



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
<b>Phil 2E0DPH</b>	Please find my log for the March ladder. Hope to see you all again next month. 73 Phil 2E0DPH Fists 14543
<b>Thomas DK3DUA</b>	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 ;-)
<b>Graham G3ZOD as G3ZOD &amp; MX5IPX</b>	Having reminded everyone in a reply on the <a href="#">fistscw Yahoo group</a> 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
<b>Tony G3ZRJ</b>	Hope this is useful; sorry been QRL on Sundays. 73 Tony G3ZRJ 7727
<b>Peter G4LHI</b>	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
<b>John G4LRG</b>	Still quite new to the Fists Ladder but having a great time getting members and non-members into my log!
<b>Richard G0ILN as G6HH</b>	Good fun as usual, but condx quite poor. Richard
<b>John G7JMZ</b>	Another bumper month for the trusty FT101ZD.
<b>Emil I5EFO</b>	Propagation not good. 73 Emil I5EFO
<b>Mik IZ2FME</b>	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.
<b>Derek M0DRK</b>	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
<b>Pete M5ABN</b>	Not too bad this month, had some computer problems so if any problems please let me know. Hi Vy 73 Pete M5ABN #6423
<b>Erkki OH7QR</b>	Hello Graham, Here comes my log for March. All the best, GL and hpe cuagn. 73 Erkki fists 8318
<b>Andy SP9NLI</b>	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
<b>G4LRG</b>	<b>1</b>	5	↑	<b>212</b>	26	84	102
<b>IZ2FME</b>	<b>2</b>	2	-	<b>195</b>	49	73	73
<b>I5ECW</b>	<b>3</b>	4	↑	<b>192</b>	60	58	74
<b>DK3DUA</b>	<b>4</b>	1	↓	<b>186</b>	55	73	58
<b>M5ABN</b>	<b>5</b>	3	↓	<b>179</b>	63	56	60
<b>G4LHI</b>	<b>6</b>	6	-	<b>158</b>	61	44	53
<b>G6HH</b>	<b>7</b>	10	↑	<b>144</b>	45	39	60
<b>I5EFO</b>	<b>8</b>	9	↑	<b>141</b>	41	52	48
<b>OH7QR</b>	<b>9</b>	7	↓	<b>133</b>	38	63	32
<b>2E0DPH</b>	<b>10</b>	8	↓	<b>130</b>	49	51	30
<b>SP9NLI</b>	<b>11</b>	12	↑	<b>124</b>	31	46	47
<b>G3XVL</b>	<b>12</b>	11	↓	<b>118</b>	45	34	39
<b>M0DRK</b>	<b>13</b>	13	-	<b>77</b>	33	28	16
<b>M6MEN</b>	<b>14</b>	14	-	<b>57</b>	30	27	
<b>G0DDX</b>	<b>15</b>	15	-	<b>42</b>	33	9	
<b>SV2BBK</b>	<b>16</b>	=23	↑	<b>27</b>	9		18
<b>OK2VWB</b>	<b>17</b>	16	↓	<b>25</b>	13	12	
<b>2E0EML</b>	<b>18</b>	20	↑	<b>22</b>		13	9
<b>OH2BN</b>	<b>=19</b>	=21	↑	<b>21</b>	9	3	9
<b>PA1LEX</b>	<b>=19</b>	17	↓	<b>21</b>	18	3	
<b>G0OTT</b>	<b>21</b>	18	↓	<b>16</b>	16		
<b>OK1PSI</b>	<b>22</b>	19	↓	<b>14</b>	8	6	
<b>PA1ALV</b>	<b>23</b>	=21	↓	<b>12</b>	7	5	
<b>G3ZRJ</b>	<b>24</b>	-	↑	<b>11</b>			11
<b>M0SHM</b>	<b>25</b>	=23	↓	<b>9</b>	3	6	
<b>OZ8AGB</b>	<b>26</b>	25	↓	<b>6</b>		6	
<b>G7JMZ</b>	<b>27</b>	26	↓	<b>5</b>	2		3
<b>G3ZOD</b>	<b>28</b>	-	↑	<b>3</b>			3
<b>MX5IPX*</b>				<b>27</b>	18		9

\*=Check log

## QRU?

The [EuCW QRS Week](#) runs for five full days from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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		<a href="#">FISTS Eu at Norbreck NARSA Rally</a> Blackpool	1030 BST
Sun 09 Apr		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 09 Apr		<a href="#">FISTS Am Cumulatives</a>	1900-2100 UTC
Sun 23 Apr		<a href="#">FISTS Eu Ladder</a>	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 23 Apr		<a href="#">FISTS Am Cumulatives</a>	1900-2100 UTC
Mon 24 Apr	Fri 28 Apr	<a href="#">EuCW QRS Week</a>	0000-2359 UTC

### May 2017

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