



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

Ladder April 2017

Comments Received:

Entrant	Comments
Thomas DK3DUA	Only 5 QSO's this time. Made my first contacts with GHD bug key, sri for my poor fist, I still have to practice more often. tnx and vy73 hpe cuagn Tom
Robert DM4RW	Hi Graham. Finally, I found some time and had some luck with the condx. 73, Robert
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI Log for April 2017. Tuff going at times but 80m proved successful in both sessions. Enjoyed the challenge as always. Looking forward to May. 73/88. mni tnx Graham
John G4LRG	Poor conditions on 23rd April but enjoyable. Thanks to those who struggled to get through!
Richard G6HH	"G" to "G" contacts seem almost impossible at the moment. Things can only get better? (I hope!) Richard
Emil I5EFO	Discreet propagation in 20, 40 and 80 meters. 73 de Emil I5EFO
Mik IZ2FME	My wife was working and I played with our 2 kids at home, so, not so much time for the LADDER, hi. All bands were closed for me, vy bad situation; some gud shots on 30 mtrs. Gud hunting es best 73's de IZ2FME - MM0FME FISTS #18103.
Pete M5ABN	Good fun as usual with some challenging condx. Vy 73 Pete
Erkki OH7QR	Hello Graham. Please find attached my log for April. Condx were quite poor on the first Sunday and on the second Sunday I could participate only in the evening session. But I enjoyed those QSOs I got. Many thanks and best 73 Erkki OH7QR 8318

In April, we welcomed Robert DM4RW to the 2017 Ladder.

Ladder Table:

Callsign	Position	Previous	Movement	Total	January	February	March	April
G4LRG	1	1	-	300	26	84	102	88
I5ECW	2	3	↑	249	60	58	74	57
IZ2FME	3	2	↓	232	49	73	73	37
M5ABN	4	5	↑	225	63	56	60	46
G4LHI	5	6	↑	206	61	44	53	48
DK3DUA	6	4	↓	203	55	73	58	17
I5EFO	7	8	↑	189	41	52	48	48
G6HH	8	7	↓	175	45	39	60	31
SP9NLI	9	11	↑	168	31	46	47	44
2E0DPH	10	10	-	159	49	51	30	29
OH7QR	11	9	↓	148	38	63	32	15
G3XVL	12	12	-	147	45	34	39	29
M0DRK	13	13	-	77	33	28	16	
M6MEN	14	14	-	57	30	27		
G0DDX	15	15	-	42	33	9		
SV2BBK	16	16	-	40	9		18	13
OH2BN	17	=19	↑	27	9	3	9	6
OK2VWB	18	17	↓	25	13	12		
2E0EML	19	18	↓	22		13	9	
PA1LEX	20	=19	↓	21	18	3		
G0OTT	21	21	-	16	16			
OK1PSI	22	22	-	14	8	6		
PA1ALV	23	23	-	12	7	5		
G3ZRJ	24	24	-	11			11	
DM4RW	=25	-	↑	9				9
M0SHM	=25	25	-	9	3	6		
OZ8AGB	27	26	↓	6		6		
G7JMZ	28	27	↓	5	2		3	
G3ZOD	29	28	↓	3			3	
MX5IPX*				27	18		9	

*=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.

On Sunday morning May 14th there is the [RSGB 4m CW Contest](#) and on Sunday morning June 25th there is the [RSGB 6m CW Contest](#). These are good fun and a lot more relaxed than HF contests, so if you can get on 4m and / or 6m please do come on and give them some support, and send a log in if possible.

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

May 2017

First day	Event	Times
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

June 2017

First day	Event	Times
Sun 11 Jun	FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 11 Jun	FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC
Sun 25 Jun	RSGB 6m CW Contest	0900-1200 UTC
Sun 25 Jun	FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 25 Jun	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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