



Welcome to this edition of *BrassPounder*, which covers FISTS CW Club Europe's [on-air activities](#) during January 2017. This month it includes results for the Ladder.

Firstly, an apology to Emil I5EFO and Vanni I5ECW; in the Cumulatives section in the previous *BrassPounder*, this is what I should have written:

*"While no FISTS Europe member won a Vibroplex bug key, **Emil I5EFO** came very close, just missing out by one place / five points."*

Secondly, a reminder: if you want to use the [FISTS Log Converter program](#) for Windows to submit logs for the 2017 [FISTS Ladder](#), [EuCW Snakes & Ladders](#), [EuCW QRS Week](#), or [FISTS Americas Cumulatives](#) activities, you need to have installed [version 3.4.0 or later](#) of the program.

Finally, as I mentioned previously, the newsletters are going to have to be briefer this year than they have been in the past. In lieu of recruiting a full "Activities Manager", if someone would be willing to take over editing the *BrassPounder* newsletters, I can provide the tables of comments and results each month, so this would not be too onerous a task.

Ladder January 2017

We received a very healthy 25 logs – thank you.

Here are the comments received:

Entrant	Comments
Phil 2E0DPH	Please find my first log for 2017 Ladder. Conditions not too bad on HF for once! HNY to you all. Phil 2E0DPH Fists 14543
Geoff G0DDX	<i>8th January:</i> First time back on the ladder since July 2016. 40m was poor, 80m was better. <i>22nd January:</i> 40m was better this week. Worked some new (to me) members as well. Glad to be back doing the activities again Geoff G0DDX
Darren G0OTT	Nice to meet up with people and get my feet wet in the ladder. Heard a few on 80m but no aerial so need to sort that out :) 73 es hope to make it next month.

Peter G4LHI	Ladder Activity Jan 2017. Condx a little better on 40m but a lot of deep QSB. Sorry missed you Graham. Mni tnx to all, 73 de Peter G4LHI #2219
Richard G6HH	Maybe the bands are starting to perk up! Great fun using G6HH/a.Hastings Electronics and Radio Club . Quite a mouthful in CW! Best wishes for the New Year. Richard (G0ILN)
John G7JMZ	A bumper month for the trusty FT101ZD
Vanni I5ECW	Let me wish to everybody a happy new year.
Emil I5EFO	Discrete propagation to be in mid-winter, with the minimum of solar activity. 73 Emil I5EFO
Mik IZ2FME	It's my 2nd ladder session. Mni FISTS members, tks fer calling; propagation was great for the UK and I completed my Century Basic! 73's de IZ2FME - MM0FME fist no. 18103.
Derek M0DRK	Hi Graham. Not a bad score to start 2017 off. Inter-UK not so hot, better towards the continent. Hope to see you next month. 73 for now, Derek, M0DRK, Nr 8344
Steve M0SHM	Reasonable condx in afternoon but nothing heard in the evening. Still good fun.
Pete M5ABN	Please find my Ladder log for Jan. Good fun as always. 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
Mark M6MEN	Your very hard work in the background is much appreciated. Thank you.
Erkki OH7QR	Hello Graham. Attached comes my log for the first Ladder in 2017. I'm pleased that the activity will go on. 73 Erkki fists 8318
Michal OK1PSI	FISTS member from 2016-10-28
Lex PA1LEX	My first ladder entry.
Andy SP9NLI	CONDX pretty poor, but the bands were alive with FISTS, some of which I'd never heard before. Looking forward to next activity!

Ladder table:

Callsign	Position	Total	January
M5ABN	1	63	63
G4LHI	2	61	61
I5ECW	3	60	60
DK3DUJ	4	55	55
2E0DPH	=5	49	49
IZ2FME	=5	49	49
G3XVL	=7	45	45
G6HH	=7	45	45
I5EFO	9	41	41
OH7QR	10	38	38
G0DDX	=11	33	33
M0DRK	=11	33	33
SP9NLI	13	31	31
M6MEN	14	30	30
G4LRG	15	26	26
PA1LEX	16	18	18
G0OTT	17	16	16
OK2VWB	18	13	13
OH2BN	=19	9	9
SV2BBK	=19	9	9
OK1PSI	21	8	8
PA1ALV	22	7	7
M0SHM	23	3	3
G7JMZ	24	2	2
MX5IPX*		18	18

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The [next activities](#) are:

First day	Event	Times
Sun 12 Feb	FISTS Am Cumulatives	2000-2200 UTC
Sun 26 Feb	FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
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Sun 12 Mar	FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 12 Mar	FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC (Note change in times!)
Sun 26 Mar	FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 26 Mar	FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC (Note change in times!)

(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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