

BRASSPOUNDER

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For those within FISTS who enjoy a challenge

Welcome to the July edition.

Here we are again, another month goes by, where does the time go?.

If any of you looked at the June BP on my web-site and/or downloaded a copy from the FISTS NG site. You may have noticed a discrepancy in the images. i.e. there is one extra on the downloadable copy on the NG. I'm afraid I missed one from the June upload to this site, which was an image of Peter. G4LHI. I'm going to rectify my mistake immediately. Apologies to Peter. (Hi)



Peter. G4LHI with his recently received "Rag Chewers Award" Number 90. This award is earned by working 100 members with QSO's lasting 30 minutes (Or more!) Congratulations and well done Peter!

From Erkki. OH7QR with images and a report on his Hailuoto expedition.



I attach two photos from Hailuoto. There are many narrow forest-roads on the island and we could easily reach the seaside. There are also many paths for hiking, but the mosquitos were too angry with us and we didn't walk much. Once we frightened an elk and I managed to take a snap.

I had 23 QSOs on 30 meters and 15 on 20 meters. No success on 17 meters. One DX: with JA5TNF on 20 mtr with 569/579. The picture shows the QTH on Monday the 7th. The weather was not very good during our stay on the island. Only the first day (Monday) was nice, then it was rain and cold.





Pictured with his award for top spot in the EUCW QRS 2008 Class "A" Section. Peter. G3JFS.

Peter amassed a winning score of 148 QSO's. Congratulations to Peter on his excellent score

This is an excellent image of Tony. G8XGQ and XYL Gill at the wedding of their daughter Ali to Karl on the 26th of July 2008.

Note the devotion to FISTS as Tony wears his Fists lapel Badge with pride on this special day!

I've taken the liberty of wishing them both a long and happy marriage from all at FISTS!





Pictured is Bob, G6GUN, ready to get into his "Office" Bob is a regular supporter of the WARC and ladder activities. He enjoys giving out new grids to all who hear him whilst working /m



Bob, pictured with his Icom 706, tuner and aerial in his working environment. He has opened up various new grids throughout the UK whilst stopping for a rest breaks and during overnight stops. He uses his trusty 30 year old Butternut Vertical which he assembles and takes down when finished.



Lets take a look a the reports received from members this month.

From Peter. G4LHI with a summary of his ladder activities.

Hello Robert,

I attach my claim for the July Ladder Activity, very slightly less than June, but unfortunately my wish for rain to keep the members away from their gardens did not materialize, and it was such nice wx on both of the Sunday afternoons that most were out in their bathing trunks on the sun loungers, not working in the garden or on the radio, much too hot hi.

However, I did manage a claim of 35 points, all two point Fists members with one, one pointer from a Special Event Station, "Pontefract Liquorice Festival" luckily being operated by a Fists Club member, Chris, 12540, many thanks Chris. Hope the Festival was a success?

I was very pleased to work a few members that joined the ladder for the first time and hope they may have enjoyed it and join us again on the Fists Club Activities during the year, many thanks to them and also thanks to the good old stalwarts that support these events no matter what the wx or conditions on the bands, thanks a lot guys.

That's all folks for now and soon be time to report on the July WARC activities, still a few days to go so hope I will find a few more squares/grids to add to my score before the close of play for July, but how nice to know that we still have five months left for this challenge, so keep scanning the bands you never know who is lurking hi.

73 & very many thanks to all involved in these activities. Peter G4LHI # 2219

From Stan. K4UK.

Most of my activity was on 30 Meters. For our Swedish visitors, it was time to leave and we had to take them back up to Dulles Airport in Washington, DC. They flew out on the 10th of July. Their two young daughters could not speak any English, but they had great fun playing with the neighbours kids who couldn't speak any Swedish - Hi !

Most of my 17 Meter contacts were from the mobile on my way to and from the golf course. It has been a bit HOT here, but since we tee off at 8:30 AM we are generally finished before it gets "beastly hot"

I'm considering running KNOWCW / 4 / QRP during the latter part of August or in September. I may fire up on the WARC bands because they are so much fun.

From Peter.G4LHI.

Hello Robert,

I attach my July WARC Band claim and my report for yet another very interesting and enjoyable month, each month seems to bring in new members to chat with and of course the good old stalwarts that are always there giving their support to the activities. Also some giving more than the allowed 4 QSO's for the month, just to chat, and this of course is the idea of this challenge, to encourage more activity on the WARC bands, albeit over 4 QSO's per month do not add to the score, but very pleasant.

I was also very pleased during the month to come across a very dear old friend who I used to work very regularly on 20m on his way home from work mobile on the highways in NH when 20m was open. This time on 30m in New London, NH, FN43, Tom, AA1NZ/m, 4725. Had a very nice chat, like old times, but I had already unfortunately worked that grid this year. Thanks a lot Tom and hope we can do it again soon,

Bob, G6GUN as GM6GUN/m was again active in bonny Scotland during July, unfortunately the skip did not favour QSO's in this direction, (I only managed two) but I'm sure many members in other directions did manage to work him more. Many thanks Bob and I look forward to making it again next time you are that way, perhaps the wind direction may change hi.

Erkki, OH7QR was again activating squares during July and I was able to find him in both squares on that lovely Island of Hailuoto, many thanks Erkki and look forward to your next adventure mate.

I was very fortunate to find 11 new first time members amongst my 19 new grid/locators this month, very many thanks to those and all members and non members that made this again a very interesting and enjoyable month. Look forward to August challenge and hope many of the new members enjoyed July and will be regular attendees in the activities during the year?

A brief summary of my July log 156 QSO's for 230 points and 19 multies.

My 19 multies for July are:- GM6GUN/m, Bob, IO77 and IO75 (tnx Bob): KM4DB/1, David, FN44: VE3XDB, Doug, FN03: G3HAL, Pol, IO80: KA2EMZ, Bill, FN20: GM3OXX/QRP, George, IO87: OH7QR/M, Erkki, KP24 and KP25 (tnx Erkki): OK1KW, Milan, JO70: IZ0AYM, Carmelo, JN61: AA1IK, Ernie, EL89: EI6IZ, Brendan, IO53: KD8CVL, Mike, EN82: GM0VCQ/QRP, Jim, IO85: HP1AC, Cam, FJ09: GW0MY, John, IO70: M0RNA, Steve, IO90: K2GTC, Charles, FN30:

Very many thanks to all those members in the above new grids and all members and non members that helped with my score for July and looking forward to finding you all again in August, happy hunting.

Safe journey in your next locator/grid square activating Bob and Erkki, looking forward to finding you there guys, many thanks in anticipation.

That's all folks, very many thanks again for a great month, and 73 to all until the next time

Peter G4LHI # 2219 IO92.

From Derek. MODRK

Hello Robert,

Not too much to send again for July due to lots of other jobs in the garden etc. The time spent on radio was, again, time well spent. Thanks to Pol,G3HAL, Piet, PA3AFF, Richard, F5VJD and Erkki, OH7QR/M who gave me new multies, my score became more respectable. KP25 from Erkki working /M on the island of Hailuoto was a real beauty. I put Hailuoto into Google to see what kind of an island it is having never heard of it and among the various sites came a video camera showing an Osprey nest with three chicks. A new image is shown every 10 seconds. Only a couple of times both parents were present at the same time. The chicks are now making their first flights and soon will leave altogether I suppose. This was a great bonus Erkki, many thanks for that one. Many thanks to all other stations I worked during July, hopefully see you all in August.

Thanks for your report Derek. Pleased to hear that you and others made contact with OH7QR on Hailuoto. Fred, G3VVP e-mailed to say he'd not been able to QSO with Erkki. Lets hope that on Erkki's next expedition, you'll manage to hook up Fred!

On to the results tables for the month. Firstly the ladder.

LADDERTOTALS 2008

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
G6GUN	22	34	43	37	43	40	36						255
G4LHI	30	25	37	32	36	37	35						232
IK2RMZ	15	33	18	24	9	17	25						141
OH7QR	14	27	7	14	14	21	15						112
M0DRK	16	10	18	15	17	10	11						97
G8XGQ	16	19	8	0	16	13	12						84
M0JRQ	24	13	8	0	0	0	0						45
2E0TEK	0	0	0	0	21	0	12						33
G0MRH	0	0	9	0	0	0	0						9

And the WARC Activity.

WARC CALL	TOTAL 2008												TOTAL	MULTI	MASTER	PWR
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC				
G4LHI	201	182	152	166	231	172	230						1334	89	1187	26QRO
IK2RMZ	137	182	115	201	325	158	119						1237	68	841	16QRO
K4UK	23	83	42	81	92	92	106						519	82	425	58QRO
G6GUN	34	38	61	103	99	89	75						499	41	204	59QRO
OH7QR	87	57	101	66	87	59	59						516	21	108	36QRO
W4YE	32	48	46	15	46	14	29						230	25	57	50QRO
M0DRK	20	33	45	31	52	33	29						243	20	48	60QRO
KA3NZR	0	1	26	2	12	28	29						98	24	23	52MIX
G8XGQ	14	24	11	16	26	27	17						135	13	17	55QRO
W4FCR ©	0	11	0	14	8	9	8						50	17	8	50QRO
2E0TEK	0	0	0	0	44	0	21						65	9	5	85QRO
DL1GBZ/DP6M	0	0	117	0	21	18	0						156	3	4	68QRO
K4ORD	3	13	9	7	0	0	1						33	8	2	64QRP
G0XAH	0	0	33	0	0	0	0						33	4	1	32QRO
PA3AFF	0	0	0	0	1	10	8						19	3	5	7MIX

Thats all for this month. For those who take Radcom from the RSGB. I see that we've very kindly got a mention regarding SKW. (Page 10 if you haven't seen it) Lets hope that non-members and members alike will get involved. Conditions permitting of course!

Till next time.

73. Keep "Bashing the brass"

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