

BRASSPOUNDER

December 2007



For those within FISTS who enjoy a challenge

Welcome to the December edition.

I'm sure that by the time that you read this, the final edition of 2007. The Xmas and New Year festivities will be behind you, no doubt some of you will be struggling with New Year resolutions made. I hope that some of you may have resolved to spend more time on the radio during 2008. I did, and I hope to log a few more hours on air during the year.

This is of course one of the important editions of Brasspounder, the all important final results table for the year 2007. Lets get straight on with the postbag and band reports for December.

It's been a reasonable end to the year for the participants. Thanks to Martin. IK2RMZ for sending me a statistical analysis of his year of operation on the WARC Bands.

WARC statistics from IK2RMZ 2007

FISTS members 12%

Band percentages;

30m 45%

17m 53%

12m 2%

30m DXCC 60 entities

3B8 4X 5H 9A 9H 9K A7 CT DL EA EA8 EI ES EU EX F G GI GM GW HA HB I IS

J2 JA K KP2 LA LY LZ OE OH OK OM ON OX OZ PA R1FJ S5 SM SP SV T9 TA TG

TU UA UA2 UA9 UN UR VE VK VP2E YO YU Z3 ZP

17m DXCC 82 entities

3B8 4L 4X 5B 5H 8P 9A 9H A4 A7 CN CT3 CU CX DL EA EA8 EI EU EX EY

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12m DXCC 17 entities

9A DL EA F G GM I LA LY LZ OK OM ON SM SP UR YL

Squares 578 of which 75 were with FISTS members.

You'll notice that Martin had an excellent score for December, devoting a lot of time to the activity.

From Peter. G4LHI

My WARC report & claim for December 2007.

Firstly I would like to thank the members & non members that helped me again this month & for the kind messages to Jean during her stay in hospital during the month, pleased to say she got home in time for Christmas & is recovering very nicely.

I managed to find two new Fists grid squares, K4EU, Steve, 13353 in FM08, VA. & K8GTQ, Dick, 12481 in MI. Very nice to work for first time & both on 17M, very many thanks guys & hope you are entering in the WARC Band Challenge?

My score for Dec was much better than I had expected it to be, band conditions not at their best, but with a total count of 83 points & two multies, I was very pleased & wish to thank all those that helped me with this score.

Very pleased that Bob, G6GUN was able to pop in at the end & he hopes to take an active part in the WARC & Ladder activities in the new year which is very good news.

Thank you all once again & especially those that worked me on several bands during the month & look forward to continuing the pleasure/challenge during the coming new year.

As this is the last claim & report for 2007, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank every one for their QSO's & chats on the key during the year & for their support, not only to me, but to all who have entered into this Challenge, & for supporting our

very worthy Activity Manager, Robert, M0BPT, thanks for the Challenge Robert & hope you get plenty of claims submitted during 2008.

Ok Rob, that's it for 2007, next claim will be the January Ladder. Have a good 2008 & may even get you on my claim again soon??

Look forward to the opportunity Peter. Thanks for a comprehensive report on your December log. Pity we were unable to work on the first ladder of 2008. 80m was awash with contest activity on Sunday afternoon, did move to 40m and worked mainland EU stations; F. IW, EA & DL to be exact. Good to shake the rust off my fist!
(Hi)

From Peter regarding the Ladder activity.

Hello Robert,

I attach my December Ladder claim, sorry not my usual effort, but only had chance to work on the last Sunday so not quite so many QSO's to choose from & not so much activity on this day but guess most members are deeply involved with the preparations for the festive season?

My thanks to those members & non-members that helped my score this month & to all who have been active during 2007 & kept the Ladder going & hope that we may get a few more taking part in the 2008 Contest Calendar that Robert has prepared for us. Please join in its great fun.

From Chris, M0JRQ with his summing up of the years activity.

Robert,

Please find attached my last Ladder log of 2007. 104 points in total; 100 of those points made with five watts and sometimes slightly less. I've enjoyed taking part immensely - this being the nearest to a contest that I've seriously involved myself with, although my log shows I really struggle to complete more than about four QSOs an hour, even when working flat out! Well, there are always so many points of interest to discuss, aren't there. I think I've made a few friends on the air on Sunday afternoons in 2007. I'm not sure my speed has increased much over the nine months I've been taking part but I hope the quality of my sending has and I KNOW that my copy has improved a lot, especially when that 80m hash is loud. (I also have the benefit of a Collins filter that I didn't have back in March.)

Not much news to add but I'd like to thank you for all your efforts in organising and coordinating the Ladder - not to mention the other events in the FISTS calendar - and to say they're much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing the final table for the year having reached -well, just scraped past - my target of 100 points! My money is definitely on Peter, LHI for top spot.

73

Chris

M0JRQ

Thanks for your kind words Chris. Pleasure to have had you on board during 2007, and I hope our paths will cross during 2008 on air. I'm pleased to see you achieve and exceed your goal of 100 points. I wonder if you've set yourself a target for 2008? Should you be entering of course.

Well it's time to see the final results table for the year at last. Firstly the Ladder.

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
G4LHI	33	40	47	39	33	34	33	30	34	30	21	20	394
M5ABN	35	46	44	43	28	21	30	0	0	0	0	0	247
IK2RMZ	4	11	20	19	16	24	32	13	21	19	15	13	207
OH7QR	14	4	16	6	7	8	10	14	14	14	0	2	109
M0DRK	13	8	10	12	0	13	0	12	0	12	17	10	107
M0JRQ	0	0	4	0	6	2	6	3	24	28	13	18	104
2E0TEK	8	0	14	24	12	21	10	0	0	0	0	0	89
G6GUN	26	30	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
GM4WZL	0	0	21	35	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
G0MRH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	21	17	0	7	51
G8XGQ	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2	4	15	2	39
2E0AYQ	9	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
PA1SOP	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
PA3AFF	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4

G4LHI Ha managed to keep his lead in the ladder activity throughout the year. M5ABN still held on to his second place despite being inactive for the latter part of the year, and of course IK2RMZ kept a steady score going throughout the year to achieve third place. Certificates to all three.

Its been a pleasure to see new calls in the ladder activity during 2007. M0JRQ achieved his goal of 100 points, you'll have seen from his earlier comments that he has enjoyed his time with the ladder; he states that his copy has improved whilst joining in. Many of our new members, those new to CW can take heart from this comment and join in during 2008, our more experienced members are happy to QRS to your speed for you to gain confidence. The activities planned are removed from the usual contest format,

where we take time to have a brief chat, conditions permitting of course; so come and meet members on air during 2008.

On to the WARC Activity results.

CALL	JAN	FEB	MA	APR	MAY	JUNE	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DECE	TOTAL	MULTI	MASTER	PWR
G4LHI	149	131	119	187	124	137	68	68	75	147	54	83	1342	78	104676	QRO
IK2RMZ	106	73	91	147	148	108	35	99	54	102	56	285	1304	75	97800	QRO
K4UK	55	99	30	97	49	34	56	41	58	67	31	43	660	112	73920	QRP
F2YT	431	575	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1006	70	70420	QRO
W4YE	26	28	14	42	18	54	62	52	29	156	76	97	654	68	44472	QRO
OH7QR	59	68	115	30	30	35	28	27	46	90	52	46	626	34	21284	QRO
W4FCR©	0	2	1	0	18	83	9	0	13	50	28	6	210	44	9240	QRO
DL1GBZ	0	0	0	46	57	22	66	70	20	33	19	0	333	19	6327	QRO
KA3NZR	5	24	7	27	9	8	2	0	35	55	6	6	184	27	4968	MIXED
SM0PMJ	0	0	0	0	30	63	0	60	53	40	42	26	314	13	4082	QRO
K4ORD	4	20	21	16	6	21	15	4	0	20	2	14	143	27	3861	QRP
2E0TEK	16	0	23	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	5	275	QRO
G8XGQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	4	8	28	2	56	QRO
PA3AFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	QRO

After a hard year with vagarious conditions, G4LHI has improved from a second place in 2006 to achieve first place in 2007 and receive the G3ZQS trophy. Congratulations to Peter for an excellent effort. Congratulations must go to Martin IK2RMZ for an excellent second place score. With just 38 points and 3 multipliers seperating the top two places. The December entry by Martin was an outstanding 285 points! The best by any entrant this year. In third place, K4UK (Who received the 2006 G3ZQS Trophy) with an ecellent score of 660 points and 112 multipliers operating QRP! With conditions being far from perfect, this is a very impressive effort from Stan. Congratulations to the top three.

Again, it was good to see new entrants in the WARC Activity during 2007. Lets hope that more will join the ranks during 2008. I shal be contacting the award recipients during the next few days.

That wraps up the 2007 activity calendar. Many thanks to all who have supported the activities during 2007. I've managed to meet a few members, I hope to meet even more during 2007; till then, have a good 2008 on the key, and enjoy the events throughout the year.

Finally. I shall be posting the event calendar for 2008 on this site within the next few days. I apologise to all for the lateness. Family commitments and circumstances caused me to fall behind with my FISTS duties.

73 to all.

Robert. MØBPT



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