



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

Ladder August 2017

Comments Received:

Entrant	Comments
Phil 2E0DPH	I know we keep talking about conditions on HF but the second Sunday proved very interesting in the afternoon with 'G' stations coming in 599 on 20m! and 40m picking up as well, a bit like old times hi! See you all again next month. 73
Peter G4LHI	Very much better condx this session. Enjoyed the challenge as always. Looking forward to Sept.
John G4LRG	Thanks to all who took part. Goodconditions on evening of 27th and great to see all of the activity.
Richard G6HH	27 August had a good session not all Fists members and long skip. Not many UK fists. But it made a change to have the bands open.
John GM0EPO	First time on the ladder, good fun. Mni thanks for QSOs.
Emil I5EFO	Good propagation in 20m and 40m. 73 de Emil I5EFO
Derek M0DRK	Pleased to have a little better log to send in for August. The second session was very good.
Pete M5ABN	Good fun as usual with some challenging condx. The afternoon session on the 27th provided inter UK working on 20M, very strange. Vy 73 Pete
Erkki OH7QR	Hello Graham, Please find attached my log for August.
Mariusz SP2SWI	RIG PWR 5W, Dipole for 40m and GP for 20m and old Soviet Army straight key TK. Thank you all!

Some interesting propagation in August's events it seems...always worth getting on air, even when 'everyone knows condx are bad'!!

Ladder Table:

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
G4LRG	1	1	-	625	26	84	102	88	82	74	75	94
I5ECW	2	2	-	497	60	58	74	57	51	67	64	66
M5ABN	3	3	-	454	63	56	60	46	60	69	55	45
I5EFO	4	4	-	434	41	52	48	48	48	72	57	68
G4LHI	5	5	-	370	61	44	53	48	35	44	46	39
G6HH	6	6	-	369	45	39	60	31	54	46	45	49
DK3DUA	7	=7	-	298	55	73	58	17		52	15	28
G3XVL	=8	11	↑	287	45	34	39	29	60		19	61
OH7QR	=8	9	↑	287	38	63	32	15	28	41	40	30
IZ2FME	10	=7	↓	270	49	73	73	37		38		
2E0DPH	11	10	↓	257	49	51	30	29	14	26	29	29
SP9NLI	12	12	-	241	31	46	47	44	15	13	24	21
M0DRK	13	13	-	151	33	28	16		20	18	12	24
M6MEN	14	14	-	92	30	27				6	29	
I12FIST	15	15	-	70							70	
G3ZRJ	16	16	-	64			11			47		6
OH2BN	17	17	-	62	9	3	9	6		23	3	9
SV2BBK	18	18	-	46	9		18	13		6		
G0DDX	19	19	-	42	33	9						
PA1ALV	20	20	-	37	7	5				25		
IW2JJS	21	29	↑	30							10	20
OK1PSI	=22	=21	↓	25	8	6			6		5	
OK2VWB	=22	=21	↓	25	13	12						
2E0EML	24	23	↓	22		13	9					
PA1LEX	25	24	↓	21	18	3						

G4KLE	26	25	↓	20				20
HA7HF	27	26	↓	18			18	
SP2SWI	28	-	↑	17				17
G0OTT	=29	=27	↓	16	16			
OF5ZA	=29	=27	↓	16			16	
GM0EPO	31	-	↑	15				15
DM4RW	=32	=30	↓	9		9		
G3ZOD	=32	=30	↓	9		3	6	
M0SHM	=32	=30	↓	9	3	6		
OZ8AGB	35	33	↓	6		6		
G7JMZ	36	34	↓	5	2	3		
MX5IPX*				42	18	9	15	

*=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.

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

September 2017

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 24 Sep		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 24 Sep		FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC

October 2017

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Mon 02 Oct		FISTS Day Hopper	0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour
Sat 07 Oct		FISTS Am Fall Slow Speed Sprint	1700-2100 UTC
Sun 08 Oct		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 08 Oct		FISTS Am Cumulatives	1900-2100 UTC
Sat 14 Oct		FISTS Am Fall Unlimited Sprint	1700-2100 UTC
Sun 22 Oct		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 22 Oct		<u>FISTS Am Cumulatives</u>	1900-2100 UTC

“Eu” is FISTS CW Club Europe and “Am” is FISTS CW Club Americas.

There’s also the newly installed Straight Key Week in DECEMBER...I’ll remind you next month but for further details now...see the website. That’s all for this month. If you’d like to read previous *BrassPounders*, they are [available on the website](#).

There are a couple of new events this year: the Day Hopper and the SK week has been added back. There was some chatter (from me mostly) about some activity involving specific ages of kit, for example only 1980’s equipment etc...just a bit of fun along the lines of ‘valve only’ events but does it have merit? Let me know.

Until next time,

Keep the brass warm,

73

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