



Welcome to this edition of *BrassPounder*, which covers FISTS CW Club Europe's [on-air activities](#) during September 2016.

This month it includes the Ladder results to-date and the results for the Accuracy Challenge.

Firstly, a request. I've been asked if details of power output and antenna could be included. So, for the next edition, when you submit your logs, please can you include those details in your comments?

Secondly, an ad! We're looking for someone to be FISTS CW Club Europe's **Activities Manager**, dealing with the club's 2017 on-air activities.

This includes the following main tasks:

- Determining what on-air activities and rules the club will have during 2017 and agreeing these with the club's Management Team by 30th November 2016.
- Adjudicating the activity entries sent in by entrants during 2017.
- Starting in February 2017, producing a monthly newsletter that incorporates the results and soapbox comments for activities that took place during the previous month.
- Producing a report to be included in each "Key Note".
- Answering queries about activities from club members.
- Being FISTS' [European Communication Manager](#) (ECM) in the [European CW Association](#) (EuCW), i.e. acting as our representative.

The Activities Manager will be provided each month with tables of results and soapbox comments suitable for pasting into a newsletter. If you can undertake this, please let myself or another member of the club's Management Team know.

Thirdly, as the end of the year is approaching rapidly, it would be helpful to send in any comments / requests for the next Activities Manager to consider.

My personal take on 2016 is that mostly support for the activities has been reasonable. However, major weekend contests have been an issue, particularly with activities that can't be moved to try and avoid them, i.e. the Ladder and QRS Fifth Sundays. In the case of the Ladder, there are many sessions, so the odd clash is not a disaster. However, the QRS Fifth Sundays has suffered; if I could go back in time, I would consider perhaps an occasional QRS weekday evening instead.

Ladder Results

Here are the comments received:

Entrant	Comments
Phil 2E0DPH	Please find my log for the September Ladder. Refreshing to see 40m working well again on the 2nd Sunday. Just like old times. Hi! Phil 2E0DPH Fists 14543
Richard G0ILN	Good fun as usual and 25th September we had good condx which was a welcome change. Richard G0ILN Fist 398
Peter G4LHI	I attach my log for the Fists Sept Ladder. Hope condx a little better in Sept? Fer this event. Certainly were for the 2nd Sunday, just like the good old times. Mni tnx fer ur QSO Graham – nice to hear u again on 40m. Mni tnx to those guys that tried & those that we managed to work. 73 de Peter G4LHI # 2219 k
Emil I5EFO	I enjoyed it a lot, even with some QSOs with the US. 73, Emil I5EFO (#17028)
Derek M0DRK	Hi Gra. Here are the logs for the Ladder also accuracy Challenge. Sorry missed many stations on second session of the month when condx. were so much better. Lots of Fists members heard taking part but could not work them. Hopefully things will continue to improve. 73 for now, Derek, M0DRK, 8344
Pete M5ABN	Please find my Ladder log for September, conditions on the first session awful, but much improved on the 25 th . 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
Erkki OH7QR	Hello Graham. Many thanks for the QSO on the Ladder. de Erkki OH7QR

This month we welcome Steve M0SHM.

The top four positions are unchanged. The gap between Peter G4LHI and Pete M5ABN has increased from 3 points to 7 points; however there is still a chance of them swapping positions by the end of the year.

Ladder table:

Callsign	Pos'n	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
I5ECW	1	1	-	369	36	46	30	42	41	50	41	39	44
G4LHI	2	2	-	290	36	44	34	30	30	35	23	27	31
M5ABN	3	3	-	283	17	39	38	33	37	21	27	44	27
G0ILN	4	4	-	271	22	32	42	23	29	29	28	31	35
OH7QR	5	6	↑	229	34		18	35	35	33		33	41
2E0DPH	6	8	↑	211	27	41	24	26	20	21		18	34
SP9NLI	7	7	-	206	20	28	19	20	32	30	18	13	26
G3XVL	8	5	↓	201	24	31	34	23	12	21	24	32	
I5EFO	9	9	-	191		18	22	18	21	25	25	28	34
M0DRK	10	10	-	158	21	23	23	16	8	22	9	16	20
OH2BN	11	12	↑	96	16		8	10	13	20	8	10	11
M0GGK	12	11	↓	88	4	24	8	8	20	3	8	13	
M6MEN	13	14	↑	75	8		2	12	17	6	2	12	16
F5OGJ	14	13	↓	63	26	28			4	5			
EA4BL	15	15	-	46	6		10	14	14			2	
IK0NOJ	16	16	-	40	40								
G0POT	=17	=17	-	35		24	11						
G4IZZ	=17	=17	-	35	15	20							
G3ZRJ	19	19	-	33			5	4	8	16			
G4RHR	20	25	↑	29				7				10	12
G4KLE	21	20	↓	28		28							
G3ZOD	22	28	↑	24							4	10	10
DM4RW	=23	=21	↓	20	10	8	2						
G0DDX	=23	=21	↓	20	8		12						
HA7HF	=23	=21	↓	20		10						10	
IU1DZZ	26	24	↓	18		8	8	2					
OZ8AGB	27	26	↓	16	4		2		4	4	2		
G0OTT	28	27	↓	15			15						
G4FWA	29	29	-	12	6	6							
G0HGH	30	30	-	11			11						
GW0VLN	31	31	-	10		4	4	2					
DM5RS	32	32	-	9			9						
SM7DUZ	33	33	-	6								6	
EI6KH	=34	=34	-	4					4				
G7JMZ	=34	=34	-	4								4	
M0SHM	=34	-	↑	4									4
PA1FOX	37	36	↓	2		2							
ON6PJ	38	37	↓	1					1				
MX5IPX*				30								12	18
GX0IPX*				5									5

