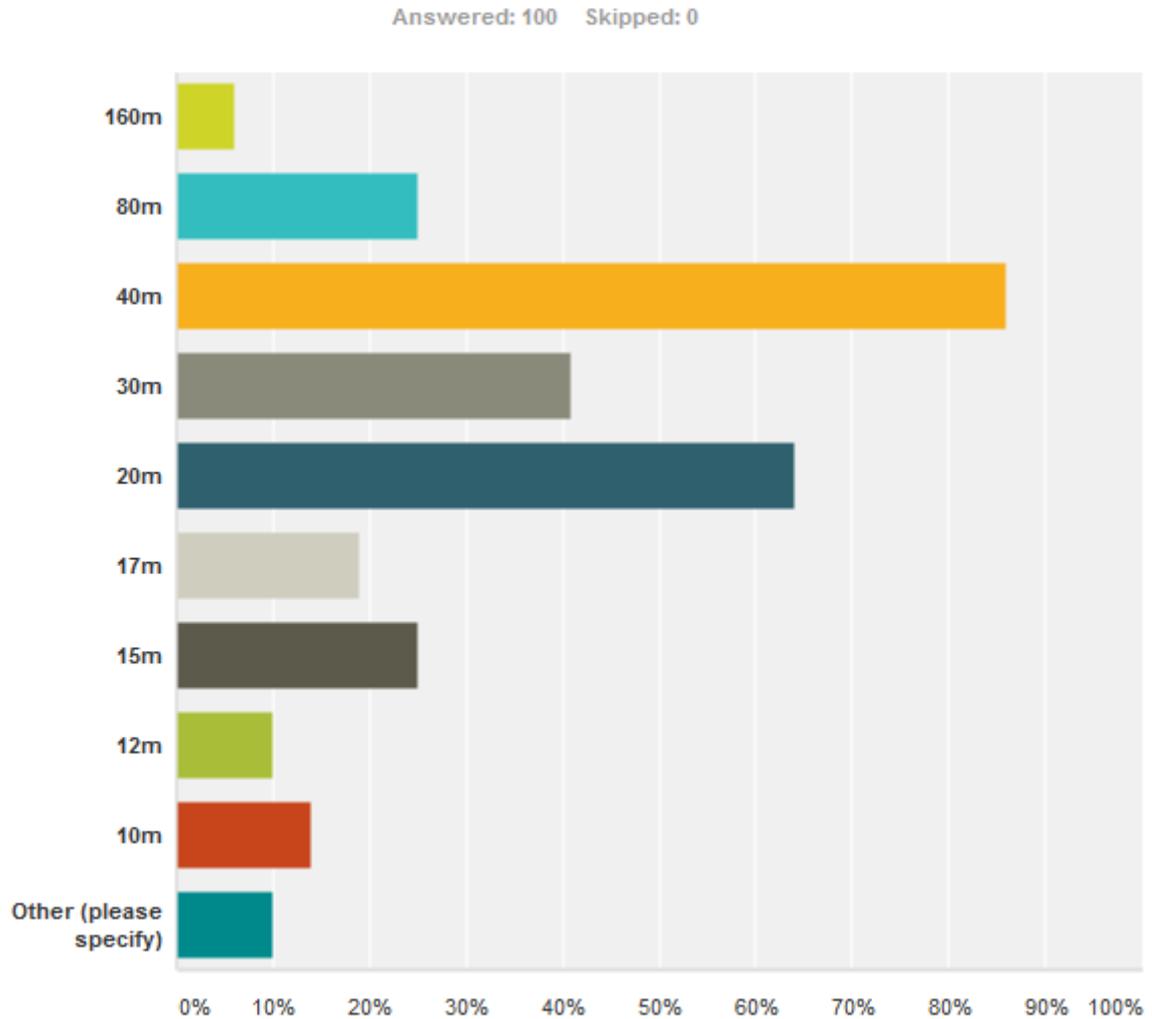


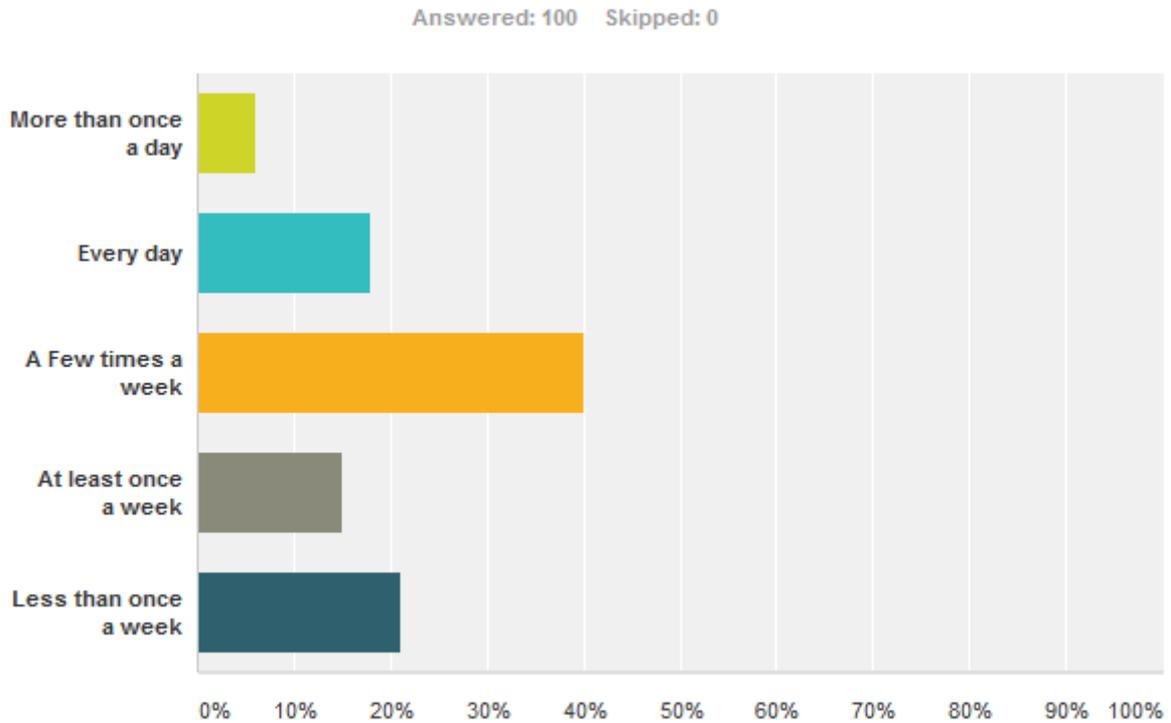
VK CW Survey

A survey was conducted with questions being answered by 100 of the most active CW operators in VK during the past 2 months. Individual responses were anonymous, results were as follows:

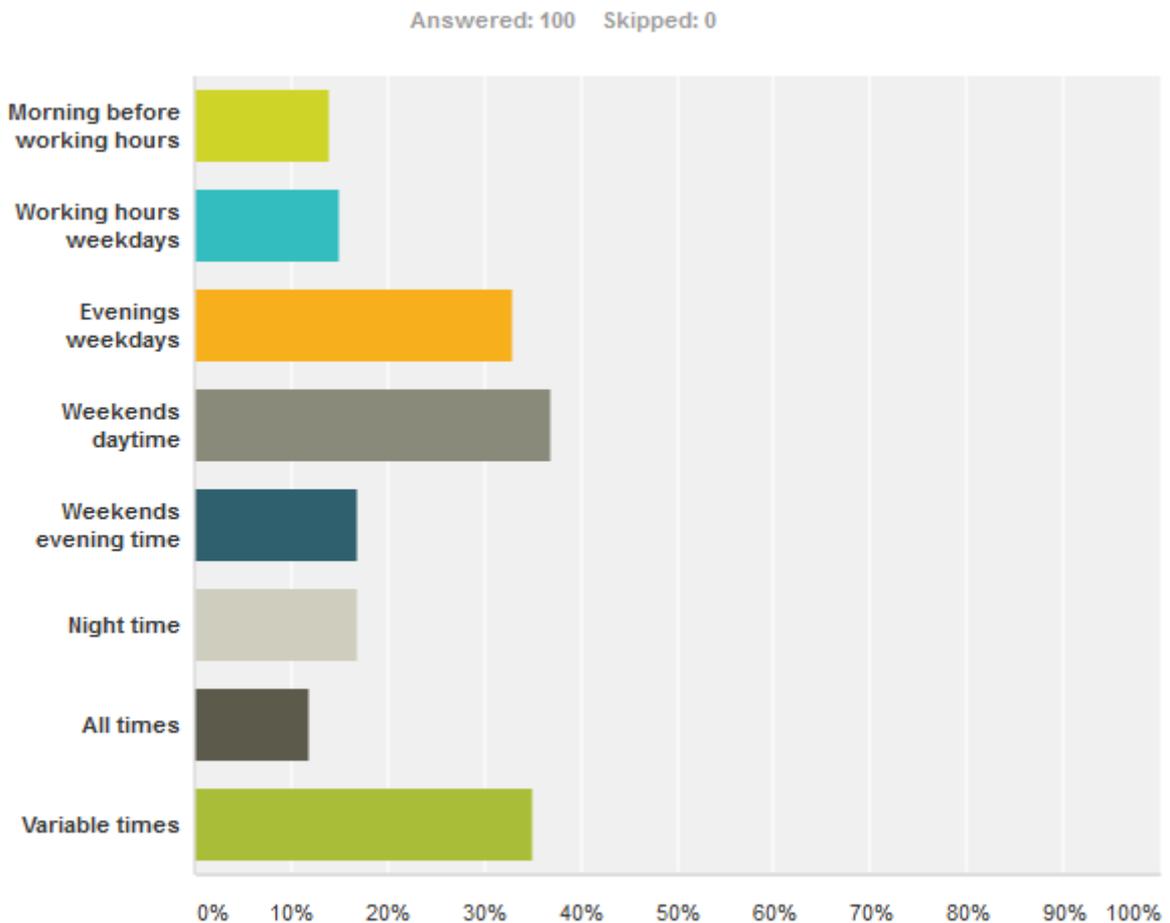
1. Which band(s) are you (mostly) active in CW?



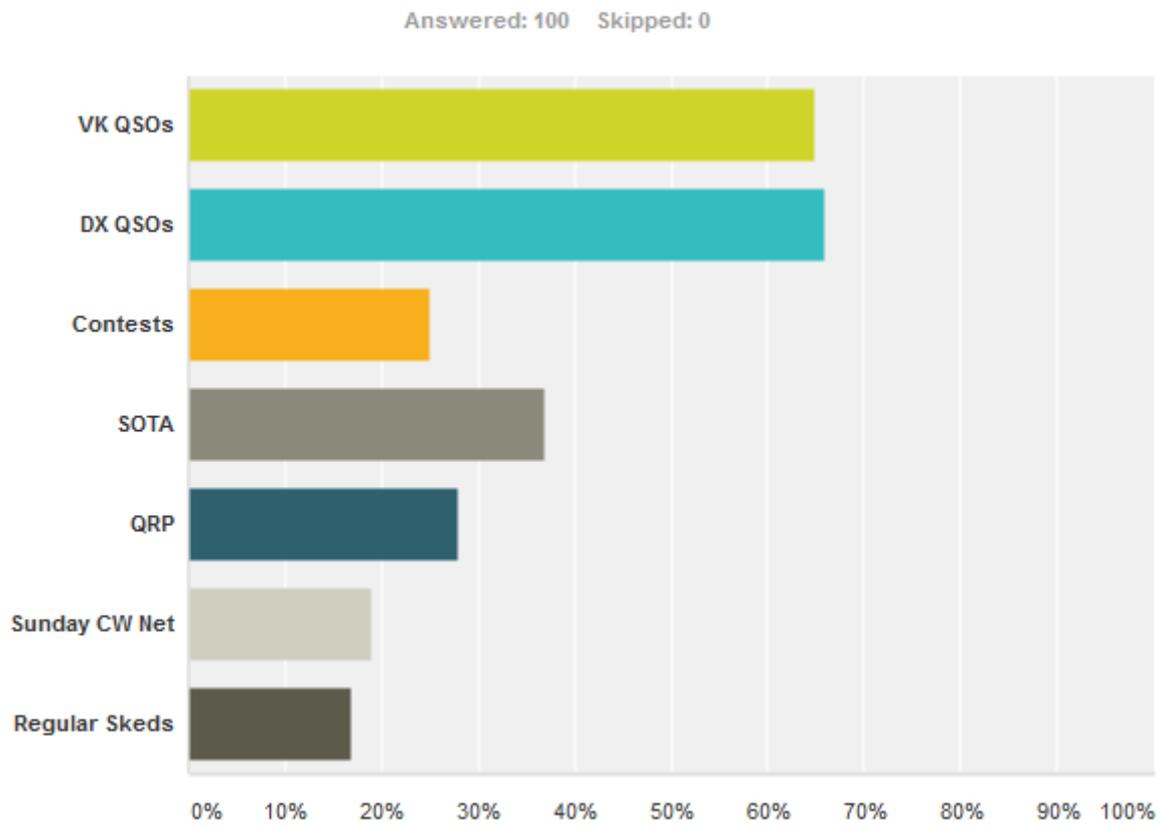
2. How often are you generally active on CW?



