



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

Greetings Dear FISTS

How's your summer been so far? I found the heat far too much and thus haven't been inclined to be in the shack a lot at all – mind you, the HF bands seem have agreed with me and they haven't much been in attendance either.

To keep things moving along I also had a scare when I thought I was having a heart attack – quite seriously. I wasn't as it happened, but it was a serious issue and that has kept me busy this past week. I also spent June preparing self and home for another big event because on July 1st I was ordained into the Chrch of England. I am now Reverend David, G4YVM. I am proud to follow in such hallowed footsteps as George, G3 RJV and our own Adrian, G4GDR. I know there are other ordained FISTS I am not aware of. Thus I trust you will forgive me my lack of radio activity.

Do you remember my uBitx from last time? Well I have joined the big screen clan and added a large colour touch-screen to it. It changes it hugely. I will send out a photo next time (unless I can have a photo of yours!)

Word Search 2018 is going well I think, for all except me (see above!). Keep the logs coming...it is encouraging to see the comments.

Winter Sports 2018

I have started putting plans together for an ambitious winter sports event this year. Some activities will be only for FISTS, some for all. They will include...

Ski jump. Participants must work any fists station on several bands, same day, highest to lowest. Points awarded for furthest dx from lowest band. Need not all be same fists station and a minimum of three bands, hi to lo prior to the jump. MUST be FISTS UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING THE JUMP.

Curling. participants must state a distance prior to attempting it on one day. Points for being close to stated dx. This activity promotes analysis of propagation. Cheating to be eliminated by participants emailing me their target prior to starting. Or we just trust them. Can include non FISTS.

Cross country skiing. Participants must work contiguous countries, on one day. Points for number of contiguous countries worked. CAN INCLUDE NON FISTS

Bobsleigh. participants must work with one or more stations and work each other on at least three bands on one day. Points are number in team x number of bands. Obviously this activity promotes sked making. Must be FISTS.

Speedskating. Participants to work one non FISTS member or any FISTS members on as many bands as possible as fast as possible on one day. Points for number of bands and time between starting and finishing (haven't got the maths yet, obviously a big number is best for one and a small time for the other)

These are my rough thoughts but give you some sense that I don't stand idle when in the shower...I do think of ya!! I really REALLY would appreciate some email feedback on your initial thoughts on the winter sports: it's a mass of work for me and especially Graham, which is fun and not minded provided people think they will participate.

Chirp 'n' Drift 2018

One fun event for 1800Z Friday 2nd November to 0100Z Saturday 3rd November this year is the Chirp n Drift event. The Dam Busters activity a few months ago was just too much fun to be allowed to go away for ever. I think that on the Friday night there are no contests (is there EVER a night with no contests??), the kids will be in bed, the work will be finished and the weather too rubbish to be out, so...fire up the crystal / valve gear, warm up the vintage wartime stuff and let's have another bash. Open to all, obviously, it is nothing more than a focal point for vintage operators. Spread the word, pass the details and let's have fun. Comments / logs can be submitted but no special exchanges required.

73

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Comments for June 2018 Ladder

Entrant	Comments
Nils DL3HR	Conds are a bit poor this time. But I have had fun again. Hope to meet you in July, vy 73!
Richard G0ILN	Not a bad month . Strange conditions at times. Richard G0ILN.
Andrew G0OEY	A bit better for me this month. Good fun.
Mervyn G4KLE	Log for June 18
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI.Ladder claim for June.Vy much better condx during second session, enjoyed it as usual & mni tnx fer all members participating. 73 Peter G4LHI
John G4LRG	Great to see all of the activity in spite of the World Cup! Thanks to all for the points.
Emil I5EFO	It is always a great pleasure to do QSO with the usual loyal friends of EU Ladder activity. Thanks for QSOs 73 de Emil I5EFO
Giorgio IW2JJS	73 tnx

Paul M0GSX	Please find attached my log for the Euro Ladder session dated 24/06/2018 -This is my first log submission so I hope its in the correct format. Thanks and regards. Paul.
Mark M0UZE	Thank you
Pete M5ABN	Bands still very poor, hope better in July Vy 73 Pete
William MI0WWB	I still regard myself as a newbie and this is the first time I have submitted log entries. All very useful for building my copy skill!!! Very enjoyable.
Jarmo OH2BN	73 - Jarmo OH2BN FISTS #16593
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, Here comes my Ladderlog for June. Many thanks and 73 Erkki OH7QR nr 8318

Results for June 2018 Ladder

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
G4LRG	1	1	-	404	58	68	71	68	61	78
I5ECW	2	3	↑	308	47	41	52	47	54	67
G0ILN	3	2	↓	306	45	46	49	66	45	55
G4LHI	4	5	↑	277	44	42	42	43	48	58
M5ABN	5	4	↓	271	48	55	34	54	37	43
OH7QR	6	8	↑	186	40	44	26	13	16	47
2E0DPH	7	6	↓	175	45	45	24	19	21	21
I5EFO	8	7	↓	174	27	33	33	33	15	33
DL3HR	9	9	-	169		43	33	28	28	37
G3ZRJ	10	11	↑	130	15	27	15	30		43
M0DRK	11	10	↓	95	26	18	15	12	24	
MW0BGL	12	12	-	73	18	18		13	24	
M0PBZ	13	13	-	63				27	36	
G0XAH	14	14	-	60			15	18	27	
DK3DUA	15	15	-	58	21	25		12		
M0UZE	=16	21	↑	52	12				9	31
SV2BBK	=16	16	-	52		14	15	12	11	
G4KLE	18	-	↑	47						47
GM0EPO	19	17	↓	40	9	12		19		
OH2BN	20	19	↓	33	3		6	6	9	9
EA7KB	=21	18	↓	29	29					
G4TGJ	=21	20	↓	29		3		9	10	7
G0OEY	23	25	↑	28				6	3	19
M0GSX	24	-	↑	21						21

IZ2FME	25	22	↓	17		17			
MI0WWB	26	-	↑	16					16
OZ8AGB	=27	=23	↓	15	3	6		6	
SP7OGP	=27	=23	↓	15		15			
IW2JJS	29	-	↑	10					10
DL4FDM	30	26	↓	7			7		
OK1PSI	31	27	↓	4	4				
G4DNP	=32	=28	↓	3		3			
SA5ACN	=32	=28	↓	3	3				
SP2SWI	=32	=28	↓	3		3			

Upcoming Events

July 2018

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 01 Jul	Tue 31 Jul	FISTS Eu Word Search Month 2 of 4	0000-2359 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

September 2018

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sat 01 Sep	Sun 30 Sep	FISTS Eu Word Search Month 4 of 4	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 09 Sep		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 23 Sep		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC