

SANGSTER SHIELD 2021 RESULTS

As usual thanks to all who took part this year.

Entrant numbers were about the same as last year with 19 logs received from 11 of the 17 Branches on air. From my analysis of logs there were around 25 participants in total.

Good band conditions on both nights were reported this year and a number of repeat entrants exceeded their last year scores.

Conditions for VK contacts are up on last year with a total of 16 VK contacts claimed by 8 entrants. This compares to only 8 VK's in total last year & is near the number last achieved in 2018. Fifty VK's were logged in 2017 so here's hoping for a better showing in 2022.

Congratulations to a first time Open Section winner John Shaw ZL1BYZ with 2nd Place to Bill Cousins ZL3VZ & in 3rd Place Grant Daniel ZL2GD.

Our last year's top 2 defenders were a) Paul ZL1PC *down* – to just 91 contacts! due to operating for only one evening and b) Paul ZL1XH *out* - not entering because of electronic logging & timing issues. By ZL1XH's email I expected some of his contacts to cause dupes with other entrants but happily I found none in the logs received. Thanks Paul for your unvarnished explanation & I shall look forward to your next year's entry.

Bill Cousins ZL3VZ is once again the Arthur Stevens (South Island) Trophy winner this year with Grant Daniel ZL2GD defending his last year's 2nd Place & Geoff Clark ZL3GA taking 3rd place. There was an excellent showing of 8 South Island entrants in total.

One station only requested entry to the Transistor Trophy (First time Sangster entrant) this year. Congratulations to Don MacDonald ZL3DMC Branch 68 who also contributed to his Branch's success in the Tony Fletcher Award (see below). – Good decision to enter this year Don.

The Tony Fletcher (ZL2ALJ) Memorial Trophy Branch Award will for the first time head to Branch 68 North Canterbury this year with ZL2GD, ZL3GA & ZL3DMC combined scores of 27,580. Branch 28 Whangarei 2nd with 26,100 & Branch 22 Marlborough 3rd with 21,320 were the other qualifying branches with 3 or more entrants. This is only the 2nd time the Branch award has headed South since its inception in 1993.

The 16 qualifying active Branches were:- 5,13,16,22,24, 28,29,30,46,50,56,65,68,69,84,88.

I have removed Branch 42 from the list this year due to very low contact numbers. Bruce ZL2BCO was the only operator in Branch 42 & also sent in a check log to confirm. No contact claims have been deleted. Max ZL2CLX, absent this year, usually cements in our Branch 42 claims.

Unless I detect favouritism or bias in selecting contacts I do not remove the contact claims for any deleted Branches as I believe it is better to have more stations active regardless of how long participants are able to operate.

ZL4KX Branch 30 was also low in contacts & worked only one evening. All of the top 9 entrants spread far & wide worked ZL4KX, some more than once, & my decision was to retain Branch 30 as a valid claim.

A couple of false copy branch numbers & claims appeared on logs but these were easily corrected from matching log entries.

Comments received

- High A Index but conditions seemed OK
- Tony Fletcher Award is attracting more teams - (*Great outcome -2KZ*)
- W's were strong on Sunday but QRP not enough to get thru. Good to work VK2CCC running his 300mW
- Many stations came back off frequency & some so far - just key clicks
- 3VK's on Saturday, none on Sunday - (*No VK's on Sunday for any entrant – 2KZ*)
- Most stayed up to 11pm both nights
- Best copy in years from North Island stations on Saturday - (*From a South Islander! – 2KZ*)
- Used the Tauranga Emergency Communications Group vehicle at Bethlehem & shared the transceiver across both Branch 88 participants - (*They dutifully did not record working each other on sidetone CW! – 2KZ*)

Publicity:-

Thanks to Jim (ZL2BHF) for carrying news items in official broadcasts, to the NZART Contest Manager (Frank), and to HQ for Infoline timing which was well matched to the Sangster timeline. My fault that I missed the March/April Break-In deadline & as is usual the May/June (last Conference drop) Break In arrived just after the Sangster contest weekend. VK publicity (via WIA?) next year will be worth a try with expected propagation improvement.

Once again it was great to have a log from almost all operators which makes checking (& adjusting) easy. For the first time I did not print out any emailed logs & was able to work directly from the electronic copies. All I need is a cross checker & scoring program across word, excel, text & paper scanned Jpeg's, then my job will become redundant!

