

# SCCCORE

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB OPERATIONS, RESULTS AND ENLIGHTENMENTS

(WA6OTU, PRES.; N6VR, V.P.; N6ADI SEC/TREAS)  
(BOARD: NE6I, N6TJ, N6VI)

(AREA REPS: NI6W ORANGE & W6UQF SAN DIEGO; LA AREA NEEDED)

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### ELECTIONS

Elections for Officers to serve during 1988 and 1989 will be held this month at the scheduled meeting. You will find a ballot in this issue of SCCCORE for you to either mail in or bring to the January meeting. Be sure and exercise your right to vote for the administration that you think will do the best job for you and the Club. The field of nominees for the new slate of officers is wide and you have a lot of active members to choose from. Above all remember that these officers will be guiding the club for the next two years.

The following club members have been nominated and accepted. N6VR, Ray, & NI6W, Kurt, for the Office of President; NC6U, Kevin, for the office of Vice President; NE6I, Dennis, for Board member; N6ZZ, Phil, for Board member; and N6ADI, Ski, for Secretary/Treasurer. WA6OTU, Mark, will automatically become a Board member and Presidential Candidate runner up will become a board member.

Be sure to VOTE as your expression of support for the club and its direction!

### SPECIAL EVENT CALL

The SCCC will be operating a special event station to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Constitution. The Club was notified by the ARRL and the response time was very short. Due to this fact the President was notified and approved the application for N6ADI to submit his call for the special event on behalf of the SCCC. The call will be N200ADI (American Democratic Institute) and will be used 3-9 September 1988 to commemorate California's admission to the Union. Ski's station will be OPEN to ALL!

### GENERATOR

Funds donated at the September/October meeting to the tune of \$51. were spent on the trailer found by Ski, N6ADI, and Ray, N6VR. The trailer cost \$115. and needed to be totally rebuilt but the basics were there. The trailer was 4'x8' and had sides and had been used to haul hay so the entire trailer was stripped down to bare bones metal and reinforced and redesigned for hauling the generator. A new tongue was installed, used tires were purchased, overload springs installed, new fenders installed and new lighting was installed. The entire frame was beefed up with 2" angle iron and 3" channel. The trailer has been painted with a couple coats of black Rustoleum and is ready for the generator to be mounted. Once the generator is mounted the electrical system will be reworked with metering and a panel board. The distribution will consist of 2-220volt 30amp circuits and 2-120volt 20 amp circuits. All switch gear and metering will be in waterproof boxes. This project is being undertaken primarily by N6ADI with material support from N6VR. Once complete the trailer mounted generator will be available for club use. It will be stored in Ojai and arrangements for use will be made through Ski, N6ADI. To date the project has cost the club \$51 and Ski has spent \$324.. \$64 for trailer, \$25 for springs, \$15. for lights, \$25. for connectors, \$15. for tires, \$60. for metal to beef-up trailer, \$20. for a new 2" tongue and \$100. for welding performed. Additional funds are needed in support of the project for electrical distribution materials and miscellaneous items. Send any contributions to the Club PO BOX!

The generator should power 2-legal limit stations and accessories. It runs on diesel and has its own tank. Hopefully this will solve some of our Mexico 86 problems!

## FROM THE PRESIDENT-

Well, well, well. Somehow I feel like a father talking to his children when they're moving out to their own place for the first time. I've got to remember it's not your first time saying so long to a used up president, but it is my first time saying good-bye to you. Sob. Sometimes I have feelings like I wish I could've done more, but then I remember what our Club is really all about and realize that I ate plenty of pizza exchanging war stories with my competitors and learned a lot while doing it. Which, it turns out, is what it's all about.

Not without forward momentum, I did manage to do the first membership survey which met with greater than 10% response rate. I still have all that information compiled here in my hot little hands and I will turn it over (gladly) to the next president of our club.

With respect to our survey, I have always been much relieved to find that for the most part our club has its values right in my opinion. It is nice to see that we can turn in a good Club score as a side effect of having members who have such great rapport with one another. It is nice to see that Club competition is not the only thing we are together for, but instead is a fringe benefit of having a Club which likes to have meetings, exchange ideas, and operate together.

