



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

Ladder February 2017

Comments Received:

Entrant	Comments
Phil 2E0DPH	Please find my log for the February ladder. Conditions again not bad, plenty of activity and very good to work a few new Fists members. Hope to see you all again next month. 73 Phil 2E0DPH Fists 14543
Thomas DK3DUA	Tnx for all QSO's hpe to meet you all agn next time.
Geoff G0DDX	Nice to work John M0EAV #14019. He told me it was his first proper CW contact! Hopefully we will be seeing more of him on the Ladder. Not bad considering he was QRP 10W on a KX3, on 40m. The band wasn't doing too well again! 80m was a little better. Geoff G0DDX
Chris G3XVL	Found 80m to be good in the afternoon session. Local QRM a bit of a problem but my h/brew active loop helping.
Peter G4LHI	Ladder Activity Feb 2017. Condx a little better on 40m but a lot of deep QSB. Sorry missed you Graham, Richard & Pete this session. Mni tnx to all. 73 de Peter G4LHI# 2219
Richard G0ILN as G6HH	Good fun as usual, but condx quite poor. Richard
Emil I5EFO	As usual I really enjoyed myself 73 Emil I5EFO
Mik IZ2FME	Lots of fun, but not so good propagation. 73's de IZ2FME - MM0FME fist no. 18103.
Steve M0SHM	Reasonable condx in afternoon but no contacts due to time constraints. Two QSOs in the evening. Great fun.
Pete M5ABN	Please find my Ladder log for Feb. Good fun as always. 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
Erkki OH7QR	Hello Graham. Please find attached my Ladder log. Pleased to work some new members. Many thanks to you for your good work. 73 Erkki fists 8318
Andy SP9NLI	Not particularly impressive log this month, but I had lots of fun all the same. 73 Andy #3741

In February, we welcomed David 2E0EML and Michael OZ8AGB to the 2017 Ladder.

Ladder Table:

Callsign	Position	Previous	Movement	Total	January	February
DK3DUA	1	4	↑	128	55	73
IZ2FME	2	=5	↑	122	49	73
M5ABN	3	1	↓	119	63	56
I5ECW	4	3	↓	118	60	58
G4LRG	5	15	↑	110	26	84
G4LHI	6	2	↓	105	61	44
OH7QR	7	10	↑	101	38	63
2E0DPH	8	=5	↓	100	49	51
I5EFO	9	9	-	93	41	52
G6HH	10	=7	↓	84	45	39
G3XVL	11	=7	↓	79	45	34
SP9NLI	12	13	↑	77	31	46
M0DRK	13	=11	↓	61	33	28
M6MEN	14	14	-	57	30	27
G0DDX	15	=11	↓	42	33	9
OK2VWB	16	18	↑	25	13	12
PA1LEX	17	16	↓	21	18	3
G0OTT	18	17	↓	16	16	
OK1PSI	19	21	↑	14	8	6
2E0EML	20	-	↑	13		13
OH2BN	=21	=19	↓	12	9	3
PA1ALV	=21	22	↑	12	7	5
M0SHM	=23	23	-	9	3	6
SV2BBK	=23	=19	↓	9	9	
OZ8AGB	25	-	↑	6		6
G7JMZ	26	24	↓	2	2	
MX5IPX				18	18	

*=Check log

QRU?

Please consider joining in the [FISTS Americas Cumulatives](#). From March to October (inclusive), the second hour of the evening Ladder coincides with the first hour of the Cumulatives (1900–2000 UTC), so you can submit QSOs during this hour for both activities.

Early warning: the [EuCW QRS Week](#) runs for five full days from Monday 24th to Friday 28th April. Maximum speed is 14 words per minute.

Here is the full list of [upcoming activities](#):

First day	Last day	Event	Times
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!)
Sun 09 Apr		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 09 Apr		FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC (Note change in times!)
Sun 23 Apr		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 23 Apr		FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC (Note change in times!)
Mon 24 Apr	Fri 28 Apr	EuCW QRS Week	0000-2359 UTC

(Eu = Europe, Am = Americas)

That's all 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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