



Hello again and welcome to December BP!

This edition is very late and comes with my apologies...life is like that sometimes. Because it is so late it is going to be very brief...I want the tables out!

I am impressed by some of the tables this month, especially with the now almost certainly unbeatable 35th anniversary score from SQ9S, Adam in Poland. He hasn't won yet...but I defy anyone to beat him now. Well done Adam so far. I managed a measly 1300 to Adam's 6000 so I know what it takes (and I don't have it!! So much time!). This is Adam.



Stateside

I have included some American tables this time round and I like to think we can do this in the future too. I hope it is of interest as it supports our American FISTS chapter.

Chadburn Cup

Don't forget that this January sees the inauguration of another long-running event, the Chadburn Cup for affiliated clubs. Do refresh your memory about this award and get stuck in. If you need a bit of help...try Adam SQ9S!! See here for details... <https://fists.co.uk/activitiescalendar.html>

That's it for now...see you in January

Best wishes and a Happy New Year

David G4YVM

Awards

Name	Callsign	Member	Awards
Alan	MW0BGL	#16507	1 X QRP
Mik	IZ2FME	#18103	Millionaire 8 Million Endorsement
Vladislav	IU0HMB	#18894	Millionaire 8 Million Endorsement
Enzo	M0KTZ	#20979	Millionaire 2 Million Endorsement
Jose	EA4HKF	#21551	Millionaire 3 – 4 Million Endorsements
Dave	N8DF	#21896	Basic Century, Silver Century, Millionaire, Millionaire 2–4 Million Endorsements, Spectrum 40m

New Members

Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.
Yoshi	JO1FHM	#21289	Bill	WA7WS	#21880	Christopher	WA6CP	#21899
Alan	M7TSM	#21733	Michael	WD0ETG	#21881	Essex CW Amateur Radio Club (ECWARC)	GX1FCW	#21900
Michael	G4XIX	#21734	Rick	KS4SZ	#21882	Pim	PC8M	#21901
Shin	JR2AWS	#21735	Carole	KC7CW	#21883	Archie	GM4KNU	#21902
Tim	VK3TBR	#21743	Katie	VE9ED	#21884	Simon	G0FOZ	#21903
Darrin	VK3VDP	#21744	Bill	K3RKC	#21885	Andris	YL2FD	#21904
Andy	VK3OU	#21745	Jose	YS1MS	#21886	Rob	2E0RGH	#21905
Jim	W9TK	#21868	Tony	KW6LA	#21887	John	MW7WJS	#21906
Ty	VA6TI	#21869	Conrad	N4ZQA	#21888	Joerg	HB9TSX	#21907
Tim	KD1W	#21870	Dean	KL3DM	#21889	Nick	M5NCW	#21908
Ed	NO6ED	#21871	Steve	NI8W	#21890	Nacho	EA4HTO	#21909

Eric	AC2OK	#21872	Scott	W2BLT	#21891	Nikita	SV1SYY	#21910
Luc	VE2KI	#21873	Spencer	W3BIT	#21892	Tony	IK1AOI	#21911
Jack	K8TO	#21874	Colin	VA3YZZ	#21893	Geoff	G8BPN	#21912
Randy	VE3JO	#21875	Tom	WB1ANA	#21894	Paddy	G4MAD	#21913
Neil	WA4CHQ	#21876	Gustavo	PU2NPQ	#21895	Jim	W5BTV	#21950
Charles	N5QLZ	#21877	Dave	N8DF	#21896	Charles	N3ADM	#21951
Vern	NJ8L	#21878	Lance	WA1IWI	#21897			
Kirk	W3AW	#21879	Matt	KD9OVV	#21898			

