



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

Comments for December 2017 Ladder

Phil 2E0DPH	Here is my log for the December Ladder. Many thanks to all those worked in 2017, I wish you a safe, peaceful and HNY and look forward to working you all in 2018 73 Phil 2E0DPH Fists 14543
Mark 2E0ENL	Thank you and a very Happy New Year
Thomas DK3DUA	Happy New Year 2018 to all FISTS and tnx for the QSO's we made. I had much fun in my first year as a FISTS member, hpe cuagn next year. vy73 Tom DK3DUA
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI. Log for Dec 2017. Enjoyed last QSO's on Ladder for 2017, looking forward to 2018. Happy Xmas to all involved in Ladder. Mni tnx to all I had nice QSOS with during 2017 mni tnx Graham, David & Ian
John G4LRG	Better conditions this month for the afternoon sessions. Thanks to all for the points and will be looking for you again in 2018.
Richard G6HH	That's it from G6HH/a Hastings Electronics and Radio Club (HERC). It has been fun giving away a few extra points. I will be back as G0ILN in January. Richard G0ILN
John G7JMZ	A brief but fun contact on 40m
Vanni I5ECW	Hi, here is the last 2017 entry. good fun despite a poor condx. Merry xmas and happy 2018! 73'S Vanni i5ecw fists #16505
Emil I5EFO	Happy New Year 2018 HPE CUAGN. 73 de Emil I5EFO
Derek M0DRK	Happy New Year Graham to you and Mrs ZOD. Here is my final log for 2017 Fists Ladder. Thank you for continuing to run this activity. My CW activities are much reduced due to various other things that need more of my attention. I will however always do my best to support the Ladder and those Fists members who take part. 73 for now Graham. cul, take care, Derek, M0DRK, Nr.8344
Pete M5ABN	Happy New Year to all, & hope to meet in 2018 Vy 73 Pete
Tony M6BDO	my first use of this software so apologies if any errors present. TB.
Jarmo OH2BN	73 - Jarmo OH2BN Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! FISTS #16593
Erkki OH7QR	Missed the Ladder on 24th. On 10th got only two QSOs, the condx were very strange. From UK worked only Peter G4LHI (tnx mate). Season Greetings and hope to meet in 2018. 73 Erkki OH7QR nr 8318

Results for Ladder 2017

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
G4LRG	1	1	-	883	26	84	102	88	82	74	75	94	82	90	19	67
I5ECW	2	2	-	698	60	58	74	57	51	67	64	66	53	56	43	49
M5ABN	3	4	↑	603	63	56	60	46	60	69	55	45	47	53	3	46
I5EFO	4	3	↓	594	41	52	48	48	48	72	57	68	58	63	27	12
G4LHI	5	5	-	560	61	44	53	48	35	44	46	39	34	60	38	58
G6HH	6	6	-	499	45	39	60	31	54	46	45	49	44	43	10	33
OH7QR	7	7	-	390	38	63	32	15	28	41	40	30	47	31	19	6
2E0DPH	8	10	↑	373	49	51	30	29	14	26	29	29	34	38		44
DK3DUA	=9	9	-	368	55	73	58	17		52	15	28	14	32		24
G3XVL	=9	8	↓	368	45	34	39	29	60		19	61	26	50	5	
SP9NLI	11	11	-	314	31	46	47	44	15	13	24	21	31	33		9
IZ2FME	12	12	-	270	49	73	73	37		38						
M0DRK	13	13	-	223	33	28	16		20	18	12	24	24	18	13	17
M6MEN	14	14	-	98	30	27				6	29			6		
OH2BN	15	15	-	92	9	3	9	6		23	3	9	12	6	6	6
II2FIST	16	16	-	70							70					
G3ZRJ	17	17	-	64			11			47		6				
SV2BBK	18	18	-	62	9		18	13		6			13	3		
PA1ALV	19	19	-	46	7	5				25		9				
SP2SWI	20	20	-	45								17		28		
EA7KB	21	=24	↑	44										25		19
G0DDX	22	21	↓	42	33	9										
2E0ENL	23	34	↑	35											15	20
III2FIST	=24	=22	↓	30										30		
IW2JJS	=24	=22	↓	30							10	20				
OK1PSI	=26	=24	↓	25	8	6			6		5					
OK2VWB	=26	=24	↓	25	13	12										
2E0EML	28	27	↓	22		13	9									
GM0EPO	=29	=28	↓	21								15	6			
PA1LEX	=29	=28	↓	21	18	3										
G4KLE	31	30	↓	20							20					
HA7HF	32	31	↓	18						18						
G0OTT	=33	=32	↓	16	16											
OF5ZA	=33	=32	↓	16						16						
M6BDO	35	-	↑	12												12
DM4RW	=36	=35	↓	9				9								
G3ZOD	=36	=35	↓	9			3		6							
M0SHM	=36	=35	↓	9	3	6										
OZ8AGB	=36	=35	↓	9		6								3		
G7JMZ	40	39	↓	6	2		3									1
MX5IPX*				42	18		9		15							

Comments for Straight Key Week 2017

Phil 2E0DPH	<p>here is my log (for what it is Hi!) for SKW Unfortunately the new timing clashes with my work schedule I hope it has worked well with the new formula.</p> <p>73 Phil 2E0DPH Fists 14543</p>
Mark 2E0ENL	<p>Thank you</p>
Richard G0ILN	<p>Good fun and looking forward to next year! I found 80m to be the best band. Ft857 100 watts to G5RV. key of choice Raymart speed key. (£3 in a junk auction!). Richard G0ILN</p>
Chris G3XVL	<p>Most enjoyable, thanks for putting SKW on the calendar.</p>
Tony G3ZRJ	<p>Hi Please find attached my SKW 2017 log, Wishing you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year Vy 73</p> <p>Tony G3ZRJ g3zrj.morsekey@gmx.co.uk FISTS 7727 Key used Marconi PS-213A</p>
Peter G4LHI	<p>G4LHI. Log for Nov 2017. Enjoyed new hour slots, much better, great event & look forward to next. Mni tnx to all I had nice QSOS with during the SK Week. mni tnx Graham, David & Ian</p>
John GS0AYR	<p>Using Ayr ARG club callsign and tried to make as many SKW contacts as possible to celebrate our 80th anniversary year. Many thanks for all the QSOS, John GM0EPO Fists 209.</p>
Vanni I5ECW	<p>good fun, 2el moxon on 20m, windom on 40&80, KEY THE OLD WT8 N.2 73'S Vanni i5ecw fists #16505</p>
Erkki OH7QR	<p>Here comes my log in SKW 2017. Conditions not very good, hope better next year. All the best for 2018 and thanks for this year. 73 Erkki OH7QR nr 8318</p>
Mariusz SP2SWI	<p>A very nice event.</p> <p>For me, the 20m band was briefly opened every day - poor propagation. No antenna for 80m band. On the 40m band the level of local QRM from plasma TVs etc. so big that I did not hear many stations. However, I managed to meet some new FISTS members. Thank you for QSO.</p> <p>I used K2 (100W). GP Antenna for the 20m band. Dipole about 7m up above ground for 40m band. Key: Junker.</p> <p>I enjoyed the SKW. I'm looking forward to next event!</p>

Results for Straight Key Week 2017

Callsign	Posn	Points
G4LHI	1	183
I5ECW	2	116
GS0AYR	3	112
OH7QR	4	79
G3ZRJ	5	77
G0ILN	6	70
G3XVL	7	52
SP2SWI	8	29
2E0ENL	9	18
G0JHK	10	15
2E0DPH	11	9

Greetings for 2018 Dear FISTS friends and a Happy New Year to you all. Well, last year's ladder has seen very little movement in placings: most movement is one up or down. Does this mean the Ladders is now settled and a bit boring or are people working very hard indeed for incremental gain? If I am honest, I don't know because I can never really enter the ladder...work and family schedules preclude that (hence my Day Hopper if you recall), BUT, because I don't have a feel for the ladder I have left it the same for this year as last. If you have any strong feelings or suggestions about the ladder do please email me and let's start a 'modernisation plan', if it needs it.

Of great pleasure to me is the SKW results: quite a few entrants and no doubt more people who operated but didn't enter...me amongst them! I had great fun in the SKW but since I use a paper log book (FISTS logbook...get yours 'ere, email me) I have to then re-enter everything into the log converter which is tedious. So, alas, my own entries go unrecorded but I did enjoy SKW and I am pleased that so many of you DID enter the results electronically. I shall try to keep up next time with other activities. Conditions were, as reported, a bit like the little girl with her curl...when they were good they were very good, but when they were bad they were horrid.

There are a few activities coming up this year which I hope you find fun. I wonder if any of you have your QCXs running yet? I have had many QSO with mine but I have not heard another one on air save that of Martin, M0MWS (16211) who lives near me. Dave, G0AYD (15892) has a working one but hasn't used it yet I think. Given the huge number sold, where are they all?? I had expected to be able to organise a FISTS QCX party this spring but it is looking very unlikely now. Do let me know if you have a QCX (Mine is on 40m)

I think that's it! Have a good January, keep the brass warm and the lightnings flying!

David G4YVM (16828)

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

January 2018

First day	Event	Times
Sun 14 Jan	FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 28 Jan	FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

February 2018

First day	Event	Times
Sun 11 Feb	FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 25 Feb	FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

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