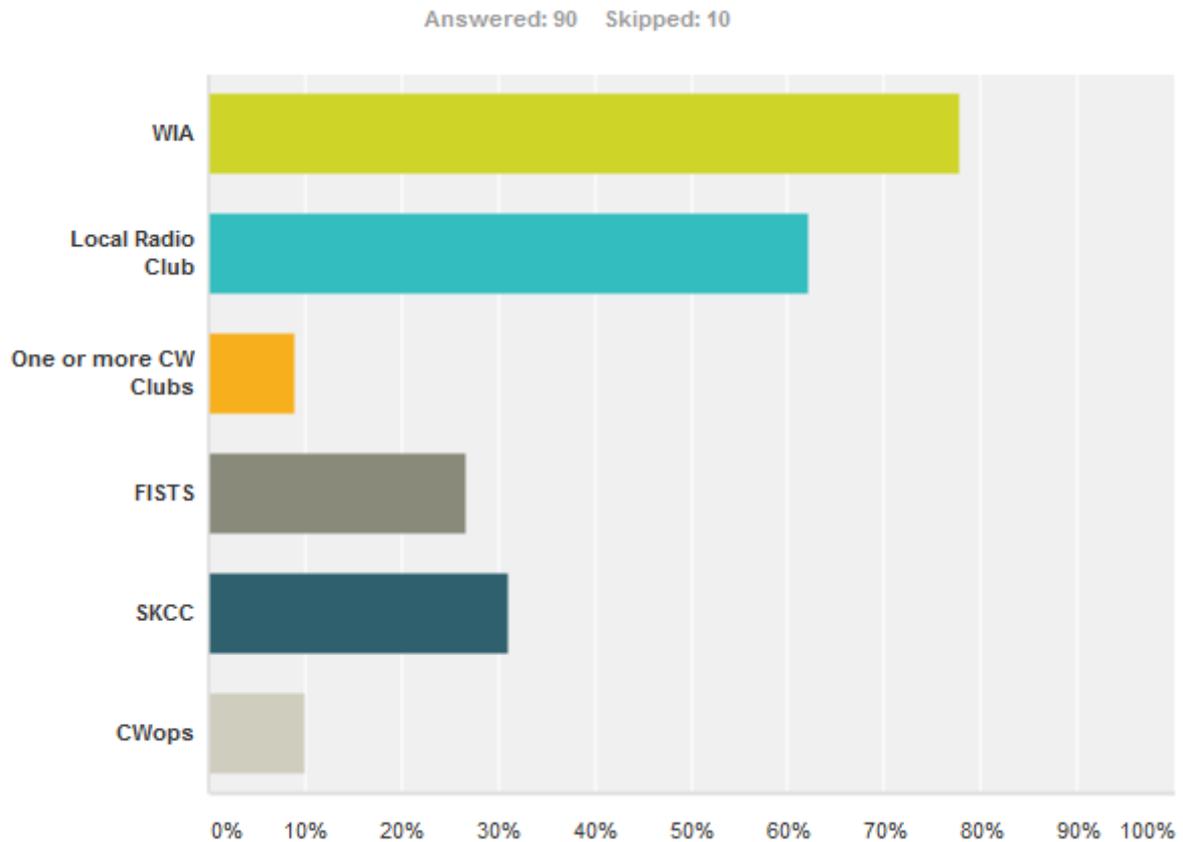
3. What are your usual operating time(s)?



4. Which of these CW activities do you generally participate in? (Tick as many as you like)



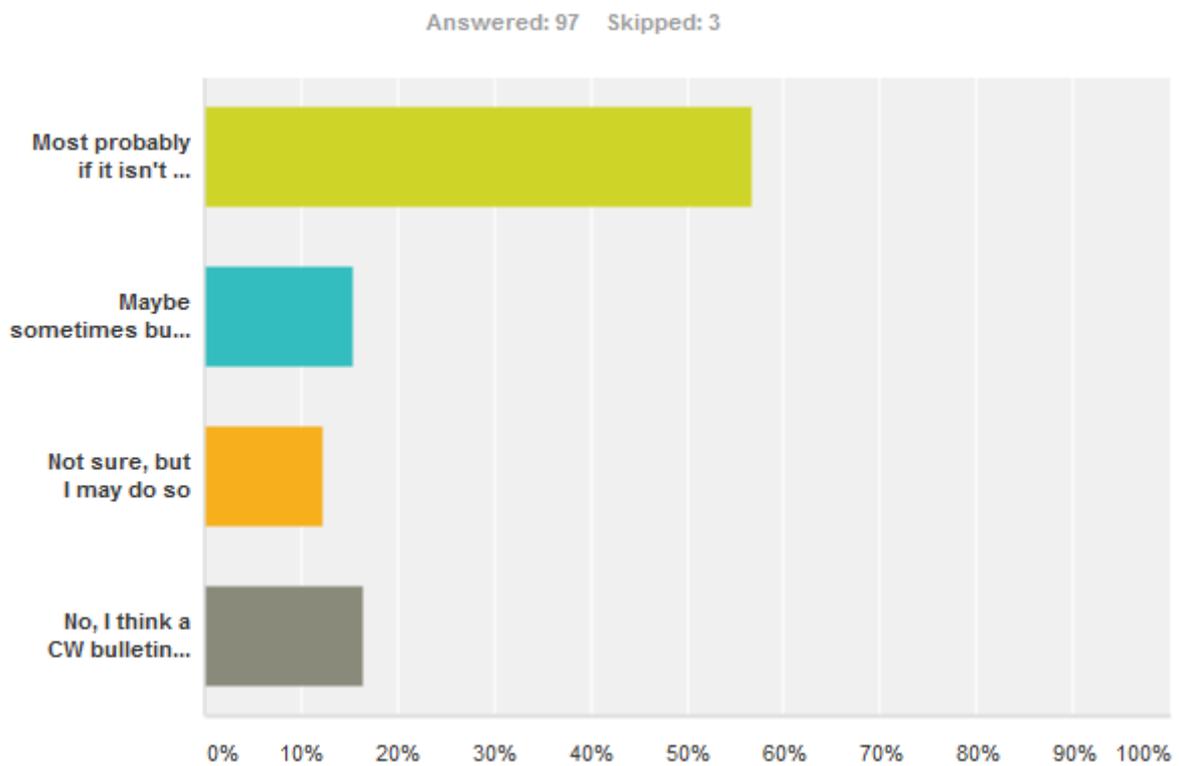
5. Are you a member of any of these clubs?



6. If a VK CW bulletin was broadcast in CW on air at 18WPM, would you tune in?

Answer Choices	Responses
Most probably if it isn't too long, and is interesting	56.70% 55
Maybe sometimes but I'm not that interested	15.46% 15
Not sure, but I may do so	12.37% 12
No, I think a CW bulletin wouldn't interest me	16.49% 16

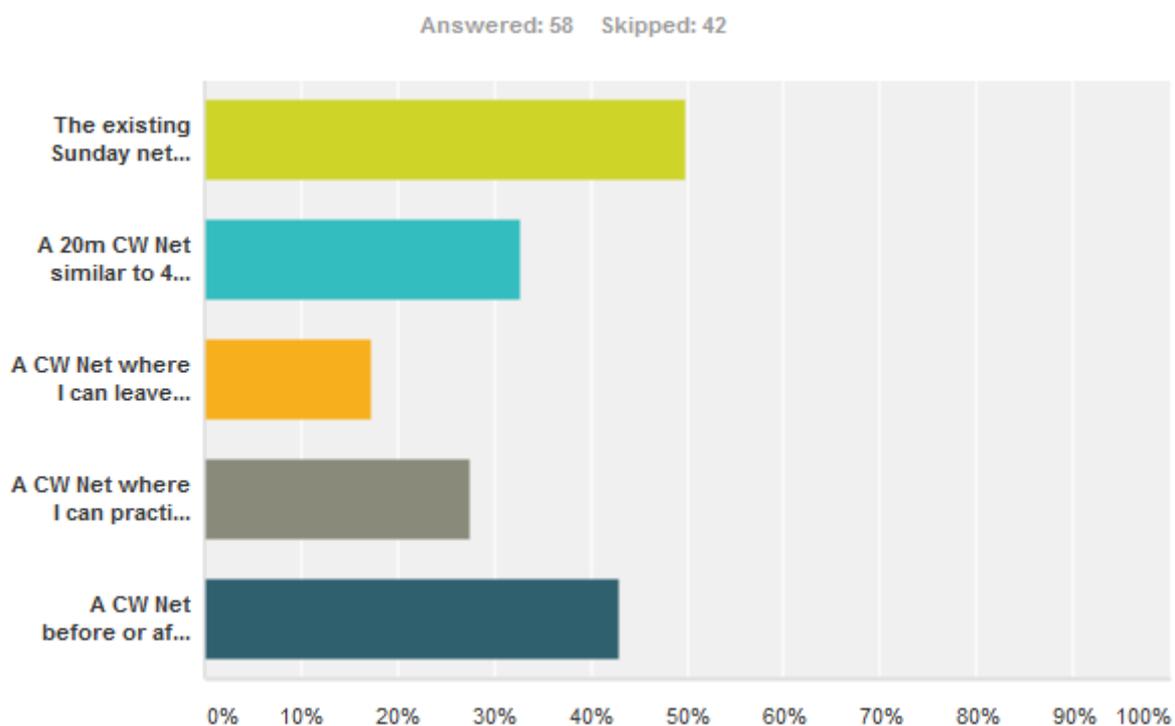
Total Respondents: 97



7. What type of CW Nets would you be interested in checking into?

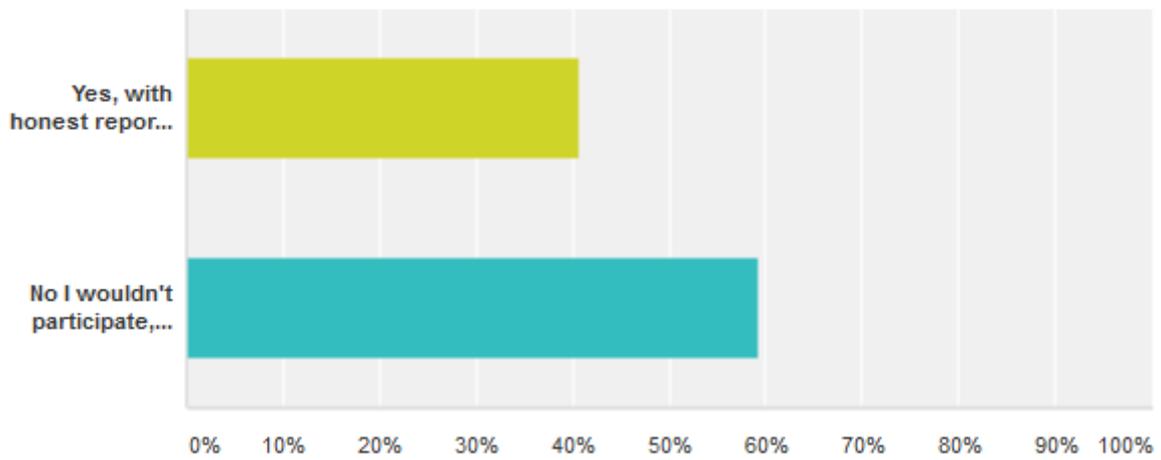
Answer Choices	Responses
▼ The existing Sunday net 10am-11am on 40m and paired off by net control for QSOs	50.00% 29
▼ A 20m CW Net similar to 40m CW Net (starting an hour later)	32.76% 19
▼ A CW Net where I can leave messages/pick up messages from ham CW friends	17.24% 10
▼ A CW Net where I can practice short message sending/receiveing (EMcoms)	27.59% 16
▼ A CW Net before or after a CW Bulletin to exchange reports	43.10% 25

