

## International Morse Preservation Society



# KEY NOTE



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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](mailto: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.

**Up-dated listings** may also be obtained from HQ. Please include 3 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 and EU pse add £1.00 for p/p. DX members - on advice.

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

**Please include your CALLSIGN** on all correspondence.

### Useful contacts:

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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, BARNESLEY, 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 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

At last! more or less back in the groove after a very worrying period and although a long way from 100% I am able to get back to the computer - wish I could say the same thing for the keyer.

To be truthful, I still do not know what hit me. The ZL gang seem to have grasped the wrong end of the stick inasmuch that although I was obliged to attend the local hospital, there was no bed time there. Simply an appointment with the resident cardiologist who confirmed my GPs suspicion that something was amiss with the old pump and prescribed appropriately.

Sorry that this is a rather shortened version of the normal Key-note and indeed, this may be the case for a few months until something approaching normality returns and just to rub salt into the wounds, the diabetes has caused bleeding in the eyes leaving me with little vision in the left and a threat that the right one will be going the same way. Still, I will be doing my best - can't say more than that.

In the meantime, my thanks to all for their kind enquiries and good wishes and especially to Chuck who helped things along quite a bit by running a sort of poste restante for subs and other matters. Unselfishly, he credits his XYL for something approaching 75% of the work involved from checking and where possible, answering email traffic to maintaining a working version of my dBase files. They have both joined the clip-clop brigade with Chuck considering equine mobile so much of their free time is now spent either in the saddle or cleaning out stables.

Those of you who sent in their subs during Mar/05 and MAY/05 will note the ammended renewal date on their mailing labels. there is however a whole raft of cheques which have not been cashed and are now beyond their expiration date. Simply was not up to the task of lodging them and in any case, a trip to the bank from the bus stop involves some 500 yards of mainly up-hill walking which at that time would have left me seriously hooting for breath.

The regularly increasing band of members who accept Keynote via email would do me a great service by noting their own renewal date. Could I possibly suggest large characters painted with on the door of the fridge with a 2-inch brush and red paint? Checking these dates against the database and emailing reminders is a tedious and time consuming affair which I could well do without - unless of course someone with a computer, internet access and the ability to read and edit dBase III files would volunteer?

Enough of all this... let's get on!

### CHANGE OF CALL

In the Dec/04 Keynote, I neglected to mention that 2E0EUK upgraded and his new call is M0ICW. The listing will reflect this change but for the sake of continuity, he maintained 2E0EUK for purposes of the ladder until December.

### LADDER - 2004 (FINAL)

CALL	TOTAL
G4LHI	443
M5ABN	279
M0RHB	176
G0VSS	129
GW4HDB	123
G14CGB	107
M0DRK	99
M3GBT	81
2E0EUK	78
M0CMQ	77

OH7QR	73
GU4HUY	72
GX2HDF	68
M5AGL	62
M5BRY	61
G0UHM	26
G8XGQ	22
PA3AFF	10

*Congratulations to G4LHI 1st, M5ABN 2nd, and M0RHB 3rd. in the overall placing, certificates will be sent to you in due course. Thank you to all the above who have made the effort to take part in the 2004 ladder.*

*Peter G4LHI tells me with the noticeable lack of Fists members supporting the Ladder, he will not be actively competing in the Ladder next year, but will still be about to give away points and trying to encouraging more members to have a go. The Ladder is open to all the EU Fists members, so come on and please give it your support, as the saying goes use or lose it.*

*The Ladder for 2005 starts on 29/30th Jan 05 so lets hope the conditions will improve for us all.  
73' for now Bob M5AGL.*

### STRAIGHT KEY WEEK

CALL.	POINTS.
1. G3LIK.	578.
2. G4LHI.	264.
3. G4NCU.	142.
4. M0BHA.	90.
5. M5ABN.	80.
6. PA3AFF.	50.
7. M0RHB.	47.
7. M0CMQ.	47.
9. 2E0EUK.	46.
10. OH7QR.	41.
11. M3GBT.	28.
12. M5AGL.	12.

*Congratulations to Mick G3LIK for first place he had a total of 332 QSO's for the 578 points with 7Mhz being his most profitable band, where he gained 322 points towards his overall total. Well done to Peter G4LHI with 136 QSO's for his 264 points and to Mike G4NCU with 47 QSO's for his 142 points. The Certificates will be sent to G3LIK, G4LHI and G4NCU.*

*Many thanks to you all for your support in this event de Bob, M5AGL.*

I simply must echo Bob's congratulations to Mick, G3LIK. He really did put some work in and every time I went on 40m he was there. I'll get those certs completed asap though there is still some work to do - my apologies for the delay!

### NEW MEMBERS

10857 UA1CEX	VIC	10858 EI9ES	PETER
10859 G6NYC	NOBBY	10860 G4GQL	ALAN
10861 G4BMH	NICK	10862 M0TMK	COLIN
10863 IZ0DGI	CHARLIE	10864 G4BPO	CLUB
10865 DH5TA	ANDRE	10866 M1EDF	GEOFF
10867 GW3RDB	CLUB	10868 CT1TUW	DON
10869 LA5YNA	VERNER	10870 2E0KDC	DERMOT
10871 GM4CXP	DEL	10872 M0MRR	MARK
10873 M3HQD	ROB	10873 MW0FRY	DICK

### FROM THE IN-BOX

Much (if not all) the following is way behind time following my period of inactivity:

#### QRS activity

Geo - I am sending this to inform you that for an experimental period, I am calling CQ QRS nearly every evening between 1900 and 2000 on 3.563 MHz or thereabouts with a view to encouraging beginners and inexperienced operators to take the -plunge.  
73 Charles - GW3SB Fists 345

#### Re Audio loops

Ge George

For quite a lot of years my XYL has had major hearing problems and I have played around with loops. Being a tight fistted yorkshire man I always look for the cheapest.

I was in the TV business and I make use of the de-gausing coil

from scrap Tv sets. They are in all TV sets using CRT's and are a good source of wire.

I don't alter them at all just connect a cable to the coil and connect it to the OP of the equipment sheI was in the TV business and I make use of the de gausing coils wants to listen to. Anyone wanting these coils and are concerned about removing them if they visit a TV service department I am sure they will find someone who will help.

One large coil is fitted round her chair and connected to an amplifier and then to the Tv scart socket. A smaller coil is connected to an amp. in the car and I have a electret mike hanging from my specs. which we use on long journeys. (We drive down to Portugal a couple of times a year) A lot of power is not required. An LM380 is enough.

It is possible to obtain a lightweight neck loop from the RNID for about £15/£16. 'Phone number 01733 232607 text phone 01733 238020.

If I can help anyone please give them my e-mail address, however it will need to be quick as I am flying down to Portugal again on Sunday for 4 weeks. Taking a rig with me and on the usual frequencies with 5watts

Regards Brian A. G3KJX

#### Your brain needed!

Dear Sir/Madam

My name is Dr Piers Cornelissen, and I am a Reader in Psychology, at the University of Newcastle, UK and co-director of a multi-centre research group investigating how the brain solves the problem of reading (website: nbr.physiol.ox.ac.uk).

I found your e-mail address from the web-pages of FISTS UK. I am contacting you because our research group (Dr Peter Hansen, Dr Morten Kringelbach and myself) are very keen to find expert Morse coders who would be willing to take part in a functional brain imaging study.

This is the kind of investigation where we can record which areas in the brain are active during particular tasks, and we can do this by using non-invasive, harmless techniques such as MRI scanning. Broadly speaking, the aim of our research is to understand how the human brain solves the complex task of reading. To do this, our experiments use a combination of behavioural and brain imaging techniques. Thus far, it is clear that there is a large interconnected network of brain areas involved in reading, and it is our intention to understand what information flows through these areas, and how this pattern evolves with time - from the moment you first see a word, to the point at which you can read it aloud.

The reason for contacting you, and hopefully through you, other expert Morse coders, is because we believe your particular skills could help unravel an important part of this puzzle. Specifically, early on in the sequence of brain area activations for reading, one particular area in the left hand side of the brain is known to process words in some way. But what exactly this region does is unclear - some people believe that the brain cells in this region are only involved in the very specific task of processing words which are presented visually. However, there is also some evidence that these brain cells may have a more general function, and that they play a part in solving a wider variety of tasks. We think that one way to settle this debate is to find out whether this brain region is active when expert Morse coders are listening (i.e. heard tones) or watching (i.e. seen flashes) Morse code sequences. We are therefore looking for expert Morse coders who would like to volunteer for such a study.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely Piers Cornelissen

<morten.kringelbach@queens.oxford.ac.uk>

### FINALE

Sri people... that's just about all I can manage and still get something through your letterbox this month. Hopefully be a little earlier for the next one though at the present time, diabetic bleeding has affected both eyes and a brand new pair of bi-focals approaches the definition of "useless" due to an extremely sharp focal plane.

73/88, enjoy the summer weather and have fun on the bands. If you do happen to catch me on the air then hoist a flag and award yourself 50 points. Hi.

Geo