



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

This month it includes the Ladder and QRS Fifth Sunday results. It's later than usual due to the closing date for the Fifth Sunday logs.

Ladder Results

Firstly, here are the comments received:

Entrant	Comments
Chris EI6KH	<p>Hi. Here's my 2 qso's completed in the fists ladder.</p> <p>It was nice to get back onto the key after a long time away from it. It's also nice that fists are always there waiting when you want to do some CW.</p> <p>Best Regards, Chris</p>
Laurent F5OGJ	<p>Glad to be back on air after a break and to hear/work some friends.</p> <p>Vy 73, Laurent #17037</p>
Richard G0ILN	<p>Good fun as always</p> <p>Richard.G0ILN Fist 398.</p>
Chris G3XVL	<p>Band conditions a bit poor...that's my excuse for this month!</p>
Peter G4LHI	<p>I attach my log for the Fists May Ladder. Slightly better condx on the 2nd Sunday. Pity the QSB was bad on 40m on both Sundays; never heard any contest stations on the 2nd! I enjoyed the Ladder as always & meeting the same guys hi - a few new ones this month. Great fun as always. Mni tnx fer the QSOs guys.</p> <p>de Peter G4LHI # 2219</p>
Emil I5EFO	<p>Always great fun !</p> <p>73 Emil I5EFO</p>
Derek M0DRK	<p>Hi Graham, Just about my worst entry I've ever sent. Conditions were bad on the first day, so thanks again for the local stations I can work on 2 metres. The second Sunday we were away for a long weekend so nothing to show for that day. Hope for better things for next month, hi.</p> <p>73 for now, Derek, M0DRK, Nr. 8344</p>
Dave M0GGK	<p>Hi All. It was really nice to catch up with some new and current members. Peter M5ABN was my first QSO way way back!! Nice to catch up with him again.</p> <p>Till the next one 73 everybody Dave M0GGK</p>

Pete M5ABN	Please find my Ladder log for May. Tnx to all who came on to make it a fun activity. Looking forward to June. 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
Jarmo OH2BN	Good to see again some of the regulars on this month's ladder. 73 - Jarmo OH2BN - FISTS #16593
Erkki OH7QR	Hello Graham, Please find attached my Ladder log for May. Heard nothing on 40/80 M. Many thanks and take care. 73 de Erkki OH7QR nr 8318
Andy SP9NLI	It was nice to meet a couple of new FISTS in May, and I was equally pleased to work plenty of the familiar call signs. See you all again in June!

This month we welcome Chris EI6KH to the 2016 Ladder.

Surprisingly, the only change in the top ten places is that Andy SP9NLI moved from equal 7th to 8th. In other positions, there has been plenty of change.

A few participants lost points – well, failed to claim them – by not logging all QSOs.

The results table is on the next page:

Ladder table:

Callsign	Position	Previous	Movement	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
I5ECW	1	1	-	195	36	46	30	42	41
G4LHI	2	2	-	174	36	44	34	30	30
M5ABN	3	3	-	164	17	39	38	33	37
G0ILN	4	4	-	148	22	32	42	23	29
2E0DPH	5	5	-	138	27	41	24	26	20
G3XVL	6	6	-	124	24	31	34	23	12
OH7QR	7	=7	-	122	34		18	35	35
SP9NLI	8	=7	↓	119	20	28	19	20	32
M0DRK	9	9	-	91	21	23	23	16	8
I5EFO	10	10	-	79		18	22	18	21
M0GGK	11	12	↑	64	4	24	8	8	20
F5OGJ	12	11	↓	58	26	28			4
OH2BN	13	16	↑	47	16		8	10	13
EA4BL	14	17	↑	44	6		10	14	14
IK0NOJ	15	13	↓	40	40				
M6MEN	16	19	↑	39	8		2	12	17
G0POT	=17	=14	↓	35		24	11		
G4IZZ	=17	=14	↓	35	15	20			
G4KLE	19	18	↓	28		28			
DM4RW	=20	=20	-	20	10	8	2		
G0DDX	=20	=20	-	20	8		12		
IU1DZZ	22	22	-	18		8	8	2	
G3ZRJ	23	=28	↑	17			5	4	8
G0OTT	24	23	↓	15			15		
G4FWA	25	24	↓	12	6	6			
G0HGH	26	25	↓	11			11		
GW0VLN	=27	=26	↓	10		4	4	2	
HA7HF	=27	=26	↓	10		10			
OZ8AGB	=27	31	↑	10	4		2		4
DM5RS	30	=28	↓	9			9		
G4RHR	31	30	↓	7				7	
EI6KH	32	-	↑	4					4
PA1FOX	33	32	↓	2		2			

