had slipped to 1 watt thereafter in business
- Good conditions [Central] & great fun

Publicity:-

Thanks again to Jim (ZL2BHF) for carrying news items in official broadcasts, to the NZART webmaster, Infoline team & Break In editor (Mark) for running publicity & publishing the new rules this year. 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 most operators which makes checking easy.

- 73's de Glenn ZL2KZ

Sangster Shield Results 2016

Sangster Shield - Open Section									
Place	Station	Name	NZ	DX	Bchs	Pwr	Total	Branch	Equipment
1	Club ZL1AM	Lars Norling ZL1IF	183	1	15	5w	13875	28	Not stated
2	ZL2BR	Frank Hunt	176	1	15	5w	13350	27	Icom IC7600. 80m Dipole
3=	ZL1PC	Paul Slako	165	1	15	5w	12525	28	Not stated
3=	ZL2APV	Graeme Jury	161	3	15	5w	12525	27	H/Brew "everything", 1/2w Inv. Vee at 12m
5=	ZL2LN	Barry Davenport	155	1	15	5w	11775	24	Yaesu FT847, 80/40 coax Trapped Dipole at 8m
5=	ZL2AUA	Mike Burch	151	3	15	5w	11775	84	Icom 7410, Dipole, ITT Key
7	ZL2AYB	Wayne Fisher	153	0	15	5w	11475	50	Yaesu FT840, ZC1 Key, Mem. Keyer, 1/2w dip.
8	ZL2KZ	Glenn Kingston	144	3	15	5w	11250	50	FT1000MP, Assym. 5/8w Dipole, Superkeyer II
9	ZL3VZ	Bill Cousins	141	2	15	5w	10875	22	Icom IC-706 MkIIG, 80m Windom Dipole
10	ZL1BFS	Douglas Birt	129	2	15	5w	9975	80	FT2000D + 3dB attenuator, 1/2w dipole at 12m
11	ZL1VD	John Cutler	111	5	15	5w	9075	69	Yaesu FT847, 80m ladderline dipole at 24ft.
12	ZL1BWG	Bruce Scahill	99	0	15	5w	7425	28	Icom IC-7200, G5RV, Marconi 365B straight key
13	ZL2ARC	Alistair Christie	109	2	13	5w	7345	56	K'wd TS480, 80m Dipole
14	ZL2BHD	Graeme Bateman	107	0	13	5w	6955	87	Yaesu FT7B, Full wave 80m Horizontal Loop
15	ZL2AQL	Mike Spearman	81	0	13	5w	5265	88	Yaesu FT450D, 80m Dipole
16	ZL2IH	lan Hayton	83	0	11	5w	4565	27	Icom IC9001 + Dipole
17	ZL2CLX	Max Saunders	84	0	10	4w	4200	42	YOUKITS HB1B, G5RV
18	ZL1WI	Roy Milam	60	0	12	4/5w	3600	3	Yaesu FT767 + 1/2w dipole
Transistor Trophy (first time entrant)									
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Check Logs (None Received)									