

SCCCORE

Southern California Contest Club Organization, Results, and Enlightenments

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SCCC Announces Big Plans For The 1991 CQ Worldwide DX Contest

by Jim Neiger, N6TJ

In the 1989 CW CQ Worldwide DX Contest, the Southern California Contest Club entered its first Team for the then new Team Competition in the contest. It was a Team of 5 SCCC members, all of whom operated in the Single-Operator All Band category, and all were outside North America. Again in 1990, the SCCC formed two 5-man entries with excellent results. Six of our ops ended up in the Top Ten (world), and all 10 were in the Top Twenty. Our Teams placed No. 1 and No. 2.

This year, we're expanding our efforts and our goal is to mount at least four SCCC Teams. Thus far, probable All-Band operations include AH3C at IS0QDV, N6AA at 4S7EA, N6ZZ at 7Q7LA, W6NV at CT4NH, N6ZV at D68GA, N6RJ at ZF2JR, N6TJ at D44BC, CT1BOH at HC5K, N6TR at TI2CF, N6CW at KP2A, WN4KKN at ZP0Y, and WA6OTU at XE2MX. Other operators committed to All-Band operations from DX locations yet to be established are: W6XD, XE1/AA6RX, K9VV, and AE6E.

A major advantage of being on an SCCC Team is the opportunity to participate in the

mini-sprint at the start of the contest, in which we devote the first 25 minutes to working fellow SCCC Team members (ONLY!) on All-Bands besides 160 meters. It has proven to be a real challenge, a lot of fun, and the chance to work many multipliers in a very short time. Last year's winner of this mini-sprint was N6TJ, working 39 Qs in 39 countries in 25 minutes. This year there will be at least 95 band-countries possible in this 25 minute period.

Team members are restricted to single operators, preferably All-Band entries, and preferably from DX locations for obvious reasons. However, this year we will attempt to accommodate single-band entries from DX locations and Stateside All-Band entries if there is sufficient interest. Also, if there is enough interest, we will mount a team for SSB as well.

Those interested in being on an SCCC Team should call Jim Neiger at (213) 649-3477 (days). Call as soon as you can, because time is running out to plan it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My two year term as Club President is about over and it's time to let someone else have all the fun! Actually, it's been pretty easy considering that the job requires setting up a meeting and writing for the bulletin every other month. I'm sure you will agree most of the REAL work is done by the Bulletin Editor - that's why Mark, WA6OTU, gets to print anything he wants to. If you don't believe it, just ask him! the other hard working cog in the Club is the Vice President who applies the whip and lines up teams for the Sprint and the other contests. If the last Sprint was any indication, Bob, W9NQ, will continue to do a super job for us in the future. My thanks to both of you for a job well done. 73 and keep the rate up, whatever that means.

Kevin, NC6U

FROM THE EDITOR....

Well, I'm finally getting to write my editorial. I have been slaving over this damnable bulletin for the last 30 hours and I've slept about 3 hours. Right...and I think I'm going to operate the CQP tomorrow. I'll probably blow it out at this stage and work on the new antennas tomorrow instead. After all, we do have priorities. Besides, I needed to wait until I knew how much room there was left for my babbling.

Please, please, please take the time to fill out the questionnaire and get it back to the Club just as quickly as you can. I mean it. This is absolutely the most important thing you can do for your Club - that is, letting us know where you stand and what you expect from your, um, elected officials.

So, talk of elections and nominations always makes me kind of ill, but I guess it's a necessary evil. I, for one, would like to get this club sorted out. It has become too big to have only one by-law, and the membership is too broad for us to continue to ignore some of the more worthy 'special interests.' My eyes may be bigger than my mouth, but I think it is time for the club to sit down and come up with some legitimate, wothrwise by-laws.

I'm not just talking using some other club's and imitating them like we did before, I mean writing our own. Not a big, many page document, but a few simple rules to live by, covering currently unsettled things like Club Aggregate Competition, and the Club's role or lack of one in the future of our hobby. I'll propose a document after I get the questionnaires back.

My thanks this month to all the contributors. This is the first issue I've gotten out that I didn't write more than half of. Thanks to the officers, Kevin, NC6U, and Bob, W9NQ, for their columns, Jim, N6TJ for writing the Cover Story, Ray, N6VR, and Kurt, NI6W, for their columns, Arn, N6HC, for his, uh, submission, Glenn, K6NA, for the CQWW Log Sheets, and to Dave Bell for helping me receive all the FAXs this time around. 73 for now,

Mark, WA6OTU

Complimentary Bulletins

Several members have made contributions to the SCCC specifically to be used to help our club and our hobby grow. The most recent major contribution has come from Leon, W6HAL, who sent in a \$24 gift to the SCCC. We use this money to cover the cost of sending complimentary copies of SCCCORE to prospective members and new contesters.

This issue has been sent to the following amateurs: WE7B, WK7V, KI6VZ, N6NFA, K6YRA, K6ZH, NG6W, K6XT, WB6DFA, N6PN, W6EEN, W8AKS, W6BA, N7CW, WA6FGV, N6WIN, W2IIJ, KP4DX, and K7JA.

Several members have suggested some of these calls, while others came from the results of recent contests. Still others are the calls of ops who have participated in events with other SCCC members, or who have been on SCCC Teams without being members.

If you know or talk to any of these ops, you could do your club a really big favor by following up on this solicitation by asking if they received the newsletter and encouraging them to join.

Perhaps you are one of the operators listed - we hope you'll consider joining our Club and taking full advantage of what we have to offer - our purpose is to get together over food and chew the fat about radio contesting. What we have that the other clubs don't is more World Class Operators than you could probably ever find in one place at the same time anywhere else in the world.

If you know of any ham who should recieve a comp sample copy, drop a line to WA6OTU. We'll get one out to them, pronto.

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CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB 1991 QUESTIONNAIRE

Please fill out and return to WA6OTU at a meeting or to the P.O. Box

YOUR CALL (OPTIONAL):

DO YOU PREFER PHONE OR CW OR DO YOU ENJOY BOTH?

___PHONE ___CW ___ENJOY BOTH

RANK THESE KINDS OF CONTESTS FROM 1 TO 5 (#1 = MOST IMPORTANT)

- ___DX CONTESTS (CQWW, ARRL DX)
- ___DOMESTIC CONTESTS (SS, SPRINT, NA QSO PARTY)
- ___OTHER HF CONTESTS (WPX, IARU, CAN-AM, QSO PARTIES)
- ___VHF/UHF CONTESTS
- ___OTHERS NOT LISTED (IDENTIFY)

ARE YOU A SERIOUS VHF/UHF CONTESTER?

___YES ___NO

WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL FAVORITE CONTEST?

DO YOU HAVE VHF PACKET?

___YES ___NO

DO YOU OWN AN IBM-PC OR COMPATIBLE?

___YES ___NO

IF NO, DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO ONE?

___YES ___NO

RANK THESE CLUB ACTIVITIES FROM 1-7 (#1 = MOST IMPORTANT)

- ___LUNCH MEETINGS AFTER THE SWAPMEET
- ___OPEN HOUSES AND/OR BARBEQUES AS MEETINGS
- ___PORTABLE MULTI-OP EXPEDITIONS
- ___AGGREGATE COMPETITION
- ___A PROPER SCCC FIELD DAY OPERATION
- ___SPECIFIC CHALLENGES TO OTHER CONTEST CLUBS
- ___A CLUB ANNUAL BANQUET

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- ___YES ___NO BEING ON A CW SPRINT TEAM?
- ___YES ___NO BEING ON A PHONE SPRINT TEAM?
- ___YES ___NO BEING ON A CW NAQP TEAM?
- ___YES ___NO BEING ON A PHONE NAQP TEAM?
- ___YES ___NO BEING ON A CQWW SINGLE-OP DX 5-MAN TEAM?

IF THE SCCC WENT ALL OUT FOR A BIG CLUB AGGREGATE SCORE IN CQWW, ARRL DX, OR SWEEPSTAKES, WOULD YOU PARTICIPATE:

- ___MORE THAN USUAL FOR THE SAKE OF THE CLUB?
- ___THE SAME AS USUAL REGARDLESS OF THE CLUB?

DO YOU THINK THE SCCC SHOULD OFFER CHALLENGES TO OTHER CLUBS WHICH ARE MORE INNOVATIVE THAN JUST CLUB AGGREGATE STANDINGS?

___YES ___NO ___NO OPINION

DO YOU LIKE THE CLUB BULLETIN THE WAY IT IS NOW AT SIX PAGES (NOT COUNTING ROSTERS AND LOG SHEETS) OR IS SIX PAGES TOO BIG? WOULD YOU LIKE IT SHORTER AND MORE TO THE POINT?

- ___SIX PAGES IS TOO MUCH
- ___SIX PAGES IS JUST RIGHT
- ___SIX PAGES IS NOT ENOUGH

DO YOU FIND THE SIZE OF THE PRINT TOO SMALL?

___YES ___NO

OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS IN THE BULLETIN, RANK THEM FROM 1-10 (#1 = MOST IMPORTANT)

- ___WANT ADS
- ___MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
- ___LAST MEETING WRITE-UP
- ___SCCC CALENDAR
- ___CLUB ROSTER
- ___OBLAST LISTING
- ___MEMBERS' SCORES
- ___CAC REPORT
- ___BLANK LOG SHEETS
- ___WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

DO YOU PREFER THE ROSTER IN ORDER BY PREFIX, SUFFIX, OR NAME?

___PREFIX ___SUFFIX ___NAME

ARE THERE OTHER THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED?

___YES ___NO COMMENT:

DO YOU THINK THE SCCC SHOULD ACTIVELY SOLICIT FOR MEMBERSHIP OPS WHO GET ON FOR CONTESTS IN OUR AREA?

___YES ___NO ___NO OPINION

DO YOU THINK ANYONE WHO IS ON AN SCCC TEAM IN ANY CONTEST SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SCCC?

___YES ___NO ___NO OPINION

DO YOU THINK THE SCCC HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE THE COST OF THE CONTEST HOSPITALITY SUITE AT VISALIA WITH THE NCCC OR AT LEAST CONTRIBUTE \$20 OR \$30 FOR SOFT DRINKS OR BEER?

- ___SHARE THE COST
- ___CONTRIBUTE \$20 OR \$30
- ___CONTRIBUTE NOTHING
- COMMENT:

DO YOU THINK IT IS REASONABLE FOR CONTEST SPONSORS TO REQUIRE SUBMISSION OF LOGS ON DISK FROM TOP CONTENDERS?

___YES ___NO ___NO OPINION

DO YOU THINK IS IS REASONABLE FOR CONTEST SPONSORS TO REQUIRE SUBMISSION OF AUDIO TAPES FROM TOP CONTENDERS?

___YES ___NO ___NO OPINION

DO YOU THINK THE SCCC SHOULD BE AMONG THOSE WHO SPONSOR AWARDS IN THE CQWW AND ARRL DX CONTESTS?

___YES ___NO ___NO OPINION

DO YOU THINK THERE SHOULD BE A NATIONAL (OR WORLDWIDE) ALLIANCE OF CONTESTERS TO ESTABLISH LOG SCORING STANDARDS?

___YES ___NO ___NO OPINION

HOW LOUDLY WOULD YOU COMPLAIN IF THE SCCC MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE RAISED TO \$6 PER YEAR (PRO-RATING, NOT GRANDFATHERING)?

- ___VERY LOUDLY
- ___SOMEWHAT LOUDLY
- ___NOT VERY LOUDLY
- ___NOT AT ALL
- ___\$6 IS STILL TOO LITTLE

Contest Advisory Committee Report from Kurt, NI6W

Contrary to common folklore, the S.W. Division Rep. has not retired from contesting. He has been trapped in a time warp created by disruption of the space-time continuum. This anomaly is similar in nature to the solar disturbances we experience in Radioland. Current measurements indicate the time warp indices will be returning to near normal levels. When the time constants invert, we are expected to see the Rep. working less and enjoying it more. Anyone interested in studying this phenomenon, may contact me for a report of the more mundane technical details.

During the last year, I have been asked to present "Contest Programs" at several non-contest club meetings. These have been a lot of fun and were well recieved. I trust that those of you interested in CAC activities have been following K1CC's column in the NCJ. Rich has done an excellent job as CAC chairman, and provided complete coverage of CAC activities in his column.

Discussion of the last CAC ballot are in the July/August NCJ. This ballot was mostly directed at weeding out the dead issues in preparation for the next ballot. The vote did result in a consensus on 3 items. Two were accepted by ARRL Awards Committee. A new rover category and four band multi-op class are now available in the UHF contest. The SS Plaque Awards recommendation was put off till 1992.

Thanks to WA6OTU and KI6X for your inputs.

WA6PMX, Sw. Div. VUAC Rep. has recently submitted proposals for the UHF Contest increasing QSO points for microwave contacts and Field Day requesting bonus point status for ATV with QSO point credit. Barring considerable negative comment, I intend to support both proposals. The CAC is primarily comprised of HF contesters and hence, requires as much available input from the RTTY, EME, and VHF/UHF communities. Anyone into VHF/UHF contesting should follow W3EP's column in NCJ and PLEASE forward your comments to me.

To date, I have recieved about 80 pages of CAC correspondence. A majority of the comments submitted to the CAC have their own axe to grind. These offer little benefit to the contest community as a whole and become nothing more than entertaining reading. Gleefully, I have recieved none of these from Sw. Division members. However, my response to the one from the non-contest guy, complaining about our abuse of the "Ragchewers Spectrum," was loads of fun.

There are three areas of considerable discussion. The largest collection of comments center around "Little Gun" and/or new entry recognition. This issue is closely linked to the second, how to stimulate more contest activity. The third area, limited op-time categories, should remain active for some time. Your inputs on these issues are invited.

I look forward to seeing y'all at the SCCC San Diego Chapter BBQ Bash in October at N6ND's. Bring Your Axel! I'll provide the stone.

73, N I 6 "WHO" ?

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The August 31 meeting of the Southern California Contest Club was the much-touted Sprint Clinic taught by Dick Norton, N6AA, at his Topanga Canyon QTH. Those who reaped the benefits of the years of Dick's experience operating the 'Contester's Contest' were:

N6AA	- Dick	W6SX	- Hank
W6HAL	- Leon	NC6U	- Kevin
N6HC	- Arnie	K6VNX	- Arlen
K5KT	- Joe	N6VR	- Ray
N6LL	- Paul	KI6X	- Dan
W6MKB	- Terry	W6XD	- Art
WB6OKK	- Rick	WA7ZTN	- Mike
WA6OTU	- Mark	N6ZZ	- Phil
K6SVL	- John		

Also present were the following visitors: Pete, N0AFW, Charlie, N7QQ, and Larry, KC7QN.

Thanks to Dick for providing soda pop and his barbeque. The meeting was great fun, and we all swapped a whole bunch of stories while wandering around on Dick's Hilltop. This writer, for one, has rarely seen more steel and aluminum lying around as if scattered at random.

When it was time to call the meeting to order, we all sat down inside, ate our lunches, and hacked our way through that boring club business-type stuff. We got to the fun part when Rick, WB6OKK, announced he would be in charge of the Contest Forum at Visalia this next year. He asked Dick Norton to chair the Forum, and Mark, WA6OTU, quickly chimed in begging for a chance to one-up N6TV's performance last year as M.C. of the Panel Discussion.

Ray, N6VR, asked that time be allotted for club member recognition. This evoked quite a discussion showing that the majority of those present thought time SHOULD'N'T be spent for such Club-specific stuff at the International Convention. Someone pointed out that traditionally the quickest way to clear out a room at Visalia is to start handing out awards. Maybe we should come up with some other way to do our recognitions.

Bob, W9NQ, then took the floor and organized the Teams we would enter in the Sprint. Everyone signed up, and there were many other members who weren't present who got signed up behind their backs. That should teach them to not show up for Club meetings in the future, the lazy bums.

Dick's forum was full of really useful information for both the beginner and the accomplished Sprint operator. Unfortunately, we can't go into it here because that sort of information is what keeps us winning, and, since we trade bulletins with 12 other clubs, we don't want these trade secrets to get into enemy hands. If you missed it, well, maybe you won't make the same mistake twice....

ANOTHER NEW ROSTER??

Yes indeed, there is another new Roster in this issue of SCCCORE. The original plan was to print the roster every six months, but this first one we produced last month turned out to have a whole bunch of wrong information in it, so we have made ap another bran' spankin' new one for everyone.

There were something on the order of 21 or 22 mistakes in that last one, so do the sensible thing and throw it out right now, before it gets you into trouble.

THE VICE PREZ SEZ....

Wow! . . . a one word summary of my feelings towards operating the CW Sprint. This was my first experience operating in the 'Contesters' Contest,' and I had a ball. The score rumors seem to indicate the three SCCC teams did well. The team rosters and claimed scores are listed here.

As the new SCCC Vice President, I will be responsible for assembling Club teams for Club competition and collecting score info for publication in the bulletin. Things may be a little hectic until I get a feeling for your individual contesting preferences. If anyone feels they were overlooked for consideration for one of the recent NAQP or Sprint SCCC teams, please drop me a note or give me a call and I will be glad to resolve the situation.

My goal is to continue to promote club participation and team competition to the maximum extent possible. I wish to encourage every club member to take a moment and fill out the questionnaire, with particular attention to the questions about what contests you enjoy most, whether you're a CW or Phone op, and whether you prefer DX or Domestic contests.

Having a better feeling for individual contesting preferences will make it much easier to coordinate teams and other Club activities. Choosing teams strictly based upon participation in past contests often results in other interested persons being overlooked. Listed below are several ways to contact me if needed. Look forward to hearing from you. 73 for nw es gl BK

Bob, W9NQ

Bob Selbrede, W9NQ - Box 2005 - California City, CA 93504
 (619) 373-2204 - HOME
 (805) 277-9161 - WORK
 (805) 277-9032 - FAX
 So. Cal DX Packet Cluster, etc.

