



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

Ladder November 2017

Entrant	Comments
Mark 2E0ENL	Thank you
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI. Log for Nov 2017. Very much better condx up to today when we were swamped out with wwcqcw, I did manage 6 QSOs in the afternoon, but was tuff going. Enjoyed the challenge as always. Looking forward to Dec & also SKW. mni tnx to all taking part. 73/88 mni tnx Graham, David & Ian
John G4LRG	Conditions on 12 Nov were very poor and the CQWW CW Contest took over the bands on 26 Nov. So a poor log entry from myself this time. Thanks again for the points.
Richard G6HH	The fourth Sunday was completely disastrous. Wall to wall contests and not a single Fist member in sight!
Emil I5EFO	Poor propagation and very QRM for contest. Thank for the QSO, but above all thanks Ed N2ED for the short QSO in the contest. HPE CUAGN. 73 de Emil
Pete M5ABN	Missed the first November sessions due to other commitments, and the second sessions ruined by the contest taking over the bands. Hope for better in December. Happy Xmas to you and yours. Vy 73 Pete
Jarmo OH2BN	73 - Jarmo OH2BN FISTS #16593
Erkki OH7QR	Hello Graham, Please find attached my log for November. On 26th there were much contest QRM and could only work Peter G4LHI. Merry Xmas to you and your family. Many thanks and 73 de Erkki OH7QR nr 8318

Results for Ladder 2017

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
G4LRG	1	1	-	816	26	84	102	88	82	74	75	94	82	90	19
I5ECW	2	2	-	649	60	58	74	57	51	67	64	66	53	56	43
I5EFO	3	3	-	582	41	52	48	48	48	72	57	68	58	63	27
M5ABN	4	4	-	557	63	56	60	46	60	69	55	45	47	53	3
G4LHI	5	5	-	502	61	44	53	48	35	44	46	39	34	60	38
G6HH	6	6	-	466	45	39	60	31	54	46	45	49	44	43	10
OH7QR	7	7	-	384	38	63	32	15	28	41	40	30	47	31	19
G3XVL	8	8	-	368	45	34	39	29	60		19	61	26	50	5
DK3DUA	9	9	-	344	55	73	58	17		52	15	28	14	32	
2E0DPH	10	10	-	329	49	51	30	29	14	26	29	29	34	38	
SP9NLI	11	11	-	305	31	46	47	44	15	13	24	21	31	33	
IZ2FME	12	12	-	270	49	73	73	37		38					
M0DRK	13	13	-	206	33	28	16		20	18	12	24	24	18	13
M6MEN	14	14	-	98	30	27				6	29			6	
OH2BN	15	15	-	86	9	3	9	6		23	3	9	12	6	6
II2FIST	16	16	-	70							70				
G3ZRJ	17	17	-	64			11			47		6			
SV2BBK	18	18	-	62	9		18	13		6			13	3	
PA1ALV	19	19	-	46	7	5				25		9			
SP2SWI	20	20	-	45								17		28	
G0DDX	21	21	-	42	33	9									
III2FIST	=22	=22	-	30										30	
IW2JJS	=22	=22	-	30							10	20			
EA7KB	=24	=24	-	25										25	
OK1PSI	=24	=24	-	25	8	6			6		5				
OK2VWB	=24	=24	-	25	13	12									
2E0EML	27	27	-	22		13	9								
GM0EPO	=28	=28	-	21								15	6		
PA1LEX	=28	=28	-	21	18	3									
G4KLE	30	30	-	20							20				
HA7HF	31	31	-	18						18					
G0OTT	=32	=32	-	16	16										
OF5ZA	=32	=32	-	16						16					
2E0ENL	34	-	↑	15											15
DM4RW	=35	=34	↓	9				9							
G3ZOD	=35	=34	↓	9			3		6						
M0SHM	=35	=34	↓	9	3	6									
OZ8AGB	=35	=34	↓	9		6								3	
G7JMZ	39	38	↓	5	2		3								
MX5IPX*				42	18		9		15						

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

December 2017

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Wed 20 Dec		FISTS Eu Day Hopper	0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour
Sun 24 Dec		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 24 Dec		FISTS Am Cumulatives	2000-2200 UTC
Thu 28 Dec		FISTS Eu Day Hopper	0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour
Fri 29 Dec		FISTS Eu Day Hopper	0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour

Some interesting band conditions this time round which continue to either plague or bless us most days. I was talking the other day with someone about how the bands were in the early 1980s...ahhhh! However, these days we seem to get either totally flat "is my aerial connected?" conditions or, the up side, some cracking propagation. Why am I saying this? Really to entice those who have a quick listen then throw the switch back up...it's always worth calling and calling, you just never know what you'll get come back to you.

I have started getting SKW results in now and they are promising. I had a good time, but more on SKW next month.

The new year is looking good for activities: I am keeping the ladder because it gets consistent entries and delivers some challenges. We will see a return of the SKW later in the year and the Day Hopper, which found great favour. Two new activities though which are worth mentioning now are the Listen for Learners and Alfred Vail events.

The Listen for Learners will be just that: old hands are encouraged to Listen for Learners at specific times of the day and conversely, learners are invited to call specifically at these times (none of which precludes normal calling of course!).

The Alfred Vail activity will be an event where operators taking part have to use parts of callsigns to make certain words...yes, Alfred's name is among them. I hope this will be challenging and fun but to be honest, it's something I'm going to be watching with interest and tweaking because I haven't really got a clue how it will play out! It will be fun.

Complete details for both events will be issued in due course. In the meantime, from BP, have a very merry Christmas.

73

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