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hardly be described as encouraging, and thus far there have been no volunteers to take over as Contest Manager.

An email arrived from a non-member decrying the response of a station calling CQ FISTS on 20m. Seems the member in question was having little joy in his search but when the 'G' station responded pointing out that he was sorry but he was not a member, the result was simply 'CQ FISTS'. I know we do not have that many die-hards but perhaps it is time to remind you that we are about MORSE primarily and **not** FISTS. It is quite understandable that those of you working for awards will specify FISTS but a brief reply to a non-member will hardly put a crater sized hole in your numbers list and it does reinforce the prime aim of the club "to encourage the use of CW."

FISTS LADDER-APRIL RESULTS

My thanks to the few regular contributors to the Ladder event this month. Congratulations once more to Peter G4LHI for winning again, three out of four months, I guess somebody is going to have to try a little harder. Hi Hi.

Again it's a shame more people can't make the effort to send in a log, there's lots of you on Peters log.

As mentioned in last months Keynote I am giving up the Contest Managers post and the offers to take over are even less than the logs for contests. Perhaps like a lot of other clubs some members are quick to criticise but slow in volunteering.

The results are as follows:-

	APRIL	YEARS TOTAL
G4LHI	205	G4LHI 786
G0SCP	131	G0SCP 555
GW0SGG	70	M5ABN 289
M5ABN	63	G3VQO 145
G3VQO	33	GW0SGG 110
M0CMQ	14	M0CMQ 63
OH7QR	4	G0MRH 49
		OH7QR 16

73 Keith M0CLO

GREETINGS

Welcome to summer people. At the time of writing, there are gale force winds, rain and temperatures only just into double figures but I guess that is the norm for the Northwest of England. Hi. Problem is that the bands seem to have followed suit. Beaming to the US on 20/15M results in an almost deafening silence whilst beaming South of East gives me Zagreb and 9A2HF at S9 plus and just about nothing else though I did hear a PY coming in at S9.

Fun and games this month at HQ when my trusted friend Norton Anti Virus let a worm (KEZ) slip through the net. A most peculiar virus. Seemingly sends a loaded message to a couple of addresses from the address book and then disappears but before it does so, it renders the AV inoperative and disables the up-date feature. As a dummy (3rd class) it took me all of two hair tearing days to get things back to an apparent norm. Doesn't it just make you mad! So I must apologise to anyone who was similarly afflicted after receiving a spurious message from me.

As you can see from the April Ladder results, the take-up has been very disappointing and it is hardly surprising that Keith, M0CLO, has indicated his intentions to spend his time on better things. A handful of entries from over 1,000 EU members can

SILENT KEY

Belated advice from the family of Vince, MD0ADD that he is now silent key but no date or other info is given.

Also, on 15 Jan 2002, Eric, G5VQ at 87 years of age.

And from Chuck (M0AVW) via a returned package, we learn of the passing of John, GW3JUN. Again, no further information.

G3LCG - FISTS 5553 - died on Thursday 9th. May 2002.

Peter loved amateur radio - especially cw. He was a Novice Instructor and as a member of RSARS, prepared many Scarborough College students for the City & Guilds Novice Radio Amateurs examination. He was also a member of FOC and The Scarborough Special Events Group. Kind Regards, Tony - G4OPI - FISTS 3284

At the request of his Daughter, It is with much sadness that I have to inform you, that Dick Rugg G2BRR / FISTS 7133 went SK on Wednesday 22nd May 2002.

G5WL2 Pete Rayer

WHERE DOES THIS ONE GO?



Chuck, M0AVW, has asked me to remind all our M0(A) members that he is also the RSGB sub mgr for this series. To save him spending big money on aspirins, would M0As please ensure that they make plain on the cards if the destination is a FISTS member otherwise, we may have to send the boys round!

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Had a query from a member who was refused a copy of the e-mail list by Kathi and queried this with Nancy who explained that they were having the same problems that I found on the smartgroups setup only with a vengeance. Lower numbers will remember that I was obliged to remove the messaging facility from our page on smartgroups for just this reason. Nancy replied: "We are having alot of problems here due to hams with businesses using the list to advertise their products and others sending out unwanted political rantings and non-FISTS issues not to mention spam and virus/worms. Many people were asking to be deleted from the list because they did not want unsolicited mailings, even though they wanted to get the periodic FISTS updates I send. It's not a hardship on the general membership who just need one or two email addresses for whatever reason, and it keeps people from just cutting and pasting the whole list into their TO: box and easily sending spam. Keeping two lists (one for club use and another for publication is out of the question. Those who want their email addresses known can always join a discussion group and/or register their email address with Buckmaster or QRZ."

Not surprisingly in the circumstances, she asked Kathi to restrict the e-mail list to a small group comprising active office holders. It is of course a great shame that the selfish actions of a few should impinge so broadly on the majority but in the interests of privacy, no other action. is possible.

REVISED AGCW AWARD

AGCW-DL has announced a revised version of its New Millennium Award: Applicants are required to reach a score of 2000 points for CW (A1A or F2A) QSOs worked with AGCW members since January 2000.

Scoring is as follows:

Each AGCW member worked counts 20 points

Each AGCW club station worked counts 50 points.

The club stations are: DFØACW, DFØAGC, DKØAG, DLØCWW, and DLØDA.

Each AGCW member number can be claimed only once.

To obtain the award, send a log excerpt to:

Andreas Herzig, DM5JBN (AGCW 1893), Bergring 5, D-08129 Oberrothenbach, Germany.

E-mail: agcw2000@agcw.de

Fee: Euro 5 or USD 7

Please note: The previous version of this award was limited to QSOs in the year 2000 only.

The new version does not have a date limit

(Information and translation from Martin, IK2RMZ.)

DX NEWS FROM F5NQL

A sad affair.; What can think of that a newcomer in Ham Radio? Jean Baptiste, F8DQL, who lives in Paris, go to his parents in Tahiti at the beginning of May. While the three days when he was flying from Paris via San Francisco, a pirate made some QSOs on 10.1 and 14 MHz CW, using his call FO/F8DQL.

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was reported as a pirate. However Jean Baptiste was really at

his parents' but about 3 days later. So when he came on the air it was very difficult for him to traffic.

Jean Baptiste is a newcomer in DX, CW and pile up. He didn't need this kind of joke.

I phone him when returned in Paris and to Paul, F2YT; together, we decided to send a complete file with documentation and including the log book to Gérard, F2VX, French DXCC checker, to be verified and sent then to Bill, NC1L. We hope for those who have had QSO's with FO/F8DQL, that this traffic will be accepted.

Those who had contacts with Jean Baptiste, will be confirmed if they want..But submitting the card for DXCC credit, will need some delay.

For information these are by country the number of QSO's he made only on 14, 21, 28Mhz CW:

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United States 46, Japan 21, France 9, Germany 4, Australia 4, New Zealand 4, Angleterre 3, Argentina 3, Poland 3, Csech Republic 3, Russia 3, Spain 2, Suède 2, Belgium 1, Bulgarie : 1 South Korea 1 Scotland 1 Finland 1 Hongrie 1 Italia 1, Mexico 1, Morocco 1, Polynésie 1, Slovénia 1, Vanuatu 1.

Jean Baptiste expect to go once more to his parents' next year and he hope there will not be pirates on his way.

73 see you and if you hear something of JB/F8DQL, call him. Maurice, F5NQL

Thankyou Maurice and would appreciate advance info.

EUCW QRS RESULTS

Once again an interesting set of logs has been received although not as many as I had hoped for. What was apparent from the logs was that most people enjoyed the event again and it was nice to see some new call signs.

This year our eldest entrant went one better than last year and won the event, many congratulations Dick, G8NT. The score Dick achieved was nearly 11,000 higher than last year's winner and more than double his last years score. It goes to prove that with some effort QSO's can be found and good scores assembled.

Congratulations to all the certificate winners and especially G0EML, Ray, for winning the "Most Readable Morse Heard" during the event. It was interesting to note that, like last year's winner of this title, this was Ray's first contest.

RESULT LIST "*" indicates Certificate Winners.

Class A

Callsign	Club	Points	Mults	Total
G8NT	FISTS	592	46	27,232 *
IK2RMZ	AGCW	211	46	9706 *
G3HZL	FISTS	228	42	9576 *
G0EML	FISTS	316	30	9480 *
G4NCU	FISTS	173	32	5536
DL5AYI	RTC	172	25	4300
DL1BUG		148	24	3552
G0GSY	FISTS	128	21	2688
PA3AFF	FISTS	135	14	1890
G4LHI	FISTS	53	5	265
M5ABN	FISTS	32	6	192
OH7QR	FISTS	33	5	165
G3WP	FISTS	21	7	147
DL0GRH	AGCW	12	4	48
G4XPE	FISTS	10	1	10

CLASS B

G4FAI	FISTS	112	27	3024 *
HB9OU	HTC	61	12	732 *
OK2BMA	OKQRPC	52	13	676 *
G3FIJ	FISTS	26	6	156
HB9DEO	HTC	4	2	8

It should be noted that DL1BUG was operating as a multiplier this year, hence he used four clubs and as he didn't have very much time, he changed his club after every QSO.

As I am giving up the FISTS Contest Managers position I am not sure what will happen to this contest next year.

73 Keith Farthing, M0CLO, FISTS Contest Manager

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STRANGE HAPPENINGS (HSC)

I received a multiple page RTF document concerning the activities of one ex-HSC member related to HSC e.V. which defies belief. There is a lot of legal manipulation involved here concerning the status of HSC v HSC v.E. The early history reads like something out of Alice in Wonderland:

After furtive preparations, the former member of our HSC, Udo Osenbrügge, DJ7LQ, founded his own CW club in late 1979, aided and abetted by a few sympathisers, none of whom were ever members of the HSC, and some of whom later resigned their membership in this new organisation. There would, basically, have been no objections to a new CW club being founded, if Osenbrügge had not usurped (i.e. misappropriated/robbed by usage against the will of its members) the name and the diamond-shaped emblem of our HSC which was founded in 1951 as a "body of persons" (pursuant to the German law governing associations, clubs and the like) within the DARC e.V., and had registered both in the registry of associations and patterns. Having gained experience in changing the functions of clubs, both the name and logo of the VHSC were also purloined within a short period of time.

I understand that at the foundation meeting of v.E, he declared (on his own authority) that the HSC was dissolved. From what I can gather from the text, he then went on a legal rampage for many years, sending threatening letters to a number of established HSC members in an effort to force them to join his own (e.V) version of the club and suing numerous individuals and organisations for a variety of reasons. A printer was sued because he caused QSL cards to be printed with the HSC Logo "Even the owners of hotels, restaurants or similar premises, in which events of the HSC took place, received letters intending to intimidate them with a view to impeding or preventing the meetings of HSC members". In every case, the result of the action was nil and over the years, it must have cost an unthinkable amount of money in failed legal proceedings where he ended up paying court costs.

Osenbrügge suffered considerable financial losses (worth several complete ham stations) as a result of all these lost court cases; thus, Osenbrügge vanished from the scene for some 17 years, and hardly anyone wasted any thoughts with regard to his club. Yet, having recovered financially and in the hope that dust had settled on the matter, he resumed his activities on the amateur bands as DFØHSC/DJ7LQ with renewed fanatical vigour three years ago. He is pursuing his interference unwaveringly and with new tactics, claiming to represent the only "true" HSC of 1951. In a letter dated September 1983 to the Starnberg registry court, he states, amongst other things: "Irrespective of the negative rulings, HSC (namely "HSC e.V.") continues to reserve the right to use the letter combination of "HSC". There seems to be nobody or nothing that will convince him that the law is not on his side, not even courts of law.

The pages read like the script of a television comedy show and borders on the unbelievable.

I reiterate the warnings in Keynote a couple of months back and the advice to treat with caution any correspondence or other communications purporting to emanate from HSC v.E or and variant (SHSC, VHSC etc)

WEST MANCHESTER RALLY

Sorry but these days, not only am I sans transport but also just a little too long in the tooth and standing for any length of time is (to say the least) uncomfortable. However, Bob, G0FRL took out a couple of tables for the above event and recorded 15

members who signed in: G0FRL, M0BAU, M0CKD, G0EOK, G4PPG, M0BWP, G0TYH, G3RXH, SWL4, G4KKI, G4JKW, G3CWI, M0HDE, and G3YTZ.

NEW MEMBERS

8900	M3ABL	Martin	8901	SV1EFP	Stavros
8902	M0COL	Ron	8903	G4HBY	Mick
8904	G3XYS	Mark	8905	S58MU	MI
8906	G4HSO	Peter	8907	M0RHB	Rod
8908	GX0NWM	CLUB	8909	EA5QB	Jose
8910	G0EKP	Stella	8911	M5LRO	Chris
8912	ON7OP	Phil	8913	G3BEX	John
8914	2E0ANS	Maurice	8915	G0PLW	Brian
8916	F3WT	Pierre	8917	G0TYH	Peter
8918	G3RXH	Howard	8919	G3VGU	John

GX0NWM incidentally is the club station of the Tynemouth ARC. Expect to find various operators but the custodian of the FISTS number is Chuck, M0AVW.

THE STRAWBERRY BASKET

G4KPN. Must have won the lottery. Bought himself a pair of Shure paddles but is still looking for a Peter Jones (single or twin). Any advice out there? **G3MCK.** Gerald, whilst acknowledging that contest activity on the WARC bands is discouraged, asks what are we supposed to do when the MUF is below 10MHz. Well, I guess that leaves only 40 and 80m Gerald but under those conditions, I doubt if there would be much enthusiasm for contesting even on those bands. **GW0SGG.** First word I have had for ages concerning my HAM LOG programme. Seems Bill (and I suspect a few more) regard it as more convenient than some of the all-singing varieties though I confess I could not rewrite it for Windows. **G0IYZ.** Chris was most enthusiastic about the special event station GB0MGY and scoured the bands for signs of them. Checked with the local DX cluster and eventually found traffic working them on 14015 from where he finally managed a very difficult QSO. Seems they shifted to 12m (waste of time for UK stations) on Sunday. He mentions that he checked out the SSB portion of 40m to find many stations grouching about the lack of LF activity by the station. Chris stuck his oar in and found himself talking to GB0MPA (the SES for the SS Carpathia) and GB0MGY was eventually found on 40m where Chris managed another QSO in a horrendous pile-up **G0SDA.** Colin points out that the band plan quotes CW only, Digi-modes and CW with SSB and CW for varying portions. Using CW in the SSB portion of the bands however would prove most unpopular and to be honest I have never heard it being used up there. He also points out that CW is included in the official RSGB description of digital modes. RTTY is almost as dated as CW but copy is more prone to corruption by QRM, but PSK is bang up to date & the PSK signal is so narrow one can see AND resolve almost faultlessly, all the PSK signals on a band without touching the tuning knob of the rig. It is far more efficient than CW in terms of bandwidth, as well as being almost bomb proof, & it does not need high power, spectacular DX results have been achieved using QRP. **M0CES.** As a newcomer to FISTS I felt I had to write to express my appreciation of those FISTS who have so patiently put up with my Morse! I passed at 12 wpm last October (2 days after the requirement dropped to 5 wpm) after nearly a year of practice. Once on HF I found 12 wpm was far less than many folk were prepared to work at and after a few QSO's were abandoned half way through by the "other station", I was fit to throw in the towel. However, after encouragement from my CW mentor Tony, G0PEH and fellow FISTS Steve, M0CUT, I decided to join and have a go. I am delighted by the gentlemanly conduct of all the FISTS I have met on air and the patience they have shown me. This was indeed put to the test recently when I switched in a much neglected paddle key. If one's sending goes wrong, it goes wrong spectacularly with a paddle!!! But I persevere and speed and competence is improving slowly and I was finally rewarded with my first QSO across the pond with Ray, AA3DW in North Carolina on 20m. Must also mention OM3TGB, G3FIJ and SM4ETF for their on-air support. If there is a ray of hope for those who lament the demise of the Morse requirement, it must be in the new operators they encourage to have a go, and support with that patience which is the hallmark of FISTS! **M0CMQ.** Had a nice QSO with EA8IJK with a newly installed GP3 vertical. W3DZZ for LF but sadly

RX only on 80m. Acquisition of a PC has encouraged him to enroll for an OU Course in computer basics.

FISTS DOWN UNDER URL

Through the efforts and courtesy of VK2DLF-George-9052 we now have a FISTS Down Under web site. Check it out. The address is <http://fistsdownunder.morsekeys.com>
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NA MEMO

When the Postal delivery van arrived I was transmogrified and almost suffered a hernia hoisting an 'M' bag with 30+ copies of the above. Arrived too late to do anything about distribution at the rally but those who would like a copy, pse gimme a bell first to confirm availability and then send me a couple of 2nd class stamps - at 60+ pages of art paper, this is demanded. It contains much information together with several pages of thumbnail mugshots of (mainly) US members so, if you want to see what that regular contact looks like - now is your chance! Seems Nancy shot a bag off to Ralph and the gang down under by request so thought she would send me a batch at the same time.

EU & DX SUBS

No response to the request for information concerning 'Direct Transfer'. I am still keen to find out how much it would cost the originator to pay their subs this way. At £7.00 for EU members or £4.00 for digital Keynote recipients, I am wary making suggestions beyond the use of US/UK banknotes or Euros. Send a personal cheque for (say) 6 Euros and in order to get this sum into the club accounts, it would be necessary to increase the value of the cheque to 18 Euros (the excess being a 'gift' to the bank) which is clearly not on. I am also keen to learn the cost of either transferring funds from account to account or sending small value cheques within the EEC. If this is reasonable then I would again seek a European paymaster who could open a separate account for us, store the incoming subs and send a reasonable sized cheque or transfer periodically. It is such a shame that the UK banks are so voracious - surely the European banks do not behave in a similar manner?

WANTED

Bill, GM0KMG, is in need of info on the Collins SWR unit. ID is 524/4116/004, MCN, 2788. It has 4 connections lying bare at one end and 5 (insulated) at the other and Bill is also keen to know about maximum power etc.

This is a repeat from last month but Bill has had no response so has asked me to include his phone number (0141-562457 and his address (180 Castlemilk Rd, Glasgow, G44 4NS)

Unless clearly specified, I do not generally print these details so future "Wants" pse note.

S58MU

Following publication of Keynote, I received an application form from Mil and he was allocated number 8905. I did my best to repair the damage by sending an e-mail to all subscribers to our digital Keynote but sadly it was too late to do little else. In fairness though, without a FISTS number, Mil should not have been calling CQ FISTS - it caused a lot of confusion. Hi.

AWARDS POINTS

The whole idea of an Awards manager is exactly the same as the Contest manager. I can divorce myself from both subjects and concentrate instead on admin and the Keynote. Having received

a query concerning points allocation for the US where Canada, Mexico etc (for many less than 50 miles away) yields 2 points per contact. I sent the query to Dennis who responded thus:

*"I've been grading all the award logs I receive, both DX and US, the same way. That is, I give credit as follows;
1 point for FISTS contact with your own country
2 points for contact with another country as per DXCC rules
3 points for contact with an affiliated FISTS club station
I would like to see the award rules the same for all club members, . . . and I must say it is easier to check over logs when using 2 points for any country other than your own.
73, Dennis K6DF"*

I suppose the US v Canada is really the same as UK v France though the people on the West coast wouldn't see it that way. We originally looked at the points with a European slant hence 2 points for contacts beyond your own continent.

I hope this does not mean that "G" stations will be claiming 2 points for GW/GM but bear in mind that France is a little over 20 miles across the channel. Remember also that no QSL cards are required for claims therefore those who stoop to cheating or cutting corners are only fooling themselves.

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Alland Islands, OH0Z, June 1/8

Liechtenstein, HB0, June 1/12

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Jersey, MJ, June 6/10

Market Reef, OJ0, June 6/10

Surinam, PZ5PI, June 6/11

Gibraltar, ZB, June 7/17

Ogasawara, JD1, June 8/16

FINALE

Had a rather interesting report this month concerning the special event stn GB90GMY but strapped for space again. Briefly, too much HF leaving little opportunity for EU on the LF bands. However, Chris, G0IYZ, managed a brace via 20 and 40M.

I am celebrating the Jubilee weekend printing, collating, folding and stuffing this issue into envelopes. Still, it's better than scanning the TV looking for non-football channels. Hi.

Speaking of Football, there was to have been a special event from Germany for the world cup but a search for more info proved negative.

The anticipated invitation to the Jubilee celebrations at the Palace seems to have got lost in the post. No bad thing perhaps because there is much to do here!

During June, there will be a surfeit of GQ stations on the bands but look out specially for a few GB50 stations

My thanks to those kind souls who extend their best wishes to Ivy both via mail and on air. I have her at home for a few hours one day each week so things are not too bad.

Dayton has been and gone now but Nancy sent me a whole raft of new members together with a list of members who were out of compliance but are now reinstated having settled their dues at the FISTS stand.

Take care people. Enjoy the summer weather (assuming you actually get some) and I'll see you on the bands.

73/88 es stay sober de Geo