

# BRASSPOUNDER

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*For those within FISTS who enjoy a challenge*

*Welcome to the October edition.*

Greetings. Another month goes by and here we are again.

I'm browsing through the logs sent to me for the October edition and the various reports etc. And. I couldn't help but notice the amount of activity on the WARCS during October! Some exotic (To me) places worked by the entrants. Also reports of the Ladder Activity being better attended by members. Perhaps Paul. M0BMN going live with the newly issued to the Society GB2SCW#13230 Callsign conjured up more activity. For whatever reason, the increased activity was welcomed by participants. A special thanks must go to Ofcom for their support in allowing the permanent special callsign to be issued to the Society.

Lets get straight on with the band reports from entrants. Firstly. G4LHI who's been busy with his newly aquired rotary dipole for the bands.

A very interesting & enjoyable October on the WARC Band Challenge. Very pleased to find six new Fists locator squares, these are as follows:-

OK1NR, Jan 8968, in JO70. Trutnov. W2SF, Bob 11294, in FN30. Long Island, NY K3KYR, Jeff 5477, in FN24. Bombay, NY VQ9LA, Larry 11671, in MI62. Diego Garcia, Chagos Island. W4GF, Stan 3307, in EM83. Monroe, GA. 9V1VV, John 8998, in OJ10. Singapore. A couple of very exotic DX here with Larry & John, & very many thanks to you all.

I had a total of 117 QSO's, two on 12m, eleven on 17m the rest on 30m, for my 147 points, conditions were variable but certainly seem to be improving & hope during the winter period they may get even better. My new Cushcraft D3W Rotary Dipole may also have helped a bit?. Once again very many thanks to all members & non members that made this a very enjoyable month. Had many good rag chews & old stalwart guys again during the month, many thanks guys for your continued support for me & the Fists Club. I was also very pleased to find the Australian National Fists Club VK2FDU, Nr 9610 , operated by David VK3DBD at 0733 on Wednesday morning, 31st. David tells me that he & Chris are sharing this Club call until the end of Dec, so watch out for them on most of the Fists QRG's & remember this call is worth 5 points in Awards &

Contests.(Only 3 points in the WARC Activity Peter. Ed)Think that's about all from me for this month Robert, thank you very much for introducing this challenge, its great fun & as its name implies "a challenge" you just have to have patience (& time!) & be in the right place at the right time.

Thanks for an excellent report Peter. I would suggest that your newly aquired addition to G4LHI is proving to be a good investment, plus the fact that conditions do seem to be improving generally.

From Stan. K4UK

Rob

Tried to work Martin at DL1GBZ on Sunday (28th) on 18.090 MHz but he could not copy my QRP signal. He was 549 here and he did copy my QRO signal - 90 Watts with the Ten-TecOMNI 6. Then on Wednesday (31st) he gave me 229 for my QRO - 90 Watt signal, so I didn't even try QRP. I had worked him at his home, IK2RMZ, on the 19th while running the K2 at 5 Watts - QRP. Was really surprised on the 26th to work ON4IQ on 24.903 MHz for only my second WARC band contact this year on 12 Meters. The other one was with Riley, K4ORD who lives about 10 miles away - Hi ! Was pleased to work Cam, HP1AC on the 29th using my KX1 - 4 Watts on 10.118 MHz for a new multiplier. And then another surprise to work OX3XR in Nuuk, Greenland. Can't remember the last time I worked an OX. Even had a QSO with Esther, KA4IFF - FISTS # 11 on 30 Meters on the 8th. She was the first FISTS member here in the Colonies. George had visited her and her husband, Elmer just before starting up the International Morse Preservation Society. We generally visit Esther and Elmer every winter when we take our annual trip to Florida. Hope conditions pick up these next two months. Don't get many answers to my CQ's while running QRP - Hi !

73, Stan - K4UK

Thanks for your report Stan. I've been looking at the logs received for October, and 17m seems to have been particularly buoyant this month!

Goeran.SMØPMJ tells me that he's had some very nice contacts on the WARC Bands this months. Including one with Alfred. DJ7VA. Who is 87 years of age and has a "Very elegant "Fist".

From Chris. MØJRQ.

Robert,

Please find attached my cumulative log for the 2007 Ladder. I think this afternoon was about as busy as I've heard a ladder session with more members and FISTS chasers around the 3.558 QRG than usual – so many it was difficult to work all the stations heard! Plus the added bonus of having GB2SCW on the air. Well done to Paul for the extra interest! (Not to mention the extra points.) Paul said he thinks the station is a three-pointer so I've claimed three points for GB2SCW - is that right? If not, please amend my log accordingly and let me know for the next time! This afternoon, ready for the Ladder, I went down to Carleton to make use of the 80m antenna there with my /P station. Within about three minutes I had all kinds of power supply issues and, for back-up, flat NiCds in my FT-817. I stuffed everything back into my bag, drove home and suitably connected to the home mains supply - was back on the air by 14h25. Even if it was a shortened session it turned out to be worthwhile, not to mention the GB2SCW surprise! I also worked

GB2GM at Poldhu in Cornwall for another treat. (But only one point.) I'm now wondering if I will break the century on this year's ladder. A couple of months ago I would have doubted it but now... well, I think I can make it! That's my personal target for the 2007 Ladder: 100 points.

All the best Chris MØJRQ.

Thanks for your report Chris. Sorry to hear about your /p operation being fraught with problems. But glad to hear that you got Paul with the new call. For your information (And others who manage to work the call) It is classed as a national club call and is worth 5 points for the award chasers. A pleasure to hear you comments about the ladder session being busy. I hope that the forthcoming sessions have the same amount of interest, I'm sure you'll reach the 100 points. So, lets hope the readers of this offering come on air and help you to reach this goal!

From Peter. G4LHI.

Hello Robert,

I attach my Claim for the Oct Ladder, great fun again & a nice lot of activity this month, very encouraging to find so many members having a go now, must be all your & the other club organisers hard work in promoting & advertising the events, well done. Very sorry to have missed Paul with the QRS station GB2SCW, better luck next time, & pleased to see from Paul's RG post that he worked a few members & heard a few including me. Once again my thanks to all stations that I worked & who helped with my score, & look for you all again next month & perhaps a few new members may join in the fun.

Thanks for your kind words Peter. Your comments, and those of MØJRQ regarding the activity are a always nice to hear.



Peter sent me this amusing picture of the new addition at G4LHI. The Rotary dipole for the WARC Bands seems to attract visitors who enjoy meeting and chatting on the new piece of equipment. Peter tells me that they leave their "Calling card" on the tower and to visitors cars before leaving! (Hi)

Not a lot more to report this month. I will say that, looking at the entrants logs for the WARC Challenge, 17m seems to have been in good shape during October. Lets get on with the log returns for October.

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			353
M5ABN	35	46	44	43	28	21	30	0	0	0			247
IK2RMZ	4	11	20	19	16	24	32	13	21	19			179
OH7QR	14	4	16	6	7	8	10	14	14	14			107
2E0TEK	8	0	14	24	12	21	10	0	0	0			89
G6GUN	26	30	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			88
M0DRK	13	8	10	12	0	13	0	12	0	12			80
M0JRQ	0	0	4	0	6	2	6	3	24	28			73
GM4WZL	0	0	21	35	8	8	0	0	0	0			72
G0MRH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	21	17			44
G8XGQ	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2	4			22
2E0AYQ	9	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			19
PA1SOP	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			6
PA3AFF	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0			4

As you may see, G4LHI holds a commanding lead with just two months remaining. But second and third places can still be contested (As can any of the positions) Again. good luck to M0JRQ who is going for his goal of 100 points scored in the ladder. So come on and support him and the other entrants.

### Now the WARC Activity.

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	MULTI	MASTER	PWR
G4LHI	149	131	119	187	124	137	68	68	75	147			1205	74	891	170QRO
F2YT	431	575	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1006	70	704	20QRO
K4UK	55	99	30	97	49	34	56	41	58	67			586	104	609	44QRP
IK2RMZ	106	73	91	147	148	108	35	99	54	102			963	56	539	28QRO
W4YE	26	28	14	42	18	54	62	52	29	156			481	51	245	31QRO
OH7QR	59	68	115	30	30	35	28	27	46	90			528	33	174	24QRO
W4FCR©	0	2	1	0	18	83	9	0	13	50			176	38	668	8QRO
DL1GBZ	0	0	0	46	57	22	66	70	20	33			314	19	596	6QRO
KA3NZR	5	24	7	27	9	8	2	0	35	55			172	27	464	4MIXED
K4ORD	4	20	21	16	6	21	15	4	0	20			127	24	304	8QRP
SM0PMJ	0	0	0	0	30	63	0	60	53	40			246	12	295	2QRO
2E0TEK	16	0	23	16	0	0	0	0	0	0			55	5	275	QRO
G8XGQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8			16	1	16	QRO
PA3AFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0			2	1	2	QRO

As I said earlier. 17m seemed to be the band that was the most buoyant during October. W4YE had an excellent score of 156 during the month, eclipsing G4LHI's score of 147. If you take a look at the scorecard. October was a good month for most entrants. Lets hope that November and December will yield the same success.

Thats all from me for this month. Enjoy what time you have for radio during the remainder of the year. With the festive season approaching (Rapidly) I'm sure that your time will be taken up by family commitments etc.

Robert MØBPT