Club Member Cited

Receiving awards is one of our favorite pastimes. Imagine our surprise upon opening the September issue of People Magazine and finding our own Arnie Shatz, N6HC, listed in the LA Handbook Monthly Survival Guide as the Urologist described as "The Doctor Doctors go to."

Yes, it really is so, we are in truly distinguished company. Just think, when he's not raking in the QSOs in the pileups in the CQP, Arnie is off being the Urologist to the Stars. Congratulations, Arn. If we ever, er, require your services, we'll call you.

Sprint Scores

CW

SCCC Team #1

N6AA 317/43
 N6ND (STI) 313/45
 W6YA 276/40 11,040
 K6LL 310/42
 N6TR 297/40+
 K6NA 303/40+
 N6ZZ 251/?? 10,291
 N6CW 298/40 11,920
 W6UE 204/36 7,344
 N6TJ 275/41 11,275

SCCC Team #2

N6VR 258/44 11,352
 W6SX 229/36
 NC6U 216/37
 K6XT ? /??
 W6UQF 211/41
 AA6RX No Show
 NE6I No Show
 K6XO 263/44
 K6VNX ? /??
 KY7M 273/40
 10,920

SCCC Team #3

W9NQ 125/25
 KI6X 132/34
 W6XD No Sho?
 WA7ZTN No Show
 K5KT No Show
 WB6OKK No Show
 W6HAL 106/39
 WK6V 147/33
 N6TW ? /??
 N6HC 187/36

SSB

SCCC Team #1

N6VR 270/49
 K6LL 320/51
 K6XO 245/43
 W6UQF 173/43
 KVOI No Show
 KI6ZH No Show
 W7CB No Show
 W6SX No Show
 NC6U No Show

Others

WK6V 123/30
 W6HAL 138/??
 N6HC 218/??
 N6AA 66/24
 KK6XN 159/41

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CALL WKD CFMD

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NG6W ALL 178
 W6KUT ALL 168
 N6ND ALL 158
 N6VR 180 175
 AA6AA 175 ---
 W6UQF 174 171
 W6YA 172 ---
 K6ZH 167 129
 K6YRA 165 143
 K6JYO 149 117
 AA6TT 125 ---
 K6XT 101 ---
 KG6AR 85 ---
 KF6HI 69 19

K6LPL
 ALL = 182. Call Ray,
 N6VR for additions
 and corrections.
 (805) 649-9696 - h
 (805) 982-5778 - w

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dues are \$4 per year. Gifts are appreciated. New Members fill out the following:

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

Everyone: Check here if you would like a club badge - include an additional \$5.
 Current Members: Check your mailing label on the back of this form. If everything is current, fine. Just send this in with a check. If there are changes, note them.

Mail to: SCCC c/o Mark, WA6OTU - Box 4 - Sierra Madre, CA 91025-0004

SCCC CALENDAR

Following is a list of dates close to the hearts of SCCC members:

OCTOBER

12 - Club Meeting at N6ND's
25, 26, 27 - CQ Worldwide DX Contest, Phone

NOVEMBER

2, 3 - Sweepstakes CW
16, 17 - Sweepstakes Phone
22, 23, 24 - CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW

DECEMBER

6, 7, 8 - ARRL 160M Contest
14, 15 - ARRL 10M Contest
28 - Club Meeting after TRW, location TBA

JANUARY 1992

11 - North American QSO Party, CW
19 - North American QSO Party, Phone

FEBRUARY

22, 23 - ARRL International DX Contest, CW
29 - Club Meeting after TRW, location TBA

MARCH

7, 8 - ARRL International DX Contest, Phone

APRIL

12, 13, 14 - 1991 International DX Convention (Visalia)
13 - Club Meeting at Visalia

NEXT MEETING

The next SCCC Club meeting will be held:

Saturday, October 12, 1991

11:00 am

at the home of:

Rick, N6ND, in Ramona

At this meeting we will nominate new Club Officers for the next two-year term. Rick is hosting an Open-House style Barbeque meeting at his super-station. Everyone should bring all their own stuff to cook and eat.

DIRECTIONS:

Take I-15 or I-5 to Highway 78 East. Get on Highway 78 East and go to Haverford. Highway 78 makes a righthand curve at this intersection, while Haverford essentially continues straight. From Haverford, go 1.5 miles to Pamo Road. Turn left on Pamo Road (no choice), and continue for 1 mile to Burma (XZ). Take a right on Burma (XZ) and look for the BIG antennas on your right.

IN TROUBLE? CALL (619) 789-6860

(Good luck, there aren't too many pay phones in Ramona) or talk in on 144.415 simplex

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