



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
<b>Phil 2E0DPH</b>	Please find my first log for 2017 Ladder. Conditions not too bad on HF for once! HNY to you all.  Phil 2E0DPH Fists 14543
<b>Geoff G0DDX</b>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> January:</i> First time back on the ladder since July 2016. 40m was poor, 80m was better.  <i>22<sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>Darren G0OTT</b>	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.

<b>Peter G4LHI</b>	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
<b>Richard G6HH</b>	Maybe the bands are starting to perk up! Great fun using G6HH/a.Hastings <a href="#">Electronics and Radio Club</a> . Quite a mouthful in CW! Best wishes for the New Year.  Richard (G0ILN)
<b>John G7JMZ</b>	A bumper month for the trusty FT101ZD
<b>Vanni I5ECW</b>	Let me wish to everybody a happy new year.
<b>Emil I5EFO</b>	Discrete propagation to be in mid-winter, with the minimum of solar activity.  73 Emil I5EFO
<b>Mik IZ2FME</b>	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.
<b>Derek M0DRK</b>	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
<b>Steve M0SHM</b>	Reasonable condx in afternoon but nothing heard in the evening. Still good fun.
<b>Pete M5ABN</b>	Please find my Ladder log for Jan. Good fun as always.  73 Pete M5ABN #6423
<b>Mark M6MEN</b>	Your very hard work in the background is much appreciated. Thank you.
<b>Erkki OH7QR</b>	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
<b>Michal OK1PSI</b>	FISTS member from 2016-10-28
<b>Lex PA1LEX</b>	My first ladder entry.
<b>Andy SP9NLI</b>	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

\*=Check log

## QRU?

The [next activities](#) are:

First day	Event	Times
Sun 12 Feb	<a href="#">FISTS Am Cumulatives</a>	2000-2200 UTC
Sun 26 Feb	<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 26 Feb	<a href="#">FISTS Am Cumulatives</a>	2000-2200 UTC
Sun 12 Mar	<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 12 Mar	<a href="#">FISTS Am Cumulatives</a>	<b>1900-2100 UTC (Note change in times!)</b>
Sun 26 Mar	<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 26 Mar	<a href="#">FISTS Am Cumulatives</a>	<b>1900-2100 UTC (Note change in times!)</b>

(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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