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I'd like to welcome you to this Brasspounder.

Certificates for the 2014 Activities have now been sent out.

Comments received:

Pete M0ABN (2014 ladder)

Hi Chris. Many thanks for your hard work putting together all the Fists activities, it is much appreciated. Well done to my old mate and cw tutor Peter G4LHI for getting first place and Merv G4KLE for second, I was very pleased to achieve third. Thanks also to all Fists members for coming on the bands.

This year I will give both a run for their money Hi Hi. Also nice to see Brass pounder back to a monthly report. Thanks again Chris, 73 de Pete M5ABN #6423

Jim G0HGH (2014 two meter)

I feel honoured to have been the awarded 1st place certificate in the 2014 FISTS 2 meter activity. Thank you for all of the QSO's.

I did meet Angie, G0HGA many years ago as we both sat our CW test together. I was then G1UUM and living in High Wycombe, in a particularly poor VHF location at the bottom of a deep valley. That was the original inspiration for learning CW in order to get the treasured "A" licence to be able to work HF. While I was struggling to reach the necessary 12 wpm, she was, even back then, rattling it out like a seasoned pro. Her enthusiasm for CW did make quite an impression on me then and I was saddened to hear that she had gone SK.

I will treasure the award, thank you.

Brian GW0EDC (2014 straight key week)

Imagine my delight and somewhat surprise at receiving my Fists SKW certificate.

You have just managed to put the cherry on the cake, for today is my Birthday, thank you and your team very much.

Best regards,

Brian GW0EDC Fists #151

John 2E0JCY (ladder)

Nice to see the ladder event so busy!

Dave G0DJA (fifth sundays)

Not many to report but at least I remembered to be on this month.

Too many stations calling "CQ TEST" due to the WPX contest on the same weekend.

Dave G0DJA (two metre)

Heard G3ZOD and G4LHI but very weak signals - I need to put a better antenna up higher.

Jim G0HGH (ladder)

Nice to get on the ladder. Even had a few QSOs on 20 meters, very rare for me to venture on that band.

Jim G0HGH (two metre)

A bit more active this Month but conditions were quite poor for most of May. Some local QRN makes hearing weaker stations even harder than usual. 73 es tnx fer all QSOs

Richard G0ILN (fifth sundays & ladder)

As always good fun

Richard G0ILN (two metre)

Wow two contacts in a month !

And that was hard work.

Richard G0ILN.

Michael G0POT (fifth sundays)

My first 5th Sunday! Noisy band conditions exacerbated by a contest made operating a challenge and 40m was the only place I could hope to keep a frequency with my QRP sigs. Good fun with a little housekeeping break at half time just to work the body as well as the mind :o)

Michael G0POT (ladder)

The 2nd Sunday found me operating /A from Ulpha in the Lake District. QRP as usual but with quite a low dipole strung up from a fishing pole. Nice to work Peter, G4LHI a few times during my week even if we missed each other for the Ladder :o)

Peter G4LHI (all)

73/88 to all who are helping to keep CW alive. Mni tnx Chris for the BP much appreciated, The Fifth Sundays event was tough going owing to a CQ test most of week-end & vy poor condx, but was fun as always. Peter G4LHI # 2219.

Pete M5ABN (ladder)

As with all FISTS activities, good fun and friendly competition. Looking forward to June for another go

73 Pete M5ABN #6423

Here are the Ladder 2015 results in order of Points.

This month we welcome John 2E0JCY, Dave G0DJA and Jim G0HGH to the Ladder.

At the top of the Ladder the first four places are unchanged (Pete M5ABN, Peter G4LHI, Phil 2E0DPH and Richard G0ILN). Merv G4KLE has moved up to fifth place and Erkki OH7QR down to sixth.

Callsign	January	February	March	April	May	Points
M5ABN	45	48	41	39	41	214
G4LHI	36	44	41	35	36	192
2E0DPH	23	44	25	38	32	162
G0ILN	28	29	34	27	35	153
G4KLE	19	25	22	43	38	147
OH7QR	31	35	31	17	29	143
M0DRK	0	0	24	11	24	59
G0TLU	4	20	14	13	0	51
G3XVL	32	0	0	0	17	49
G3ZOD	10	2	18	2	10	42
G0DDX	10	10	12	0	0	32
2E0JCY	0	0	0	0	31	31
OH2BN	0	4	2	10	12	28
G3ZRJ	24	0	0	0	0	24
G0HGH	0	0	0	0	22	22
G0POT	0	0	0	4	15	19
G0OTT	16	0	0	0	0	16
G0MJP	10	0	0	0	0	10
2E0EML	0	0	0	6	0	6
G0DJA	0	0	0	0	6	6
GM0EPO*	4	0	0	0	0	4
MX5IPX*	0	13	0	15	10	38
GX3ZQS*	10	0	0	0	0	10

* is a check log.

Now the Two Metre 2015 results in order of Points.

This month we welcome Dave G0DJA and Alan MW0BGL to the Two Metre. Due to a technical issue, Alan's details for May are not available but will be included in the next Brasspounder.

The three places at the top of the table are unchanged with Jim G0HGH in first, Peter G4LHI in second and Phil 2E0DPH in third place.

The leaders with the most number of QSOs are unchanged from last month:

G4LHI (121), 2E0DPH (85) and G0HGH (53).

The leaders with the most distant contact are also unchanged::

G0HGH/PA1FOX (joint first at 471 km) and G0ILN (third at 217 km).

Callsign	January	February	March	April	May	Points	QSOs	DX
G0HGH	292	148	282	46	386	1154	53	471
G4LHI	228	256	146	100	156	886	121	158
2E0DPH	212	304	136	42	144	838	85	182
G3ZOD	94	72	74	70	128	438	24	173
G0ILN	42	0	145	0	54	241	8	217
G3XVL	111	0	0	0	96	207	20	198
PA1FOX	94	94	0	0	0	188	2	471
G0MJP	136	0	0	0	0	136	14	88
G0DJA	0	0	0	0	80	80	4	134
2E0EML	26	0	6	36	10	78	20	42
G7JMZ	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	7
MW0BGL	0	0	0	0	?	?	3	?
MX5IPX*	0	0	0	0	34	34	1	173
GX3ZQS*	0	0	0	0	12	12	2	38

Finally, Fifth Sundays 2015 results in order of Points

Welcome to three new entrants in the second of the Fifth Sundays: Michael G0POT, John 2E0JCY and Dave G0DJA.

Peter G4LHI has held onto first place. Merv G4KLE has taken second place from Derek M0DRK, who is now in sixth place, with Richard G0ILN moving up to take third place.

The next Fifth Sunday is on 30. August.

Callsign	March	May	Total
G4LHI	370	200	570
G4KLE	195	195	390
G0ILN	155	200	355
OH7QR	190	115	305
2E0DPH	180	100	280
M0DRK	260	0	260
G0POT	0	190	190
G3ZOD	190	0	190
2E0JCY	0	110	110
OH2BN	110	0	110
G0DJA	0	60	60
GX3ZQS*	0	80	80

Don't Forget.

June is the last month of the 2015 Two Metre activity; let's see lots of QSOs during this month.

73 and keep on pounding the brass!

Chris

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