



Welcome to this edition of *BrassPounder*, which covers FISTS CW Club Europe's [on-air activities](#) during October 2016.

This month it includes the Ladder results to-date and the final results for the QRS Fifth Sundays..

We're urgently looking for someone to be FISTS CW Club Europe's **Activities Manager**, dealing with the club's 2017 on-air activities. No manager = no activities!

If you can undertake this, please let myself or another member of the club's Management Team know as soon as possible.

Ladder Results

Here are the comments received:

Entrant	Comments
Robert DM4RW	Hi Graham, I finally made it back to the Ladder, after a summer full of excitement and things to do. Autumn has arrived, and there will be more time for the radio! Best 73 from nr Munich. Robert
Richard G0ILN	Good fun as always. Ft857 -80W-G5RV @ 30Ft. . Raymart straight key. Richard G0ILN Fist 398
Peter G4LHI	I attach my log for the Fists Oct Ladder. Enjoyed this event vy much & much better condx this week. 73. de Peter G4LHI # 2219 k
Vanni I5ECW	Here is my October entry. Great activity both sessions. Thanks to all who picked me up. See you in November. Ciao Vanni i5ecw fists#16505
Emil I5EFO	Also this month I enjoyed it a lot and with pleasure. 73 Emil I5EFO
Derek M0DRK	Hi Gra. The best month I've had for a long time. 40m really has been good for contacts again. Very nice to meet Chris, F6EAZ for the first time. 73 for now Graham, Derek, M0DRK, 8344.

Pete M5ABN	Please find my Ladder log for October. Bands much improved this month, & second period like the old days. 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
Mark M6MEN	Thank you. Quiet month for me. HI
Graham MX5IPX	Station: 20 Watts into a folded indoor doublet. 73 de Graham G3ZOD
Erkki OH7QR	Hello Graham. The cndx are still poor. 20 meter is the best band for me; got only one QSO on 40 meter. Waiting for better times, HI. All the best, thank you for your great job Graham. 73 Erkki OH7QR nr 8318
Michal OK1PSI	FISTS member from 2016-10-28.
Andy SP9NLI	Although the Ladder activities practically mean working the same good and familiar call signs every fortnight, which I like very much, you may sometimes get a real surprise. You can only imagine how gobsmacked I was to be called this month by a member from Belize, Alf V34CR #16907, operating QRP from Torino in Italy. So, I'm looking forward to meeting you all again in November, and hope to come across some exotic calls I've never logged before. vy 73 Andy #3741

My apologies to Feri HA7HF for missing processing his log for September. I have now done this and in September Feri achieved 10 points, giving him a total of 30 points and a position of 20 out of 38.

This month we welcome Michal OK1PSI to the Ladder.

To my surprise, the first 14 positions in the table are unchanged from last month.

Ken G4RHR achieved a substantial move up of 6 places from 21 to 15, and along with Robert D4RMW, caused a ripple effect around the centre of the table.

The results to-date are on the next page...

Ladder table:

Callsign	Pos'n	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
I5ECW	1	1	-	427	36	46	30	42	41	50	41	39	44	58
G4LHI	2	2	-	330	36	44	34	30	30	35	23	27	31	40
M5ABN	3	3	-	318	17	39	38	33	37	21	27	44	27	35
G0ILN	4	4	-	314	22	32	42	23	29	29	28	31	35	43
OH7QR	5	5	-	260	34		18	35	35	33		33	41	31
2E0DPH	6	6	-	248	27	41	24	26	20	21		18	34	37
SP9NLI	7	7	-	240	20	28	19	20	32	30	18	13	26	34
G3XVL	8	8	-	231	24	31	34	23	12	21	24	32		30
I5EFO	9	9	-	219		18	22	18	21	25	25	28	34	28
M0DRK	10	10	-	189	21	23	23	16	8	22	9	16	20	31
OH2BN	11	11	-	108	16		8	10	13	20	8	10	11	12
M0GGK	12	12	-	88	4	24	8	8	20	3	8	13		
M6MEN	13	13	-	79	8		2	12	17	6	2	12	16	4
F5OGJ	14	14	-	63	26	28			4	5				
G4RHR	15	21	↑	50				7				10	12	21
EA4BL	16	15	↓	46	6		10	14	14			2		
IK0NOJ	17	16	↓	40	40									
G0POT	=18	=17	↓	35		24	11							
G4IZZ	=18	=17	↓	35	15	20								
G3ZRJ	20	19	↓	33			5	4	8	16				
DM4RW	=21	=24	↑	30	10	8	2							10
HA7HF	=21	20	↓	30		10						10	10	
G4KLE	23	22	↓	28		28								
G3ZOD	24	23	↓	24							4	10	10	
G0DDX	25	=24	↓	20	8		12							
IU1DZZ	=26	26	-	18		8	8	2						
OZ8AGB	=26	27	↑	18	4		2		4	4	2			2
G0OTT	28	28	-	15			15							
G4FWA	29	29	-	12	6	6								
G0HGH	30	30	-	11			11							
GW0VLN	31	31	-	10		4	4	2						
DM5RS	32	32	-	9			9							
SM7DUZ	33	33	-	6								6		
OK1PSI	34	-	↑	5										5
EI6KH	=35	=34	↓	4					4					
G7JMZ	=35	=34	↓	4								4		
M0SHM	=35	=34	↓	4									4	
PA1FOX	38	37	↓	2		2								
ON6PJ	39	38	↓	1					1					
MX5IPX*				32								12	18	2
GX0IPX*				5									5	

