



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

This month it includes the Ladder and Two Metre results to-date.

## Ladder Results

Here are the comments received:

Entrant	Comments
<b>Fernando EA4BL</b>	Terrible conditions this month, at least for me. Many thanks.
<b>Richard G0ILN</b>	Condx seems to be my favourite mantra! But I am sure that's what holds my interest. If it was easy there would not be a lot of point to the Ladder! So very enjoyable and it is nice to hear some new ops joining in.  Richard G0ILN Fist 398
<b>Peter G4LHI</b>	I attach my log for the Fists Aug Ladder. Hope condx a little better in Sept? Fer this event hi Mni tnx to those guys that tried & those that we managed to work  73 de Peter G4LHI # 2219 k
<b>John G7JMZ</b>	It was great to get on the key and log a few calls.
<b>Emil I5EFO</b>	I took part with sadness, due to pain for nearly 300 victims of the strong earthquake that, in recent days, has struck central Italy. But the fun is not missed, as usual. Thank you for the QSOs.  73, Emil I5EFO (#17028)
<b>Dave M0GGK</b>	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
<b>Pete M5ABN</b>	Please find my Ladder log for August. Conditions a little better, but far from good. Thanks to all who came on.  73 Pete M5ABN #6423
<b>Erkki OH7QR</b>	Hello Graham. Many thanks for the QSO on the Ladder. Condx seem to improve. I worked also a new member HA7HF.  73 and cu de Erkki OH7QR
<b>Andy SP9NLI</b>	CONDX were poor, but I'm glad to have worked some members for the first time.

This month we welcome Ingvar SM7DUZ and John G7JMZ to the 2016 Ladder, giving a very nice total of 20 logs submitted.

The top five positions are unchanged. There could still be movement here, particularly with Peter G4LHI and Pete M5ABN being only 3 points apart! The most change occurred in the lower part of the table, where the scores are very close and it only takes a small change to cause a "ripple effect". Here is the results table:

**Ladder table:**

Callsign	Pos'n	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
I5ECW	1	1	-	325	36	46	30	42	41	50	41	39
G4LHI	2	2	-	259	36	44	34	30	30	35	23	27
M5ABN	3	3	-	256	17	39	38	33	37	21	27	44
G0ILN	4	4	-	236	22	32	42	23	29	29	28	31
G3XVL	5	5	-	201	24	31	34	23	12	21	24	32
OH7QR	6	8	↑	188	34		18	35	35	33		33
SP9NLI	7	6	↓	180	20	28	19	20	32	30	18	13
2E0DPH	8	7	↓	177	27	41	24	26	20	21		18
I5EFO	9	9	-	157		18	22	18	21	25	25	28
M0DRK	10	10	-	138	21	23	23	16	8	22	9	16
M0GGK	11	=11	-	88	4	24	8	8	20	3	8	13
OH2BN	12	=11	↓	85	16		8	10	13	20	8	10
F5OGJ	13	13	-	63	26	28			4	5		
M6MEN	14	14	-	59	8		2	12	17	6	2	12
EA4BL	15	15	-	46	6		10	14	14			2
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					
HA7HF	=21	=28	↑	20		10						10
IU1DZZ	24	23	↓	18		8	8	2				
G4RHR	25	31	↑	17				7				10
OZ8AGB	26	24	↓	16	4		2		4	4	2	
G0OTT	27	25	↓	15			15					
G3ZOD	28	=32	↑	14							4	10
G4FWA	29	26	↓	12	6	6						
G0HGH	30	27	↓	11			11					
GW0VLN	31	=28	↓	10		4	4	2				
DM5RS	32	30	↓	9			9					
SM7DUZ	33	-	↑	6								6
EI6KH	=34	=32	↓	4					4			
G7JMZ	=34	-	↑	4								4
PA1FOX	36	34	↓	2		2						
ON6PJ	37	35	↓	1					1			
MX5IPX*				12								12

\*=Check log

## Two Metre Results

Here are the comments received:

Entrant	Comments
<b>Richard G0ILN</b>	One entry! Never mind there is always November.  Richard G0ILN Fist 398
<b>Chris G3XVL</b>	Not a lot worked or heard but always enjoy working what I can from here in East Anglia on 2m.
<b>Peter G4LHI</b>	I attach my log for the Fists Aug 2mtr event. Hope condx a little better in November for this event hi.  de Peter G4LHI # 2219 k
<b>Mark M6MEN</b>	Thank you, great fun.

The number of logs sent in is a little disappointing; hopefully some more will join in during November, which is the second and final month.

Here is the results table:

Callsign	August	Total	QSOs	Best Distance
<b>2E0DPH</b>	278	278	24	182
<b>G4LHI</b>	236	236	32	91
<b>G3XVL</b>	218	218	17	91
<b>G3ZOD</b>	172	172	8	173
<b>G4RHR</b>	126	126	6	262
<b>M6MEN</b>	114	114	24	84
<b>M0DRK</b>	72	72	18	29
<b>G0ILN</b>	26	26	1	139

## FISTS CW Club DXCC League

This is a reminder about the new website page that shows the club's DXCC league, based on data from Club Log. The links to it are:

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.

## FISTS Americas Cumulatives

The results of the [FISTS Americas Cumulatives](http://fistsna.org/pdfdocs/fc_reports/FC_2016_09.pdf) activity for August are available from here: [http://fistsna.org/pdfdocs/fc\\_reports/FC\\_2016\\_09.pdf](http://fistsna.org/pdfdocs/fc_reports/FC_2016_09.pdf)

The fourth session is on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1900-2100 UTC.

During September there is a one-hour overlap between the evening Ladder and Cumulatives, so if you have any Ladder QSOs in the second hour, you can also send in a Cumulatives log.

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.

## FISTS Europe Accuracy Challenge Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September

The second and final session of the new [FISTS Europe Accuracy Challenge](#) takes place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 1400-1600 (which is concurrent with the afternoon Ladder session).

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. You can get your own word and number for the 25<sup>th</sup> September session from the website: <http://fists.co.uk/mac> (note: the words and numbers are different to those from the previous session!!)

If you are planning to use a different callsign (other than adding a prefix or suffix separated from your callsign by “/”) or have difficulty getting your word & number from the website, please 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	Event	Times
Sun 25 Sep	<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 25 Sep	<a href="#">FISTS Eu Accuracy Challenge</a>	1400-1600 UTC
Sun 25 Sep	<a href="#">FISTS Am Cumulatives</a>	1900-2100 UTC
Sat 01 Oct	<a href="#">FISTS Am Fall Slow Speed Sprint</a>	1700-2100 UTC
Sat 08 Oct	<a href="#">FISTS Am Fall Unlimited Sprint</a>	1700-2100 UTC

<b>Sun 09 Oct</b>	<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
<b>Sun 09 Oct</b>	<a href="#">FISTS Am Cumulatives</a>	1900-2100 UTC
<b>Sun 23 Oct</b>	<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
<b>Sun 23 Oct</b>	<a href="#">FISTS Am Cumulatives</a>	1900-2100 UTC
<b>Sun 30 Oct</b>	<a href="#">FISTS Eu QRS Fifth Sunday</a>	0001-2359 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!

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