

# BRASSPOUNDER

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

Greetings Dear FISTS

Well, another hard won set of ladder results...these QSOs are hard work these days. I wish I had a time machine and could get back to 1980! Mind you, I was skint back then so... A special "well done" to Dave, G7WHI, and Steve, MOSHM, who have sent in their first ever ladder this month. You have joined in hard times indeed chaps, I hope you get your just rewards!!

Since last month I have been playing with my SOTA Beams Band Hopper tri band dipole. This is not a cheap aerial but but it works very well indeed and it seems to take me no more than 5 minutes (literally, I timed it) from opening the bag to sending my first CQ from the KX3 (other rigs are available...consult your local dealer!). All in all, a very nifty little aerial. It works well on good days and of course, on the dead flat days NOTHING works! I use mine with a 7m pole I had already purchased (Paul's Angling Supplies, Ebay).

A very hearty Happy Birthday to Peter, G4LHI of course, now solidly into his 'cough cough' decade. Well done Peter. Perhaps we could have a 'worked all nonogenarians' activity?? Hmmm.

## Winter Sports 2018

I have had no negative feedback on this proposal so I shall continue taking it forward. I think we should go for January onwards, so that SKW 2018 can be in December again.

## Straight Key Week 2018

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

## Day Hopper 2018

This will run again this year because it was so warmly received last time round. I appreciate that DH and SKW will overlap a bit, but some people don't work in both! Anyway, Day Hopper runs for a lot longer. No reason why SKW shouldn't contribute to Day Hopper I think.

## Chirp 'n' Drift 2018

One fun event for 1800Z Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to 0100Z Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Spread the word, pass the details and lets have fun. Comments / logs can be submitted but no special exchanges required.

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### Comments for August 2018 Ladder

Entrant	Comments
Phil 2E0DPH	please find my log for Aug Ladder. Many thanks to all especially with the condx still not great on HF 73 Phil 2E0DPH
Nils DL3HR	almost all QSOs with very tiny Signals, hope for better Conds in September. Thanks for all ur patience!
Richard G0ILN	It doesn't get any easier does it? Sooner or later conditions will improve. (I hope). Good fun as usual. Richard G0ILN.
Tony G3ZRJ	73 Tony G3ZRJ 7727
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI.Ladder claim for August .Vy much better condx during second session, But very deep QSB at times. enjoyed it as usual & mni tnx fer all members participating. 73 Peter G4LHI
John G4LRG	Dreadful conditions at times but great to see that it didn't put everyone off. Thanks to all for the points.
Dave G7WHI	This was my first time entering the Ladder, some of the RST might not be 100% correct. I will have a proper go next time. Great fun though and its the most time I've spent on the key in ages.
Vanni I5ECW	really poor conditions:500w and 2 el moxon to uk but nobody heard me! hope will be better next month.
Steve M0SHM	Apologies to Dave for misreading his call but noisy band condx.
Pete M5ABN	Bands still very poor, hope better next month 73 Pete
William MI0WWB	Not a busy period!
Jarmo OH2BN	73 - Jarmo OH2BN

Erkki OH7QR	Really hard work on 26th August. The only station I heard was G4LHI. Waiting for better times! 73 de Erkki OH7QR nr 8318
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**Results for August 2018 Ladder**

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
G4LRG	1	1	-	536	58	68	71	68	61	78	69	63
G0ILN	2	2	-	422	45	46	49	66	45	55	57	59
G4LHI	3	3	-	402	44	42	42	43	48	58	73	52
I5ECW	4	4	-	387	47	41	52	47	54	67	38	41
M5ABN	5	5	-	356	48	55	34	54	37	43	37	48
OH7QR	6	6	-	235	40	44	26	13	16	47	24	25
DL3HR	7	=7	-	230		43	33	28	28	37	35	26
2E0DPH	8	9	↑	221	45	45	24	19	21	21	12	34
I5EFO	9	=7	↓	219	27	33	33	33	15	33	30	15
G3ZRJ	10	10	-	145	15	27	15	30		43		15
M0DRK	11	11	-	132	26	18	15	12	24		19	18
MW0BGL	12	12	-	88	18	18		13	24		15	
DK3DUA	13	13	-	79	21	25		12			21	
M0UZE	14	14	-	67	12				9	31	15	
M0PBZ	15	15	-	63				27	36			
G0XAH	16	16	-	60			15	18	27			
G0OEY	17	=18	↑	54				6	3	19	19	7
SV2BBK	18	17	↓	53		14	15	12	11		1	
OH2BN	19	20	↑	48	3		6	6	9	9	9	6
G4KLE	20	=18	↓	47						47		
GM0EPO	21	21	-	40	9	12		19				
MI0WWB	22	24	↑	32						16	12	4
EA7KB	=23	=22	↓	29	29							
G4TGJ	=23	=22	↓	29		3		9	10	7		
M0GSX	25	25	-	21						21		
IZ2FME	26	26	-	17		17						
OZ8AGB	=27	=27	-	15	3	6		6				
SP7OGP	=27	=27	-	15		15						
G7WHI	29	-	↑	13								13
IW2JJS	30	29	↓	10						10		
DL4FDM	31	30	↓	7			7					
OK1PSI	32	31	↓	4	4							
G4DNP	=33	=32	↓	3		3						
M0SHM	=33	-	↑	3								3
SA5ACN	=33	=32	↓	3	3							
SP2SWI	=33	=32	↓	3		3						

## Upcoming Events

### September 2018

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sat 01 Sep	Sun 30 Sep	<a href="#">FISTS Eu Word Search</a> Month 4 of 4	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 23 Sep		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

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### October 2018

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 14 Oct		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 28 Oct		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

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### November 2018

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sat 03 Nov	Sun 04 Nov	<a href="#">RSGB 2m CW Marconi Contest</a>	1400-1400 UTC
Sun 11 Nov		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 25 Nov		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC