



Hello again old maties,

A short but sweet one this month!

As I type this I can hear the tinkling of a QSO between Tony and Bryan, G3ZRJ and G0GSY. I must say chaps, rather good CW from both of you...a pleasure to copy and so easy. It really does go to show that when sent correctly, Morse code is not hard. I always get irritated when amateurs tell me they can't learn Morse when what they really mean is they can't be BOTHERED to learn Morse. It's just laziness in my view. Mind you there are some who say they can't learn but have! Martin, M0MWS is one such - daft old bat (I can say it as he lives a few roads away and is a very good friend). He always maintains he cannot read or send it yet quite happily bats along at 20 to 25 wpm in very proficient manner. No, I don't understand it either.

## Autumn Party

**I thought we might have a meet up on the bands this autumn. Not a ladder, not an award or other points collection, just a FISTS gathering.**

**Shall we say October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1900Z to 2359z? As far as I can see from contest calendars there's very little cw going on, some ssb and ft8 nonsense but no real radio (go on, bite, bite!!) so let's wheel out the homebrew, the military gear, the old stuff and the new and lets just chat to each other. No points, any bands, just around the [FISTS CoA](#), shall we?**

## News

# SKW returns for 2022!

IMPORTANT: **FISTS Log Converter users entering the upcoming Straight Key Week need to install version 4.3.0 <https://fists.co.uk/flc>.**

## **STRAIGHT KEY WEEK 2022 (SKW)**

### DESCRIPTION

Straight Key Week runs for 7 days in November. You must send CQs and have QSOs using a straight ("up & down") key or a sideswiper (aka "cootie") key; no semi-automatic (aka "bug") keys or electronic keyers. If in doubt about the eligibility of your key, please ask. It does not matter what type of key your QSO partner uses.

### DATES and TIMES

ONE hour periods commencing at the cardinal times of the clock (think radio room clock silence periods), 12, 3, 6, 9. Twice per 24hrs, so EIGHT x ONE hour operating periods per 24hrs.

00:01 UTC Monday 14th November to 23:59 UTC Monday 21st November 2022

FREQUENCIES The following rules apply **only** if you are sending in an entry:

- You can use any amateur radio band in your licence except for 12m, 17m, 30m, 60m, and bands lower in frequency than 160m.
- Keep at least 1 kHz away from QRP centre of activity frequencies unless running QRP. (For 80m, 40m, and 20m, these are 3.560, 7.030, and 14.060 MHz.)
- After you finish a QSO on 3.558 or 7.028 MHz, unless you replied to a CQ or tail-ended a QSO, you must QSY by at least 500 Hz for a minimum of 10 minutes.
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### EXCHANGE

The minimum exchange is:

*RST, Name, QTH, and FISTS member number (if applicable).*

### SCORING

You may claim only ONE QSO with any given operator per day, i.e. all QSOs claimed each day must be unique callsigns. Scoring:

Points	Station
1	Non-member.

- 3 FISTS member (current or lapsed).
- 5 FISTS-affiliated club station.
- 8 FISTS HQ station (GX0IPX, GX3ZQS, MX5IPX, VK2FDU, ZL6FF, JL3YMV, KNOWCW).

BONUS MULTIPLIER: QSO SCORE X 2 FOR QSO WITH A DIFFERENT FISTS CHAPTER. E.g. 6 points for a European member contacting an Americas member.

## LOGS

Send in your entry after the last day. Entries must be received by 07 December 2022 and must include your callsign, name, and email address (if you have one).

Log formats:

- You **must** include this in your log's 'Comment' (or similar) field: **SKW**
- The free FISTS Log Converter program <https://fists.co.uk/flc> version 4.1.1 or later for Windows is recommended for creating and submitting logs quickly and easily.
- Excel, Calc, CSV (comma-separated values), or TSV (tab-separated values) files. The first row/record in the file **must** include these exact column names although they don't need to be in this order:

*QSO\_Date, Call, Name, QTH, Freq, RST\_Sent, RST\_Rcvd, Time\_On, FISTS, Mode, Points, Comment*

Example:

*2021/09/30,G4LHI,Peter,Huntingdon,7.026,599,559,18:05,2219,CW,2,SKW*

'QSO\_Date' and 'Time\_On' are UTC.

'Freq' is in MHz and must be a decimal number only, e.g. 7.027

'Mode' must be CW

'Points' can contain a number or be left blank, e.g. 3

'Comment' must include SKW, e.g. Nice QSO SKW

- ADIF files. These can be ADI (text) files or ADX (XML) files and must include the fields named above.
- Other file formats may be acceptable - please ask.
- If you don't have access to email, you can use official FISTS Activity paper log sheets; please ask and we will post you a set.