As for all the rest, I have enjoyed mounting our portable operations to Mexico. I have learned a lot from those little experiences, like now I know how Wayne feels about being the one guy with all the gear, and I know how it feels to get stuck with the money. Yuk. As for that, I still haven't received \$90. from one guy. We've decided to eat it. As you recall, Mexico trips in the future will be run differently.

I am also glad that we got our meeting format onto a track that gives us a picnic/barbeque meeting at least twice a year, like the one at Marty's new QTH in January. See elsewhere for details.

What does the future hold? I for one plan to create a position for myself (I love the way this club works) for the next couple of years

as membership chairman. I have been keeping track of all the guys I work in contests in Southern California who sound like they know what they're doing, and yet are not members of our Club already. How can this be, you ask? Simple. Our Club has never really put a lot of work into hand-picking potential members. We also don't publicize ourselves at all. I figure at least two thirds of these operators would join the Southern California Contest Club if they were informed that such a Club existed. Voila. Instant members. We'll see.

So there you have it, the last Presidential Report from this writer. I am glad to have been a part of the Southern California Contest Club for the last two years, and I look forward to serving on the board for the next two. Maybe we can lay some groundwork for the next ten. To my successor: I'll buy you a beer at the next meeting!

*73s, Mark, WA6OTU*

## ELECTION MEETING & BBQ FOR ALL MEMBERS

WHEN: Sun. 17 JANUARY 1988

TIME: 1 PM WHERE: N6VI's

TALK-IN-FREQUENCY: 145.48 DX RPTR!

An election meeting at Marty and Clara's new home. It will be a barbeque sort of affair.

Directions to N6VI: From the Balboa off ramp on the Simi Freeway (118). Go north on Balboa to the first light North of the freeway, which is Rinaldi. This happens very quickly, so stay left on Balboa. Turn left (West) onto Rinaldi. Go 1 1/2 miles to Zelzah (light). Turn right (north) on Zelzah. In approx. 1/10th mile turn right on Lerdo. Take Lerdo up and around to where it dead ends into a T intersection with Ridgeway. Right on Ridgeway and go a short distance until houses come up on your right. Marty's is the 2nd house on your right. The address is 17780 Ridgeway. ELECTION MEETING !! BRING YOUR OWN MEAT PLUS :

suffixes A - G wine, beer, soda, tea  
H - R chips, beans, salads  
S - Z salads or deserts

# CONTEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWS

by Marty Woll N6VI

Everyone's back safely from a fantastic trip to South America where we operated as HC8DX in the CQ Phone contest. Two of our group were off again... for CQWW CW. Dick, N6AA to 9Q5 and Phil, N6ZZ to 5B4. My CW weekend was spent disassembling the old tower and antenna system, since the Tupper St. QTH is in escrow to a non-ham. It feels like the end of an era for me, but good things are yet to come.

The CAC continues to get requests for rule changes, and I'd like your input before casting my vote. The rise of packet spotting networks has prompted a request that lone operators classified as multi-single for the ARRL DX contest due to use of a spotting net be exempted from the ten-minute band change rule. Argument for: the rule is meant to prevent nearly-simultaneous, back-and-forth operation by two or more operators competing as single-transmitter; a solo op really couldn't execute such an abuse. Argument against: an exemption would give a unique advantage to such an op not available to true multi-op's, i.e., quick qsy to catch a short opening or fleeting multiplier, and why should the availability of spoon-fed data entitle someone to special privileges? Deciding which band to be on is part of the skill.

A low-power multiplier for the ARRL 160 meter contest was proposed; I'm opposing that (legislates mediocrity) unless I hear a hue and cry to the contrary. How about a plaque program (outside sponsors) to the top 5 or 10 finishers in the June VHF contest? Not much argument there, I expect. I'm supporting it. It was suggested that WARC bands be lumped with the nearest non-WARC bands (e.g., 25.5 and 28 MHz together counting as one band) for contests. I expect little impact either way. There's lots of clamor for a mandatory dx window (10 to 25 Khz) at the bottom of the six meter 'phone band in the VHF contests. I don't think it would work, but is it worth another try? (Prior efforts have failed miserably, for a variety of reasons.) Although previously reported to you at an

SCCC meeting, I will recap ARRL Awards Committee actions on CAC recommendations earlier this fall:

\*Implemented: For unlimited- and medium-category clubs (such as SCCC), ALL members are required to attend at least two in-person meetings per year, regardless of how close to the club center they live. Effective 1988.

\*Rejected: an absolute cap on membership for local-class clubs.

\*Rejected: inclusion of foreign clubs in club competition.

\*Implemented: Phone and CW multipliers will count separately in the ARRL 10 meter contest. This affects only multi-mode entrants.

*May 1988 bring everyone much DX and excellent contest results. Marty, N6VI*

## NEWSLETTER INPUTS

Effective immediately contributions to the SCCCORE newsletter are desired and sought. If you can submit them in ASCII format it would help, but whatever you have is acceptable. We are looking for score gathering personnel and feature writers. If you are technically inclined and have any inputs on antennae design, building or just tips on the hobby and gear in general, Please submit them to the Club PO Box. Members can also advertise for FREE their used equipment and make announcements for FREE too! Take advantage of this bi-monthly opportunity to get the word out on items you want to get rid of or HAPPENINGS you want fellow members to know about.

## NCJ ARRL PUBLICATION

The NCJ is now published by the ARRL and if you aren't a subscriber you should be! It is expanding its scope and features very good material, covering : letters, NA Sprint, NA QSO Parties, and more!

Subscription Rates:

In the US, 6 issues (one Year) is only \$10.

Send your fee, name, address, call to NCJ, ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT. 06111

## IBM COMPATIBLE SOFTWARE NEEDED

Ski, N6ADI, is compiling IBM compatible software and Commodore software and needs HAM RADIO related IBM compatible software. The primary need is for contest related, propagational forecasting and antennae design IBM compatible software. He already has a wide selection for the Commodore and if you have a need will supply you with a list for an SASE. The major need is for IBM software at this time. If you can help, please call him at (805) 649-3339 or drop a line to the Club PO Box.

## NCCC OFFERS CQP SHIRTS

HELP SUPPORT THE 1987 CAL QSO PARTY:

The CQP organizers are offering some nice T-shirts at \$15.00 each, includes shipping. The shirts feature Snoopy and the state of California. They are available in large and x-large, in red, yellow or blue.

Proceeds from the T-shirt sales will be used to pay for wine and awards for the 1987 CQP. Send your order, along with check made payable to "Northern California Contest Club" to: Gary Caldwell, WA6VEF, 1830 Polk St., Concord, Ca. 94521. Help support CQP and wear your colors too!!!

## INPUTS FROM YOU!

The leading club member in keeping us informed as to contest scores and other activities is NE6L. Thanks Dennis. The club has all these World Class operators who go to great places and do wonderful things but they never share their experiences or scores with the members of the club. Examples are: N6DX, N6VI, N6ZZ, N6TJ and others. Expeditions like HC8, JY, KP2, J6, SU and D4 are of great interest to us that can't make the trip. What were your scores, what did you learn, what trouble did you have? It is hard to get people excited unless you have some great stories to tell and I am sure you do. The bulletin is a forum for you to share your stories, scores, and accomplishments. Scores from home are needed too!

## SCORES

	CQP	
K6NA (N6TR)	2283 Q	58 M
N6BV (at N6RO)	2023	58
N6ND (NI6W)	1947	58
N6BT (WA6VEF)	1900	58
W6UE (AA6RX)	1000cw	58
AC6T	623	41

	CQWW M/M		
N6ND	3280	154z	393c
W3LPL			10M
NR5M			7.4M
N5AU			7.2M

	CQWW		
N6IC (PHONE)	700	93	183
(CW)	167	68	106

plus 2 new ones tnx to 9Q5NW & 9L1GG

	W6AB m/m (WA6IET and others)		
	619	92	174
NE6I (cw)	90	45	73
(phone)	136	60	86

CW SWEEPSTAKES SCORES from NE6I			
W6UE (AA6RX & WA6OTU)	1050 X 75		
*NE6I	841 x 75	*KZ6E	937 x 75
*N6ND	940 x 75	*W6UQF	836 x 75
*NI6W	845 x 73	K6NA	1135 x 75
AG7M	1195 x 75	W7WA	1150 x 75
NC6U	1108 x 75	WA7NIN	1150 x 75 (OAT)
N6TU	1053 x 75	K6LL	1170 x 75
*N7TT	1000 x ?	AA6DX	800 x 74
AL7CQ	868 x 73	*K7UP	920 x 75

160 meter CW  
NE6I 74Q x 29 sections 4,292 score

## DX CONVENTION

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW. REMEMBER THE NCCC OWES US A BUNCH OF BEER. DXER'S SUCH AS XF4DX, VU4APR, SORASD, 5A0A, VU4NPR, VK9YY, ZLIAMO AND FH4EC/G AND LOTS MORE...

