

NZART Memorial Contest 2025 Results

CALL	PH Points	CW Points	Prefixes	POINTS	CATEGORY
ZL3VZ	114	68	14	2548	SINGLE-OP LOW MIXED
ZL1RQ	112	56	13	2184	SINGLE-OP LOW MIXED
ZL2TW	113	58	12	2052	SINGLE-OP LOW MIXED
ZL2AUB	85	66	11	1661	SINGLE-OP LOW MIXED
ZL3YB	107	10	11	1287	SINGLE-OP LOW MIXED
ZL4QC	57	40	10	970	SINGLE-OP LOW MIXED
ZL2AQL	38	40	11	858	SINGLE-OP LOW MIXED
VK2CDS	16	2	7	126	SINGLE-OP LOW MIXED
ZL4UC	121	-	11	1331	SINGLE-OP LOW PH
ZL1JV	129	-	10	1290	SINGLE-OP LOW PH
ZL1GGL*	94	-	9	846	SINGLE-OP LOW PH
ZL2AAX	100	-	8	800	SINGLE-OP LOW PH
ZM2CJ*	114	-	7	798	SINGLE-OP LOW PH
ZL4RO	62	-	9	558	SINGLE-OP LOW PH
ZM6M	83	-	6	498	SINGLE-OP LOW PH
ZL4QD	42	-	4	168	SINGLE-OP LOW PH
ZL3GB	13	-	6	78	SINGLE-OP LOW PH
VK4MRH	8	-	4	32	SINGLE-OP LOW PH
VK4DRK	-	4	2	8	SINGLE-OP LOW CW
ZL2IW	30	4	9	306	SINGLE-OP QRP MIXED
ZL1PO	68	-	8	544	SINGLE-OP QRP PH
ZL2SKY	42	-	7	294	SINGLE-OP QRP PH
ZL4RF	31	-	7	217	SINGLE-OP QRP PH
ZL4BDG	-	48	6	288	SINGLE-OP QRP CW
ZL1AB	72	82	12	1848	MULTI-OP LOW MIXED
ZL3AC	83	20	12	1236	MULTI-OP LOW MIXED
ZM1WI	107	-	8	856	MULTI-OP LOW PH
ZL4GQ	61	-	8	488	MULTI-OP LOW PH
ZL1FDO	-	-	-	-	CHECK LOG
ZL3GA	-	-	-	-	CHECK LOG

* New Ham

Active Stations (>2 QSOs)		Logs Received	
ZL	51	PH	15
VK/FK8	7	CW	2
Total	58	Mixed	11
		Check	2
		Total	30

Participation in the contest was up from last year. Thanks to the DX stations (VK and FK8) who joined in the fun. Congratulations to all the category winners, especially to Bill ZL3VZ who was overall winner. A very impressive score too! Well done to the two entrants in the New Ham category (licensed <18 months) ZL1GGL and ZM2CJ. I hope you enjoyed the experience and will be back next year!

Logs: This year I received a larger than normal number of logs with QSO time recording errors. This appears to be due to people logging on paper then transferring to electronic format later. This method is prone to human error, starting with unclear writing then multiplied by transcription errors. There were many evenings spent trying to correct all these so as not to unduly penalise the QSO partner.

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 and tips:

I 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 will usually be less than your claimed score.

- Be careful copying the exchange and if you are not sure, ask for a repeat – there were a lot of incorrect exchanges recorded this year with subsequent loss of those QSOs
- Ensure you are *sending* the correct exchange!
- Embrace electronic logging and 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. If you are logging on paper, please take care to record the correct time for each QSO (and make sure it is neat enough to decipher when entering into the computer!).
- Ensure that the other station has your correct call, use (standard) phonetics in SSB to help with this and if they read back the incorrect call, correct them.

Currently two free contest logging software programmes fully support the NZART Memorial Contest and produce Cabrillo format logs: **N1MM Logger+** and **VKCL**. Several logs used WA7BNM online conversion which is hard work (typing/transcribing) for you and is prone to errors. Please try one of these excellent loggers or RUMLOG (Linux and Apple). As amateurs we are supposed to be progressive. 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.

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. This is much more reliable than logging on paper and then entering later.

8 stations who made >10 QSOs didn't submit logs. Some of these would have scored quite well. Please send in your log, regardless of how many QSOs you make.

Thanks for participating in the contest this year and I look forward to seeing you all in the next Memorial Contest in July 2026. Note that we will trial a change to a one-night contest next year, on the Saturday night.

73

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