

NZART Memorial Contest 2023 Results

Callsign	Phone Points	CW Points	Prefixes	Score
<u>Mixed</u>				
ZL3VZ	84	68	10	1520
ZL3YB	95	30	11	1375
ZL2AUB	53	32	8	680
ZL2OB	56	30	7	602
ZL2KZ	27	20	11	517
VK4M	7	20	6	162
<u>Mixed QRP</u>				
VK2CDS	7	6	3	39
<u>Phone</u>				
ZL4RMF	136	-	8	1088
ZL2W	117	-	8	936
ZL4RO	116	-	8	928
ZL4UC	103	-	7	721
ZL3CRG	80	-	8	640
ZL1WL	85	-	7	595
ZL3PIE	31	-	4	124
VK7JGD	20	-	4	80
VK2DEK	14	-	4	56
ZL2WE	14	-	4	56
ZL3RXT	16	-	3	48
ZL2FD	14	-	3	42
<u>Multi-Op PH</u>				
ZL3AC	115	-	8	920
<u>CW</u>				
ZL2GD	-	122	8	976
ZL2RX	6	24	4	96
<u>CW QRP</u>				
ZL2GVA	-	76	5	380
ZL3GA	-	86	4	344
VK7KPC	-	10	2	20

Active Stations (>2 QSOs)		Logs Received	
ZL	39	SSB	12
VK	14	CW	4
Total	53	Mixed	9
		Total	25

Participation in the contest was down a little from last year with 8 fewer logs submitted. Thanks to the VKs who joined in the fun and to the Branch 05 multi-operator station (ZL4TJE ZL3TAO ZL2AYB ZL3AWB) who used it as a training exercise. Congratulations to all the category winners, especially to Bill ZL3VZ who was overall winner for the second year in a row!

Logs: We achieved 100% computer logs for the 2023 Contest! Thank you all. Cross checking and scoring the electronic logs submitted in Cabrillo format takes a matter of minutes meaning we can now get the results out soon after the contest. From 2023, the results are published on the website and in Infoline rather than waiting for the bi-monthly *Break-In*.

From the 2022 contest onwards, high quality PDF certificates are emailed to category winners. These can be printed on good quality card at your local stationery store for around \$5 and make a nice addition to your shack wall.

Log observations:

We use the W3KM Cabrillo Evaluation software to cross check all logs and adjust the scoring based on NIL (Not In Log) and incorrect logging of the exchange. Therefore, your published score may well be less than your claimed score. Congratulations to ZL2FD, ZL2WE and ZL3PIE who all submitted error-free logs.

- Be careful with copying the exchange and if you are not sure, ask for a repeat
- Ensure your computer clock is set accurately. The internationally accepted time tolerance is ± 5 minutes. Logs must be in UTC – if you use one of the recommended programs, it takes care of this for you
- Ensure that the other station has your call correct, use (standard) phonetics in SSB to help with this
- Work those Multipliers! Have a look at the QRP/CW results for a graphic illustration of why it's important to work all the mults available (well done Gerard!)

Currently two free contest logging software programmes fully support the NZART Memorial Contest and produce Cabrillo format logs: **N1MM Logger+** and **VKCL**. Sadly, the author of VKCL, Mike VK3AVV, passed away in 2022 and the software is not able to be supported. I recommend N1MM Logger+ as it is in current development by a worldwide team.

An alternative to using a dedicated Contest logger is to export an ADIF file from your usual logger and convert to Cabrillo using one of the many tools available on the web. Some entrants used the excellent tool at <http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/> to produce and submit their Cabrillo file. Scroll down to “Other Contests” and select NZART Memorial Contest. Some non-contest loggers have an option to export a Cabrillo file.

12 stations who worked >10 QSOs didn't submit logs. Please send in your log, regardless of how many QSOs you make. If anyone is genuinely struggling with the change to electronic logging, drop me a note (contests@nzart.org.nz) and we'll work on it together.

Thanks for participating in the contest this year and I look forward to seeing you all in the next Memorial Contest in July 2024.

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