

# BRASSPOUNDER

*April 2008*



*For those within FISTS who enjoy a challenge*

*Welcome to the April edition.*

Another month rolls by, and the weather we've been having has been, to say the least, weird, here in parts of the UK.

Not too much to report this month, the activities are rolling along quite nicely, conditions seem to have been "Up and down". I notice from the logs sent to me that rewarding DX contacts have been made on the WARC's with both members and non members, but with no consistency it seems. 30m seems to have been the band to be on during April.

I've been receiving logs for the EUCW QRS Party which I'm pleased to say contain new entrants to the activity. Remember that you have until midnight on the 31st of May to send in your entry, so look forward to receiving many more over the coming days.

Lets take a look at this months "Postbag" with your general comments and band reports etc.

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Firstly. Peter G4LHI. Stalwart supporter of activities within FISTS.

Attached my claim for the April Activity Ladder. Enjoyed it as always and quite pleased to have found a few members having a go, not as many as I expected but many thanks to all the members, and non members who helped to make up my score of 32 for the two sessions. I found two members I had not worked before, Dave, GW4WMK, 13288 and Steve, G4ZUL, 9827 in the first session & hope to find them both joining in regularly. I was very pleased to work GM0PYE/p, the Camb-Hams DX-Pedition on the Isle of Mull on Sunday 27th and operated by Daryl, Fists Nr 2270 (GM0ANV).

I was very sorry not to have found Fred with GX0IPX during the April Ladder, but hope he was active & a few members benefited with the 5 valuable points, well done Fred & many thanks for you effort.

Also, you may be interested to hear that I received my 3 Million Sticker from Dennis on Saturday 12th April and am now working on my 4th. Wonder how many of our UK Fists members can top that? It's surprising how quickly they add up with all these lovely big new Fists numbers, well worth checking your logs.

Congratulations on your 3 million sticker Peter. That is a remarkable achievement!

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Martin. IK2RMZ informed that his ladder entry this month only consists of QSO's made on the 27th of April. The Birth date of Samuel FB Morse. Well done to you!

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From Derek.MØDRK

Hi again Robert, Not quite so many points for April. Now the weather is a little better it means that the garden must have some attention, also there will be a decoration job or two that will have to be done. I couldn't even get another multi to give my warc band challenge attempt a boost. Never mind. Can now try for a better result in May.

Many thanks to all stations who gave me points and made it so much fun.

Thanks for your log(s) Derek. I think quite a few of us (Me included) took time out of our busy schedules to attend to our gardens while the UK weather was favourable.

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Peter G4LHI makes some very good points with his WARC summary and band report.

My WARC Band Challenge for April,

Once again a very enjoyable month and a nice lot of activity and with the EUCW QRS Party running along side for the last few days, it made it very interesting with a few stations on that are not normally on the WARC Band Challenge. I hope by mentioning this challenge they may join us another time on the WARC Bands in future?

I found some new members and squares again this month, some members I had worked many times previously but not on the WARC bands so far this year, and very nice to meet again for my 8 multies for April, many thanks once again for your support and nice chats.

A brief summary of my April activity for your BP report Robert. 122 QSO's for 166 point and 8 Multies.



## And now the WARC Activity.

WARC CALL	TOTAL 2008												TOTAL	MULTI	MASTER	PWR
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC				
IK2RMZ	137	182	115	201									635	43	27305	QRO
G4LHI	201	182	152	166									701	35	24535	QRO
K4UK	23	83	42	81									229	44	10076	QRO
G6GUN	34	38	61	103									236	18	4248	QRO
OH7QR	87	57	101	66									311	10	3110	QRO
W4YE	32	48	46	14									140	18	2520	QRO
MØDRK	20	33	45	31									129	8	1032	QRO
DL1GBZ/DP6M	0	0	117	0									117	3	351	QRO
K4ORD	3	13	9	7									32	8	256	QRP
KA3NZR	0	1	26	2									29	7	203	MIX
W4FCR ©	0	11	0	14									25	8	200	QRO
G8XGQ	14	24	11	16									65	3	195	QRO
G0XAH	0	0	33	0									33	4	132	QRO

Thats all from me this month. Apologies for being a little late with the activity news.

73. Keep bashing the brass.

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