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

Greetings Dear FISTS

Wow...I am absolutely delighted to present the results tables for the Word Search activity. I am deeply impressed by the effort you put in, those who entered it (and there were many), especially given the band conditions! Doubly delighted to have a US station, Cecil, K5YQF, join in too. Thank you Cecil!

I shall certainly run this event again next year, but would you let me know whether running it over the same time period is good or bad? Should it be the three or four months, or would you prefer a short sharp one monther??

Extra special 'well done's to Peter, LHI and Cecil, YQF, for doing so well using QRP. That must have taken some real effort chaps, well done both.

Onto the Ladder and I note two more brand new entrants – G0JHK and M0DHP, Mike and Ray (Incidentally, have a look at [Mike's QRZ.COM pages](#) and try to figure out how he has time to get the ladder results he did!). It might be my imagination but I think ladder entries are growing in number...excellent news indeed.

Winter Sports 2018

Graham and I have pretty much finalised the Winter Sports event! I think it will be a corker. One of the activities will require entrants to work with other FISTS as a team, so you might like to start thinking now about how to go about that. If you arrange skeds I think it will work best and if you have 'talkback' via landline or email it will work even better...but that's for you to figure out. You might also find it well worthwhile to have a map of Europe around you (or of the Americas if that is where you live!). The Winter Sports will run from January or February next year but to allow you to organise a few things I shall publish the event earlier.

Straight Key Week 2018

This will run in December again, Saturday 2nd to Sunday 9th. Same rules as last year.

Day Hopper 2018

Day Hopper is running now, so watch the clock if you are interested in that! Monday October 1st, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 25th, Friday 26th, Wednesday 31st. Thursday November 8th, Friday 16th,

Monday 19th, Tuesday 27th. Monday December 3rd, Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 19th, Thursday 27th, Friday 28th.

Three periods per day 08-0900, 13-1400, 18-1900 Zulu.

<https://fists.co.uk/activitiescalendar.html#fistshopper2018>

Chirp 'n' Drift 2018

One fun event for 1800Z Friday 2nd November to 0100Z Saturday 3rd November 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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Here are the Word Search results!! I am delighted with them.

Results for Word Search 2018 – QRP Section:

| Callsign | Section | Position | Letters | Date of Final QSO |
|----------|---------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| G4LHI | QRP | 1 | All | 2018-06-24 |
| K5YQF | QRP | 2 | All | 2018-09-30 |
| G0ILN | QRP | 3 | 14 | 2018-08-28 |
| M0UZE | QRP | 4 | 1 | 2018-06-12 |

Results for Word Search 2018 – Open Section:

| Callsign | Section | Position | Letters | Date of Final QSO |
|----------|---------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| G4LHI | Open | 1 | All | 2018-06-11 |
| G0ILN | Open | 2 | All | 2018-06-29 |
| MI0WWB | Open | 3 | All | 2018-07-08 |
| OK1KW | Open | 4 | All | 2018-07-09 |
| OH7QR | Open | 5 | All | 2018-08-14 |
| K5YQF | Open | 6 | All | 2018-09-03 |
| M5ABN | Open | 7 | All | 2018-09-21 |
| 2E0DPH | Open | 8 | 18 | 2018-09-23 |
| MW0BGL | Open | 9 | 16 | 2018-07-27 |
| G0OEY | Open | 10 | 11 | 2018-08-26 |
| M0UZE | Open | 11 | 10 | 2018-07-20 |