Total Respondents: 58



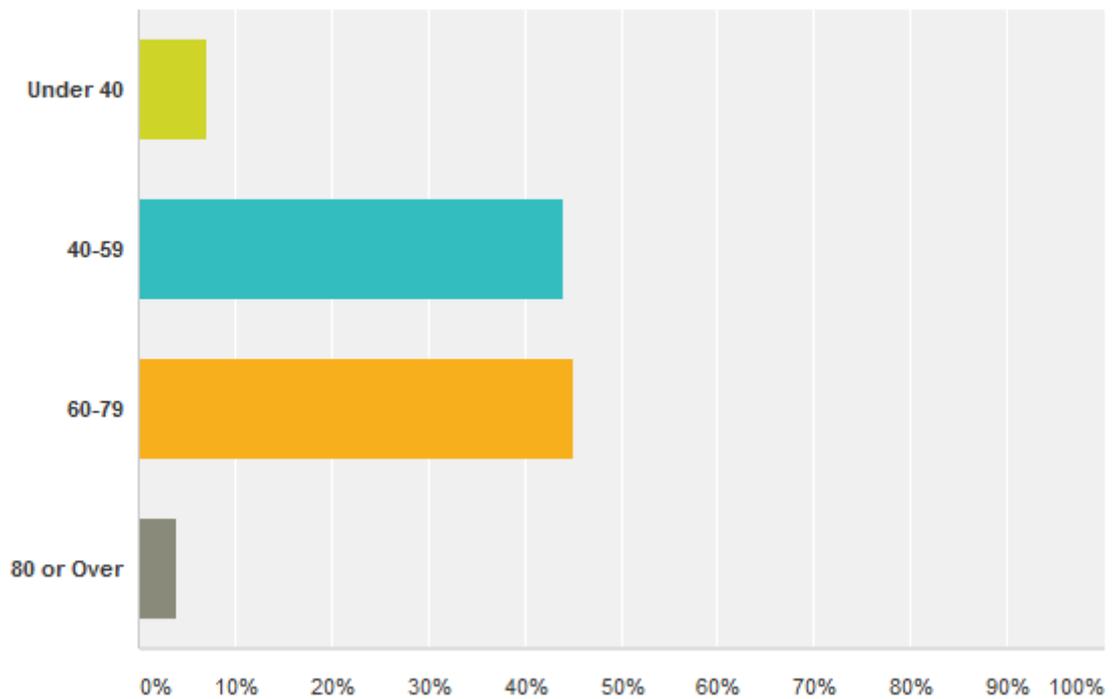
8. Would a weekday "CW Bash" activity period of one hour be of interest to participate in?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, with honest reports, name, serial number, choice of any of three one hour periods on different days/times	40.70% 35
No I wouldn't participate, I find enough activity for me on the band(s)	59.30% 51
Total	86