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Accuracy Challenge

Here are the comments received:

Entrant	Comments
Phil 2E0DPH	Please find my log for the first Accuracy Challenge. Phil 2E0DPH Fists 14543
Peter G4LHI	I attach my log for the Fists Sept AC. Enjoyed this event vy much. Nice to work you on Sunday Graham, 40m was great this week. 73 de Peter G4LHI # 2219 k
Emil I5EFO	Many thanks for the QSO's. 73, Emil I5EFO (#17028)
Pete M5ABN	Please find my Accuracy activity log for September, conditions on the first session awful, but much improved on the 25th. A great addition to the list of Fists activities for us to enjoy. 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
Mark M6MEN	Thank you, great fun.
Erkki OH7QR	Hello Graham. Many thanks for the QSOs on the Accuracy Challenge. de Erkki OH7QR

Each entrant was randomly allocated a three-letter word and three-digit number to exchange. This went well and the accuracy of the logs was excellent. One issue was that someone ended up with the word "age", which resulted in some confusion on the air. Sorry about that – I have removed "age" from the list should the activity be run again in future!

Here is the results table:

Callsign	Position	Points
OH7QR	1	263
G4LHI	2	223
2E0DPH	3	196
M5ABN	4	174
M0DRK	5	170
M6MEN	6	136
I5EFO	7	87
G4RHR	8	72
OH2BN	9	40
G3ZOD	10	21
MX5IPX*		123

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Thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations to the winners:

- First place: **Erkki OH7QR**
- Second place: **Peter G4LHI**
- Third place: **Phil 2E0DPH**

FISTS CW Club DXCC League

This is a reminder about the new website page that shows the club's DXCC league, based on data from Club Log. The links to it are:

FISTS Americas: <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=am>

FISTS Down Under: <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=du>

FISTS East Asia <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=ea>

FISTS Europe <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=eu>

All FISTS Chapters: <http://fists.co.uk/dxccleague.aspx?c=all>

The league includes current (paid-up) members and is in order of the number of "slots", which is the number of DXCC entities worked on CW for each band added together. Bands from 160m to 13cm are included.

FISTS Americas Cumulatives

The results of the [FISTS Americas Cumulatives](#) activity for September are available from here: http://fistsna.org/pdfdocs/fc_reports/FC_2016_10.pdf

The next sessions are 2000-2200 UTC on November 13 and November 27 (note the change in time due to the clocks moving back).

Regardless of where you are, please do give it a try – QSOs can be with members of any FISTS "Chapter" or with non-members. It's along similar lines to the FISTS Europe Ladder with notable differences being that QSOs must be a minimum of 5 minutes long, bands allowed are 80m, 40m, & 20m, and there is a single 2 hour session per Sunday, which occurs in the US afternoon and European evening. The exchange is:

RST, name, QTH or state, and member number (if applicable).

Calling "CQ FISTS" is recommended. FISTS Log Converter includes the Cumulatives from [version 3.3.0 onwards](#), so if you have an earlier version, please upgrade.

FISTS Europe Two Meter Activity is back!

The Two Meter activity is back for its second and final month in November. It runs at 09:00-10:00 UTC on the following Saturdays and Sundays: 05/06 November, 12/13 November, 19/20 November, and 26/27 November.

Don't forget to exchange Maidenhead Locators along with name, RST, and member number (if available).

Note that the session on the 6th November takes place during the annual [RSGB 2m Marconi Contest](#); add serial numbers to your QSO exchanges and you can enter QSOs in both the FISTS Two Meter and RSGB contest!

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The [next activities](#) are:

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 30 Oct		FISTS Eu QRS Fifth Sunday	0001-2359 UTC
Sat 05 Nov		FISTS Eu Two Metre Activity	0900-1000 UTC
Sat 05 Nov	Sun 06 Nov	RSGB 2m CW Marconi Contest	1400-1400 UTC
Sun 06 Nov		FISTS Eu Two Metre Activity	0900-1000 UTC
Sat 12 Nov		FISTS Eu Two Metre Activity	0900-1000 UTC
Sun 13 Nov		FISTS Eu Two Metre Activity	0900-1000 UTC
Sun 13 Nov		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 13 Nov		FISTS Am Cumulatives	2000-2200 UTC
Sat 19 Nov		FISTS Eu Two Metre Activity	0900-1000 UTC
Sun 20 Nov		FISTS Eu Two Metre Activity	0900-1000 UTC
Sat 26 Nov		FISTS Eu Two Metre Activity	0900-1000 UTC
Sun 27 Nov		FISTS Eu Two Metre Activity	0900-1000 UTC
Sun 27 Nov		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 27 Nov		FISTS Am Cumulatives	2000-2200 UTC

(Eu = Europe, Am = Americas)

That's it 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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