Comments for Straight Key Week 2022

Entrant	Comments
Phil 2E0DPH	Good fun had with SKW, thanks to all during the week. 73 Phil
Les G0DFC	Hi, thanks all for the straight key week. Managed a few and hopefully improved my SK skills. 73's
Richard G0ILN	Many thanks for everyone who contacted me, at times quite poor condx and my less than perfect sending. My keys were Raymart Speed Key and a Junker key. My rig was TS530s . Richard G0ILN Good fun
Andy G0LLX	This is by far my favourite FISTS activity and I tried to enter as many sessions as possible, noting that whilst I was working to the activity continuing into 21st Nov (Ref: Brasspounder), I suspect that many others assumed it finished on 20th. My arm felt like it was giving up with constantly CQing on both 40 and 20m. I enjoyed many really good QSO's and particularly some of the challenging QRP contacts .. all good fun. Also, apologies to MW0BGL as I was cut off whilst keying due to a powercut at home. XYL blew up the toaster .. had to be seen to be believed ! Could we have this event twice per year ?? 73
Chris G3XVL	My SKW log, most enjoyable but difficult to fit my operating times into the precise 1hr time slots for the event.
Robin G4DNP	Hadn't used a straight key for a while so apologies to my contacts for my shaky QRS CW but fun activity, 73s Robin
Ray G4XUZ	Really enjoyed SKW. More straight key events would be very welcome - great way to encourage more use of the pump and less dependency on the paddle. 73, Ray G4XUZ.
Kevin KI4DEF	OM, Attached is my log from SKW. Lots of fun, even if I contacted only a few FISTS members, and none in UK or EU. As a matter of fact, re-reading the rules, I see I misunderstood the rules until now, and failed to observe the "radio room clock silence periods." If I'm now interpreting that rule correctly, all but two of these QSOs will be invalidated. No matter--I'll submit the log anyway! The score doesn't matter to me: putting "FISTS" out there was the point! I had QSOs on 20m (5 QSOs) and 40m (12 QSOs). For all 40m QSOs my rig was a NorCal 40A running on a LiFePO4 battery, 1.5-1.8W. For all but one 20m QSO, the rig was either a NorCal Sierra (1W) or an Elecraft K1 (3.5W). In all cases I was using an old Kent straight key, and my antenna was a 135 ft end-fed Zepp up 40 ft. The one exception is that yesterday, Sunday, 20 Nov 2022, I tried operating /p at Bullocksville Park, Kerr Lake State Recreation Area (about 15 miles from my home QTH). I was using a Mountain Topper MTR3b on 6 AA batteries (1.9W), and a straight key made by Arkansas gunsmith Al Bulin AB5RT. My antenna was a 67 ft wire thrown up in an oak tree. I had one QSO before my fingers gave out and I packed it in (altho' it was sunny, it was cold--temp 41F).

	73, Kevin KI4DEF (FISTS #10620)
Derek M0DRK	Many thanks to the Fists Members I had the pleasure to get in my SK Week log.. Derek, M0DRK NR 8344
Paul M0GSX	Hi To All At Fists, Please find attached my log for Straight Key week 2022, managed a few days this time as not been on the Ladder for a while, plugged in the Cootie for SKW, managed 2 bands this time 80 at night was a little poor but 40M in the day was much better with stronger signals heard on 40M Band. It was lovely to catch up with the old friends from the club, nice to know the activities are still very well represented and a great selection of Keys worked from different fists but on the whole a great time and thanks for all the QSO's. All the contacts were made with a Begali HST Key in Cootie mode. Paul M0GSX #17642..
Pete M5ABN	Thanks to all for the QSO's. I was looking forward to SKW but other things got in the way. The time on the air was great fun though, and gave me the chance to dust off my Swedish key Vy 73 Pete M5ABN
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find the attached log. Tks and 73 Erkki OH7QR 8318
Norbert ON4ANE	No QSO's early in the morning, no propagation to G on the 20th November; 73 de Norbert ON4ANE

Results for Straight Key Week 2022

Callsign	Posn	Points
MW0BGL	1	214
G3ZRJ	2	166
G4XUZ	3	135
G3XVL	4	109
M5ABN	5	88
2E0DPH	6	87
ON4ANE	7	78
G0LLX	8	77
G0ILN	9	44
G0DFC	10	36
M0GSX	11	33
OH7QR	12	28
M0DRK	13	24
G4DNP	14	15
M0YMC	15	9
KI4DEF	16	7
M0SHM	17	6

Straight Key Week 2022 Total Unique Callsigns Contacted

Callsign	Contacted Callsigns
MWOBGL	48
G3ZRJ	39
G3XVL	24
G4XUZ	18
M5ABN	18
ON4ANE	17
G0LLX	17
2E0DPH	17
G0ILN	10
M0GSX	9
G0DFC	8
OH7QR	8
M0DRK	5
KI4DEF	5
G4DNP	4
M0SHM	2
M0YMC	2

Comments for 35th Anniversary Challenge November 2022

Entrant	Comments
Greg DL3GJ	Here is my log for November. Still some place for improvement in December :-) 73 de Greg DL3GJ
Robin G4DNP	Best 73s, Robin
Dennis K6DF	Another month of CW fun, 73, Dennis K6DF
Enzo M0KTZ	Many nice inter-G QSOs this month, together with some unexpected DX on 10-12-15m. 72/73 de Enzo M0KTZ
Gabor M0LPZ	HNY & Thank You! 73 de Gabor
Pete M5ABN	Thanks to all for the QSO's. Hope to meet again in December, stay safe. Vy 73 Pete M5ABN
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find the attached log. Tks and 73 Erkki OH7QR 8318
Norbert ON4ANE	73 de Norbert ON4ANE
Adam SQ9S	Log for FISTS 35th Anniversary November 2022. Best 73 es txn for all QSOs Adam SQ9S #20019

Results for 35th Anniversary Challenge November 2022

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
SQ9S	1	1	-	6305	1050	1048	980	865	749	841	772
K6DF	2	4	↑	4725			458	1085	1050	1085	1047
DL3GJ	3	2	↓	4589	636	632	547	703	649	792	630
M5ABN	4	3	↓	4434	726	687	643	682	467	522	707
EA4HKF	5	5	-	4145	599	714	737	422		924	749
F6JOE	6	6	-	3494	735	114	563	289	525	460	808
M0KTZ	7	7	-	3054	396	527	410	438	375	338	570
G4YVM	8	8	-	1386	209	590	49	230	125	183	
G0ILN	9	9	-	1287	317	177	230	251	133	179	
G4DNP	10	10	-	916	78	59	85	58	254	255	127
SP7OGP	11	-	↑	784							784
OH7QR	12	12	-	736	115	101	56	60	87	169	148
DK2LO	13	11	↓	710	106		147	118	19	247	73
G4YTK	14	13	↓	556	66	93	51	119	62	82	83
ON4ANE	15	18	↑	484				70	74	71	269
G4IVV	16	14	↓	448						448	
G0BON	17	15	↓	346		45	70	70	71	90	
M0SHM	18	=16	↓	328		74	29	35	35	81	74
IU8OJT	19	=16	↓	254	254						
2E0DPH	20	-	↑	210							210
G3ZOD	21	19	↓	196	36	57	5	28	35	35	
G0XAH	22	20	↓	182		55	83	44			
M0LPZ	23	22	↓	175	14	55	33	55			18
IU5HES	24	21	↓	171				171			
DL1DHM	25	23	↓	140	140						
G3XVL	26	24	↓	110				110			
F4IUJ	27	25	↓	75		75					
G4XUZ	28	26	↓	39		39					
MX5IPX*				44		44					

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Comments for Ladder November 2022

Entrant	Comments
Phil 2E0DPH	Thanks to all for some fine QSO's on the ladder. Good to hear lots of activity. 73 Phil
Greg DL3GJ	This time some more QSOs as usual - CQ WW CW Contest took over the whole band so there was no way to make another contact... 73 de Greg DL3GJ
Richard G0ILN	What can i say about Novembers Ladder score? 27/11/22 evening session was my worst score ever. I try not to give up whatever the condx. But I did give up on 27th. I stuck it out for an hour then gave it best. I did manage I5ECW Vanni, GM4NFI Dave and Mike G0JHK who lives a couple of miles down the road! many thanks to my three contacts. Richard G0ILn F398
Tony G3ZRJ	Thanks for QSOs 73 Tony
Robin G4DNP	Thanks for QSOs 73s, Robin
Jonathan G4IVV	Unfortunately only managed a few minutes on the first Sunday and then lost the second to the contest.
Ray G4XUZ	Difficult condx and little time, but still managed some enjoyable contacts. Thanks all. 73, Ray G4XUZ.
John G4YTJ	No activity on 27th due to other commitments. 40m is good fun in daylight hours.
Gabor M0LPZ	HNY & Thank You! 73 de Gabor
Steve M0SHM	Very noisy condx at the end of the month session plus CQWW so managed only three contacts over the afternoon and evening periods.
Pete M5ABN	Very difficult conditions on the second session due to contest activity, managed to find a spot on 80m and sat there. Thanks to all who made the effort. Vy 73 Pete M5ABN
Alan MW0BGL	Conditions I found were poor this evening (Nov 27th) on 80. A lot of QRM and the band was also busy with contest stations. 40 metres was also very busy with contest stations. 73, de Alan Mw0bgl 16507
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find the attached log. Tks and 73 Erkki OH7QR 8318
Norbert ON4ANE	Some strong noise between 3,558 and 3,560 very difficult to make some contacts. 73 de Norbert ON4ANE
Jan PA0SIM	Only two qso's this time. Was not qrv November 27, because of the contest. The band was filled with contest stations. 73 Jan PA0SIM

Results for Ladder November 2022

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
G0ILN	1	1	-	930	91	83	105	98	67	88	87	90	86	90	45
M5ABN	2	3	↑	752	61	69	62	82	76	80	55	58	65	69	75
G0BON	3	2	↓	727	69	42	76	76	84	56	66	68	85	105	
MM0UMH	4	4	-	649	8	38	39	45	66	66	86	72	71	85	73
ON4ANE	5	5	-	477	41	40	35	50	46	34	46	44	50	49	42
G3XVL	6	6	-	463	27	66	63	52	49	18	22	21	42	64	39
G0JHK	7	7	-	400	40	55	48	47	35	17	49		43	36	30
G4YTJ	8	8	-	385	30	45	30	43	43	40	42	21		48	43
M0MCL	9	10	↑	361	27	37	18	27	30	45	18	21	43	59	36
PA0SIM	10	9	↓	342	30	24	27	21	24	36	57	36	33	48	6
G4LRG	11	11	-	317	70	97		68	82						
G3ZRJ	12	12	-	299	40	36	27	6	30	33	55		12	36	24
MW0BGL	13	13	-	289			48	57	18	3	6	24	46	45	42
G0DFC	14	14	-	267	24	21	37	43	21	24	21		34	21	21
G4XUZ	15	15	-	261	24	27	18	30	30	36	24	27		21	24
G4TPJ	16	16	-	213	24	36	30	45	24	12		18	15		9
M0SHM	17	17	-	186	27	12	24	27		24	6	9	21	24	12
2E0DPH	18	20	↑	161	39	24		15	30				24		29
SQ9S	19	18	↓	155	21	6	10	12	12	3	41		25	25	
OH7QR	20	19	↓	145	21	21	30	21	11	13	3	6	10		9
G3JRH	21	21	-	127		18	49	42	18						
M0KTZ	22	22	-	123		18	14	9	15	9	6		26	26	
G4YTK	23	26	↑	105						15	6	15	12	24	33
G3ZOD	24	23	↓	93			15	6	18	18	3	3	15	15	
M0DRK	25	24	↓	87	6	27	6	15	15	3				15	
G0LLX	26	25	↓	81						21	36	3		21	
G7WHI	27	27	-	66				66							
M0PBZ	28	28	-	59				59							
G4DNP	29	29	-	54		13	10		6		3	2	8	6	6
M0JVU	30	30	-	45				9	36						
DL3GJ	31	=39	↑	34	5				2			1	2	2	22
G4IVV	=32	33	↑	27										21	6
G4YBU	=32	31	↓	27										27	
M0LPZ	34	32	↓	25				3	9	3		8			2
G0XAH	=35	=34	↓	18						18					
M0ILR	=35	=34	↓	18				18							
MI0WWB	=37	=36	↓	15		15									
PA3GJA	=37	=36	↓	15									15		
LB5DI	39	38	↓	13							13				
G0TLU	=40	=39	↓	12		9	3								
G4IZZ	=40	=39	↓	12										12	
M0RSU	42	42	-	9									9		

