

BRASSPOUNDER

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Greetings all and sundry!

Welcome to this May edition and at last...sunshine!!

The bands have been up and down recently, but mostly very down indeed. When they have been up I must say they have been amazing - Malaysia, China, Trinidad etc some nights, then other days...barely up the road.

I had great fun with my GR callsign, but I heard very few others exercising the privilege of using it. I made the decision to try to work as many overseas stations with it as possible - so the hated 599 TU QSO ruled the roost (and is still running till the end of May) and despite condx I have made about 15 to 20 a day in the first few days. Conditions have now changed and it's bloomin hard work, so much so that it becomes tedious. I even made a special card (for EQSL but to be printed for those who send me one and an SAE).

GR4YVVM
CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III,
6TH MAY 2023
God Save the King
David Perry, 11 St Lawrence Close, Stratford sub Castle, Salisbury. SP1 3LW. England



TO:
DATE:
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Amusingly, one QSO I made was with another David Perry! Naturally we exchanged real cards.

I worked a few FISTS during SK8 including Tony, 'ZRJ several times but there were really very few FISTS on air. In fact Tony and I agreed that there is far more chance of a QSO by tuning to the QRP CoA than the FISTS one. That's a real shame.

FOR SALE: 450m RG213 on a spool. It's a SK sale but got to be worth £350? G4YVM. bumbledp@gmail.com

We have now finalised the rules for Act Your Age Week so do look at the FISTS website for those. The event is the first week in July and should be a lot of fun.

PORTABLE?

I there any stomach I wonder for a portable activity? Let me know what you think.

Anyway, onto the stats...

And I will see you all next month.

73

David
G4YVM

Awards

Name	Callsign	Member	Awards
Robert	AF5Z	#2035	Silver Century, Gold Century, Millionaire, Millionaire 2–4 Million Endorsements, Spectrum 20m
Charlie	NP3K	#5110	Millionaire 19 Million Endorsement
Darren	G00TT	#14062	Gold Century
Larry	W7ZDX	#16485	Gold Century, Millionaire 7–9 Million Endorsements, Spectrum 40m and 15m Endorsements
Alvaro	HK5NLJ	#17799	Spectrum 40m Endorsement
Mik	IZ2FME	#18103	Diamond Century
Ivan	G0BON	#18877	Millionaire 3 Million Endorsement
Vladislav	IU0HMB	#18894	Spectrum 80m and 15m Endorsements
Edward	G3WGE	#19661	Silver Century
Silverio	IU0ITX	#19676	Basic Century, Silver Century
Pavel	VA4ADM	#22004	Basic Century, Silver Century, Millionaire, Millionaire 2–4 Million Endorsements

New Members

Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.
Stephen	ZL2ABX	#21949	Brian	N0ORF	#22064	Rick	DC1RW	#22111
Rose	W1RBG	#22049	Robert	N4REE	#22065	Bob	M0XBB	#22112
Jon	KC1FUU	#22050	Doug	WT2X	#22066	Dave	G4POT	#22114
Shawn	W3JZ	#22051	Todd	W5MTN	#22067	Ian	M0KEO	#22115
Ron	KC2PSA	#22052	Mark	AD8IO	#22068	Ean	M0LXI	#22116
Bill	VE3MRX	#22053	Ryan	KF0GVX	#22069	Lee	M0VKR	#22117
Robert	AE7AP	#22054	Cena	AE0UO	#22070	David	M5UK	#22118
David	KB9YYM	#22055	David	KO4EOD	#22071	Kevin	MW0KXN	#22119
Mahlon	KC3TWY	#22056	Connie	W6EFI	#22072	Nic	ON4MGY	#22125
Ruben	XE2NI	#22057	Jona	KK4HMQ	#22073	Bob	DU7ET	#22126
Tracy	W4EDJ	#22058	Kenneth	WB5ORA	#22074	Mark	G0ACQ	#22127
Graham	KT0T	#22059	Julian	KK7MNH	#22075	Toni	M7BGV	#22128
Lee	WB4QOJ	#22060	Rushmore Radio Amateurs	NN5SD	#22076	Sandor	HA5BMS	#22129
Delbert	K8OCN	#22061	Joann	AB8YZ	#22077	Stephen	VK3NI	#22130
Tim	N2QM	#22062	Richard	W2NF	#22078			
Bill	K3CDY	#22063	Keith	W3SHP	#22079			

Comments for Straight Eight 2023

Entrant	Comments
Andy G0LLX	Whilst I had been looking forward to this event above all in the FISTS calendar, circumstances meant that I could devote very little time to it. This is reflected in the small number of QSO's made even though they were all enjoyable. Some were quite a challenge as inter-G condx were (tbh) @*!% ! What isn't reflected in the numbers however, is the time I also spent CQ'ing to no avail .. where was everyone ? .. Thanks for putting on the SK8. Hopefully, it will happen again .. 73
Chris G3XVL	Great fun, enjoyed SK8 very much. 73 Chris
Steve G4YTK	Very rusty on SK but enjoyed myself
Peter GR3JRH	Very enjoyable 87 days. Pity condx were not a bit better. Fun using my GR callsign. Peter GR3JRH
Pete M5ABN	Very little activity I'm afraid, just a few to bolster entries. 73 Pete M5ABN
Alan MW0BGL	Some days during this activity were a bit of a struggle as conditions were at times, something of a challenge. I also wasn't able to spend as much time on the Key as I'd have liked due to other commitments. Vy 73, Alan Mw0bgl 16507
Norbert ON4ANE	Great fun! 73 de Norbert ON4ANE

