



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

This month it includes the Ladder and QRS Fifth Sundays results to-date.

Ladder Results

Here are the comments received:

Entrant	Comments
Richard G0ILN	Conditions could have been better but good fun as always. Richard G0ILN Fist 398.
Chris G3XVL	Challenging conditions adding to the fun!
Graham G3ZOD	After a failure to make any QSOs on the 10th July (combination of low power, poor aerial and condx), things improved on 24th July with 2 QSOs on 40m! 73 de Graham G3ZOD
Peter G4LHI	I attach my log for the Fists July Ladder & was pleased to find conditions v much better this month, but a lot of deep QSB on the second session. Also still a lack of attendance by members. No doubt the F1 & Test match did not help? Hi. Mni tnx fer the QSOs guys; cul in the 2m activity during August – fingers crossed about conditions. Hi. de Peter G4LHI # 2219 k
Emil I5EFO	A bit of QSB and poor propagation and, especially, strong background noise for the K-index to 3 in my latitude. But the fun is not missed, as usual. Thank you all for the QSOs. 73, Emil I5EFO (#17028)
Derek M0DRK	Hi Graham. Not much to show for July due to a visit to the Peak District for a few days which cost me the second Sunday's Ladder session. Hope for better for August. 73 for now Derek, M0DRK, Fists 8344.
Dave M0GGK	Hi All. Well condx are still not brilliant!! But managed to get some QSOs; great to work a few regulars and some new guys. See you soon, 73 Dave M0GGK
Pete M5ABN	Please find my Ladder log for July. Conditions a little better, but far from good. Thanks to all who came on. 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
Jarmo OH2BN	With the UEFA Euro 2016 final on (July 10), many of us were probably watching TV during the 1800-2000 UTC ladder session, but I was fortunate enough to work a couple of the regulars, those faithful ones... 73 - Jarmo OH2BN - FISTS #16593

There is no change amongst the highest four positions. Chris G3XVL has climbed up to 5th place, causing Phil 2E0DPH, Erkki OH7QR, & Andy SP9NLI each to tumble down one position. In positions 9 and 10, Emil I5EFO has climbed up over Derek M0DRK.

Here is the results table:

Ladder table:

Callsign	Position	Previous	Movement	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
I5ECW	1	1	-	286	36	46	30	42	41	50	41
G4LHI	2	2	-	232	36	44	34	30	30	35	23
M5ABN	3	3	-	212	17	39	38	33	37	21	27
G0ILN	4	4	-	205	22	32	42	23	29	29	28
G3XVL	5	8	↑	169	24	31	34	23	12	21	24
2E0DPH	6	5	↓	159	27	41	24	26	20	21	
OH7QR	7	6	↓	155	34		18	35	35	33	
SP9NLI	8	7	↓	149	20	28	19	20	32	30	
I5EFO	9	10	↑	129		18	22	18	21	25	25
M0DRK	10	9	↓	122	21	23	23	16	8	22	9
M0GGK	=11	=11	-	75	4	24	8	8	20	3	8
OH2BN	=11	=11	-	75	16		8	10	13	20	8
F5OGJ	13	13	-	63	26	28			4	5	
M6MEN	14	14	-	47	8		2	12	17	6	2
EA4BL	15	15	-	44	6		10	14	14		
IK0NOJ	16	16	-	40	40						
G0POT	=17	=17	-	35		24	11				
G4IZZ	=17	=17	-	35	15	20					
G3ZRJ	19	19	-	33			5	4	8	16	
G4KLE	20	20	-	28		28					
DM4RW	=21	=21	-	20	10	8	2				
G0DDX	=21	=21	-	20	8		12				
IU1DZZ	23	23	-	18		8	8	2			
OZ8AGB	24	25	↑	16	4		2		4	4	2
G0OTT	25	24	↓	15			15				
G4FWA	26	26	-	12	6	6					
G0HGH	27	27	-	11			11				
GW0VLN	=28	=28	-	10		4	4	2			
HA7HF	=28	=28	-	10		10					
DM5RS	30	30	-	9			9				
G4RHR	31	31	-	7				7			
EI6KH	=32	32	-	4					4		
G3ZOD	=32	-	↑	4							4
PA1FOX	34	33	↓	2		2					
ON6PJ	35	34	↓	1					1		

QRS Fifth Sunday Results

Here are the comments received:

Entrant	Comments
Peter G4LHI	<p>I attach my log for the Fists July QRS event. Vy mni tnx Graham for trying, we nearly made it. Hi. I have never had such a poor return for this event. I love the Fists QRS, but was so disappointed with the turn out this year, whether it was condx or just lack of interest when they switched on & heard CQ Test??? We will never know. Even 2M was not as active as usual & no test or poor condx on there. Such a shame when you put such a lot of effort into giving us interesting events. Looking forward to the 2m activity during August – fingers crossed about conditions (& attendance??). Hi</p> <p>de Peter G4LHI # 2219 k</p>
Erkki OH7QR	<p>Hello Graham. Many thanks for the QSO on 5th Sunday. Conditions are still poor. Hpe better in August. In the Ladder – I had no QSOs in July.</p> <p>73 and cu de Erkki OH7QR</p>

A total of four logs were sent in for July, which could have been better. This is a new activity for this year and so results cannot be compared to last year's "Fifth Sundays" which only ran for a few hours in the afternoon and were not QRS. I had thought that the 24 hours would be an opportunity to dip in and out and have QRS QSOs with anyone who was about rather than particularly with club members (hence there being no extra points for members). In retrospect perhaps something during weekday evenings to reduce the chance of clashes with contests and with a short time period would have worked better. Anyway, there is one more Sunday left (31st October), so we'll see how that turns out.

Here is the results table:

Callsign	Position	Previous	Movement	Total	January	May	July
G4LHI	1	1	-	45	25	14	6
IK0NOJ	2	2	-	16	16		
I5ECW	3	3	-	14	14		
M0DRK	=4	4	-	13	9	4	
M6MEN	=4	5	↑	13	7	5	1
G0ILN	=6	=6	-	10	10		
G3XVL	=6	=6	-	10	10		
HA7HF	=6	=6	-	10	10		
OH7QR	=6	10	↑	10		6	4
2E0DPH	10	9	↓	8	8		
G3ZOD	11	-	↑	4			4
2E0EML	=12	=11	↓	3	3		
G3ZRJ	=12	=11	↓	3		3	
G7JMZ	=14	=13	↓	2		2	
SP9NLI	=14	=13	↓	2	2		
M0CDL	16	15	↓	1	1		
M5IPX				3	3		

FISTS CW Club DXCC League

Last month I mentioned the new website page that shows the club's DXCC league, based on data from Club Log. Here are the links:

FISTS Americas: <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=am>

FISTS Down Under: <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=du>

FISTS East Asia <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=ea>

FISTS Europe <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=eu>

All FISTS Chapters: <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=all>

The league includes current (paid-up) members and is in order of the number of "slots", which is the number of DXCC entities worked on CW for each band added together. Bands from 160m to 13cm are included.

I was also going to include a snapshot of part of the table, but it slipped my memory ... err, what was I talking about? HI. Here are the results for FISTS Europe as on 23rd August:

Rank	Callsign	Slots	Rank	Callsign	Slots	Rank	Callsign	Slots
1	F6HKA	664	24	OH2BN	173	45	G4KLE	48
2	DL4CF	560	25	DK7VW	168	46	2E0GNI	47
3	IK2WSO	534	26	G3YJQ	167	47	GM0EPO	34
4	F5IYJ	496	27	G3XVL	153	48	G5XW	33
5	GI4SJQ	471	28	IZ2ZPH	151	48	OH8XAT	33
6	G4IDL	456	29	DK1EY	149	49	GOJSP	31
7	G3LDI	438	30	M0TJU	142	49	G4NVR	31
8	PA7RA	410	31	SP2SA	136	50	IZ0KRC	30
9	DL4FDM	405	31	GM4UBJ	136	50	DL1SDZ	30
10	M0HDF	382	32	M0PNN	135	51	G3ZOD	28
11	DL5CL	378	33	GM4EVS	123	51	GP3ZME/P	28
12	M0PCB	333	34	G3XYF	122	52	G6NHY	26
13	F6EAZ	329	35	OG2N	110	53	SV5/G5XW	22
14	G6GLP	308	36	G4LRG	98	54	EA7/F5IYJ	19
15	ON6PJ	294	37	G6HUI	91	55	SM4LRA	10
16	G4DRS	269	38	VE3/M0PCB	89	55	OE4HDS	10
17	HB9FBG	252	38	G0OOR	89	56	G3ZME/P	6
18	HA7WI	232	39	M0OIC	88	57	IT9/DK7OG	5
19	G4OWT	217	40	G0IEE	82	58	GB8MD	3
20	LB1GB	204	41	G0DBE	64	59	G4NMD	2
21	IK2DJV	203	42	G4MKR	61	59	MX5IPX	2
22	DK5LP	176	43	M0RBG	60	60	G5XW/MM	1
23	G4RHR	175	44	GI4VHO	53			

EuCW Snakes and Ladders

The [EuCW Snakes and Ladders](#) new season started on 1st July and will finish on 31st December 2016. Please continue to send in logs for it.

FISTS Americas Cumulatives

The second session of the new [FISTS Americas Cumulatives](#) activity is this coming Sunday 28th August, 1900-2100 UTC. Regardless of where you are, please do give it a try – QSOs can be with members of any FISTS “Chapter” or with non-members. It’s along similar lines to the FISTS Europe Ladder with notable differences being that QSOs must be a minimum of 5 minutes long, bands allowed are 80m, 40m, & 20m, and there is a single 2 hour session per Sunday, which occurs in the US afternoon and European evening. The exchange is:

RST, name, QTH or state, and member number (if applicable).

Calling “CQ FISTS” is recommended. FISTS Log Converter includes the Cumulatives from [version 3.3.0 onwards](#), so if you have an earlier version, please upgrade.

New!!! FISTS Europe Accuracy Challenge Cumulatives

The new [FISTS Europe Accuracy Challenge](#) takes place on Sunday 11th September and Sunday 25th September 1400-1600 (which is concurrent with the afternoon Ladder sessions).

The idea is to exchange a 3-letter word and 3-digit number with your QSO partner. For each word & number you receive correctly, you will get substantial bonus points. The website is now open for you to get your own word and number: <http://fists.co.uk/mac> - PLEASE don't reveal these to anyone except on-air during the activity! Note that the word & number are related to your main callsign, so for example they are the same for me regardless of whether I am going to use G3ZOD, GW3ZOD, or G3ZOD/P on the air.

If you are planning to use a different callsign or have difficulty getting your word & number from the website, send me an email and I will send you them in a reply.

The exchange is the same as for the Ladder with the addition of the word & number. Just add the received words & numbers to your log's “Comment” (or similar) field, e.g.

Nice QSO cat 481

QRU?

The [next activities](#) are:

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sat 27 Aug		FISTS Eu Two Metre Activity	0800-0900 UTC
Sun 28 Aug		FISTS Eu Two Metre Activity	0800-0900 UTC
Sun 28 Aug		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 28 Aug		FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC
Fri 02 Sep	Sun 04 Sep	FISTS Am G3ZQS Contest	2300-2300 UTC
Sun 11 Sep		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 11 Sep		FISTS Eu Accuracy Challenge	1400-1600 UTC
Sun 11 Sep		FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC
Sun 25 Sep		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 25 Sep		FISTS Eu Accuracy Challenge	1400-1600 UTC
Sun 25 Sep		FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC

(Eu = Europe, Am = Americas)

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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