

B R A S S P O U N D E R

FIRST QUARTER 2014

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Welcome to the fist Brasspounder of 2014. The results of our 2013 activities will be published in the forthcoming Key Note magazine.

As you'll all be aware that issue is the Winter 2013/4 issue. The awards for the 2013 activities include first-place and second and third certificates in all activities plus a special award.

See Key Note for full details!

Many of you will be taking part in the EuCW Snakes and Ladders activity. This is a genuinely fun pastime based on the board game of the same name – it's probably the first on-air activity in which you can gain additional points by luck alone and lose them as easily.

Just like Snakes and Ladders!

(Find out more by visiting <http://eucw.org/sl.html>)

I'm sure you will all know that the FISTS Log Converter supports all FISTS Europe activities plus the EuCW Snakes and Ladders. The latest version is 2.7.10 and was released on 9. March 2014. The application can be downloaded from the FISTS web site:

https://fists.co.uk/members/software/FISTSLogConverterSetup_2_7_10.zip

Our thanks go to Graham, G3ZOD for this excellent aid to our activities.

Brasspounder will be published quarterly from now on with year-to-date results announced after the close of that three-month window. A separate review will also appear in Key Note. For 2014 activities the end-of-year results and winners' names will appear in January 2015, after the closing date for logs that follows the new year.

On then to the results for this first quarter of the year.

LADDER

This year's Ladder got underway on 12. January, giving everyone plenty of time to recover from the excesses of Christmas and the new year.

Call sign	Name	FISTS Number	Ladder			
			Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
G4LHI	Peter	2219	44	42	33	119
M5ABN	Pete	6423	38	44	34	116
2E0DPH	Phil	14543	38	40	33	111
G4KLE	Mervyn	16273		47	36	83
G0ILN	Richard	398	28	26	25	79
OH7QR	Erkki	8318	22	19	23	64
SP9NLI	Andy	3741	32	22	10	64
G0OTT	Darren	14062	34			34
G3ZSE	John	16534	2	22		24
G0DDX	Geoff	15552		18		18
5B4AHO	Barry	10851			16	16
MX5IPX	FISTS HQ	7778	11			11
F5IYJ	Philippe	16622		4		4
G0DJA	Dave	1372	2			2

A close grouping at the top of the board but it's still wide open for 2104. Very nice to see interest from new-comers to our activities and, for the first time I think, an entry from Cyprus.

INTERNATIONAL DAYS

Call sign	Name	FISTS Number	International Days		
			St David	St Patrick	YTD
G4KLE	Mervyn	16273	43	24	67
G4LHI	Peter	2219	22	19	41
G0ILN	Richard	398	13	18	31
OH7QR	Erkki	8318	11	20	31
2E0DPH	Phil	14543	15		15
GW4GCB	Peter	657		7	7
G0DJA	Dave	1372	4		4

FIFTH SUNDAY

Call sign	Name	FISTS Number	Fifth Sunday	
			March	YTD
G4KLE	Mervyn	16273	360	360
OH7QR	Erkki	8318	300	300
G4LHI	Peter	2219	290	290
G0ILN	Richard	398	175	175
G0DJA	Dave	1372	100	100

A rather select group has submitted logs for the Fifth Sunday activity so far – there are three more fifth Sundays to follow this year: June, August and November.

Please don't forget to give everyone an opportunity to put out a call on each of our published frequencies – if you've called on one of the nominated frequencies please move on after your contact.

Snakes and Ladders is being managed by Robert, DM4RW and he can be contacted at sl@eucw.org. I'll include a year-so-far report in the next Brasspounder when the quarter two results are all in.

Thanks to everyone participating and good luck! Keep on pounding the brass.

73

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