

International Short Wave League

INTRODUCTORY NOTES

Following enquiries from Amateur Radio Clubs and Societies etc., about Affiliate Membership of the ISWL, the League's Council has approved such membership. Clubs and Radio organisations are very welcome to join us.

This leaflet has been prepared to outline what the ISWL has to offer, to both Individual members and Affiliated Clubs and Societies.

The ISWL

The International Short Wave League was formed in 1946, so we are celebrating our 65th Anniversary in 2011. We are marking this occasion with TWO special event stations, **GB65ISWL** (mainly operated by Herbie G6XOU) and **PA65ISWL**, (operated by Fred PA0FAW). GB65ISWL will be at several events and locations in 2011, in order to allow other ISWL members the chance to use the callsign.

Since its inauguration, the League has provided facilities enabling members, to enjoy their hobby to the greatest advantage to themselves and fellow enthusiasts. Unlike most other radio societies, the League offers facilities to both the Amateur and Broadcast Bands enthusiast on an equal basis.

MONITOR

This is the title of the MONTHLY League Journal issued FREE to members of the ISWL. Affiliated Clubs/Societies/Colleges will receive a single copy of Monitor.

Sections include Amateur Bands Review; Broadcast Bands and Logs; Broadcast Matters; Cliff's Corner covering news from around the world; the ISWL Contests and Awards; Club Call Corner reporting on the nets and club call activities; DX and IOTA News announcing the stations to lookout for, plus QSL Managers information and QSL Addresses for many DX stations; Rallies during the following month and Transmitting Topics; 'Members Soapbox' where members can have their say, and free of charge, 'Members Adverts', only available to members, covering Sales; Wants and Exchanges.

CONTESTS

The Contests and Awards Manager organizes Monthly Contests throughout the year for individual members. Certificates are awarded to the winners of each contest, and trophies awarded to the members with the highest number of points at the conclusion of the contests annual programme.

To encourage our individual amateur radio station members to participate, Council decided that contests are NOT at this present time open to Affiliated Clubs / Societies, etc. Individual members of your Club / Society wishing to partake in the League Contests, would be required to pay the subscription to become a paid up member.

AWARDS

The League has several awards issued FREE to members. Non-members are able to apply for any of the awards except the 'Monitor Award' for a small charge.

As an Affiliate Member, the awards are available to the club or society named as the member. Individual members of your Club / Society wishing to apply for

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any award, would have to pay for the award as a non-member, or alternatively pay the subscription to become a paid up ISWL member.

The Awards include:-

Century Club Award
Continental Award

Commonwealth Award
European Award

Monitor Award – only available to members

Pacific Ocean Award

States Award

Zone Award

5 Band DXCC award

Short Wave Broadcast Bands DX Award (Classes 1; 2; 3 and 4)

Most of the Awards are available for either Amateur or Broadcast Bands, but not mixed. New awards are added from time to time.

QSL BUREAU

The ISWL operates its own very efficient QSL Bureau, known throughout the world, with both incoming and outgoing cards cleared weekly.

A surcharge is levied for the bureau and available only to ISWL members. It is unique, in that members availing themselves of the QSL Bureau do not have to lodge envelopes or stamps with the Bureau Manager.

For Clubs etc. the surcharge is levied for each Club Callsign. A maximum of 1500 QSL cards per year, will be accepted from the registered Club/Society, the QSL card clearly displaying the membership number in addition to the Club/Society Callsign. Responsibility for ensuring that cards only in the name of the Club/Society are sent to the QSL Bureau will be with the Club/Society Callsign Keeper, or in the event of there not being a club callsign, with the Club Secretary or other person nominated by the Club/Society.

PUBLICATIONS

'The Art of QSL'ing' by Alan Loveridge, ex ISWL QSL Bureau Manager.
Cost: Members £1.00: Non members £1.50.

ISWL NETS

Regular weekly nets are as follows:

Sunday	SSB	1430	7.055 MHz OR, subject to poor 40m conditions
	SSB	1430	3.685 MHz
Sunday	SSB	1900	144.270 MHz
Sunday	SSB	2030	1.925 MHz
Monday	CW	2000	3.563 MHz
Tuesday	SSB	1900	3.700 MHz
Wednesday	PSK31	1900	3.581 MHz
Saturday	SSB	1030	3.685 MHz

Additional nets may be added from time to time. The Web pages always have the "Current" information, so please see <http://www.iswl.org.uk>

All Net times are UK clock time, and frequencies \pm QRM

Non ISWL Members are always very welcome to join us on our nets

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The ISWL club calls GX4BJC/A, GX4BJC/P, MX1SWL/A and MX1SWL/P, or UK regional variations can be heard on the nets. Members can be allocated the club calls on a rota basis for a period of one month. Additionally, Callsigns may be used on the nets without the "X" or regional club variations.

Every one is assured of a warm welcome on any of the nets,
Whether a member or not.

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**Download and Complete an Application Form
and send together with your remittance to**

The Hon. Treasurer

The subscription rates are shown on the Application Form
(UK Subscription Rates are unchanged since January 1994)

INTERNET

When joining, please supply your e-mail address

Downloaded from: www.iswl.org.uk