

# BRASSPOUNDER

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Welcome to another edition of BP.

It's been a busy few weeks for members, who have to contend with SKW and both ladder and FSA activities.

I thank all those who found time, made time to enter into the fun on air. Many of our stalwart supporters of the events that happen within the society never tire of mentioning how much fun, how interesting, and more importantly, how enjoyable they are.

These past weeks have been a busy time here at M0BPT. SKW has seen a good amount of entrants logs arriving. I will add that it's been a truly international event this year.

Results in due course.

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Lets look at some of the band reports/comments received.

From dear Peter G4LHI.

Hello Robert,

I attach my claim & report for September Activity Ladder. Quite a good month, with much better conditions on 40M on the afternoon of the second session, just like the good old days, do hope this is a good sign that things maybe improving for us?

80M was very difficult as usual, only managed to work two guys on that band in the first afternoon session, one Fists member but unfortunately the other not now a member, I

wonder why we have so many lapsed members? But very nice to see a nice lot of new members joining the Club, hope they will swell the Ladder activity in due course? Very mni tnx fer the 5 points Gra with MX5IPX on 40M on the afternoon of the 25th & a good 579 both ways this time. Conditions still a little tuff going again, apart from 40M on the 25th & a real challenge, but enjoyable as always, surprisingly my scores are slightly less this month by 8 points, but think it was on account of the poor conditions on the 11th, so hope there may be a change in propagation for the next Ladder.

Nice to work a new member, Andy, G0AYZ & to meet up again with Timo OH5FNI, on the Ladder & also catch David, G3SCD on 80 a couple of times before he goes back to VK land, safe journey home David & hope see you again when you get home.

All my thanks, as ever, to members, future members? & non members the stalwarts of the Fists Activities that are always there in spite of the ruff condition. I do like to chat with the non members & hope to persuade them to join our Club one of these days? You never know.

For the month I had 16 QSO's for 31 points, so not too bad, I do enjoy the challenge.

Looking forward to October Ladder & meeting up with a few of those new members that have joined recently together with all the regulars. & as I said, perhaps conditions may improve?

Keep bashing the brass & good hunting to you all.

73 de Peter G4LHI # 2219

As ever Peter. Many thanks for the report and overview.  
Always interesting reading.

From Derek. M0DRK

Hi Robert, Only one brief session for September. Made a nice change to work Peter, Danny and Phil on 40 metres instead of 2 metres. See you next month, 73 for now, Derek, M0DRK.

Good to hear from you once again Derek. I see that you concur with G4LHI regarding 40m. A good band when condx permit.

From "Uncle" Dick. SV0XBN

Dear Cousin.

A slightly better month this time but I am still plagued by those just wanting a 599 and a QSL via LoTW . . .

[Gets soapbox out]

Two things here:

(1) I do not give out 599 unless the chap is a decently strong signal and I do not believe that LoTW is a proper QSL.

(2) Same as on PSK, everyone wants an eQSL, whatever that is.

No, with me it's a proper paper QSL or nothing!

That's it, moan over!

WX report: Had a shower of rain last week. What is the world coming too?

73 Uncle Dick. SVØXBN/9

Greetings Uncle.

It goes to show just how behind the times I am.. I haven't the faintest idea what LoTW is.. And I've tried eQSL a couple of times, and for those who like it, all well and good,

but I agree with you. A "proper" QSL is the final courtesy.

From Gra. G3ZOD.

Hi Rob.

Glad to include a very healthy Four Seasons log this time due to the contributions from Straight Key Week. While calling CQ on 20m on the Ladder on the 11th as MX5IPX, I was pleasantly surprised to get a call from Roy #8997 operating as CT/G4PRL.

As using a whip as a receive aerial is helping a lot on 40m, I decided to dig out my G4FON magnetic loop antenna (made of coax) to see if that would provide an even better signal to noise ratio. However, trying to do this hurriedly a few minutes into the Ladder session was not one of my brightest ideas. I got it tangled up in my main antenna, bringing the latter down and causing a cascade of other bits and pieces onto the floor. When I had got everything back in place, to add insult to injury, I couldn't find the unit with the tuning capacitors for the loop, ah well HI.

Back as G3ZOD on the Ladder on 80m, I had a contact with Mike G0CHV with a very early member number - #90. I met up with John GM4GZQ # 9800 for the first time and had a really good chat for three quarters of an hour before the QSB decided to spoil the fun.

Speaking of nice long rag-chew QSOs, it was a pleasure to meet up with Erkki OH7QR for a good chat on 20m outside of the Ladder. This QSO resulted in the maximum time with Erkki in the Four Seasons, which is a pretty rare for me to achieve. Also I have been enjoying the good conditions on the higher HF bands, with 12m being particularly successful, but most of the contacts on the rather short side.

73 de Graham G3ZOD FISTS #8385

Hello Gra.

Glad to hear that you've been kept busy with the FSA, ladder, and SKW with your own call and MX5IPX. From previous experience, I've noticed that the HQ calls do attract interest from members/non-members alike.

From Greg. G0DUB.

Hi Rob,

I'm still looking for that elusive month where I can actually work more than two sessions so I could pick my 'best' but it seems that until we get out of British Summer Time it isn't going to happen :-)

Best prize of the month was working Gra as MX5IPX on an 'interesting' 40m band. The afternoon of the 25th found variable propagation and QRM from a Spanish station operating in a contest making any contacts on that band worthwhile so thanks to Gra and Piet for the points on that band that day.

73, Greg, G0DUB

Fists Nr. 6095

Good to hear from you Greg.

Glad you're persevering with the ladder. Guess you'll soon be picking any two from four in the near future.

From Martin. Wearing his DL1GBZ Hat

Hi Robert,

this is my German entry for season 3.

I was surprised about the good result. Had quite a few ragchews at my vacation QTH in the Black Forest.

73. Martin.

Hi Martin.

Glad you managed to get on with both your calls this month.

From Graham. 2E0JYK

Hi Rob

This is my log for september ladder activity, I enjoyed the CW very much and am looking forward to the next time.

73.

Graham 2E0JYK #14822

Hello Graham

Always a pleasure to hear from you with your comment "Enjoyed the CW" and "Looking forward to the next time"

From Phil. M6PHL. Who shares an amusing story with us.

Hello Rob,

Hope all is well with you.

Here is my log for the September ladder.

For the first ladder session of the month I was on holiday in Lowestoft, situated just 200m from the sea, but still managed three QSO's to fists members in the evening operating from my caravan, with my 10 watts and a 30ft vertical antenna. It was quite an interesting day as earlier in the evening I had a visit from the local constabulary, who were checking on a report of terrorist activity, someone seeing me erect the antenna and satellite TV dish had put two & two together coming up with the usual five Hi! Interesting to say the least.

The second Sunday back at the home QTH was very good condx especially on 40m. Thanks to Gra using the club station call again, very good to work you, and again in the evening with your own callsign.

See you all again in October.

M6PHL

Fists 14543.

Hello Phil.

Enjoyed the story of your brush with the authorities during the vacation. It never ceases to amaze me how folk seem to go manic and reach for the phone to report suggested terrorist activity when anyone is seen erecting an aerial! Just a sad reflection of the world we live in these days.

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Lets take a look at the results tables.

Firstly, the ladder.

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	POWER
G4LHI	28	37	34	20	34	23	23	39	31				269	QRO
OH7QR	27	27	19	22	26	19	22	36	31				229	QRO
M6PHL	20	25	28	15	29	23	30	34	22				226	QRO
PA3AFF	13	8	10	17	16	17	7	18	17				123	QRO
M0DRK	0	22	19	10	16	14	10	10	5				106	QRO
2E0JYK	10	12	12	0	19	14	12	14	10				103	QRO
G0DUB	4	16	17	11	0	17	4	13	16				98	QRO
G3ZOD	5	18	18	4	6	12	1	12	17				93	QRO
G0BAK	9	24	6	0	0	0	0	0	0				39	QRO
MX5IPX ©	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	16				34	QRO
2E0TEK	17	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				29	QRO
G0DDX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0				14	QRP

And the FSA.

CALL	JULY	Aug	SEPT	TOTALS	CLASS	FISTS
G4LHI	200	444	552	1196	A	EU
OH7QR	186	300	423	909	A	EU
JO3HPM	105	131	60	296	A	EA
PA3AFF	80	88	121	289	A	EU
G3ZOD	9	37	216	262	A	EU
IK2RMZ	73	49	105	227	A	EU
K4UK	11	21	172	204	A	NA
DL1GBZ	0	0	96	96	A	EU
MX5IPX(c)	0	30	24	54	A	EU
SV0XBN/9	14	1	16	31	A	EU

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Next month sees the start of the final quarter of the FSA.

G4LHI has done exceptionally well throughout the year. Congratulations Peter. Thanks too; to K4UK and JO3HPM for keeping the flags of FISTS NA and FISTS EA flying.

All seasonal certificates earned thus far are produced and ready to be dispatched, which I shall do at the end of the years activity.

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For 2012 I shall be introducing something new. All may seem a little intriguing at the moment, but all will be revealed in time for the new year.

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Till next time.

Keep well.

Keep pounding Brass.

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