



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
<b>Phil 2E0DPH</b>	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
<b>Thomas DK3DUA</b>	Tnx for all QSO's hpe to meet you all agn next time.
<b>Geoff G0DDX</b>	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
<b>Chris G3XVL</b>	Found 80m to be good in the afternoon session. Local QRM a bit of a problem but my h/brew active loop helping.
<b>Peter G4LHI</b>	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
<b>Richard G0ILN as G6HH</b>	Good fun as usual, but condx quite poor. Richard
<b>Emil I5EFO</b>	As usual I really enjoyed myself 73 Emil I5EFO
<b>Mik IZ2FME</b>	Lots of fun, but not so good propagation. 73's de IZ2FME - MM0FME fist no. 18103.
<b>Steve M0SHM</b>	Reasonable condx in afternoon but no contacts due to time constraints. Two QSOs in the evening. Great fun.
<b>Pete M5ABN</b>	Please find my Ladder log for Feb. Good fun as always. 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
<b>Erkki OH7QR</b>	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
<b>Andy SP9NLI</b>	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:**

<b>Callsign</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>Movement</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>DK3DUA</b>	<b>1</b>	4	↑	<b>128</b>	55	73
<b>IZ2FME</b>	<b>2</b>	=5	↑	<b>122</b>	49	73
<b>M5ABN</b>	<b>3</b>	1	↓	<b>119</b>	63	56
<b>I5ECW</b>	<b>4</b>	3	↓	<b>118</b>	60	58
<b>G4LRG</b>	<b>5</b>	15	↑	<b>110</b>	26	84
<b>G4LHI</b>	<b>6</b>	2	↓	<b>105</b>	61	44
<b>OH7QR</b>	<b>7</b>	10	↑	<b>101</b>	38	63
<b>2E0DPH</b>	<b>8</b>	=5	↓	<b>100</b>	49	51
<b>I5EFO</b>	<b>9</b>	9	-	<b>93</b>	41	52
<b>G6HH</b>	<b>10</b>	=7	↓	<b>84</b>	45	39
<b>G3XVL</b>	<b>11</b>	=7	↓	<b>79</b>	45	34
<b>SP9NLI</b>	<b>12</b>	13	↑	<b>77</b>	31	46
<b>M0DRK</b>	<b>13</b>	=11	↓	<b>61</b>	33	28
<b>M6MEN</b>	<b>14</b>	14	-	<b>57</b>	30	27
<b>G0DDX</b>	<b>15</b>	=11	↓	<b>42</b>	33	9
<b>OK2VWB</b>	<b>16</b>	18	↑	<b>25</b>	13	12
<b>PA1LEX</b>	<b>17</b>	16	↓	<b>21</b>	18	3
<b>G0OTT</b>	<b>18</b>	17	↓	<b>16</b>	16	
<b>OK1PSI</b>	<b>19</b>	21	↑	<b>14</b>	8	6
<b>2E0EML</b>	<b>20</b>	-	↑	<b>13</b>		13
<b>OH2BN</b>	<b>=21</b>	=19	↓	<b>12</b>	9	3
<b>PA1ALV</b>	<b>=21</b>	22	↑	<b>12</b>	7	5
<b>M0SHM</b>	<b>=23</b>	23	-	<b>9</b>	3	6
<b>SV2BBK</b>	<b>=23</b>	=19	↓	<b>9</b>	9	
<b>OZ8AGB</b>	<b>25</b>	-	↑	<b>6</b>		6
<b>G7JMZ</b>	<b>26</b>	24	↓	<b>2</b>	2	
<b>MX5IPX</b>				<b>18</b>	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 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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		<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>
Sun 09 Apr		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 09 Apr		<a href="#">FISTS Am Cumulatives</a>	<b>1900-2100 UTC (Note change in times!)</b>
Sun 23 Apr		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 23 Apr		<a href="#">FISTS Am Cumulatives</a>	<b>1900-2100 UTC (Note change in times!)</b>
Mon 24 Apr	Fri 28 Apr	<a href="#">EuCW QRS Week</a>	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!

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