

BRASSPOUNDER

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Welcome all once again to BP and couple of apologies. Firstly for the lateness and secondly the brevity - both attributable to my being incredibly busy at work. Enough grovelling... onwards .

I received no feedback either way ref the talk I am giving in November to Roger Cook's lot in Norfolk. If you feel you'd like to help please see last issue or email me.

I'm afraid that's it for this month.

73

David

Tables:

New Members

Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.
Keys	BA4RKS	#23196	Dennis	KK7X	#23302	Andrew	M3HJG	#23409
Len	4I1HFE	#23197	Todd	AI5ZI	#23303	Bob	VK4RT	#23410
Jeff	W6AO	#23298	Kyle	AA8EA	#23304	Jan	PA1PDM	#23411
Totah Amateur Radio Club	K5WXI	#23299	Remi	VA2KFU	#23305	Rick	M7KFP	#23412
Ted	VA3TAR	#23300	Scott	VA3EKR	#23306	Filip	YT5EMR	#23414
John	N9UUO	#23301	Rich	MW0XDT	#23408	The Isle of Wight Radio Society	G3SKY	#23420

Awards

Name	Callsign	Member	Awards
Paul	VP9KF	#19223	Millionaire 19 Million Endorsement
Shannon	NA8S	#21125	Millionaire 14-15 Million Endorsements

Check Log April 2026

Many thanks to Raph F4LUB for sending in a check log.

Bug Key 24 Hour Sprint April 2026: Results

Callsign	Position	Points
MW0BGL	1	14

Mechanical Medley April 2026: Results

Callsign	Position	Points	BK	MK	SK	BK
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
MW0BGL	1	63	15	15	19	14
G4BFG	2	32	16	16		
ON4ANE	3	29		9	20	
M0XCV	4	19		19		
G0FOZ	=5	14	11		3	
G3XVL	=5	14	4	10		
G0UBE	7	4			4	

Key: BK = Bug Key Sprint, MK=Mechanical Key Sprint, SK=Straight Key Sprint

Ladder April 2026: Comments

Entrant	Comments
Jean F6JOE	Have fun ! 73 Jean F6JOE - FISTS 16177
Simon G0FOZ	Second Sunday I managed to make evening session but 40M was wall-to-wall CQ TEST :-(Retiring to 80M caught a few of the regulars but a "thin" session. Look forward to next month. 73 Simon G0FOZ
John G0UBE	First Sunday things were better than normal but second Sunday bands and contest made it impossible for me
Danny G3EEC	Good first weekend in April and really enjoyed a number of nice QSO's. Sadly having a young teenager takes up time though so couldn't make the second weekend. Still, very happy with progress and look forward to the ladder each time. Will be operating from Cyprus for the late May one so listen out for 5B/G3EEC
Tony G3ZRJ	Glad to put in an entry for first time this year. Conditions were dreadful. 73 Tony G3ZRJ
John G4YTJ	Only one session this month - I was listening on the evening of 26th as well but the CW Club RBN Spotter was almost empty. I wonder where everyone was!
Kevin M0MCL	Please see attached my log for last month's Ladder. 73, Kevin

	M0MCL #20982
Steve M0SHM	This month the best condx were in the evening sessions for lower QRN and 80m opened up and was useful before the testers piled in!
Pete M5ABN	Log for April, Vy 73 Pete
Alan MW0BGL	Attached is my log sheet for this month, April's, ladder sessions. Conditions I found were very poor today (April 26th). But thanks to all fists members who braved the poor condx; not to mention the contest QRM in the evening! 73, Alan Mw0bgl 16507
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find attached my ladder log. 73 Erkki OH7QR
Norbert ON4ANE	Hello David, Hereby my log for this month. 73 de Norbert ON4ANE

Ladder April 2026: Results

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
MW0BGL	1	2	↑	209	40	64	55	50
ON4ANE	2	3	↑	182	43	43	47	49
G0FOZ	=3	4	↑	170	49	55	16	50
G3XVL	=3	1	↓	170	61	68	41	
M5ABN	5	5	-	163	39	60		64
G3EEC	6	9	↑	115	47		14	54
M0SHM	7	6	↓	112	36	31	18	27
2E0YEM	8	7	↓	89	38	16	17	18
M0MCL	9	13	↑	85			43	42
G4YTJ	10	8	↓	81		36	27	18
OH7QR	11	11	-	77	14	21	18	24
G4TJE	12	10	↓	70	31		26	13
G4KKU	=13	16	↑	54	18	6	9	21
MM0UMH	=13	12	↓	54	9	32	5	8
F6JOE	15	=14	↓	51	15	6	18	12
G3JRH	16	=14	↓	39	12	27		
G0UBE	17	23	↑	35	9			26
G0DJA	18	17	↓	32	19	13		
G4TPJ	19	18	↓	27	24		3	
G3ZRJ	20	-	↑	24				24
M9PHL	21	19	↓	18		18		
G0OER	=22	20	↓	15			15	
G3PCL	=22	21	↓	15	9	3		3
G0LLX	24	-	↑	12				12
G4DNP	25	22	↓	11		10	1	
M0YRU	26	-	↑	3				3
M9YRU	27	-	↑	1				1

Upcoming Events

Note: To use FISTS Log Converter for the recent additions to the on-air activities, please install the [new version 4.9.4](#)

May 2026

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 24 May		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC

June 2026

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Mon 08 Jun	Mon 15 Jun	FISTS Straight Eight 2026	24 hours each day UTC
Sun 14 Jun		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
Mon 15 Jun		FISTS Straight Key 24 Hour Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 28 Jun		RSGB 6m CW Contest	0900-1200 UTC
Sun 28 Jun		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC

July 2026

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Wed 01 Jul		ICWC Top 9 Quarter 3 season starts	24 hours each day UTC
Wed 01 Jul		EuCW Snakes & Ladders summer/autumn season starts	24 hours each day UTC
Sun 12 Jul		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
Mon 13 Jul	Mon 20 Jul	FISTS Bug Key Week 2026	0000-2359 UTC
Wed 15 Jul		FISTS Bug Key 24 Hour Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 26 Jul		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
