



Welcome to this edition of *BrassPounder*, which covers FISTS CW Club Europe's [on-air activities](#) during April 2016.

This month it is just the Ladder.

Ladder Results

Firstly, here are the comments received:

Entrant	Comments
Richard G0ILN	Good fun as always Richard.G0ILN Fist 398.
Tony G3ZRJ	Sorry very QRL so not a big entry but glad to take part and give out some points. 73 Tony G3ZRJ
Peter G4LHI	I attach my log for the Fists Ladder. Pity the QSB was bad on 40m, also we had contest station swamping the bands again. I enjoyed the Ladder as always & meeting the same guys hi. Great fun as always. Mni tnx fer the QSOs guys, cul in May. de Peter G4LHI # 2219
Peter GW0VLN	Bands difficult for me, noise and cq test.
Emil I5EFO	Propagation poor, but always great fun! 73 Emil I5EFO
Derek M0DRK	Hi Graham. Here is my Ladder Log for April. Not a very good month for radio. 2m cw came in very handy again working stations close by. Thanks also for a very interesting Keynote, something for everyone there. 73 for now Graham, see you next month. Derek, M0DRK, 8344.
Dave M0GGK	Hi All. Please see attached April log for ladder. Mixed bag really condx, not good I felt. Catch you soon. 73 Dave M0GGK
Pete M5ABN	Please find my Ladder log for April. Second period was very difficult due to contest activity, but managed to find some fist members prepared to put up with the conditions. Hi 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
Erkki OH7QR	Hello Graham. Please find attached my Ladder log for April. As always the 20M was the best band for me. Heard nothing on 40/80M. Many thanks and take care. 73 de Erkki OH7QR nr 8318

This month we welcome Ken G4RHR to the 2016 Ladder.

At the top of the table, Vanni I5ECW is now 1st having swapped positions with Peter G4LHI, and Pete M5ABN is now 3rd having swapped positions with Richard G0ILN. The greatest change in position was Mark M6MEN, who climbed from equal 25th to 19th.

Here is the results table:

Callsign	Position	Previous	Movement	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
I5ECW	1	2	↑	154	36	46	30	42
G4LHI	2	1	↓	144	36	44	34	30
M5ABN	3	4	↑	127	17	39	38	33
G0ILN	4	3	↓	119	22	32	42	23
2E0DPH	5	5	-	118	27	41	24	26
G3XVL	6	6	-	112	24	31	34	23
OH7QR	=7	10	↑	87	34		18	35
SP9NLI	=7	=7	-	87	20	28	19	20
M0DRK	9	=7	↓	83	21	23	23	16
I5EFO	10	=11	↑	58		18	22	18
F5OGJ	11	9	↓	54	26	28		
M0GGK	12	13	↑	44	4	24	8	8
IK0NOJ	13	=11	↓	40	40			
G0POT	=14	=14	-	35		24	11	
G4IZZ	=14	=14	-	35	15	20		
OH2BN	16	17	↑	34	16		8	10
EA4BL	17	=20	↑	30	6		10	14
G4KLE	18	16	↓	28		28		
M6MEN	19	=25	↑	22	8		2	12
DM4RW	=20	=18	↓	20	10	8	2	
G0DDX	=20	=18	↓	20	8		12	
IU1DZZ	22	=20	↓	18		8	8	2
G0OTT	23	22	↓	15			15	
G4FWA	24	23	↓	12	6	6		
G0HGH	25	24	↓	11			11	
GW0VLN	=26	28	↑	10		4	4	2
HA7HF	=26	=25	↓	10		10		
DM5RS	=28	27	↓	9			9	
G3ZRJ	=28	30	↑	9			5	4
G4RHR	30	-	↑	7				7
OZ8AGB	31	29	↓	6	4		2	
PA1FOX	32	31	↓	2		2		

A couple of logs arrived after the closing date (5th May) but before I prepared the results tables for this *BrassPounder*. I'm not that fussed if entries are a little late, but please do try to send them in before

BrassPounder is published. For my own part, I will start adding the closing dates to the monthly news item / post that contains the reminders about sending in logs.

QRU?

The [next activities](#) are:

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 08 May		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sat 14 May		FISTS Am Spring Unlimited Sprint	1700-2100 UTC
Sun 15 May		RSGB 4m CW Contest	0900-1200 UTC
Sun 22 May		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 29 May		FISTS Eu QRS Fifth Sunday	0001-2359 UTC
Mon 06 Jun	Fri 10 Jun	FISTS Eu Mechanical Key Days	0001-2359 UTC
Sun 12 Jun		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

Coming up on Sunday 29th May is the second out of four [QRS 5th Sundays](#). Maximum speed if you are sending in a log is 14wpm. This is a very relaxed all-day event with no requirement to exchange member numbers. Just dip in & out when you can. Please add **QRS** to your logbook's "Comment" (or similar) field for each qualifying QSO.

[Mechanical Key Days](#) (6th June 0001 to 10th June 2359 UTC) is a new activity and is similar to Straight Key Week except that semi-automatic (bug) keys are permitted in addition to straight keys & sideswipers. Please remember that CQs as well as QSOs must be using mechanical keys, i.e. no "CQ loops". The exchange is the usual one (RST, name, QTH, member number (if applicable)). When logging a QSO, please include **MKD** in your logbook's "Comment" (or similar) field. The rules only apply to anyone sending in a log; it does not matter what type of key etc. that your QSO partner is using.

The [FISTS Americas Spring Unlimited Sprint](#) ('unlimited' in that there is no speed restriction) is on 14th May 1700-2100 UTC. Please do take part and send a log in.

I will be on the air for the [RSGB 4m CW](#) contest (15th May 0900-1200 UTC) albeit with my usual limited aerial; it would be nice to meet up with some members on 4m CW.

That's it for this month. If you'd like to read previous *BrassPounders*, they are [available on the website](#).

Have fun with CW!

73 de Graham G3ZOD
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