

# BRASSPOUNDER

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*For those within FISTS who enjoy a challenge*

Welcome to the August edition.

As I prepare this edition of BP. SKW has recently ended, already logs are appearing in my mailbox, very heartwarming to see the obvious enthusiasm of those already received. I look forward to publishing the results in due course.

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Not a lot to report this month. Obviously everyone was gearing up for SKW, but still our regular supporters of the activity calendar still managed to get a report to me, thanks for that. Lets look at some of the reports before getting to the results tables. We are fast approaching the final quarter of 2008. I'm of the opinion that the lead could change in both the activity ladder, and the WARC challenge!

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From Peter G4LHI.

Hello Robert,

Another month draws to a close so I have pleasure in attaching my Activity Ladder claim for August. Not the best of conditions again I'm afraid, but in spite of that, a very interesting and enjoyable month. Many thanks to the good old stalwarts that you can always rely on for a QSO and points, and also to the members that have suddenly appeared on the ladder again. Was so nice to meet up with some good old friends who I have not worked for some considerable time, and do hope that they have got the bug and will be regulars on the ladder once again. Very nice to welcome a new member worked for the first time, Mark, M3TZN, 14022. Hope you will be a regular on the Fists various activities Mark, and many thanks for a nice QSO and points. Also pleased to work Graham, 2E0TEK/P 8947, on his holiday in the Isle of Wight from Culver Down, many thanks Graham, great pity your battery

let you down or you could have worked a few more members from that nice high location. That's about it for the Ladder and soon be time for my August WARC report so watch this space!!

73 and many thanks, de Peter G4LHI # 2219

As ever Peter. thanks for your report allways a pleasure to hear from you.

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From Stan. K4UK.

Rob:

Finally worked Martin, IK2RMZ on 17 Meters on August 31 at 1334 UTC. Most interesting QSO's this month were:

One hour QSO with Sam, VE3WH - # 13907 on Aug 4 - 30 Meters. QSO with very new member Oscar, EA1DR - # 14004 on Aug 12 - 30 Meters. QSO with Cody, HK3 / KC2LSD - # 11793 on Aug 14 - 30 Meters. QSO with Fraser, F / G4BJM - # 44 on Aug 19 - 30 Meters. 47 Minute QSO with Adrian, F5VLY - # 9864 on Aug 22 - 30 Meters. 42 Minute QSO with Dave, G4ZPI - # 12516 on Aug 30 - 30 Meters. Those QSO's lasting more than 30 minutes qualify for the FISTS Rag Chewer's Award. In addition to VE3WH, F5VLY and G4ZPI - I had "Rag Chews" with: Dick, K8GTQ - # 12481; Jeff, KC2JDU - # 10119; Ed, W1GUE - # 7927. Jack, KK0I - # 12743; Vic, W9RGB - # 11629; Bill, KC9KOJ - # 13101. Jim, K4AHO - # 13566. And for the first time I worked Peter, G4LHI the maximum of four times this month.

It was a most interesting month and I made the most QSO I've ever had in the WARC Band Challenge in any previous month. Maybe the bands are coming back - at least 30 Meters has been GREAT.

73, Stan - K4UK

Thanks for your interesting report Stan. For many the WARC's. Especially 30m does seem to yield some surprising contacts! Considering the condx we're experiencing of late. Stan also mentioned that he was pleased to give Graham. 2EØTEK #8947 a three point QSO on 30m whilst using W4FCR.

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From Peter. G4LHI With a report of the months happenings with the WARC Activity.

Hello Robert, I attach my claim for the August 2008 WARC Band Challenge & my report on the months activity.

The first week of the month was very poor, apart from seven good old regulars & one Fists Club, K8EY, Hadley, MI, many thanks Tim. No new grids until the 6th. Then the bands

gradually opened up a little better & the multies very slowly increased to my total of 21 for the month. I do hope this may be a sign of better conditions over the pond.

I was very lucky to find nine new Fists Members, four in new grids. QSL cards are on the way via our Fists Buro, many thanks to Stan in NA & Chuck in the UK.

Erkki, OH7QR & Bob, G6GUN, were on their travels again this month & I was very fortunate to get five new grids from them, hope others may have taken advantage of these guys' kind efforts, many thanks to you both.

My furthest Grid across the States so far was Gary, W0CGR, DN70, Fort Collins, Colorado, (4108m). Furthest DX, (10448m, already had his Grid, QF33) was David, VK3FGE, missing his mate David VK3DBD, still on holiday in theUK. Many thanks guys.

A brief summary of my August WARC log for your BP Robert. 164 QSO's for 239 points and 21 multies.

My 21 multies for August are:-

K8GTQ, Dick, EN83: EI0CZ, Bren, IO52: WB4MED, John, EL96: K8JPM, Bob, EN90: GM/G6GUN/M, Bob, IO97: (tnx Bob) OH7QR/M, Erkki, KP52: KP53: KP51: and KP41: (tnx Erkki) VA3ZBB, Rod, FN25: SM5JAB, Micke, JO78: KB1NHV, Art, FN34: IN3NJB, Bob, JN56: LZ1AF, Dim, KN12: K2MJ, Karl, FN03: NP3CW, Julio, FK68: VE2PID, Pierre, FN45: K1JD, John, FN41: KB4JR, Bernie, EL97: W0CGR, Gary, DN70:

Very many thanks to all the new grid members above & also to all members & non members that have made this month very interesting & enjoyable once again. Looking forward to September, but may not be quite as active on the WARC band as usual because of the UK Fists SK Week from 7th to 13th & of course this contest must not use the WARC bands.

That's all folks, very many thanks to all for another great months activity, 73 for now & good hunting, have fun on the key.

Peter G4LHI # 2219 IO92.

As ever Peter. Many thanks for a concise report on your WARC Activity. allways good to hear from members commenting on the surprises that the WARC Bands turn up! Something I've never mentioned beforehand, is the remarks I've received. Phrases like "Never paid any attention to the WARCS before the activity was introduced! But now I'm amazed at what can be done on 30m!" Listening to the occasional comments received over the past couple of years, has made me think that quite a few have had a new lease of interest in their amateur radio hobby! Long may it continue!

Just a few items from the "Postbag" for this month, and then I'll post the all important results tables.

Erkki. OH7QR, e-mailed to say;

"Last week Leena and I took a trip to south OH. We visited a new Shipping Museum in Kotka. On the way home we visited my friend in Parikkala and I managed to give locators KP51 and KP41 to G4LHI, IK2RMZ and KP41 to G8XGQ. This was (maybe!) the last trip to new locators this year. All in all I activated 12 locators."

And Bob. G6GUN also got in touch to say that he will try and get images of the different locations he stops at when giving out /m locator grids to the WARC participants.... Look forward to receiving any images to share with readers of BP. Lets hope Bob and Erkki (And others) will active opening new grid squares in the near future.

On to the results tables, firstly the ladder activity.

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DECE	TOTALS
G6GUN	22	34	43	37	43	40	36	35					290
G4LHI	30	25	37	32	36	37	35	34					266
IK2RMZ	15	33	18	24	9	17	25	25					166
OH7QR	14	27	7	14	14	21	15	9					121
M0DRK	16	10	18	15	17	10	11	13					110
G8XGQ	16	19	8	0	16	13	12	13					97
M0JRQ	24	13	8	0	0	0	0	0					45
2E0TEK	0	0	0	0	21	0	12	4					37
G0MRH	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0					9

## And the WARC Activity.

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	TOTAL	MULTI	G-Total	PWR
G4LHI	201	182	152	166	231	172	230	239	1573	109	171457	QRO
IK2RMZ	137	182	115	201	325	158	119	223	1460	79	115340	QRO
K4UK	23	83	42	81	92	92	106	220	739	106	78334	QRO
G6GUN	34	38	61	103	99	89	75	56	555	48	26640	QRO
OH7QR	87	57	101	66	87	59	59	38	554	21	11634	QRO
W4YE	32	48	46	15	46	14	29	60	290	31	8990	QRO
M0DRK	20	33	45	31	52	33	29	21	264	22	5808	QRO
KA3NZR	0	1	26	2	12	28	29	20	118	27	3186	MIX
G8XGQ	14	24	11	16	26	27	17	19	154	15	2310	QRO
W4FCR ©	0	11	0	14	8	9	8	30	80	25	2000	QRO
2E0TEK	0	0	0	0	44	0	21	30	95	12	1140	QRO
DL1GBZ/DP6M	0	0	117	0	21	18	0	0	156	3	468	QRO
K4ORD	3	13	9	7	0	0	1	3	36	8	288	QRP
G0XAH	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	33	4	132	QRO
PA3AFF	0	0	0	0	1	10	8	6	25	5	125	QRO

Thats all from me for this month. Until the next edition.

Keep well, Keep bashing the brass!

MØBPT.

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