

SANGSTER SHIELD 2025 RESULTS

Another big thanks to all who took part this year.

In contrast to last year’s 95% entry rate, I have received only 6 entries plus one check log <50% this year out of a total of 15 participants across 10 Branches. Mid Southern & Central regions seemed to have had the best of band conditions this year. While I experienced good band conditions on both nights in Wellington, band reports varied widely from comments received.

Only 3 VK contacts were claimed in total, I guess an indication that we are at the peak of sunspots favouring higher bands. Bill ZL3VZ also noted Solar disturbance with A Index of 38.

Open Section Leader board

Congratulations to our Open Section winner Grant Daniel ZL2GD, 2nd Place to myself ZL2KZ & 3rd Place to Bill Cousins ZL3VZ. Bill & I were separated by only one contact.

As Open Section winner, Grant ZL2GD automatically wins the Arthur Stevens (South Island) Trophy this year with Bill Cousins ZL3VZ 2nd Place and Greg Walsh ZL4GW 3rd. There was a great turnout of South Island stations with a record 6 located in Branch 30.

No entrant is a first timer & hence the Transistor Trophy is not awarded this year.

No Branch formally entered more than one station so the Tony Fletcher (ZL2ALJ) Memorial Trophy is also not awarded this year.

The 10 qualifying active Branches were: - 05,12,16,22,30,50,68,84,87,88 and with the exception of Branches 12 & 87 the remainder were active both nights. Branch 12 ZL1ANY worked less than my usual number of contacts for a qualifying Branch multiplier but was contacted by all of the top 4 entrants so I have allowed the claims.

No undeclared dupes were detected which I guess gives support to most using computer logging.

Comments received

- Excellent band conditions both nights. Pity there were so few stations on.
- *From deep South* - Propagation NG. Didn't seem to be many stations on. Great Contest.
- *From top of South* - Signals affected by solar disturbance & RF connector fault Sunday night. Only 1 ZL1 worked & ZL4s difficult early Saturday.
- Where were the ZL1's & Whangarei? Great to work many Branch 30 stations.
- Worked all stations I could hear. ZL2AUA was most consistent, strong & clear.
- RX on the QCX is every bit as good as the Icom 7300, but does not have a noise blanker for my electric fence!

Publicity

Thanks to Jim (ZL2BHF) for carrying news items in official broadcasts, to the NZART Contest Manager Geoff ZL3GA for his timely support. Also, to HQ for Infoline & NZART Home Page with Contest calendar links reminding Sangster dates, times & rules well in advance.

As per the NZART website Rules PDF Certificates will be emailed to the relevant winners & place getters.

Silent Keys

1. I would like to acknowledge Barry Kirkwood SK 30th June 2024 in Chang Mai, Thailand.
Barry personally funded & donated the replacement Sangster Shield & leader board which is now proudly displayed at NZART HQ. Barry also recorded 2 Open Section wins as ZL1BN & ZL1DD totalling 7 podium appearances from 1971 to 2002 with one as ZL4OK.
2. In reviewing past Break Ins I also noted Ian Sexton’s SK 10th May 2022 who as ZL1PZ was the first entrant to achieve 4 Open Section wins in 2002 totalling 7 podium appearances from 1987 to 2004.

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Sangster Shield - Open Section [* indicates South Island entrant eligible for Arthur Stevens Trophy]									
Place	Station	Name	NZ	DX	Branches	Power	Total	Branch	Equipment
*1	ZL2GD	Grant Daniel	101	2	9	5w	4725	68	Icom 7300, Inv. Vee up 10m
2	ZL2KZ	Glenn Kingston	90	0	9	5w	4050	50	Yaesu FT1000, 5/8w off centre @ 5-15m, Super Key 2
*3	ZL3VZ	Bill Cousins	89	0	9	5w	4005	22	QRP Labs QCX Xcvr, 80m 1/2W Dipole
4	ZL2AUA	Mike Burch	82	1	9	4w	3780	84	Icom 7410, Dipole, ITT Key, Homebrew Paddles
*5	ZL4GW	Greg Walsh	82	0	8	5w	3280	30	QMX+ Xcvr, 80m OCFD @ 10m, Homebrew paddle & tuner
6	ZL2AQL	Mike Spearman	59	0	8	5w	2360	88	Yaesu FT450D, Wire Dipole
7	ZL2JU	Les Jury	44	0	8	5w	1760	16	Elecraft K3, Emtron Tuner, Dipole
Transistor Trophy (first time Sangster contest entrant) - No award this year									
Arthur Stevens South Island Trophy (Top "3" only)									
1	ZL2GD	Grant Daniel	101	2	9	5w	4725	68	Icom 7300, Inv. Vee up 10m
2	ZL3VZ	Bill Cousins	89	0	9	5w	4005	22	QRP Labs QCX Xcvr, 80m 1/2W Dipole
3	ZL4GW	Greg Walsh	82	0	8	5w	3280	30	QMX+ Xcvr, 80m OCFD @ 10m, Homebrew paddle & tuner
Tony Fletcher (ZL2ALJ) Memorial Trophy Branch Award (miniature permanent trophy via Bch 50)									
			No Award this year. - No Branch listed above had more than one entrant.						
Checklog									
	ZL4UC	Neil Cockburn	With Thanks					30	Worked 3 Hrs over both nights. QCX Xcvr, fan dipole