



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

I have just finished writing a long piece for Key Notes, which will be out in short order, so I shall not repeat myself here. Thus...a short BP this month.

Two notes though, firstly, I have worked very, very few FISTS in G land this month. I see some comments about skip length in the ladder but for me (and Keith, G0HKC) it's been bad. I don't think I have worked a single G station in recent weeks. I managed one QSO with Alan, GM4PWR on Arran on 40m I think, and that was it. So, one FISTS member. Thanks Alan! I have called and called and called on FISTS freqs some evening, pouring out 400 watts. All I get back are Dx stations!

Secondly, as you know I have been really enjoying myself with a linear amp and working some good Dx. BUT...I notice that almost all these are 599 QSO rather than conversations. Of course, the language is a problem so I do understand it, but even so...I miss the ragchews I used to have with more local stations. I suppose like all things in life one needs to strike a balance. Sadly, one also needs the skip length!!

Anyway, to avoid repeating KN ext, that's it for me this month. Please [send me](#) your thoughts and ideas, photos of new kit and old and give us all something to know about you!

73 all

David G4YVM F15878

Ladder



Wonderful to see so many new entrants this month G4IZZ MW0BGL M0GSX G0BON G0DFC M0DHP M0DRK G4DNP....well done lads and good luck.

A stunning result from Richard, G0ILN with 80 QSO! I had a look at [Richard's QRZ page](#) to see what the secret is and it becomes obvious. It's having about 900 keys working all at the same time.... Well done Richard. (photo G0ILN / QRZ.com)

Pete, F6423, M5ABN and Peter, G4LHI, F2219, also scored very highly again. Clearly they are well experienced members and put their skills to good use! Well done chaps. Well done everyone.

Have fun!

Best 73

David G4YVM F15868

Comments for Ladder February 2020

Entrant	Comments
Nils DL3HR	slightly better CONDS in February, had fun despite QSB + QRM, hpe cuagn in March - vy 73!
Ivan G0BON	My Antenna weathered the first two storms at the beginning of the month, but another storm for the last Sunday was just too much for it. Had really good fun as usual, thanks all for the points.
Richard G0ILN	That's better things are looking up this month.. Long may it continue. Richard G0ILN
Andrew G0OEY	A few for this month.
Peter G3JRH	1st session not a lot of activity, 2nd session lot of activity and good signals. Peter
Tony G3ZRJ	Glad to give points
Robin G4DNP	Pleased to have made a couple of QSOs 73s Robin
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI Claim for Feb Ladder gud fun as usual, but I'm afraid the band condx were not at their best, lots QSB & QRM but I got a few QSOs in spite of that Hi. G4LHI # 2219 73 k
John G4LRG	Hard going again with limited time available due to other commitments. Great to hear all of the activity.
Richard G4TPJ	TS530 - Pwr 100 watts - Doublet - Begali Simplex Paddle Key / Himound Straight Key
Ray G4XUZ	All contacts this month using straight key instead of paddle, just for fun (and practice!) 73 Ray G4XUZ
Paul M0GSX	Hi David and the Gang, Hope all is well at FISTS, please find attached my ladder logs for Feb 20, Not sent any logs in for a while so a nice return for me. Band condx for the first session were ok and managed a few contacts but the last 30 - 45 mins the band went completely long skip from here in the Midlands so lost all the Inter G. The second session was better with good sigs and a couple of contacts into Ireland and the Channel Islands for me so a gud result for my return to the ladder. Thanks again for all the sterling work which is done behind the scenes for us and

	hopefully more ladder contacts for me in the future, I'll just keep Bangin the Brass.. Paul M0GSX - #17642..
Phil M0PBZ	Only managed one session this month but fairly busy. Conditions ok
Pete M5ABN	Thanks to all who came on for the ladder & hope to see you all in March. Vy 73 Pete M5ABN
William MI0WWB	80m tonight working well.
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find attached my log in February. Conditions are still poor. Many thanks and 73 de Erkki OH7QR nr 8318

Results for Ladder February 2020

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb
G4LHI	1	1	-	109	55	54
G0ILN	2	5	↑	107	27	80
M5ABN	3	=2	↓	91	36	55
M0PBZ	4	=2	↓	69	36	33
OH7QR	5	4	↓	53	28	25
DL3HR	=6	11	↑	52	16	36
G4IZZ	=6	-	↑	52		52
G3XVL	=8	=6	↓	51	24	27
G4LRG	=8	=6	↓	51	24	27
MI0WWB	10	13	↑	46	10	36
2E0DPH	=11	=6	↓	40	24	16
MW0BGL	=11	-	↑	40		40
G3JRH	13	12	↓	39	12	27
M0GSX	14	-	↑	37		37
G4TPJ	15	9	↓	36	21	15
G0OEY	16	10	↓	32	20	12
G0BON	=17	-	↑	27		27
G4XUZ	=17	=14	↓	27	9	18
G0DFC	19	-	↑	21		21
OH2BN	20	=14	↓	18	9	9
IW2JJS	21	16	↓	11	7	4
M0DHP	=22	-	↑	6		6
M0DRK	=22	-	↑	6		6
SV2BBK	24	20	↓	5	2	3
G3ZRJ	=25	=18	↓	4	3	1
G4DNP	=25	-	↑	4		4
G7WHI	=25	17	↓	4	4	
M0UZE	28	=18	↓	3	3	

Upcoming Events

March 2020

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Fri 13 Mar		FISTS Eu Day Hopper	0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour
Sat 21 Mar		FISTS Eu Day Hopper	0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour
Sun 22 Mar		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 29 Mar		FISTS Eu Day Hopper	0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour

April 2020

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 12 Apr		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 26 Apr		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Mon 27 Apr	Fri 01 May	EuCW QRS Week	0000-2359 UTC

May 2020

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 10 May		RSGB 4m CW Contest	0900-1200 UTC
Sun 10 May		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 24 May		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC