

BRASSPOUNDER

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

Greetings Dear FISTS

I wonder how you have filled your time since the last BP? I know several of you have been busy working on the Word Search activity and it seems that this event is quite successful. The logs will tell of course, but so far so good.

I have made little progress myself due to work (often away from home in hotels, many British which I find simply awful for QRM. Windows often don't open either, so aerials cannot be got outside. In my job most British hotels I use are bnear airlorts so even going /p is not an option. *C'est la vie*.

I have built myself a uBitx transceiver – when I say built, it is of course assembly really – and made a 3D printed case to put it in. My initial tests are that it's pretty good for CW although the stock filter is very wide. I have added a G3CWI SOTAbears audio DSP filter internally which transforms it. In fact, these SOTAbears filters are really good. I have one outboard for my Icom 706 as well. If you fancy a decent portable or chuckabout rig, do have a look at the uBitx offering: for about £100 you aren't going to go far wrong. As you can see from the photo it's a little



unorthodox in colour, but so what? It does mean that if I use it 'in the field' I won't accidentally sit on it!! I added a small 12v 2 wire fan to mine but find that there is a fair amount of RF hash chucked out by this fan (not to mention a lot of air noise!) I shall reduce its speed I think, that might help.

I know of three more of these in use, at least one by another FISTS, Dave, GOAYD. Dave tells me he has used his extensively and worked all over Europe on its mighty 8 watts.

Word Search 2018

Going well so far!! I hope to see you on air in the next few weeks but I am very busy this July with all sorts of things, so my key may be far to quiet.

I think that's it for now, do let me know what interesting stuff you've worked and I can put it out for all to share. Looking forward to working you...

73

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Coming soon...

Upcoming Events

June 2018

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 24 Jun		RSGB 6m CW Contest	0900-1200 UTC
Sun 24 Jun		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

July 2018

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 01 Jul		EuCW Snakes & Ladders summer/autumn season starts	0000 UTC
Sun 01 Jul	Tue 31 Jul	FISTS Eu Word Search	Month 2 of 4 0000-2359 UTC
Sun 08 Jul		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 22 Jul		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

August 2018

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Wed 01 Aug	Fri 31 Aug	FISTS Eu Word Search	Month 3 of 4 0000-2359 UTC

Sun 12 Aug [FISTS Eu Ladder](#) 1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

Sun 26 Aug [FISTS Eu Ladder](#) 1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

Comments for May 2018 Ladder

Thanks for sending in these comments, I love reading them so assume others do too: they make callsigns come alive to my mind.

Entrant	Comments
Nils DL3HR	I have had fun again... hpe to meet u agn in June.
Richard G0ILN	Despite the poor condx I managed a few points! Richard GOILN
Andrew G0OEY	Very quiet again and on holiday for second Sunday. One contact only.
David G0XAH	didn't enjoy band condx but managed a few more and a few new fist members for me.
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI. Log for May 2018. bit of fun, a little better cndx in between cq test 73/88
John G4LRG	Once again very poor conditions make it more challenging. Thanks to all for the points.
Emil I5EFO	Many thanks for QSOs 73 de Emil I5EFO
Phil M0PBZ	Hi, Please find attached, my submission for the May 2018 ladder VY 73 Phil M0PBZ
Mark M0UZE	Thank you
Pete M5ABN	Family commitments meant I missed second session so scores this month a bit down. Never mind, there's always June to make it up Hi Vy 73 Pete
Jarmo OH2BN	73 - Jarmo OH2BN FISTS #16593
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, Please find attached my Ladder log in May. Still waiting better condx, HI. Many thanks and 73 Erkki OH7QR nr 8318

Results for May 2018 Ladder

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
G4LRG	1	1	-	326	58	68	71	68	61
G0ILN	2	2	-	251	45	46	49	66	45
I5ECW	3	4	↑	241	47	41	52	47	54
M5ABN	4	3	↓	228	48	55	34	54	37
G4LHI	5	5	-	219	44	42	42	43	48
2E0DPH	6	6	-	154	45	45	24	19	21
I5EFO	7	7	-	141	27	33	33	33	15
OH7QR	8	8	-	139	40	44	26	13	16
DL3HR	9	9	-	132		43	33	28	28
M0DRK	10	11	↑	95	26	18	15	12	24
G3ZRJ	11	10	↓	87	15	27	15	30	
MW0BGL	12	13	↑	73	18	18		13	24
M0PBZ	13	18	↑	63				27	36
G0XAH	14	16	↑	60			15	18	27
DK3DUA	15	12	↓	58	21	25		12	
SV2BBK	16	14	↓	52		14	15	12	11
GM0EPO	17	15	↓	40	9	12		19	
EA7KB	18	17	↓	29	29				
OH2BN	19	=20	↑	24	3		6	6	9
G4TGJ	20	=23	↑	22		3		9	10
M0UZE	21	=23	↑	21	12				9
IZ2FME	22	19	↓	17		17			
OZ8AGB	=23	=20	↓	15	3	6		6	
SP7OGP	=23	=20	↓	15		15			
G0OEY	25	26	↑	9				6	3
DL4FDM	26	25	↓	7			7		
OK1PSI	27	27	-	4	4				
G4DNP	=28	=28	-	3		3			
SA5ACN	=28	=28	-	3	3				
SP2SWI	=28	=28	-	3		3			