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QRS Fifth Sundays – Final Results

Here are the comments received:

Entrant	Comments
Peter G4LHI	I attach my log for the Fists Oct QRS. Enjoyed the challenge of the tuff going for this event. Hi. Good job it was not the Ladder week-end. 73. de Peter G4LHI # 2219 k
Vanni I5ECW	Poor conditions; lack of attendance. See you next round. Vanni i5ecw fists#16505
Erkki OH7QR	Hello Graham. Here comes my log for the 5th Sunday. Forgot to inform you of my station power and antenna in my Ladder log. They are 100W and on 20M 2 el. quad and on 40/80 M I use a horizontal loop (about 83m long and 10 - 6 m up). Condx were poor. I managed to find Peter G4LHI on 40M just when I was ready to give up. We had a nice QSO; many thanks Peter. Thanks and 73 Erkki OH7QR nr 8318
Fanis SV2BBK	My ...poor log for 30/10 QRS Sunday. 73 Fanis, sv2bbk

We welcomed Fanis SV2BBK in October.

As this was the fourth and last session, here are the final results:

Callsign	Position	Previous	Movement	Total	Jan	May	Jul	Oct
G4LHI	1	1	-	57	25	14	6	12
I5ECW	2	3	↑	21	14			7
OH7QR	3	=6	↑	17		6	4	7
IK0NOJ	4	2	↓	16	16			
M6MEN	5	=4	↓	15	7	5	1	2
2E0DPH	=6	10	↑	13	8			5
M0DRK	=6	=4	↓	13	9	4		
G0ILN	=8	=6	↓	10	10			
G3XVL	=8	=6	↓	10	10			
HA7HF	=8	=6	↓	10	10			
G3ZOD	11	11	-	4			4	
2E0EML	=12	=12	-	3	3			
G3ZRJ	=12	=12	-	3		3		
SV2BBK	=12	-	↑	3				3
G7JMZ	=15	=14	↓	2		2		
SP9NLI	=15	=14	↓	2	2			
M0CDL	17	16	↓	1	1			
M5IPX*				3	3			

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Thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations to the winners:

- First place: **Peter G4LHI**
- Second place: **Vanni I5ECW**
- Third place: **Erkki OH7QR**

Straight Key Week 2016

One of the most popular of the FISTS activities, this year [Straight Key Week](#) runs 24 x 7 from Sunday 4th December to Saturday 10th December inclusive.

If you want to send a log in, you are allowed to use straight keys (“up and downers”) and sideswipers (“cooties”); strictly no bugs. However, it doesn’t matter what type of key your QSO partner is using.

The exchange is:

RST, Name, QTH, and FISTS member number (if applicable).

Please note that you must add **SKW** to your log’s *Comment* or similar field for each qualifying QSO.

FISTS Americas Cumulatives

The results of the [FISTS Americas Cumulatives](#) activity for October are available from here:
http://fistsna.org/pdfdocs/fc_reports/FC_2016_11.pdf

The next sessions are 2000-2200 UTC on November 27, December 11, and December 25 (note the change in time due to the clocks moving back).

Regardless of where you are, please do give it a try – QSOs can be with members of any FISTS “Chapter” or with non-members. It’s along similar lines to the FISTS Europe Ladder with notable differences being that QSOs must be a minimum of 5 minutes long, bands allowed are 80m, 40m, & 20m, and there is a single 2 hour session per Sunday, which occurs in the US afternoon and European evening. The exchange is:

RST, name, QTH or state, and member number (if applicable).

Calling “CQ FISTS” is recommended. FISTS Log Converter includes the Cumulatives from [version 3.3.0 onwards](#), so if you have an earlier version, please upgrade.

FISTS CW Club DXCC League

This is a reminder about the website page that shows the club’s DXCC league, based on data from Club Log. The links to it are:

FISTS Americas: <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=am>
FISTS Down Under: <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=du>
FISTS East Asia: <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=ea>
FISTS Europe: <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=eu>
All FISTS Chapters: <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=all>

The league includes current (paid-up) members and is in order of the number of “slots”, which is the number of DXCC entities worked on CW for each band added together. Bands from 160m to 13cm are included.

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The [next activities](#) are:

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 27 Nov		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 27 Nov		FISTS Am Cumulatives	2000-2200 UTC
Sun 04 Dec	Sat 10 Dec	FISTS Eu Straight Key Week	0001-2359 UTC
Sun 11 Dec		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 11 Dec		FISTS Am Cumulatives	2000-2200 UTC
Sun 25 Dec		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 25 Dec		FISTS Am Cumulatives	2000-2200 UTC

(Eu = Europe, Am = Americas)

That's it for this month. If you'd like to read previous *BrassPounders*, they are [available on the website](#).

Have fun with CW!

73 de Graham G3ZOD
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