

BRASSPOUNDER

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

It seems to me that August, being a holiday period is rather slack – add to this the very hot weather which made life in many shacks undesirable and the poor band conditions...and I don't think we've seen much activity at all. Having said that, those of you who follow the email reflector will have seen the flurry of activity caused by the printing of a small article in the latest Brass Pounder: [FISTS Downunder 5 Day QSO Award](#). This is awarded to any FISTS station who works at least one QRP qso one each of five consecutive days. For full details see the [FISTS downunder pages](#) (FDU.ORG). You get a nice certificate when you have done it: it's not hard but some days it aint easy either...on at least two days I only got the QRP qso as the last of the day before throwing the big switch. Others however managed up to seven QSOs a day...



This is my certificate...good, innit?

The next challenge of course is the FISTS 100 award – 100 QRP points. For the really ambitious, the FISTS 2xQRP award is for 100 points with other FISTS who were also using QRP!

Other news

Some will have seen the email about the little Morse tutor designed by Paul, MOBMN. If you wish to improve your Morse copying, or know someone who does, this little tutor might be a good fun gift you can build. See the [fists web site for info and a video](#)...but here's mine...



These devices are cheap but effective. As you can see, the only soldering is wiring – no through hole stuff at all. Easy.

Paul has also designed a little “ham-clock” which tells the time, temperature, barometric pressure, trends and therefore weather (it’s a barometer!!) and amusingly has a stab at telling us whether a VHF lift might be on! Brilliant. I’m building mine as I type so a report next time round. Details on the [FISTS website](#).

Ladder

New to the 2019 Ladder this month are: Peter G0TLU and Graham G3ZOD. Er, who? G3ZOD??? What is happening??? Welcome chaps, and very good luck. I think Graham’s retirement from editing BP is now delivering it’s ‘retirement bounty’!!

2m

How have you found the new system of three two hour sked blocks? I think it’s been really poorly attended this summer but see my opening words – hot weather and holidays. I myself haven’t been able to get on to most blocks, although when I did call CQ I got nowt in reply. I am sure that when the weather turns and we feel happier indoors than out, then 2m will revive.

Word Search

This is going on and I am getting good reports from participants! With conditions as they are it must be challenging some days - some weeks even – but the race is exciting!!

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

David G4YVM F15878

Results for Ladder July 2019

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
G4LRG	1	1	-	548	76	79	100	67	81	64	81
G0ILN	2	2	-	494	65	59	86	60	74	71	79
G4LHI	3	3	-	455	78	78	64	72	55	49	59
I5EFO	4	4	-	408	44	72	54	48	69	57	64
M5ABN	5	5	-	351	36	61	47	54	41	46	66
M0PBZ	6	6	-	294	36	22	42	43	57	49	45
OH7QR	7	9	↑	259	26	52	40	37	15	40	49
M0GSX	8	10	↑	256	22	18	39	24	48	57	48
G0BON	9	11	↑	254	42	42	6		57	58	49
2E0DPH	10	8	↓	253	42	51	24	43	30	21	42
DL3HR	11	7	↓	245	27	37	52	37	31	28	33
MW0BGL	12	13	↑	217	42			42	48	37	48
G3XVL	13	12	↓	186	30	57	41	27	18	4	9
G7WHI	14	14	-	162		26	48	21	49	18	
MI0WWB	15	15	-	161	15	14	20	25		51	36
G0JHK	16	16	-	144	33		42	42			27
G3ZRJ	17	20	↑	125	18	25		8	12		62
M0DRK	18	18	-	83	7	9	18	18	18		13
9H1PI	=19	17	↓	79	29	19	17	14			
G0OEY	=19	21	↑	79		26	10	13	7		23
M0UZE	21	19	↓	73	6	19	9	24	6	3	6
OH2BN	=22	25	↑	59		9		20	3	15	12
SP9NLI	=22	22	-	59	12	19	12	6	3		7
IW2JJS	24	23	↓	49		23			15	11	
G0XAH	25	24	↓	48				21	18	9	
G0UYG	26	26	-	47	6		29				12
G4XUZ	27	=28	↑	33						15	18
G4DNP	28	27	↓	20	6	9	5				
G3ZOD	=29	-	↑	15							15
OZ8AGB	=29	=28	↓	15			3	3	3	6	
SP2SWI	=29	=28	↓	15	6					9	
SV2BBK	32	31	↓	7				4			3
G0TLU	33	-	↑	6							6

Comments for Ladder July 2019

Entrant	Comments
Phil 2E0DPH	Please find my log for the July ladder. Many thanks to those worked on both evening sessions where conditions are definitely the best at the moment for inter 'G' QSO's. 73 Phil
Nils DL3HR	vy hard work, deep qsb, absolutely no action on the sun... but I enjoyed the ladder sessions. Hope to meet u all in August, 73!
Ivan G0BON	Afternoon of the 14th was hard work, gave up and watch the world cup cricket which had a bit more excitement. Managed 5 QSO on the 28th afternoon despite poor band condx so was quite pleased and gained 2 QRP word search letters. The evening faired a lot better, I started to use QRP but it was a bit of struggle so put the boots on for an easier life. Once again thanks to all for a fun time in the ladder.
Richard G0ILN	Good fun as usual. Richard G0ILN Fist 398.
Andrew G0OEY	Conditions a lot better here this time. Good fun. Thanks everyone.
Peter G0TLU	Other things have taken over lately, but managed to get on for a couple of Ladder QSOs on the final Sunday.
Andy G0UYG	lots of fun, thanks. cup of tea needed
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI Claim for July Ladder, enjoyed the challenge & gud fun.G4LHI # 2219
John G4LRG	Afternoon sessions very difficult in both legs but evening sessions much better. Thanks to all for the points and for taking the time to make this activity a success.
Ray G4XUZ	My log attached (Calc format) for the July Ladder. Many thanks, Ray G4XUZ
Paul M0GSX	Dear FISTS - hope you're all well, thanks for the work you all put in behind the scenes Please find attached my logs for the Ladder session for July, only managed 2 sessions this month, on the 28 - afternoon session was poor but the evening session was much better with really good signals after an hour or so and managed a new member thanks. . Thanks again to all and kind regards. Paul - M0GSX #17642. .
Phil M0PBZ	Ladder for JULY 2019
Mark M0UZE	Thanks
Pete M5ABN	Good fun as always, evening sessions much more productive, see you all in August 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
William MI0WWB	Thx to all who worked me today, until next time.
William MI0WWB	Tnx to all who worked me, some strange condx in the afternoon session, makes it all the more interesting!!
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, Here comes my log for July Ladder. Band conditions are still bad. 73 de Erkki 8318

Upcoming Events

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 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

October 2019

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 13 Oct		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 27 Oct		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