Comments for Word Search 2018

| Entrant | Comments |
|----------------|---|
| Phil 2E0DPH | Please find my log for the Word Search. Just one elusive 'E' missing Hi! 73 Phil 2E0DPH |
| Richard G0ILN | The QRO version was relatively easy as most of the calls were gleaned from the Ladder but I failed with QRP as calling on the Fists frequencies I find that only the regular Fists Ops seem to call in so just not enough letters! Richard G0ILN Fists 398 |
| Andrew G0OEY | Didn't complete it but had fun trying. Look forward to another one if planned. |
| Peter G4LHI | G4LHI. Whew, that was a challenge, but great fun. What am I going to do until end Sept hi mni tnx for an interesting event, 73 Peter G4LHI |
| Cecil K5YQF | Enjoyed the activity and thanks to those worked. The QRP part was a little tough with the band condx; but no fun if it's too easy - hi hi. Hope everyone had a good time and CU in the SPRINTS. 73's Cecil #8077 |
| Mark M0UZE | Many thanks |
| Pete M5ABN | Another interesting Fists activity. Took longer than expected to complete due to poor band conditions. Vy 73 Pete M5ABN #6423 |
| William MI0WWB | Doing this was a lot of fun, tnx to all you called me. |
| Erkki OH7QR | At last I got the missing letter V on 14th August. I had a nice long chat with Tom G3VBS, many thanks for the QSO. It was challenging to collect the letters. Many thanks for this activity, I had much fun. 73 de Erkki OH7QR nr 8318 |

Results for September 2018 Ladder

| Callsign | Posn | Prev | Move | Total | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| G4LRG | 1 | 1 | - | 600 | 58 | 68 | 71 | 68 | 61 | 78 | 69 | 63 | 64 |
| G0ILN | 2 | 2 | - | 491 | 45 | 46 | 49 | 66 | 45 | 55 | 57 | 59 | 69 |
| G4LHI | 3 | 3 | - | 453 | 44 | 42 | 42 | 43 | 48 | 58 | 73 | 52 | 51 |
| I5ECW | 4 | 4 | - | 446 | 47 | 41 | 52 | 47 | 54 | 67 | 38 | 41 | 59 |
| M5ABN | 5 | 5 | - | 406 | 48 | 55 | 34 | 54 | 37 | 43 | 37 | 48 | 50 |
| DL3HR | 6 | 7 | ↑ | 259 | | 43 | 33 | 28 | 28 | 37 | 35 | 26 | 29 |
| OH7QR | 7 | 6 | ↓ | 254 | 40 | 44 | 26 | 13 | 16 | 47 | 24 | 25 | 19 |
| I5EFO | 8 | 9 | ↑ | 249 | 27 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 15 | 33 | 30 | 15 | 30 |
| 2E0DPH | 9 | 8 | ↓ | 245 | 45 | 45 | 24 | 19 | 21 | 21 | 12 | 34 | 24 |
| M0DRK | 10 | 11 | ↑ | 153 | 26 | 18 | 15 | 12 | 24 | | 19 | 18 | 21 |
| G3ZRJ | 11 | 10 | ↓ | 145 | 15 | 27 | 15 | 30 | | 43 | | 15 | |
| DK3DUA | 12 | 13 | ↑ | 104 | 21 | 25 | | 12 | | | 21 | | 25 |

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| MW0BGL | 13 | 12 | ↓ | 88 | 18 | 18 | | 13 | 24 | | 15 | | |
| G0OEY | 14 | 17 | ↑ | 69 | | | | 6 | 3 | 19 | 19 | 7 | 15 |
| M0UZE | 15 | 14 | ↓ | 67 | 12 | | | | 9 | 31 | 15 | | |
| M0PBZ | 16 | 15 | ↓ | 63 | | | | 27 | 36 | | | | |
| G0XAH | 17 | 16 | ↓ | 60 | | | 15 | 18 | 27 | | | | |
| SV2BBK | 18 | 18 | - | 53 | | 14 | 15 | 12 | 11 | | 1 | | |
| OH2BN | 19 | 19 | - | 51 | 3 | | 6 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| G4KLE | 20 | 20 | - | 47 | | | | | | 47 | | | |
| M0GSX | 21 | 25 | ↑ | 45 | | | | | | 21 | | | 24 |
| MI0WWB | 22 | 22 | - | 44 | | | | | | 16 | 12 | 4 | 12 |
| GM0EPO | 23 | 21 | ↓ | 40 | 9 | 12 | | 19 | | | | | |
| G4TGJ | 24 | =23 | ↓ | 39 | | 3 | | 9 | 10 | 7 | | | 10 |
| EA7KB | 25 | =23 | ↓ | 29 | 29 | | | | | | | | |
| G0JHK | 26 | - | ↑ | 23 | | | | | | | | | 23 |
| G4DNP | 27 | =33 | ↑ | 21 | | 3 | | | | | | | 18 |
| IZ2FME | 28 | 26 | ↓ | 17 | | 17 | | | | | | | |
| OZ8AGB | =29 | =27 | ↓ | 15 | 3 | 6 | | 6 | | | | | |
| SP7OGP | =29 | =27 | ↓ | 15 | | 15 | | | | | | | |
| G7WHI | 31 | 29 | ↓ | 13 | | | | | | | | 13 | |
| IW2JJS | 32 | 30 | ↓ | 10 | | | | | | 10 | | | |
| DL4FDM | 33 | 31 | ↓ | 7 | | | 7 | | | | | | |
| M0DHP | 34 | - | ↑ | 6 | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| OK1PSI | 35 | 32 | ↓ | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| M0SHM | =36 | =33 | ↓ | 3 | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| SA5ACN | =36 | =33 | ↓ | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| SP2SWI | =36 | =33 | ↓ | 3 | | 3 | | | | | | | |