The email address for questions and entries is [skw@fists.co.uk](mailto:skw@fists.co.uk)

## Who wants a 2022 RSGB callbook?

No, neither do we which is why we are giving one away!! That's right folks, we (FISTS) has a brand new unused and highly desirable Call Book 2022 to GIVE AWAY!!! We are awarding it to the person who gets most unique calls in this years SKW. To be clear, it's not the number of QSOs but the number of unique CALLSIGNS. G4YVM and G4YVM/p are not two unique calls!!!! So, the more callsigns you get, the better your chances of winning. Get those straight keys out!!

## Awards

Name	Callsign	Member	Awards
Ian	GW0KRL	#711	Millionaire 2 Million Endorsement
Peter	M5ABN	#6423	Millionaire 8 Million Endorsement, Millionaire 9 Million Endorsement
Steven	K2FW	#11990	Rag Chewers, Spectrum 80m, Worked All States
Fabio	IK0IXI	#14539	Millionaire 13 Million Endorsement
Jean	F6JOE	#16177	Prefix 150 Endorsement
Greg	DL3GJ	#17694	Millionaire
Robin	G4DNP	#18149	Millionaire, Millionaire 2 Million Endorsement
Thomas	N4LSJ	#20058	Basic Century, Silver Century, Gold Century, Millionaire, Millionaire 2 to 13 Million Endorsements, Spectrum 40m, Spectrum 80m Endorsement, Spectrum 30m Endorsement, Spectrum 20m Endorsement, Prefix, Prefix 50 Endorsement, Prefix 100 Endorsement
Ryan	EI8KW	#20366	Basic Century, Millionaire, Prefix, Prefix 50 Endorsement, Prefix 100 Endorsement, Prefix 150 Endorsement
Enzo	M0KTZ	#20979	Prefix, Prefix 50 Endorsement
Carl	IK1YRA	#21241	Basic Century, Millionaire, Millionaire 2 Million Endorsement
Mark	W0BG	#21780	Millionaire

## New Members

Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.
Howard	EI1938	#21717	James	VK2TER	#21742	Seumas	N7MYW	#21828
Mark	2E0MFZ	#21718	Terry	KB0FXK	#21817	Howard	W1HRB	#21829
Luciano	IK2SVO	#21719	Michael	KU4KS	#21818	Michael	W6QT	#21830
Frank	G0OFX	#21720	Rich	N3KQN	#21819	Jon	N7XW	#21831
Eamo	EI7LC	#21721	Clay	K4XOB	#21820	Dave	K5TRT	#21832
Gwyn	G4FKH	#21722	Jeremy	W0BAC	#21821	James	N8XFT	#21833
Fabrizio	IU2NBZ	#21723	Richard	WA7QCC	#21822	Scott	KK7HTV	#21834
Uli	DJ9IE	#21724	Seth	KN4GLN	#21823	John	NZ5TX	#21835
Phill	EA5JHA	#21725	Monty	KF0GPX	#21824	Jim	W5CYN	#21836
Rik	M7YIB	#21726	Harry	W9HGO	#21825	Sean	N5ARS	#21837
Keith	G3BAR	#21727	Larry	W8WT	#21826	Robert	KR7OB	#21838
Nick	G8INE	#21728	Don	VA3XL	#21827	Joe	W0WL	#21839

## Comments for 35th Anniversary Challenge September 2022

Entrant	Comments
Greg DL3GJ	On some days it was hard to get any point at all but in general a good month. Three more to go! :-) 73 de Greg DL3GJ
Ivan G0BON	Mostly from the ladder
Richard G0ILN	A few more points mostly from Ladder activity. It has also pushed me to get on the air at odd moments and put out a few calls. mostly QRP. Richard G0ILN
Robin G4DNP	Much better conditions on 20m during daylight hours for my QRP. Many thanks for QSOs. Best 73s Robin
David G4YVM	Hard going. Bands awful most days.
Dennis K6DF	Bands getting better this month, and I've been enjoying making some new friends! Great fun working the 35th Ann Event, 73, Dennis K6DF
Pete M5ABN	Good to meet up with old friends again, cu all in October. Vy 73 Pete M5ABN
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find the attached log. Tks and 73 Erkki OH7QR 8318
Norbert ON4ANE	Mostly Ladder QSO 73 de Norbert ON4ANE
Adam SQ9S	Log for FISTS 35th Anniversary September 2022. Best 73 es tnx for all QSOs Adam SQ9S #20019

## Results for 35th Anniversary Challenge September 2022

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
SQ9S	1	1	-	4692	1050	1048	980	865	749
M5ABN	2	2	-	3205	726	687	643	682	467
DL3GJ	3	3	-	3167	636	632	547	703	649
K6DF	4	6	↑	2593			458	1085	1050
EA4HKF	5	4	↓	2472	599	714	737	422	
M0KTZ	6	5	↓	2146	396	527	410	438	375
G4YVM	7	7	-	1203	209	590	49	230	125
G0ILN	8	8	-	1108	317	177	230	251	133
G4DNP	9	12	↑	534	78	59	85	58	254
OH7QR	10	10	-	419	115	101	56	60	87
G4YTK	11	11	-	391	66	93	51	119	62
DK2LO	12	9	↓	390	106		147	118	19
G0BON	13	14	↑	256		45	70	70	71
IU8OJT	14	13	↓	254	254				
G0XAH	15	15	-	182		55	83	44	
M0SHM	16	19	↑	173		74	29	35	35
IU5HES	17	16	↓	171				171	
G3ZOD	18	20	↑	161	36	57	5	28	35
M0LPZ	19	17	↓	157	14	55	33	55	
ON4ANE	20	23	↑	144				70	74
DL1DHM	21	18	↓	140	140				
G3XVL	22	21	↓	110				110	
F4IUJ	23	22	↓	75		75			
G4XUZ	24	24	-	39		39			
MX5IPX*				44		44			

\* Check log

## Comments for Summer Sunday Sprint 2022

Entrant	Comments
K5YQF	Great time here today. And I was able to talk to three guys about FISTS during the process. One of them, WB7BNE, Mark, ran me down after the Sprint and told me he had joined. So never miss a marketing opportunity!
K6DF	Great fun, bands were very poor. 73 to all, Dennis K6DF
W4QDV	This was my first FISTS Sprint and the bands weren't the best but I made 3-QSOs. Great to meet Cecil, Tom and Rick. See you next time and thanks for the contacts! Dave
VA3KRJ	First FISTS Sprint
KB3CVO	I am glad the sprints are back.
KC5JEV	Difficult band conditions, but was good to try. Could not complete contact due to fading. Thank you for restarting sprints.

## Results for Summer Sunday Sprint 2022

### QRO Category

Call	Name	State	Fists #	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
K5YQF	Cecil	TX	8077	14	4	78	11	858
KA8HFN	Larry	OH	11631	8	2	44	6	264
WB9HFK	Mark	IL	7606	3	1	17	4	68
K6DF	Dennis	CA	3076	4	0	20	3	60
W4DQV	Dave	GA	21777	3	0	10	3	45
W4CMG	Cathy	TN	19192	2	0	10	2	20
VA3KRJ	Robert	ON	21634	1	0	5	1	5
KC5JEV	Eric	UT	1441	1	0	5	1	5

### QRP Category

Call	Name	State	Fists #	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
KB3CVO	Tom	PA	8110	2	0	10	2	20

## Comments for Ladder September 2022

Entrant	Comments
Greg DL3GJ	At least two points this time. 73 de Greg DL3GJ
Ivan G0BON	Conditions much better this month and nice to work some new stations in log.
Les G0DFC	Better conditions all round this time, 73's
Richard G0ILN	A few more points mostly from Ladder activity. It has also pushed me to get on the air at odd moments and put out a few calls. mostly QRP. Nice to see new members on the Ladder. More than usual non members joining in. Richard G0ILN
Chris G3XVL	40m great in the afternoon session.
Graham G3ZOD	40m very lively on September 25 in the afternoon! 73 de Graham G3ZOD
Robin G4DNP	Conditions much improved on 20m during daylight hours. Best 73s Robin
Enzo M0KTZ	Most of the QSO on one session, due to other commitments, but lots of fun! Very good to know several other FISTS members. All QRP, as usual. 72/73
Steve M0SHM	Could only take part in the first Ladder his month but operated during both periods. Great fun as always.
Pete M5ABN	Good to meet up with old friends again, cu all in October. Vy 73 Pete M5ABN
Les MM0UMH	:-)
Alan MW0BGL	Fairly productive double ladder session today, all stations worked on 40, as you can see. I'm actually working towards a 40 metre endorsement sticker for my Spectrum certificate, hence the reason I'm concentrating on 40 at the moment. Only need another 3 stations and I should be there, if my arithmetic is correct.  Vy 73, de Alan Mw0bgl 16507.
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, Attached comes my Ladder log. Not many QSOs, but what can I do: bands are so quiet! Tks and 73 Erkki OH7QR 8318
Norbert ON4ANE	Condx slightly better 73 de Norbert ON4ANE
Jan PA0SIM	40m agn the best band. On 80m almost no activity. 73 Jan PA0SIM
Adam SQ9S	Log for FISTS Ladder September 2022. Best 73 es tnx for all QSOs Adam SQ9S #20019



## Results for Ladder September 2022

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
G0ILN	1	1	-	795	91	83	105	98	67	88	87	90	86
G0BON	2	3	↑	622	69	42	76	76	84	56	66	68	85
M5ABN	3	2	↓	608	61	69	62	82	76	80	55	58	65
MM0UMH	4	4	-	491	8	38	39	45	66	66	86	72	71
ON4ANE	5	5	-	386	41	40	35	50	46	34	46	44	50
G3XVL	6	6	-	360	27	66	63	52	49	18	22	21	42
G0JHK	7	9	↑	334	40	55	48	47	35	17	49		43
G4LRG	8	7	↓	317	70	97		68	82				
G4YTJ	9	8	↓	294	30	45	30	43	43	40	42	21	
PA0SIM	10	10	-	288	30	24	27	21	24	36	57	36	33
M0MCL	11	12	↑	266	27	37	18	27	30	45	18	21	43
G3ZRJ	12	11	↓	239	40	36	27	6	30	33	55		12
G0DFC	13	14	↑	225	24	21	37	43	21	24	21		34
G4XUZ	14	13	↓	216	24	27	18	30	30	36	24	27	
G4TPJ	15	15	-	204	24	36	30	45	24	12		18	15
MW0BGL	16	16	-	202			48	57	18	3	6	24	46
M0SHM	17	17	-	150	27	12	24	27		24	6	9	21
OH7QR	18	19	↑	136	21	21	30	21	11	13	3	6	10
2E0DPH	19	20	↑	132	39	24		15	30				24
SQ9S	20	21	↑	130	21	6	10	12	12	3	41		25
G3JRH	21	18	↓	127		18	49	42	18				
M0KTZ	22	23	↑	97		18	14	9	15	9	6		26
G3ZOD	23	25	↑	78			15	6	18	18	3	3	15
M0DRK	24	22	↓	72	6	27	6	15	15	3			
G7WHI	25	24	↓	66				66					
G0LLX	26	26	-	60						21	36	3	
M0PBZ	27	27	-	59				59					
G4YTK	28	29	↑	48						15	6	15	12
M0JVU	29	28	↓	45				9	36				
G4DNP	30	30	-	42		13	10		6		3	2	8
M0LPZ	31	31	-	23				3	9	3		8	
G0XAH	=32	=32	-	18						18			
M0ILR	=32	=32	-	18				18					
MI0WWB	=34	34	-	15		15							
PA3GJA	=34	-	↑	15									15
LB5DI	36	35	↓	13							13		
G0TLU	37	36	↓	12		9	3						
DL3GJ	38	37	↓	10	5				2			1	2
M0RSU	39	-	↑	9									9
G4YVM	40	38	↓	7						7			
DL1DHM	41	39	↓	3				1	1	1			
IU5HES	=42	=40	↓	2								2	

IU8OJT	=42	=40	↓	2					2			
MX5IPX*				21			9			12		

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## Upcoming Events

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### October 2022

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sat 01 Oct	Mon 31 Oct	<a href="#">FISTS 35th Anniversary Challenge</a>	0000-2359 UTC
Sat 22 Oct		<a href="#">FISTS Autumn Party</a>	1900-2359 UTC
Sun 23 Oct		<a href="#">FISTS Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

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### November 2022

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Tue 01 Nov	Wed 30 Nov	<a href="#">FISTS 35th Anniversary Challenge</a>	0000-2359 UTC
Sat 05 Nov	Sun 06 Nov	<a href="#">RSGB 2m CW Marconi Contest</a>	1400-1400 UTC
Sat 12 Nov		<a href="#">FISTS Fall Saturday Sprint</a>	1600-1800 UTC
Sun 13 Nov		<a href="#">FISTS Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Mon 14 Nov	Sun 20 Nov	<a href="#">FISTS Straight Key Week</a>	0001-2359 UTC
Sun 20 Nov		<a href="#">FISTS Fall Sunday Sprint</a>	2100-2300 UTC
Sun 27 Nov		<a href="#">FISTS Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

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### December 2022

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Thu 01 Dec	Sat 31 Dec	<a href="#">FISTS 35th Anniversary Challenge</a>	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 11 Dec		<a href="#">FISTS Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 25 Dec		<a href="#">FISTS Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

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