Preregistration @ 38.00 / person  
after 2/28/88 @ 44.00 / person

Checks payable to "International DX Convention" and mail to: Don Bostrom N6IC, 4447 Atol Ave., Sherman Oaks, CA. 91423

## W7PHO SILENT KEY

Famed DX proponent, William H. Bennett, W7PHO, succumbed instantly to a massive heart attack on 23 December, 1987 as he was opening the Family Hour on 14,226 KHz. Bill was a true friend of the DX community through his efforts in supporting DX operations, providing rare DX on his net and numerous QSL services for DX stations. His most noted contributions to the DX community were efforts to provide equipment such as: antennae, amplifiers, coax and radio's to needy DX stations. Additionally, he made friends world wide through the net and his well known humanitarian efforts. His net had famous DX-peditions such as the ill-fated KH5 effort (plane crash, Palmyra Is) constantly checking in to work those on the net. He ran the first BY operations, since their re-activation. The list goes on and on. As V3DX, I came to know Bill and his wierd sense of humor and honest humanitarian efforts in the name of DX! Bill will be sorely MISSED! KA6V, Joannie Branson, will assume the Family Hour Net Control duties and will take over the QSL responsibilities. Those wishing to do so, may contribute to their favorite charity in Bill's name, at the suggestion of his widow, Mrs. Ruth Bennett.

## ARUBA, (P4) ADDED TO DXCC

Aruba credit will be given for contacts dated January 1, 1986 and after. Please note the following procedure for card submittals: 1) Do not submit cards for Aruba credit before April 1, 1988.

2) Before Aruba credit can be given to those who already have credit for the Netherlands Antilles, a Netherlands Antilles card must be RESUBMITTED. Therefore, along with the creditable Aruba card, please also resubmit any card confirming contact with Curacao or Bonaire, or an Aruba card dated December 31, 1985 or earlier.

## RAINBOW RIDGE UPDATE

Remember Rainbow Ridge, remember when you could hear them working JA's and Long Path 2 hours after the band closed for you and Europe 2 hours before the band opened for you? Well, N6DX, Darrell and AD6C, Fred are getting the bug, again, (after a little prodding).

Rainbow Ridge is located between Malibu and West Lake Village and is equipped with poles and a block house with operating positions. There are also some repeaters and other communications stuff up there. The site is probably the BEST in Southern Calif. Antennae survival is the major problem but some different techniques are going to be employed this time around. N6DX is ready to get started and if YOU are interested in helping put the RAINBOW back on the air again there will be a work party on January 23rd to begin this effort. The Ridge will be available for Multi-op efforts once completed and arrangements will be made through AD6C or N6DX for these possible efforts. This site is really a killer! If you are interested in joining the work crew contact N6DX, AD6C or N6VR. (See the roster in this issue for Phone #'s)

## Mexico for WPX?

A possible Mexico operation for WPX is being investigated. With the new generator and other available equipment, we will be virtually ready. The MAJOR HURDLE is licensing now! With the Mexican authorities changing the rules every time we turn around this is the one hurdle that needs to be put in concrete. If you have a Mexican license or contacts in Mexico let the Officers of the Club know. If the Mexico licensing problem can't be solved maybe we can mount a Club M/M from stateside hilltop and test our equipment or maybe Rainbow will be made available. Are you interested? Let us know!

## N200ADI

Ski will be on vacation during the club special event in September for the purpose of maximizing QSO's during the one week operation (3-9 Sept.). Anyone wishing to participate is invited to contact Ski. The station will be on the air 24 hours a day for the entire period if station staffing permits, otherwise, he will do the best he can with available volunteers. Plan to come to Ojai or Lake Casitas in September and join in the fun!