

International Morse Preservation Society



KEY NOTE



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COMMITTEE

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Pse keep watch on all Novice allocations
Recommended calling QRGs:
3.558, 7028, 14.058, 21,058, 28,058

AWARDS

e-mail apps/logs to Dennis, K6DF:
<fistsawards@comcast.net>
written logs to HQ. No charges and no return envelope required.

SUBS: e-mail Keynote £4.00, UK mail £5.00, EEC mail £7.00. Others £10.00. Your renewal date appears on the mailing label, and your anticipation would be much appreciated. Cheques should be made payable to just FISTS and sent to G3ZQS.

Subs etc. may also be paid via PayPal in favour of fist1@btinternet.com. PLEASE include your CALLSIGN in the comments pane.

Up-dated listings may also be obtained from HQ. Please include 3 2nd class stamps to cover return and running costs

Lapel Badges, £1.50 incl. **Fabric patches** £1.50 incl.

QSL Cards £6.00 per 100 or £10.00 per 200 (UK pse add £1.50 for p/p, EU and DX members - on advice.

Personalised stickers £1.00 per sheet of 65. Max order 5 sheets.

Please include your CALLSIGN on all correspondence.

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QSL BUREAU

All outgoing QSLs to M0AVW (address on banner).

UK members send stamps and labels (no envelopes necessary) to the appropriate sub-manager as below:

M or 2 Prefixes (Except for Wales) M0AYI. 7 Tynedale Terrace, Annfield Plain, STANLEY, DH9 7TZ.

G0, GM0 etc (Except GW0). G3JRY. 3 Rochford Cresc, BOSTON, PE21 9AE

G3, GM3 etc (except GW3). G0UQF. 2 East St, Darfield, BARNSLEY, S73 9AE.

G4, GM4 etc (Except GW4). M0ZAK. 6 Central Ave, SHEPSHED, LE12 9HP.

G1, G2, G5, G6, G7, G8 (Except for Wales) and ALL special (GB etc) calls to M0BPT. 38 Wheatley St, WEST BROMWICH, B70 9TJ.

All members in Wales. M0AVW. Address on Banner

Pre-paid QSL postal subscriptions

EU/DX Members: IRCs, UK Banknotes US dollars or Euros to M0AVW. The Club will provide envelopes. Also, any excess over subs from non-UK members will be regarded as QSL postage unless otherwise advised.

GREETINGS

Christmas greetings indeed. Yes that happy time of the year is approaching again, turkey, mince pies and that not too comfortable feeling as you stretch out in front of the fire and gaze wearily at the pathetic offerings on television. Know the feeling? Try having a morsel less and disappear into the shack for a change. There's always someone to insult even if it's only G3ZQS!

Now that winter is definitely upon us,, I was happy to see a local handy man who turns up periodically to tend to the wilderness that passes a garden. There are small slow growing conifers at each end and whilst burning some of the accrued rubbish, he inadvertently set fire to one of them. Conifers being what they are it is surprising that the whole was not consumed in the conflagration but I now have a kind of topiary representing a conifer at the top and bottom with about three feet of nothingfulness in the centre. Could be I have started a trend which will spread to those magnificent gardens beloved of castles and aristocratic manor houses but I am assured it will recover.

Time to sit back smugly because I got my flu jab in October when the GP was well stocked. All I need now is a new pair of lungs, a cure for arthritis and an injection of usable brain cells!

It's gonna be a little lonlier this Christmas. I came down on Saturday morning (26 Nov) after a perfectly normal night to find Suzy had died in her sleep. I confess to being more than a little saddened though though the little 1 Kg bundle had been her bouncy self the previous night.

WARC BANDS CHALLENGE

Most of you will have the necessary kit to access these bands and of course, they represent a refuge to those who are frustrated by weekend contests. Please bear in mind however that contest activity there is deeply frowned upon and whilst you are encouraged to make use of them, number chasing can well be perceived as contest activity so your FISTS number and locator details should be an incidental part of a normal QSO. Having said that, Robert (M0BPT) - your EU contest manager, has devised the following which, despite an initial feeling of embarrassment to yours truly he has titled "The G3ZQS Challenge". Flattery will get you far mate!

From 00.01 1st January 2006 to 23.59 31st December 2006, this challenge is separate from all other activities in the FISTS calendar.

Bands 30M, 17M & 12M

RULES

Mode: C.W. Only

Scoring: 1 point non members, 2 points FISTS members, 3 points Fists club stations.

Exchange: FISTS nr , (NM,) and IARU locator square (IO85 etc) which can be used as a multiplier for the total number of contacts made during the year.

For the locator square to be eligible for a multiplier, a club member must have been worked within the square. i.e. G9XYZ scores 2,400 points 12 different locator squares. 2,400 x 12 = 28800.

Repeat stations: can only be worked a maximum of four times per month.

AWARDS:

Outright winner: Trophy with call, year, etc, Engraved.

with certificates for 2nd and 3rd places.

A certificate will also be awarded to the highest points scored by a QRP entrant. (Max 5w output at the transmitter) endorsed accordingly. Therefore all entrants must declare their power output.

LOGS.

Monthly returns by the 14th.

By email in excel format if possible please to:

m0bpt@blueyonder.co.uk

Snailmail to:

R.D.Walker M0BPT, 38, Wheatley Street, West Bromwich, B70 9TJ, England.

