



Welcome to this edition of *BrassPounder*, which covers FISTS CW Club Europe's [on-air activities](#) during March 2017.

Ladder March 2017

Comments Received:

Entrant	Comments
Phil 2E0DPH	Please find my log for the March ladder. Hope to see you all again next month. 73 Phil 2E0DPH Fists 14543
Thomas DK3DUA	Tnx for nice ladder events, hpe cuagn. My activity will decrease in next months – road bike season starts. Second ladder session this month I did shortly after finishing a 220km cycle marathon, sri for my CW mistakes, I was knackered ;-)
Graham G3ZOD as G3ZOD & MX5IPX	Having reminded everyone in a reply on the fistscw Yahoo group about the change in UK clocks from UTC to BST earlier in the day, I needed to go out to a local(-ish) store to collect some items and rushed back for 1400 BST so that I was in time for the Ladder. However, I couldn't hear any FISTS stations and it wasn't until after 1500 BST that I realised I had got myself totally confused and had gone on an hour early (not to mention not needing to rush home)! HI. Usual set up here of 20 Watts into an indoor aerial from an IC-7100. 73 de Graham G3ZOD
Tony G3ZRJ	Hope this is useful; sorry been QRL on Sundays. 73 Tony G3ZRJ 7727
Peter G4LHI	Ladder Activity March 2017: Condx a little better on 40m but a lot of deep QSB – had to search from band to band today. Sorry missed you Graham, Richard & Pete this session. Mni tnx to all. 73 de Peter G4LHI# 2219
John G4LRG	Still quite new to the Fists Ladder but having a great time getting members and non-members into my log!
Richard G0ILN as G6HH	Good fun as usual, but condx quite poor. Richard
John G7JMZ	Another bumper month for the trusty FT101ZD.
Emil I5EFO	Propagation not good. 73 Emil I5EFO
Mik IZ2FME	The propagation was really bad, especially on 20 es WARC; not so many members heard, but fun as well! 73's de IZ2FME - MM0FME fist no. 18103.
Derek M0DRK	Hi Graham, Not a very good result for February. Condx still no better for me. Mothers' Day, family were visiting Mollie and much of the two hours I was the tea boy, hi. April we have a family christening taking place, so only one session for me. 73 for now Graham.

	Derek, M0DRK, Nr. 8344
Pete M5ABN	Not too bad this month, had some computer problems so if any problems please let me know. Hi Vy 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
Erkki OH7QR	Hello Graham, Here comes my log for March. All the best, GL and hpe cuagn. 73 Erkki fists 8318
Andy SP9NLI	Best 73 to all Ladder participants! Andy #3741

In March, we welcomed Tony G3ZRJ to the 2017 Ladder. I also managed to add G3ZOD, although I was already represented in the table as MX5IPX.

Ladder Table:

Callsign	Position	Previous	Movement	Total	January	February	March
G4LRG	1	5	↑	212	26	84	102
IZ2FME	2	2	-	195	49	73	73
I5ECW	3	4	↑	192	60	58	74
DK3DUA	4	1	↓	186	55	73	58
M5ABN	5	3	↓	179	63	56	60
G4LHI	6	6	-	158	61	44	53
G6HH	7	10	↑	144	45	39	60
I5EFO	8	9	↑	141	41	52	48
OH7QR	9	7	↓	133	38	63	32
2E0DPH	10	8	↓	130	49	51	30
SP9NLI	11	12	↑	124	31	46	47
G3XVL	12	11	↓	118	45	34	39
M0DRK	13	13	-	77	33	28	16
M6MEN	14	14	-	57	30	27	
G0DDX	15	15	-	42	33	9	
SV2BBK	16	=23	↑	27	9		18
OK2VWB	17	16	↓	25	13	12	
2E0EML	18	20	↑	22		13	9
OH2BN	=19	=21	↑	21	9	3	9
PA1LEX	=19	17	↓	21	18	3	
G0OTT	21	18	↓	16	16		
OK1PSI	22	19	↓	14	8	6	
PA1ALV	23	=21	↓	12	7	5	
G3ZRJ	24	-	↑	11			11
M0SHM	25	=23	↓	9	3	6	
OZ8AGB	26	25	↓	6		6	
G7JMZ	27	26	↓	5	2		3
G3ZOD	28	-	↑	3			3
MX5IPX*				27	18		9

*=Check log

QRU?

The [EuCW QRS Week](#) runs for five full days from Monday 24th to Friday 28th April. Maximum speed is 14 words per minute. For each year since EuCW took over this activity, FISTS CW Club members have as a group been first placed over the other clubs represented – let's do the same again this year!

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.

Here is the full list of [upcoming activities](#). “Eu” is FISTS CW Club Europe and “Am” is FISTS CW Club Americas.

April 2017

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 09 Apr		FISTS Eu at Norbreck NARSA Rally Blackpool	1030 BST
Sun 09 Apr		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 09 Apr		FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC
Sun 23 Apr		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 23 Apr		FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC
Mon 24 Apr	Fri 28 Apr	EuCW QRS Week	0000-2359 UTC

May 2017

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sat 06 May		FISTS Am Spring Slow Speed Sprint	1700-2100 UTC
Sat 13 May		FISTS Am Spring Unlimited Sprint	1700-2100 UTC
Sun 14 May		RSGB 4m CW Contest	0900-1200 UTC
Sun 14 May		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 14 May		FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC
Sun 28 May		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 28 May		FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC

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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