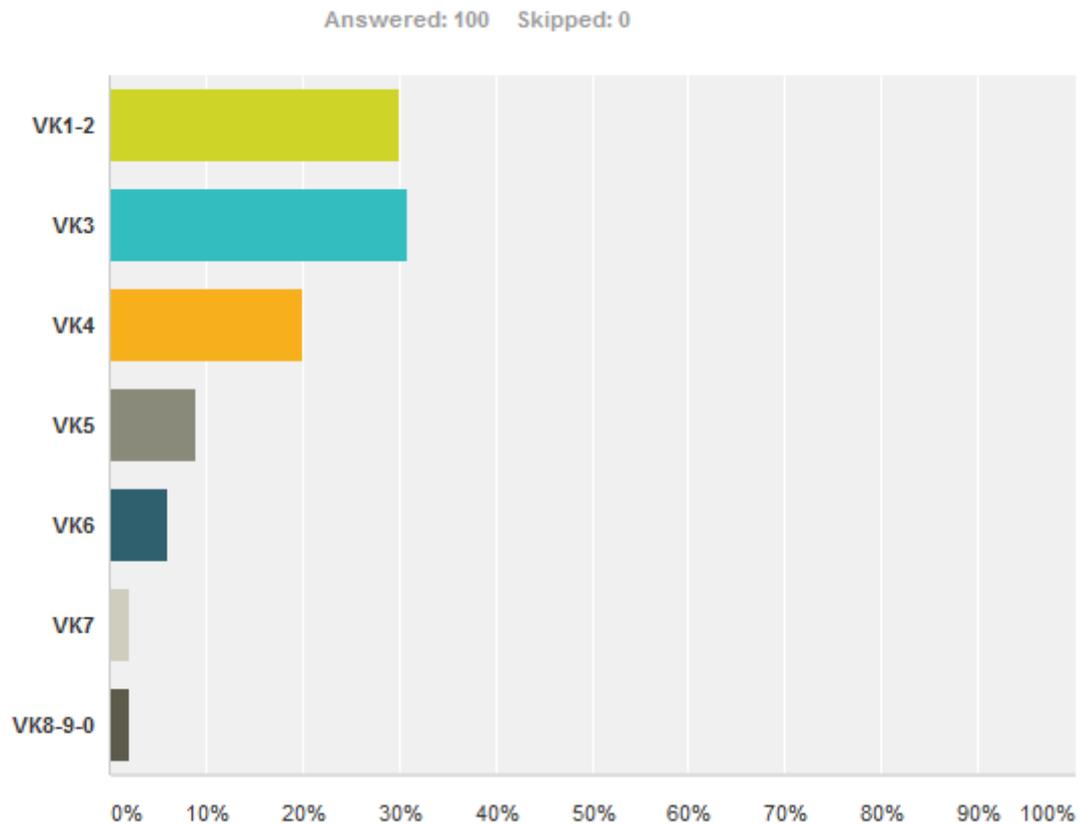


9. What is your age?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 0



10. What state are you in?



Already the survey has created a lot of renewed interest in CW activities, with the Sunday morning CW Net which on August 2nd had it's 2,173rd session and is still going strong after 43 years, having record check in numbers lately. The CW Net runs from 10AM to Noon EST on 7.025MHz on 40m.

As a result of the survey a “CW Bash” is being planned for each weekday night at 8pm EST for 30 minutes, though people can continue longer if they wish. There are little or no rules other than the following at time of going to press:

Monday and Friday nights are 160m CW
Tuesday and Thursday nights are 40m CW
Wednesday nights are 80m CW

Simply call CQ and have usual QSO if you wish, or call CQB if you wish to have rapid QSO with only an honest RST exchange being required, and optionally name, and post code.

Scores are based on honours system and will be able to be posted online by participants at the end of any evening of participation.

Latest rules or any changes to times and bands will be published on a website at VKCW.net

It is hoped that the “CW Bash” activity will be a fun activity that will be welcome to many newcomers to this mode and not require higher speeds or QSO skills, with it being enough to exchange callsign and an honest signal report, if calling or responding to “CQB”.

Lou, VK5EEE (vk5eee@wia.org.au) who conducted the survey, will be editing a CW page in Amateur Radio magazine from the October issue forward and is soliciting any news for publication.