The purpose of the challenge is to promote activity on the WARC

Bands... it is **not** a contest

CALL "CQ FISTS" on or around the following frequencies;

30m 10.118 MHz,

17m 18.085 MHz,

12m 24.918 MHz

LADDER

Totals to October/05

G4LHI	268
M5ABN	256
M0BHA	80
M0DRK	66
OH7QR	64
GW4HDB	52
G6GUN	66
MX5HDF	42
2E0TEK	29
M0CMQ	17
G8XGQ	10
PA3AFF	8

NEW MEMBERS

Just a couple this month folks:

10892 RA3BZ Sergey 10893 DK5ZX Dieter

THE STRAWBERRY BASKET

G3TEV. Mike decries his "mis-spent youth" chasing an odd shaped ball around a field but it can't be bad when his daily sked with Brian, 9J2BO is still producing results from as far back as 1992. He ascribes the success (now in excess of 3800 QSOs) to "a bit of wire at 25 feet agl.

G0HUZ/G0LUZ. They should by now have returned from a silent trip to 4S7 since the political situation in Sri Lanka creates difficulties in terms of radio equipment. Oddly (since they flew via Dubai where the situation is similar) they have no objection to you taking a lap top. Heck! It just can't be security can it? I have fond memories of the Western region of the pearl.

G4RHR. Ken is looking forward to erecting an delta loop (feed near ground level) so may well be heard on 40m. He has replaced his original tower with a new tennomast strapped to the house structure which will make life a lot easier when it is necessary to work on antennas. Hope the wire works out well Ken.

G3HBN. Hi Jim. Yes, things have been a bit 'rough' and sadly, thus far, there have been no offers to take over the helm should the situation require it. This is very much a matter which I would like all UK members to consider. I would not mind writing for Keynote if another set of fingers could be found and indeed maintaining the listing and other admin stuff in the interim period though I have little doubt that UK circulation would still continue via either the NZ or U.S. brigade. Not the most satisfactory situation I agree though preferable to the fate which befell TOPS.

E15FY. Seems Bill is looking forward to a pair of replacement knees and hips. That's adding a whole new dimension to the description "spare part surgery" mate and of course we hope all goes well for you. Physical restrictions have taken their toll with Bill recording only one QSO in the past year or so but he is a committed listener.

G4GFQ. Must have struck a chord with Ron when relating my stop/go tactics when shopping. He tended to walk only from one 'sitting down' spot to the next. His good lady is disabled and was

provided with a 3-wheel electric cart which has since been up-graded to a 4-wheel version with a bit more 'oomph'. Considered this myself Ron but Darwen is about two miles very much down hill and since my house is stepped both front and back, getting the thing inboard would be nigh on impossible. Uuugh! **6Y5WJ.** Josh reports that the hurricane season has left no structural damage though things are inevitably on the 'damp' side. In Jamaica, the hurricane season begins again in June so he is hoping to get things ship shape pdq since there will most likely be enquiries from various U.S. based stations seeking accommodation and TLC whilst running DXpeditions, contests etc. He treats 'em well with an island-wide tour and doubtless plenty of rum based medication for which the island is famous. He is also anticipating a visit from his daughter and first Grandchild any time soon. The title 'Grandad' he suspects, puts him firmly in the 'pipe and slipper' category though at 52 years it is probably sitting a little less than comfortably on his shoulders. **M0CMQ.** Yes I can understand that not all members are contest minded but surely the ladder weekends are not really contests... so where is everyone? 73 de Mark.

CQ WW (SSB)

Received as CC from Pierre F3WT, to the CQ WW contest committee a complaint regarding SSB activity within the nominated CW only segments including 7.0115 and 7.023 specifically identifying certain individuals and suggesting their logs be rendered invalid. They must be swamped with similar observations each year and still appear to do nothing about it. Meanwhile, Steve GW4ALG commends <http://hamgallery.com/survey/> which seemingly takes you through to CQ Mag phone contest organiser.

M0CMQ. Mark says he regularly uses the ARRL website for CW practice. That's a new one on me Mark.

BPL

via Ralph, ZL2AOH:

VK1AI-Greg #9604 went out with Owen VK1OD to investigate a BPL trial in Queanbeyan, New South Wales, (adjacent to Canberra). Reports available via www.vk1od.net/bpl/QueanbeyanBplTrial.htm

OOPS!

Seems I made an uncorrected whoopsie. 10828 is Alan, M0MZX and my apologies for the delay in this corrxn.

MOBILE PHONE SCAM

Due to a confusing header, I am unable to identify the source for the following:

"If you receive a phone call from any person saying he or she is a company engineer or saying they are checking your mobile line, END THE CALL IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT PRESSING ANY NUMBERS.

There is a fraud company using a device that once you press #90 or #09, they can access your SIM card and make calls at your expense.

If you receive a phone call on your mobile and the display shows (XALAN) don't answer. END THE CALL IMMEDIATELY. The virus will erase all your IMIE and IMSI information from both your phone & SIM card, which will make your phone unable to connect with the telephone network. You will have to buy another phone.

This info has been confirmed by both Motorola & Nokia".

SKW

Just to confirm SKW results: (1) G4LHI=258, (2) G3LIK=242, (3) G4GSY=98. Logs also from M0DRK, M5ABN, G3HAL, G3MRH, IK2RMZ, G8XGQ and M0CMQ.

FINALE

Just about space to wish all of you the very best for the festive season. With any luck I'll be on the bands looking for you. 73/88 people - have fun.

Geo