

BRASSPOUNDER

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

The biggest comments in the [ladder](#) this time seem to be about conditions – very flat most days, which is. Shame. I don't think improvement is on the cards but there are some very good days. I have had a bit of fun on 28MHz and 50 MHz but nothing really compared to HF per se. FIST Martin, MOMWS, has just put up a Hexbeam and has been working many Carribean islands on 20m. He claims the gain of even a 2 ele beam is amazing when the band is otherwise dead. I have spent many hours figuring out how to add a hexbeam to my mast but it would really mean I have to lose the 2m beam, and I'm not prepared to do that. I shall share in Martin's fun...but if you have the facility to add a small beam it might be worth trying. If anyone has any designs for lightweight 2 ele 20m beams do please share your stories with us.

2m

How have you found the new system of three two hour sked blocks? Can you remember them? Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1900-2100 LOCAL UK time. 144.050. I have had some success but often with NON-FISTS! I even managed to work France and Belgium yesterday, so I know I can get out. Do join in, especially when the HF condx are poor. Let me know what you think of the 3x2hr system.

Word Search

Are you all aware that the [word search](#) for this year has started? July 1st was key down time and we are looking for "What hath God wrought. SFB Morse". This year you have the choice of either allowing the logger to choose your letters or still doing it manually. Doing it manually will be more tedious but more efficacious...so better! You cannot mix and match!!

I think that's it for editorial this time – summer time can be slack especially when we are scratching for QSO.

Have fun and I hope to meet you on the air.

David G4YVM F15878

This months ladder sees one new entry from Ray, G4XUZ. Welcome Ray and glad to have you aboard. I THINK I have worked Ray, in Shoreham, but my paper logbook search facility is down at the moment...

Results for Ladder June 2019

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
G4LRG	1	1	-	467	76	79	100	67	81	64
G0ILN	2	3	↑	415	65	59	86	60	74	71
G4LHI	3	2	↓	396	78	78	64	72	55	49
I5EFO	4	4	-	344	44	72	54	48	69	57
M5ABN	5	5	-	285	36	61	47	54	41	46
M0PBZ	6	6	-	249	36	22	42	43	57	49
DL3HR	7	8	↑	212	27	37	52	37	31	28
2E0DPH	8	7	↓	211	42	51	24	43	30	21
OH7QR	9	10	↑	210	26	52	40	37	15	40
M0GSX	10	11	↑	208	22	18	39	24	48	57
G0BON	11	12	↑	205	42	42	6		57	58
G3XVL	12	9	↓	177	30	57	41	27	18	4
MW0BGL	13	14	↑	169	42			42	48	37
G7WHI	14	13	↓	162		26	48	21	49	18
MI0WWB	15	17	↑	125	15	14	20	25		51
G0JHK	16	15	↓	117	33		42	42		
9H1PI	17	16	↓	79	29	19	17	14		
M0DRK	18	18	-	70	7	9	18	18	18	
M0UZE	19	19	-	67	6	19	9	24	6	3
G3ZRJ	20	20	-	63	18	25		8	12	
G0OEY	21	21	-	56		26	10	13	7	
SP9NLI	22	22	-	52	12	19	12	6	3	
IW2JJS	23	24	↑	49		23			15	11
G0XAH	24	23	↓	48				21	18	9
OH2BN	25	26	↑	47		9		20	3	15
G0UYG	26	25	↓	35	6		29			
G4DNP	27	27	-	20	6	9	5			
G4XUZ	=28	-	↑	15						15
OZ8AGB	=28	28	-	15			3	3	3	6
SP2SWI	=28	29	↑	15	6					9
SV2BBK	31	30	↓	4				4		

Comments for Ladder June 2019

Entrant	Comments
Nils DL3HR	really hard work these days, the conds are poor but I tried my best to manage it. Sri to a few stations I only can hear but not read, tks to all contacts es hpe cuagn in July, hoping for better conds, vy 73! Nils

Ivan G0BON	Good to work everyone again, thanks for the points. Had two good sessions in which appears to be more FISTS activity. Nice to get 4x new FISTS numbers as well.
Richard G0ILN	Conditions seem to be improving and it is nice to see some new callsigns appearing. Richard G0ILN Fist 398.
David G0XAH	my few for June,
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI Claim for June Ladder Very strange score card this month, but all understood hi. Very poor condx for both Sundays but enjoyed the challenge & gud fun. G4LHI # 2219
John G4LRG	Afternoon sessions are hard work, but the evenings brought on better conditions and a good turnout. Many thanks to all for the points.
Dave G7WHI	Thanks Martin for the nice chat on 2m CW.
Dave G7WHI	Thanks for the cw qso's
Giorgio IW2JJS	73 TKS
Paul M0GSX	Hi To All at FISTS, hope everyone's well, please find attached my Log for the June Ladder Sessions, condx were a little flat during the day sessions, but an hour or so into the Evening Session the band (80 M) began to liven up with very good sigs for inter G and even one contact into Germany which was new for me. Thanks again for the sterling work you all do at FISTS for us behind the scenes - please may it continue. Many Thanks and regards to all Paul - M0GSX #17642.
Mark M0UZE	Thanks
Pete M5ABN	Good fun as always, see you all in July 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
William MI0WWB	Not a bad month for me! Good fun as always.
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, Here comes my log for June Ladder. Band conditions are still bad. 73 de Erkki 8318

Upcoming Events

July 2019

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Mon 01 Jul	Wed 31 Jul	FISTS Eu Word Search Month 1 of 3	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 14 Jul		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 28 Jul		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

August 2019

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Thu 01 Aug	Sat 31 Aug	FISTS Eu Word Search Month 2 of 3	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 11 Aug		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 25 Aug		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

September 2019

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 01 Sep	Mon 30 Sep	FISTS Eu Word Search Month 3 of 3	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 08 Sep		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 22 Sep		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC