

SANGSTER SHIELD 2019 RESULTS

Thanks to all who took part this year. Numbers were up with 20 logs received from 17 of the 19 Branches on air. From my analysis of logs there were 24 participants in total. A few new callsigns of experienced operators appeared this year with just one first timer applying to enter the Transistor Trophy.

Scores are mostly improved on last year but conditions were poor for long distance contacts. Only 2 VK's have been claimed, one at 21:16 on Saturday & the other at 22:47 on Sunday, both with serial 001. This compares with 15 VK's last year & 50 the year before. Ionospheric absorption seems to be responsible as vertical incidence short distance contacts were well represented but VK's & even South to North ZL's had trouble. Good for us in the middle for once!

Congratulations to Open Section winner Bill ZL3VZ operating near Portage which once again also gives him the Arthur Stevens (top South Island) Trophy. Bill now has four Open & five South Island wins & he is dangerously close to Paul ZL1PC's all time five Opens milestone.

Paul ZL1XH takes second place just ahead of Grant ZL2GD third.

South Islanders Grant ZL2GD & Barry ZL2LN take 2nd & 3rd places in the Arthur Stevens Trophy successfully defending their last year's positions.

Congratulations to first time entrant Robin ZL2IW who gains the Transistor Trophy this year. Robin was a last minute participant who was encouraged to enter to permit Branch 22 to qualify for the Tony Fletcher Award and provide competition for Whangarei's 2016,17&18 hat trick.

Sure enough, with Bill ZLVZ's anchor score, Marlborough Branch 22 has outflanked Whangarei by a large margin to record their first win of the Tony Fletcher (ZL2ALJ) Memorial Trophy (Branch Award). Operators were Bill ZL3VZ, Gerard ZL2GVA and Robin ZL2IW. Gallant defender Whangarei was the only other Branch with 3 entrants.

The 18 qualifying active Branches were:- 2,3,5,13,16,22,24,28,30,37,42,50,56,68,69,84,87,88.

I have removed branch 20 (ZL2AUB) from branch claims on grounds of low contacts. ZL2AUB worked during the first ½ hour period on Saturday. The highest serial number recorded by entrants was 005. This action has reversed 2nd & 3rd places & caused 2 pairs of entrants to "dead heat" further down the table.

In line with my earlier practice I have not removed 2AUB's contact points since we all would sooner have more participants on air whether for a long or short time.

All other low scoring participants operated for longer periods, appeared in many more logs or were using the same branch number as other higher scoring entrants.

I have some observations as Manager:-

- Logs submitted were of a high standard of readability. A few repetitive Branch number errors were still present this year. I have corrected & allowed these & other minor copying errors where the contact could be traced from serial numbers on matching logs.
- ZL4IG was recorded in a few logs with Branch number 30 instead of 37. Luckily Robin is an entrant & from his log I was able to improve on some others Branch claims which contained this "blemish".
- I am impressed that experienced first timers refrained from requesting entry to the Transistor Trophy & this is an example of the great spirit of the Sangster.

Comments received – Game of 2 halves?

North Island (top to bottom)

- Band conditions good this year, no QRN but no VK's either. Most enjoyable
- Operating manners very good. Slight QSB. CQ's gave best results. Good fun
- Sigs from far south were very good. Start delayed 20 mins while swapping K2 for K3!

South Island (top to bottom)

- Saturday sigs dropped after 2100, Sunday better. Enjoyed the contest for 2nd time
- Fast fading & difficult to work NI from Ch-ch city. CQ's unheard.
- Only 1 station answered my CQs

Publicity:-

Thanks to Jim (ZL2BHF) for carrying news items in official broadcasts, to the Break In editor (Mark) for running publicity for this year's contest in the March/April Break In and also for Infoline timing which was well matched to the Sangster timeline.

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 2019

Sangster Shield - Open Section [* indicates South Island entrant eligible for Arthur Stevens Trophy]									
Place	Station	Name	NZ	DX	Bchs	Pwr	Total	Branch	Equipment
*1	ZL3VZ	Bill Cousins	174	0	17	5w	14790	22	QRP Labs QCX Monoband transceiver
2	ZL1XH	Paul Barratt	162	0	17	5w	13770	2	Elecraft K3, 1/2w Dipole up 17m, Bencher Key
*3	ZL2GD	Grant Daniel	153	1	17	5w	13175	68	Icom IC-7610, 80m Inv V at 10m, Bencher Paddles
4	ZL2KZ	Glenn Kingston	140	0	17	5w	11900	50	Yaesu FT840, 5/8w Dipole 6-12m. Super Key 2
*5	ZL2LN	Barry Davenport	130	0	17	5w	11050	24	Yaesu FT847, H/Brew 4 Band Trapped Dipole 8m
6	ZL2BHD	Graeme Bateman	123	0	17	5w	10455	87	Yaesu FT7B, 80m Horizontal loop
*7	ZL3WF	Wayne Fisher	108	0	16	4w	8640	5	Kenwood TS2000, 80/40 trap Dipole, 19 set key
8	ZL2AUA	Mike Burch	82	0	16	5w	6560	84	Icom 7410, Dipole, H/Brew Paddles
9=	ZL2AQL	Mike Spearman	82	0	15	5w	6150	3	Yaesu FT450D, 80m Inv Vee
9=	ZL1VD	John Cutler	80	1	15	5w	6150	69	Yaesu FT847, Bent 80m Dipole. WW2 Type 19 key
*11	ZL2ARC	Alistair Christie	72	0	16	5w	5760	56	Kenwood TS480, 80m Dipole
12	ZL2JU	Les Jury	68	0	16	6	5440	16	Elecraft K3, Emtron ATU, 80m coax fed Dipole
13=	ZL1AW	Allan Walker	60	0	14	5w	4200	28	Elecraft K2, full size 80m Horizontal Loop
13=	ZL1DCO	David Cosgrave	70	0	12	5w	4200	3	Kenwood TS120V, Inv Vee up 9m, Vibroplex key
15	ZL1BWG	Bruce Scahill	67	0	12	5w	4020	28	Yaesu FT818, G5RV, Admiralty - straight key
*16	ZL2GVA	Gerard Van Antwerpen	55	0	11	5w	3025	22	Yaesu FT897D, Short Dipole with stubs up 8m
17	ZL2CLX	Max Saunders	53	0	11	4w	2915	42	Youkits HB1B, G5RV
*18	ZL4IG	Robin McNeill	20	0	9	5w	900	37	Yaesu FT817nd. Ancient 11m!! HY-GAIN Vertical
*19	ZL2IW	Robin Carter	20	0	6	4w	600	22	Icom 9100. Dipole up 8m
20	ZL1DAC	Charlie Moates	15	0	5	5w	375	28	Elecraft K2, Dipole up 13m
Transistor Trophy (first time entrant)									
1	ZL2IW	Robin Carter	20	0	6	4w	600	22	Icom 9100. Dipole up 8m
Arthur Stevens South Island Trophy (Top 3 only)									
1	ZL3VZ	Bill Cousins	174	0	17	5w	14790	22	QRP Labs QCX Monoband transceiver
2	ZL2GD	Grant Daniel	153	1	17	5w	13175	68	Icom IC-7610, 80m Inv V at 10m, Bencher Paddles
3	ZL2LN	Barry Davenport	130	0	17	5w	11050	24	Yaesu FT847, H/Brew 4 Band Trapped Dipole 8m