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|----------------|---|
| Phil 2E0DPH | Please find my log for Sept Ladder. We struggle on Hi! condx still not great on HF 73 Phil 2E0DPH |
| Nils DL3HR | hpe cuagn. gl es vy 73. |
| Richard G0ILN | Nice to hear some new calls on the ladder. Richard G0ILN |
| Andrew G0OEY | Bands very noisy. Hard work but got an entry in again. |
| Robin G4DNP | Great fun with the QCX 80 (3 watts) and many thanks for the QRS and your patience with my CW Vy 73s Robin |
| Peter G4LHI | G4LHI.Ladder claim for September. Vy much better condx during second session, But very deep QSB at times. enjoyed it as usual & mni tnx fer all members participating. & the organizers 73 Peter G4LHI |
| John G4LRG | Thanks again to all who took part - a pleasant surprise to pick up Dave/9H3DS from Malta |
| Emil I5EFO | Very strong QSB, but great fun. 73 de Emil, I5EFO (17028) |
| Ray M0DHP | Enjoyed my first FISTS Ladder. Will try to work all four sessions next month. |
| Paul M0GSX | Please find attached my log for 2 sessions for 23/09/2018. Condx were much better in the afternoon than evening for me from Central UK, but seeing 80M is my poorest band - antenna wise - not too bad. Thx to all members that I worked, was nice to her a nice full 80M band in the Afternoon with a couple of new members for me too. Thx. Paul |
| Pete M5ABN | Better conditions this month, hope it's a sign of things to come. 73 Pete M5ABN #6423 |
| William MI0WWB | The September Ladder has been quiet for me. |
| Jarmo OH2BN | 73 - Jarmo OH2BN |
| Erkki OH7QR | Please find attached my log for September, thanks to all for the QSOs, cu in October 73 de Erkki OH7QR nr 8318 |

Upcoming Events

October 2018

| First day | Last day | Event | Times |
|------------|----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tue 09 Oct | | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |
| Sun 14 Oct | | FISTS Eu Ladder | 1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC |
| Wed 17 Oct | | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |
| Thu 25 Oct | | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |
| Fri 26 Oct | | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |
| Sun 28 Oct | | FISTS Eu Ladder | 1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC |
| Wed 31 Oct | | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |

November 2018

| First day | Last day | Event | Times |
|------------|------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Sat 03 Nov | Sun 04 Nov | RSGB 2m CW Marconi Contest | 1400-1400 UTC |
| Thu 08 Nov | | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |
| Sun 11 Nov | | FISTS Eu Ladder | 1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC |
| Fri 16 Nov | | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |
| Mon 19 Nov | | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |
| Sun 25 Nov | | FISTS Eu Ladder | 1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC |
| Tue 27 Nov | | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |

December 2018

| First day | Last day | Event | Times |
|------------|------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Sun 02 Dec | Sat 08 Dec | FISTS Eu Straight Key Week | 0001-2359 UTC |
| Mon 03 Dec | | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |

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| Sun 09 Dec | FISTS Eu Ladder | 1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC |
| Tue 11 Dec | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |
| Wed 19 Dec | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |
| Sun 23 Dec | FISTS Eu Ladder | 1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC |
| Thu 27 Dec | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |
| Fri 28 Dec | FISTS Eu Day Hopper | 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour |