

FIST LADDER RESULTS FOR 2005 AND LADDER RETURNS FOR JANUARY 2006.



Hello all.

Well, the latter part of the ladder was a two horse Race with G4LHI and M5ABN battling it out to the end. Eventually M5ABN came out on top...by a margin of just two points.

Congratulations to Peter on a sterling effort towards the end, and commiserations to Peter G4LHI who was "Pipped at the post".

Congratulations also to Bob, G6GUN who came in with a late charge during the last four months of the challenge to achieve third place overall, OH7QR in fourth place.

Thanks to all the entrants and perhaps we'll get some more "brass bashers" from fists enter the 2006 Ladder.

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Here are the results table for 2005.

| CALL | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC | TOTALS |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| M5ABN | 32 | 41 | 30 | 32 | 20 | 18 | 28 | 10 | 0 | 45 | 37 | 34 | 327 |
| G4LHI | 28 | 30 | 34 | 26 | 22 | 12 | 35 | 27 | 24 | 30 | 27 | 30 | 325 |
| G6GUN | 8 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 17 | 20 | 17 | 17 | 100 |
| OH7QR | 3 | 10 | 19 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 25 | 89 |
| M0DRK | 0 | 17 | 4 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 12 | 87 |
| M0BHA | 18 | 25 | 16 | 8 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 |
| GW4HDB | 12 | 21 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 |
| MX5HDF | 2 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 8 | 50 |
| 2E0TEK | 4 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| M0CMQ | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| G8XGQ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 16 |
| PA3AFF | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |

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On to the 2006 ladder and nine logs were received for January.

2E0TEK, G4LHI, G6GUN, G8XGQ, M0BHA, M0DRK, M5ABN, MX5HDF AND OH7QR.

Returns for January as follows.

| CALL | JAN | CALL | JAN | CALL | JAN |
|--------|-----|--------|-----|-------|-----|
| M5ABN | 43 | M0DRK | 15 | OH7QR | 5 |
| G4LHI | 42 | M0BHA | 12 | | |
| G6GUN | 35 | G8XGQ | 8 | | |
| 2E0TEK | 20 | MX5HDF | 6 | | |

FISTS WARC CHALLENGE NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2006.

It seems that the new challenge has been accepted generally as good addition to the “contest calendar” Judging by the amount of feedback and comments received here at M0BPT when it was first announced. Lets hope we’ll get some more on board, or at least stations on the band giving away their IARU grids to participants.

I’ve appreciated the reports on band conditions, and how you’ve been doing during January, and, its seems that there are some real “DX Hunters” amongst you judging by the some of the (What I consider to be) exotic locations worked.

From comments received, stations have been plagued by severe noise levels on 30m in certain parts of the UK while others have had good results and the same can be said for 17m, while 12m has been “Mediocre” to say the least, lets hope that as the year progresses, conditions will improve. “Across the pond” K4UK has had good results on 30 and 17m with no comments regarding adverse noise in his part of the world.

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I’d like to point out to you all that, there are ways, as you all know, of obtaining a stations IARU square, even if he/she doesn’t know it his/her self, all you need is the Town, ZIP/POSTAL code, and a little detective work will yield the information you require.

M0BLT’s reflector has all the necessary downloads to do this.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fistcw>

If any of you are having trouble, I’ll be more than pleased to help identify a grid for you, but I’m not able to spend a lot of time filling in blank spaces in incomplete log returns.

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Another point I’ll make is the fact that I’m welcoming QRP logs, as mentioned in the “Rules overview” for the challenge. I also asked entrants to declare their power output in the returns, I’m going to assume that all the log returns that have no power inputs declared are QRO, If you are running QRP, QRO, or even a mixed log of both let me know in your next return, you could be on the way to receiving the “QRP certificate” without even knowing it!!

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On to the business in hand, seven logs were received for the first month of the challenge

2E0TEK, G0UQF, G4LHI, G6GUN, M5ABN, OH7QR, and K4UK.

K4UK tells me that most of his QSO's were made with 14w from a K2 fed to either a 160m Inverted "Vee" or a R-7 vertical, he even chases grids whilst mobile, running a Ten-Tec scout and a Hustler aerial. (He didn't say who was driving at the time, and I didn't dare ask!)

He informs me that he received an Email from Ray, G3ASG, #2272 saying that he's been active calling "CQ FISTS" on the WARC QRG's with no response and hearing no one calling "CQ" either.

Ray, I believe resides in the Norfolk area, so hopefully you'll listen for him, I'm assuming that would be grid JO02.

Here are the results table for January

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| CALL | JAN | MULTIESMASTER | |
|--------|-----|---------------|------|
| K4UK | 57 | 20 | 1140 |
| G4LHI | 77 | 6 | 462 |
| G0UQF | 20 | 6 | 180 |
| G6GUN | 22 | 4 | 88 |
| OH7QR | 18 | 2 | 36 |
| M5ABN | 23 | 1 | 23 |
| 2E0TEK | 23 | 1 | 23 |

Well done to K4UK for getting off to a "Flying start" for January.

Closely followed by G4LHI and G0UQF.

I look forward to receiving your logs for February, and hopefully, you'll let me know your station details, which we can publish in the next newsletter, or if you have anything topical which you believe will be of interest to the other participants, I look forward to receiving it.

Finally, OH7QR is leading the QRP contacts list, using 5w from FT817.

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And my "Pat on the back" award for January goes to Bob, G6GUN for the "Perfect log" Return.

Well done both.

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73 for now

Robert



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