QRS Fifth Sunday Results

Here are the comments received:

Entrant	Comments
Peter G4LHI	I attach my log for the Fists May Fifth Sunday. I was looking forward to this event but disappointed about the poor conditions, lack of attendance by members & the CQ tests, no doubt the reasons for the lack of attendance? Mni tnx fer the QSOs guys, cul in the Fists Ladder on 12th June, fingers crossed about conditions. hi. de Peter G4LHI # 2219 k
John G7JMZ	Nice to get some time on the key.
Derek M0DRK	Hi Graham, Had to abandon 5th Sunday/QRS day. Just too much QRM from contest stations. Thanks to the four stations I worked - not quite a non-entry. 73 for now Graham and hope for better days to come, hi.
Mark M6MEN	Challenging and I hate the word "test" hi Great Fun Thanks
Erkki OH7QR	Hello Graham, Here comes my log for QRS Fifth Sunday on May. Very much contest QRM on 20M. Called many times on 14058 but heard nothing. I left my rig on the QRG hoping to catch someone. I heard Peter G4LHI calling fists; his signal was weak but we managed to have QSO. Many thanks my friend. Peter was the only Fists I heard. Because of the strong QRM I moved to 80M and worked five OH-stations. Many thanks Graham, all the best and 73 de Erkki OH7QR nr 8318

Per the comments, unfortunately the fifth Sunday in May clashed with the CQ WW DX CW Contest, arguably the most active contest in the year. So, a big thank you to the participants who managed some QSOs and also to those who did give it a try but without success. On a more positive note, we welcomed three new entrants in May: Erkki OH7QR, John G7JMZ and Tony G3ZRJ.

QRS Fifth Sunday table:

Callsign	Position	Previous	Movement	Total	January	May
G4LHI	1	1	-	39	25	14
IK0NOJ	2	2	-	16	16	
I5ECW	3	3	-	14	14	
M0DRK	4	7	↑	13	9	4
M6MEN	5	9	↑	12	7	5
G0ILN	=6	=4	↓	10	10	
G3XVL	=6	=4	↓	10	10	
HA7HF	=6	=4	↓	10	10	
2E0DPH	9	8	↓	8	8	
OH7QR	10	-	↑	6		6
2E0EML	=11	10	↓	3	3	
G3ZRJ	=11	-	↑	3		3
G7JMZ	=13	-	↑	2		2
SP9NLI	=13	11	↓	2	2	
M0CDL	15	12	↓	1	1	
M5IPX				3	3	

EuCW Snakes and Ladders

Participants will have been notified by the activity's manager, Robert DM4RW, that the [rules have changed](#) slightly for June onwards to accommodate the loss of 10 kHz of dedicated CW spectrum in both the 80m and 30m bands decided by IARU Region 1, i.e. European national societies such as the RSGB and DARC.

The current version of FISTS Log Converter will work okay for June onwards because Robert determines the points and which QSOs are valid.

However, the messages and possible points listed by the program will be a little misleading due to the change in allowable frequencies on 80m and 30m. I'll try and get an updated version of the program ready for the June logs, but if not, don't worry – you won't lose any points or QSOs due to using the current program.

QRU?

The [next activities](#) are:

Date	Event	Times
Sun 12 Jun	FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sat 25 Jun	EuCW Straight Key Day	0800-2200 UTC
Sun 26 Jun	RSGB 6m CW Contest	0900-1200 UTC
Sun 26 Jun	FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sat 02 Jul	FISTS Am Summer Slow Speed Sprint	0000-0400 UTC
Sat 09 Jul	FISTS Am Summer Unlimited Sprint	0000-0400 UTC
Sun 10 Jul	FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

The [FISTS Americas Spring Slow Speed Sprint](#) (maximum 13 wpm) is on 2nd July 0000-0400 UTC and the Summer Unlimited Sprint ('unlimited' in that there is no speed restriction) is on 9th July 0000-0400 UTC. This is well into the wee small hours for us Europeans, but if you are a night owl, please do take part and send in a log.

I hope to be on the air for the [RSGB 6m CW](#) contest (26th June 0900-1200 UTC) . During the recent 4m CW contest, I was pleased to meet up with member Ian M0PCB/P – hopefully there will be a few members on during the 6m contest.

Finally, at the time of writing I have received a few logs for [Mechanical Key Days](#). If you did have some qualifying QSOs, please do send in a log (entries to be received no later than 30th June, please).

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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