



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

Ladder September 2017

Entrant	Comments
Phil 2E0DPH	Please find my log for September Ladder 73 Phil 2E0DPH Fists 14543
Thomas DK3DUA	Hello, only 4 QSO's this time, using QRP with KX2 and balcony wire antenna from holiday home. vy73 Thomas DK3DUA FISTS #18090
Chris G3XVL	The solar flare made activity on then 10th a bit of a challenge but still manged a few. Good fun as always.
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI. Log for Sept 2017. Very much better condx this session. Sorry missed evening session on Sunday 24th. Enjoyed the challenge as always. Looking forward to Oct. mni tnx to all taking part. 73/88 Graham
John G4LRG	Unable to get on the 10th Sept due to other commitments but good conditions on 24th helped me catch up. Thanks to all for the contacts.
Richard G6HH	Maybe things are looking up! Not a bad month.
John GM0EPO	Only two this month. Mni thanks for QSOs.
Emil I5EFO	Many thanks for the QSOs. 73 de Emil I5EFO
Derek M0DRK	My log for September, all very nice cw qsos, See you next month, Derek, M0DRK, 8344
Pete M5ABN	Good fun as usual Vy 73 Pete

Jarmo OH2BN	73 - Jarmo OH2BN FISTS #16593
Erkki OH7QR	A bit better result this month although the condx are remaining poor. Thanks for QSOs to all I worked. 73 de Erkki OH7QR nr 8318

Results for Ladder 2017

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
G4LRG	1	1	-	707	26	84	102	88	82	74	75	94	82
I5ECW	2	2	-	550	60	58	74	57	51	67	64	66	53
M5ABN	3	3	-	501	63	56	60	46	60	69	55	45	47
I5EFO	4	4	-	492	41	52	48	48	48	72	57	68	58
G6HH	5	6	↑	413	45	39	60	31	54	46	45	49	44
G4LHI	6	5	↓	404	61	44	53	48	35	44	46	39	34
OH7QR	7	=8	↑	334	38	63	32	15	28	41	40	30	47
G3XVL	8	=8	-	313	45	34	39	29	60		19	61	26
DK3DUA	9	7	↓	312	55	73	58	17		52	15	28	14
2E0DPH	10	11	↑	291	49	51	30	29	14	26	29	29	34
SP9NLI	11	12	↑	272	31	46	47	44	15	13	24	21	31
IZ2FME	12	10	↓	270	49	73	73	37		38			
M0DRK	13	13	-	175	33	28	16		20	18	12	24	24
M6MEN	14	14	-	92	30	27				6	29		
OH2BN	15	17	↑	74	9	3	9	6		23	3	9	12
II2FIST	16	15	↓	70							70		
G3ZRJ	17	16	↓	64			11			47		6	
SV2BBK	18	=18	-	59	9		18	13		6			13
PA1ALV	19	=18	↓	46	7	5				25		9	
G0DDX	20	20	-	42	33	9							
IW2JJS	21	21	-	30							10	20	
OK1PSI	=22	=22	-	25	8	6			6		5		
OK2VWB	=22	=22	-	25	13	12							
2E0EML	24	24	-	22		13	9						
GM0EPO	=25	31	↑	21								15	6
PA1LEX	=25	25	-	21	18	3							
G4KLE	27	26	↓	20							20		
HA7HF	28	27	↓	18						18			
SP2SWI	29	28	↓	17								17	
G0OTT	=30	=29	↓	16	16								
OF5ZA	=30	=29	↓	16						16			
DM4RW	=32	=32	-	9				9					
G3ZOD	=32	=32	-	9			3		6				
M0SHM	=32	=32	-	9	3	6							
OZ8AGB	35	35	-	6		6							

G7JMZ	36	36	-	5	2		3					
MX5IPX*				42	18		9		15			

I don't manage to enter the ladder myself because of work and family but I try to get on air every day when I am at home and I second some of the comments. Band condx are terrible...some days! I noticed this past week that some days the bands were flat and often incredibly noisy (S9 noise at times) yet just a few hours later I was getting absolutely solid 'end stopping' signals on QRP inter G and within Europe. Some cracking propagation and this seems to be reflected in the ladder. Well done to all who had fun.

Why not 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](#).

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
Thu 26 Oct		FISTS Eu Day Hopper	0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour
Fri 27 Oct		FISTS Eu Day Hopper	0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour

November 2017

Wed 01 Nov [FISTS Eu Day Hopper](#) 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour

[Sat 04 Nov](#) [Sun 05 Nov](#) [RSGB 2m CW Marconi Contest 1400-1400 UTC](#)

Thu 09 Nov [FISTS Eu Day Hopper](#) 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour

Sun 12 Nov [FISTS Eu Ladder](#) 1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

Sun 12 Nov [FISTS Am Cumulatives](#) 2000-2200 UTC

Fri 17 Nov [FISTS Eu Day Hopper](#) 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour

Mon 20 Nov [FISTS Eu Day Hopper](#) 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour

Sun 26 Nov [FISTS Eu Ladder](#) 1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

Sun 26 Nov [FISTS Am Cumulatives](#) 2000-2200 UTC

Tue 28 Nov [FISTS Eu Day Hopper](#) 0800, 1300, 1800 UTC for 1 hour

“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 again 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](#).

I was pleased to see that the first day hopper day got off to a reasonable start. Those of us that managed any activity had good fun and so I can recommend it to you all...watch the clock, note the day and join in. Do note that the clue is in the name...it changes days each week! I have added mine into my diary (paper version but apparently you can get diaries on computers these days...whatever next?).

How 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. I have also received some replies favourable to a mechanical bug activity. Whether this should be points scoring or just for fun...what do you think? Maybe 10 points mechanical :mechanical, 5 points mechanical: non mechanical and 1 point all other methods of producing dots and dashes?

Until next time,

Keep the brass warm,

73

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