G4YVM	43	43	-	7						7				
G4CLB	44	44	-	6									6	
DL1DHM	=45	45	-	3			1	1	1					
YL2FD	=45	-	↑	3										3
IU5HES	=47	=46	↓	2							2			
IU8OJT	=47	=46	↓	2				2						
MX5IPX*				21		9			12					

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FISTS Fall Saturday Sprint 2022 Results
Nov 12, 2021

QRO Category

Call	Name	State	FISTS #	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
K5YQF	Cecil	TX	8077	16	4	88	16	1408
WB9HFK	Mark	IL	7606	12	0	60	12	720
K6DF	Dennis	CA	3076	5	7	39	11	429
KE4QZB	Brian	NC	1934	5	1	27	6	162
KA8HFN	Larry	OH	11631	4	1	22	5	110
KU4E	Rob	NC	18986	4	0	20	4	80

Club Category

Call	Name	State	FISTS #	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
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QRP Category

Call	Name	State	FISTS #	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
KB3CVO	Tom	PA	8110	7	0	35	3	105
AB9BZ	Dave	IL	8401	1	0	5	1	5

SOAPBOX . . . Call
Comments

K6DF

Great fun as usual and nice to see 10 meters open as well! 73, Dennis K6DF

AB9BZ

Operated QRP. Sorry, I had some trouble with my key during QSO. I was working on migrating my shack out of the basement for the winter.

KE4QZB

Had a ball!! Rung in the fall FISTS sprint with my National 57B and Heath DX60B with Xtal control, ended up with four states on 40m using the vintage setup. One other state and France on 20 meters using XYL's IC706 hi!! Was fun seeing what old gear can do!! Thanks to all see ya next week!!
73, Brian KE4QZB

FISTS Fall Sunday Sprint 2022 Results
Nov 20, 2022

QRO Category

Call	Name	State	Fists #	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
WB9HFK	MARK	IL	7607	13	3	71	11	781
K5YQF	Cecil	TX	8077	8	0	40	7	280
KO4WFP	Teri	GA	21630	9	0	45	6	270
K6DF	Dennis	CA	3076	8	0	40	5	200
K2HT	Dick	MO	11565	3	1	17	4	68
KX4ASH	Ashley	NC	21671	3	1	17	3	51
KC5JEV	Eric	UT	1441	2	0	10	2	20
N5TML	Tim	TX	21761	2	0	10	2	20
KB9W	Dan	WI	3262	2	0	10	2	20

Club Category

Call	Name	State	Fists #	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
No Logs Received								

QRP Category

Call	Name	State	Fists #	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
No Logs Received								

SOAPBOX . . . Call
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Cecil K5YQF #8077

Missed half the Sprint with a late start, but fun as always. Of my 8 QSOs, all were members. And I worked 4 members I'd never logged in a Sprint. The new activity bodes well for our future!

Dennis K6DF #3076

Great fun working some of our long time FISTS members! Happy Holidays to All!

Dick K2HT #11565

Thanks for sponsoring fun event 73

Ashley KX4ASH #21671

Was able to log a few between celebrating my son's 9th birthday! He loves to listen and has been learning CW along with his sister! Thank you everyone for your participation! Excited for 2023!

Eric KC5JEV #1441

Thank you again for restarting the Sprints - This was my best experience yet!

Upcoming Events

December 2022

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Thu 01 Dec	Sat 31 Dec	FISTS 35th Anniversary Challenge	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 11 Dec		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 25 Dec		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

January 2023

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 01 Jan		EuCW Snakes & Ladders winter/spring season starts	0000 UTC
Sun 01 Jan	Tue 31 Jan	FISTS Chadburn Cup 2023	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 08 Jan		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 22 Jan		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

February 2023

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Wed 01 Feb	Tue 28 Feb	FISTS Chadburn Cup 2023	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 12 Feb		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 26 Feb		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