Results for Straight Eight 2023

Callsign	Posn	Points
G3ZRJ	1	187
MW0BGL	2	157
G3XVL	3	105
GR3JRH	4	53
ON4ANE	5	43
G4YTK	6	26
G0LLX	7	22
M5ABN	8	12

Comments for Chadburn Cup for Clubs April 2023

Club	Comments
G6HH Hastings Electronics and Radio Club	Besides David G4YVM I seem to be the only one putting in an entry. What a shame. Richard G0ILN F398

Results for Chadburn Cup for Clubs April 2023

Club	Ops	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
G6HH Hastings Electronics and Radio Club	G0ILN	1	1	-	65	1	23	23	18
MX0PCN The Pelican Radio Group	G4YVM	2	2	-	11	1	10		

Comments for Ladder April 2023

Entrant	Comments
Simon G0FOZ	First FISTS ladder I'll start earlier next time. Nice chats :-)
Andrew G0OEY	Another enjoyable month in the ladder.
Darren G0OTT	Nice to meet up with members again. Only managed on session on a qrm qsb 40M band. 73 Darren
Peter G3JRH	It's good to be able to put an entry into the ladder this month using my newly acquired S/H TS590SG. I found condx quite good for the 1st Sunday but not so hot for the 2nd.. Peter G3JRH
Tony G3ZRJ	Thanks for ladder points, hope to work you for real QSO soon 73 Tony
John G4YTJ	Not a good month for me. It was very quiet on 9th April with it being Easter Sunday, and I wasn't able to operate on 23rd.
Richard G6HH	First time ever I forgot to put in my entry! put it down to old age! Not the best of band condx. But good fun. Thanks to everyone who gave me a call. 73 Richard G0ILN F398
Kevin M0MCL	David, See attached my log for last month's Ladder. My score sheet is a bit light for Easter Sunday, we had guests visiting and apparently it is "bad form" to sneak into the shack to work a cw contest in such situations (according to XYL). 73, Kevin M0MCL, 20982
Pete M5ABN	Very little activity this month except for ladder. 73 Pete M5ABN
Alan M7TSM	Good fun. QRN made a few weaker signals hard to copy with my basic cw skills so sorry if I didn't reply specifically to the additional info you sent in those cases.
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, Attached comes my 1st log in 2023. Will try to be on band more often. 73 Erkki OH7QR 8318
Norbert ON4ANE	23/04/2023 G stn not so strong as usual! 73 de Norbert ON4ANE
Jan PA0SIM	Could only join the evening sessions, 73 Jan PA0SIM
Adam SQ9S	Log for FISTS Ladder April 2023. Best 73 es tnx for QSO Adam SQ9S #20019

Results for Ladder April 2023

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
MM0UMH	1	1	-	308	84	76	70	78
M5ABN	2	2	-	280	67	73	69	71
MW0BGL	3	6	↑	199	42	56	48	53
G4YTJ	4	3	↓	196	50	51	62	33
M0MCL	5	5	-	185	34	58	55	38
G3XVL	=6	4	↓	183	56	43	60	24
ON4ANE	=6	7	↑	183	36	49	50	48
G4YTK	8	8	-	161	36	36	54	35
PA0SIM	9	9	-	145	48	33	32	32
G3ZRJ	10	10	-	144	48		54	42
G6HH	11	15	↑	139	7	74		58
M7TSM	12	11	↓	132	30	36	34	32
G0DFC	13	14	↑	98	34	28	24	12
G0OEY	14	=18	↑	96		21	30	45
G4TPJ	15	12	↓	90	39	36	15	
G4XUZ	16	13	↓	89	30	32	27	
G0OTT	17	17	-	86	39		25	22
M0SHM	18	16	↓	84	18	27	21	18
M0PBZ	19	21	↑	76	46			30
SP7OGP	20	=18	↓	67	20		31	16
M7NNQ	21	22	↑	58		18	8	32
G0JHK	22	20	↓	48	36	12		
G3JRH	23	-	↑	39				39
G0LLX	24	23	↓	23	23			
G4DNP	25	24	↓	21	7	8	6	
G7BED	26	25	↓	18		18		
G7WHI	27	26	↓	15	15			
M0KTZ	28	27	↓	13	5		8	
DL3GJ	=29	28	↓	12	5	5	2	
SQ9S	=29	31	↑	12			3	9
G4YVM	31	29	↓	11			11	
G0FOZ	32	-	↑	9				9
IU8OJT	33	30	↓	4	4			
OH7QR	34	-	↑	2				2

* Check log

Upcoming Events

May 2023

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Mon 01 May	Wed 31 May	FISTS Chadburn Cup	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 21 May		FISTS Spring Sunday Sprint	2100-2300 UTC
Sun 28 May		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

June 2023

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Thu 01 Jun	Fri 30 Jun	FISTS Chadburn Cup	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 11 Jun		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 25 Jun		RSGB 6m CW Contest	0900-1200 UTC
Sun 25 Jun		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

July 2023

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sat 01 Jul		EuCW Snakes & Ladders summer/autumn season starts	0000 UTC
Sat 01 Jul	Mon 31 Jul	FISTS Chadburn Cup	0000-2359 UTC
Mon 03 Jul	Sun 09 Jul	FISTS Act Your Age Week	0001-2359 UTC
Sun 09 Jul		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 23 Jul		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
