

# BRASSPOUNDER



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Welcome. A belated “compliments of the season to you all” As you read this many of us will getting back to normal after the festive season.

The weather conditions throughout our isle have created havoc for many of us, let's hope that we are over the worst and look forward to more clement weather.

Lets take a look at comments, band reports received during the month of December, pleasing to see so many found time to join in during, what is a very busy month for us.

From Phil. M6PHL

Hello Rob,

Firstly, may I wish a Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year to you, your family and all Fists members,

also many thanks to all members who have helped to improve my CW skills throughout 2010, a particular mention must go to Peter G4LHI who's enthusiasm and encouragement has been much appreciated.

It was good to hear many of you on the first Sunday Ladder with conditions being quite good compared to some of the previous months. Boxing day proved to be a bit difficult, with family commitments over Xmas and evening conditions not proving so good.

I have really enjoyed taking part in my first full year on the Ladder, many thanks to you all for being part of it and I look forward to working you all in 2011.

73  
Phil

M6PHL  
Fists 14543

Hello once again Phil. Good to hear from you. Glad you found time to get on air during December.

From Erkki. OH7QR

Hello Robert,

Please find attached my last ladder log this year. It has been interesting year with so many fists events. Many thanks to you for your good work Robert. And next year we have the new Four Seasons Activity. I'm sure that many of us are looking forward to it. So you'll maybe have much work with incoming logs, hi.

Many thanks to all friends and members with which I have had a QSO.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU

73 & 88 to all

Erkki OH7QR

Hello Erkki. Thanks for your kind words. It's always good to hear that members enjoy the activities offered by the society.

From Derek, M0DRK

Hi Robert, Here is my Final log for 2010 Ladder. Happy New Year to all Fists members and many thanks to all stations who gave me points during 2010.

73 for now Derek, M0DRK

Hello Derek. HNY to you and Mollie, look forward to hearing from you in 2011.

From Greg, G0DUB

Hi Robert,

I was really relieved to make the contact with G3HAL as my solitary ladder contact this month. I could not get on the air for anything other than the afternoon session of Boxing Day due to family chores and when I turned the radio on found a nice S9 noise source centred on 3.560MHz as an unwanted Christmas present :-)

Only Pol's signal was strong enough to make it through the noise reliably enough for a QSO.

It's been an interesting few months on the ladder and I look forward to next year!  
73, Greg, G0DUB #6095

Hi Greg, It's been a pleasure to hear from you during 2010, and look forward to hearing from you in 2011. I wonder what scrooge type character sent you the unwanted xmas gift? Hi

From Peter. G4LHI

Hello Robert,

I attach my claim & report for the December Ladder.

Band condx were pretty fair on the first Sunday both afternoon & evening sessions, but the last Sunday of 2010 was a different matter, I was fortunate to get a fairly good score in the afternoons, no sign of a contest on the bands, which was a very nice change. I do hope some members managed a few QSO's, in the second evening but I did not hear anyone to give them a couple of points which I like to do, very sorry guys, managed just one local & hope he was able to find a few more?. I managed 8 QSO's for 14 points on first day & 8 QSO's for 15 points on the second & final day for 2010!! For a final score of 29 points, so let's hope we get a good clear run for the 2011 Activities Events.

Very many thanks to all for braving the atrocious conditions we have been having during 2010 & for your continued support during the year.

Let's give our Rob the biggest number of claims & scores during 2011 & let's hope we get many new members joining us "Oldies "for a very interesting new calendar of activities.

That's all for now folks, see you in the New Year.

Keep bashing the brass! Hope you all had a very good Xmas & if not too late wish all members a very Happy, Healthy & peaceful 2011.

PS, I am still sorting my QSL cards out, very sorry for the delay but I'm sure you will all forgive me, just watch the post in the very near future.

73 de Peter G4LHI # 2219.

Hi Peter. Good to hear from you once again, lets hope that 2011 interests enough to join in the activity calendar.

From Bill. G0BAK

Hi Rob

Best wishes to you and your family for the New Year.

Please find attached my Ladder Log for December.

I found conditions on the afternoon session on Boxing Day somewhat difficult. I seemed to be struggling a bit more than normal to pull out the stations from the

noise. I did however manage a slightly better score than the evening session on the 12th.

I got to try out my Christmas gift on Boxing day, my new Paddle. I am highly delighted with it. I must also tell you that it was made by Tom Withers of TW Electronics fame.

Well Rob, that's it for now. Where did that year go? All the best to all Fists Members for 2011 and keep pounding the brass.

Good luck to all members next year in whatever fists activity they do.

Bill GOBAK Fists 13262

Hello Bill, Good to hear from you. Glad to hear that your new gift made an airing over the holiday period. I notice that you hooked up with G3AGA during December, I believe Davey is in his 91st year this year and still active!

It's always a pleasure to know that the senior amateurs are still on air!

From Graham, 2E0JYK

Hi Rob,

finally made the last one of the year and I thoroughly enjoyed the Morse code; it was fun and a fantastic way to communicate to other hams around the world .I am now looking forward to 2011 so I can start again, wishing you all the best for 2011 and I hope to contact you on one of the bands

73 for now 2E0JYK.

Hi Graham, good to hear from you, and pleased to hear that you've enjoyed your CW throughout the year. I hope 2011 see's you going from strength to strength.

From Piet. PA3AFF

Hi Robert,

Here my last entry of 2010's ladder competition. Score for December: 19 points.

I was active in all 4 timeslots and skipped both evening sessions. A special experience was working Gareth, 2E0BTW. He answered my 20 wpm CQ call with a QRS call. Of course I slowed down my speed, but my partner apologised with the remark: "I'm studying for 20 wpm".

Robert thanks for the organization of all Fists events. Hope to be present in 2011 again; and all stations worked in 2010 the very best wishes for the New Year. 73 cuagn from Schaft (province NB)

Piet, PA3AFF, Fists #445.

Good to hear from you once again Piet, thanks for your kind words, pleased you could make it for all four sessions during December.

And from Graham, G3ZOD

Hi Rob.

As I had water where it wasn't supposed to be, I had to exercise my lack of plumbing skills on 12th December rather than join in the Ladder. However, Mrs G3ZOD was agreeable to me having a go on 26th December (Boxing Day), but I did limit it to the afternoon session so as not to "push my luck" HI. I managed a few contacts but 80m was again suffering deep and relatively rapid fading and I guess many participants couldn't make it. Notable was a contact with Peter G4LHI, being the 50th with him, which is also the most number of contacts I've had with any station since I came back on the air in October 2008. Many thanks Peter!

VHF CW: The November 6m UKAC result for me was 57/69 and for "FISTS CW Club" was 29/48, both an improvement over October. The overall position should be quite reasonable when the December results come through; as with the Ladder, just being there every session can go some way to make up for station limitations and refusing to go on SSB! A note of thanks to Paul M0PNN and Ian G6TGO who have frequently stopped by to give a point or two and have a chat.

Santa brought me a couple of radio kits for Christmas (30m Rockmite and Elecraft T1 auto-ATU), but finding the time to put them together is the thing currently. Thanks for all your FISTS work during 2010 Rob (I wonder if people realise that Rob is also involved in other FISTS work such as sending out new member packs and being a QSL Bureau sub-manager?). Have a very Happy New Year!

73 de Graham G3ZOD FISTS #8385

Hi Gra. A busy December. I see that Santa was very generous to you and other members! Making me feel quite envious. To be totally frank I had nothing radio related in my sack on Xmas morning! Just the gratefully received usual gifts that dads and granddads receive! Hi!

In summing 2010. It has been a productive year for the societies activities; More and more members appearing in logs over the year. This illustrates that members are not "dormant".

Thoughts must go to those members who are no longer with us; but a cordial welcome must be extended to those who have joined the society; and every effort must be made to nurture the new members who are making the effort learn and enjoy CW.

It's been a pleasure to receive logs and hear from you all during the past year. And look forward to conversing with you during 2011.

It's time to look at the final ladder table. G4LHI has the top spot. Congratulations Peter. I have been watching with interest the second and third place scores over the latter months of the year; M6PHL came out on top, just edging G0BAK by four points! Well done Phil, and I hope you and Bill continue your friendly rivalry during 2011. G0AZR has had impressive score with his low power effort throughout the year; amassing 133 points! Well done Jerry!

Certificates in due course to the top three; And I do award a certificate endorsed "QRP" to the highest placed low power entry.

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS	PWR
G4LHI	31	38	45	33	31	27	32	35	40	35	30	29	406	QRO
M6PHL	13	15	28	19	18	18	21	23	20	28	30	21	254	QRO
G0BAK	21	29	28	29	19	9	11	14	18	11	32	29	250	QRO
OH7QR	16	0	15	24	13	23	23	9	23	16	18	14	194	QRO
G3ZOD	8	16	11	16	8	13	6	10	22	17	20	8	155	QRO
M0DRK	11	22	20	15	7	6	16	15	17	5	0	11	145	QRO
PA3AFF	0	0	22	0	8	5	11	13	19	29	17	19	143	QRO
G0AZR	0	29	0	0	23	6	13	10	17	17	18	0	133	QRP
GI4CBG	6	4	10	14	8	10	6	10	11	11	25	0	115	QRO
2E0JYK	0	0	0	0	0	7	13	12	10	10	16	8	76	QRO
G3LHJ	0	0	28	20	0	0	0	4	17	0	0	0	69	QRO
G0OTT	0	19	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	QRO
2E0JCY	0	14	14	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	QRO
G4CMZ	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	4	16	0	0	0	38	QRP
M5FRA	0	0	0	14	10	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	33	QRO
G0DUB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	10	9	2	27	QRO
G4MSN	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	MIX
M0GGK	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	QRO
M0XED	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	QRP
PA1SOP	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	QRO

That's all from me for another edition of BP. Thanks for all your support over the past year. Till next time.

Keep well

Keep pounding brass!

73.

M0BPT