I would like to acknowledge the passing in April this year of Stan White ZL2ST (former NZART Contest Manager) whom I worked with as a colleague in Telecom Wellington for a time and was pleased to receive his most useful advice when I first took up this task from Alan ZL3KR in 2001.

We have lost a great communicator, a very fine operator & organiser as part of the formidable ZL2GT & ZL2G (Napier) Field Day team, ZL7 Chatham expeditions, multi station ZL2T in CQWW SSB at Napier and with ZM2M and ZM4T East Coast Contesters as well as his varied roles in NZART Branches & HQ.

- 73's de Glenn ZL2KZ

Sangster Shield Results 2021

Sangster Shield - Open Section [* indicates South Island entrant eligible for Arthur Stevens Trophy]										
Place	Station	Name	NZ	DX	Bchs	Pwr	Total	Branch	Equipment	
1	ZL1BYZ	John Shaw	179	1	15	5w	13575	65	Elecraft K3, 80m Dipole	
*2	ZL3VZ	Bill Cousins	165	2	15	5w	12675	22	QRP Labs QCX transceiver, 1/2w Dipole	
*3	ZL2GD	Grant Daniel	161	2	15	5w	12375	68	Icom 7300, 80m Inv Vee 10m up, N1MN Log & Key	
4	ZL1BBW	Gavin Williams	158	3	15	5w	12300	28	Icom 7610, 3 wire cage 20ft up, W1EIL Keyer	
5	ZL2AUA	Mike Burch	149	3	15	5w	11625	84	Icom 7410, H/Brew Paddle & ITT Key, Dipole	
*6	ZL3GA	Geoff Clark	147	1	15	5w	11175	68	Kenwood TS590SG, Low Dipole & LOG RX Ant.	
*7	ZL2LN	Barry Davenport	148	0	15	5w	11100	24	Yaesu FT847, 80/40 trapped Dipole	
8	ZL1ANY	Stephen Pearce	119	1	15	5w	9075	46	Elecraft K3, Dipole	
9	ZL2KZ	Glenn Kingston	118	0	15	5w	8850	50	Y'su FT1000, 5/8w off centre @ 6-12m, Super Key 2	
*10	ZL2GVA	Gerard Van Antwerpen	117	0	13	5w	7605	22	Yaesu FT897D, Short Dipole with stubs up 8m	
11	ZL1BWG	Bruce Scahill	110	0	13	5w	7150	28	Icom IC 703, G5RV, Bencher key	
12	ZL1PC	Paul Slako	89	3	14	5w	6650	28	Icom 7610, 80m Full Wave Loop	
13	ZL2JU	Les Jury	89	0	13	4w	5785	16	Icom 746 Pro, Emtron ATU, 80m Coax fed Dipole	
*14	ZL2ARC	Alistair Christie	72	0	13	5w	4680	56	Kenwood TS480, 80m Dipole	
*15	ZL3DMC	Don MacDonald	62	0	13	5w	4030	68	Kenwood TS2000, Doublet 10m up	
16	ZL2AQL	Mike Spearman	64	0	11	5w	3520	88	Yaesu FT450D, 80m Inv Vee	
17	ZL1AW	Allan Walker	31	0	9	5w	1395	28	Elecraft K2, full size 80m Loop	
*18	ZL2IW	Robin Carter	26	0	8	5w	1040	22	Icom 9100, 1/2w Dipole 7m up	
Transistor Trophy (first time Sangster contest entrant)										
	ZL3DMC	Don MacDonald	62	0	13	5w	4030	68	Kenwood TS2000, Doublet 10m up	
Arthur Stevens South Island Trophy (Top 3 only)										
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Tony Fletcher (ZL2ALJ) Memorial Trophy Branch Award (miniature permanent trophy via Bch 50 to winning branch)										
1	Branch 68	North Canterbury	3 entrants ZL2GD, ZL3GA & ZL3DMC							
2	Branch 28	Whangarei	4 possible entrants ZL1BBW, ZL1BWG, ZL1PC & ZL1AW							
3	Branch 22	Marlborough	3 entrants ZL3VZ, ZL2GVA & ZL2IW							
Checklog										
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