

BRASSPOUNDER

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For those within FISTS who enjoy a challenge

*Welcome to the January edition. A little later than usual, but as ever, worth the wait
(Hi)*

Not a lot to report this month, pleasing to see that for the first time, the January WARC Activity has attracted more entrants than the Activity Ladder! Lets hope the trend continues and more members will join the Ladder.

Peter, G4LHI mailed to give his analysis of the WARC Activity during 2007.

Martin & Stan certainly put in a very comprehensive analysis report for the WARC Band Challenge for 2007, I can no way compete with that, I don't keep that sort of record of my activity, all I can submit is a very general summary like:-

Total WARC band QSO' for 2007 = 1050

New Fists Members Grid Squares = 78

Total IARU Grid Squares = 246 (including Fists Members & non members.)

Most QSO's were on 30 Meters, 59 on 17 Meters, 9 on 12 Meters.

Thanks for your report Peter. Nice to see statistics from the membership.

Lets get straight on with this months Postbag, members reports etc.

Firstly, from Chris. M0JRQ

Robert,

After the exciting end to the 2007 Ladder, please find attached my first log for the new year.

Having braved the turmoil on 80m on the first Ladder Sunday - the AFS Contest - this afternoon was a pleasant and, dare I say, relaxing hour or so on the band. I made a couple of FISTS first QSOs and a met up with a few regulars. With the winds we've had during the last week I am surprised I still had an aerial to use today! On Friday the pole at the far end of the garden was whipping around like a blade of grass and today, with an unusual wind direction, this end of the wire has been blowing against the house roof. Odd, but I think all my signal reports today have been up on previous Sundays. Perhaps I should incorporate the roof into my antenna system...

73 Chris M0JRQ

Yes Chris, the AFS Contest did cause some problems for others too. Also, quite a few of us have had problems with the winds. My L/W Did do acrobatics but managed to stay in the air.

From Peter, G4LHI. With his ladder report

Hello Robert,

First claim for 2008, I hope you get a nice lot in for the Ladder this year & of course the other activities you have given us during the year. Not what I was expecting for the first Ladder activity, albeit I only entered for each of the afternoon sessions, hope there may have been more activity & claims in the evening sessions, but I doubt it very much. Unfortunately the RSGB AFS CW contest had the same period as us on the 13th & they did not appear to want any points from us poor old Fists guys hi, but as usual I enjoyed the Activity Ladder & met up with the old stalwarts again & a couple of new entrants many thanks guys, hope they all put a log in.

And From Peter, regarding the WARC Activity.

Hello Robert

Here we are again starting a new WARC Challenge for 2008, Hope you get a nice lot of claims this year. Not sure if I will be very active in the 21 st Anniversary activity, but will certainly give points away if I get the chance, or hear any one calling? I have attached my 2008 WARC Challenge claim for January and as always thoroughly enjoyed it, I certainly did much better than I expected, must have been in the right place at the right time and found some good DX, unfortunately not all Fists members but very nice, with 166 QSO's for 201 points and 14 multi squares, be very nice if other members have been so lucky. Apart from the local stalwarts, thanks guys, I did manage one very difficult QSO with David, VK3DBD. Erkki, & Martin were on my list once again, together with Vic, W9RGB. Bert, W5ZR. Jozef, WB2MIC. from NA, a nice DX from Tom, ZD7X/KC0W in St Helena Island, and five in UK/EU, Fran, EA1APA. Falko, DL2JAW. Richard, F5VJD, Dave, M0BVE. David, M0CHL. Very nice to find some new call signs joining in the fun. My very many thanks to all and hope you enjoyed it as much as I did and look forward to working you all again many times during the year.

Will say cheers for now mate & looking forward to a bit of DX during the week-end?

As ever, thanks for your fine reports of you activity. I notice that you got David, M0CHL in the log, pleased to hear that he's still active. As I remember, I worked David when he was airing the Clacton Radio Club Callsign; G3CRC(GX3CRC) some time ago, which

is a FISTS affiliated club. If anyone would like a list of FISTS EU Affiliated club callsigns and numbers, get in touch either via email or snail mail.

Thats about it from me for this month. Thanks for your reports etc. Nice to hear from members G6GUN, M0DRK, G8XGQ Who are joining both the Activity ladder & WARC Activity this year. Hope you all have fun.

I have decided to, during 2008, change the awards scheme slightly for our events within FISTS EU. As you're aware award certificates are issued to the first three competitors in each event (Excepting the WARC activity) This year I'm going to award the first place competitor in each event a small trophy engraved with the event name, callsign and year. And award certificates to the runners-up.

Finally. Another item about the WARC Activity. Those who regularly enter the activity know the rules quite well. Entrant logs have the requirement to enclose the following details.

LOGS	To include; date/call/name/locator/qrg/rst/time/Fists nr or nm/points scored
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To Simplify things a little for entrants. I've decided to make "Optional" the following;

LOGS	To include: Date-Call- Name(OPTIONAL)- Locator-QRG-RST(OPTIONAL)-Time-FISTS/NM-Points
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This Should make things a little easier for entrants, but without stating the obvious, I must remind all that WARC's are not to be used for contest activity type QSO's. A general exchange (If possible) must be used during the QSO.

Here are the results for the month of January.

WARC TOTAL 2008

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DECT	TOTAL	MULTI	MASTER
G4LHI	201													14	2814
IK2RMZ	137													16	2192
OH7QR	87													4	348
W4YE	32													5	160
K4UK	23													6	138
G6GUN	34													4	136
M0DRK	20													1	20
G8XGQ	14													1	14
K4ORD	3													1	3

No-one submitted their power output for the January WARC. I'd appreciate it if you'd let me know your power output, both for the January logs and all forthcoming returns during the year.

LADDERTOTALS 2008

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
G4LHI		30											30
M0JRQ		24											24
G6GUN		22											22
M0DRK		16											16
G8XGQ		16											16
IK2RMZ		15											15
OH7QR		14											14

Thats all from me for this month. Have a good time on the bands. I hope to receive a healthy amount of logs for the first session of the 21st Anniversary activity from all chapters within FISTS.

73. Keep bashing the Brass.



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