

Editor's Ramblings

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As we near the time to announce who will represent the SCCC at the World Radiosport Team Championships (WRTC) sched-

uled for Slovenia in July 2000, I'm reminded of the importance of crediting the SCCC when submitting your contest logs. No, this is not another harangue by me or others about participating on the club's NAQP and Sprint teams! This is simply about what club name you put on the line on your log summary sheet where it asks for your club affiliation.

Do you always put Southern California Contest Club? Or do you sometimes put your local vanity callsign club — the Northeast Studio City Contest Club? Or do you put the Southern California DX Club?

Why is this important? In the case of the WRTC, the sponsoring Slovenian Contest Club used the aggregate club scores from the three major U.S.-based contests, CQWW, CQ WPX and ARRL DX, to determine which nine U.S. contest clubs would be allowed the privilege of selecting a member to captain a team in WRTC-2000.

Before the Slovenians announced the nine U.S. clubs and the basis for selection, I naively thought the SCCC was a "no-brainer." After all, three of our members have been inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame, and our team, captained by K6LL, took home the bronze in WRTC-96. The Southeast Contest Club's team took home the silver in WRTC-96, but the SECC was not one of the nine U.S. clubs allowed to select a

participant this year. In retrospect, maybe we were lucky to be included in WRTC-2000!

The recently published results for 1998 CQWW show the SCCC ranked 6th in the U.S. for aggregate club score with 75.5M points. This isn't a bad showing, but the SCDXC is also listed with 13.8M points. Since SCDXC members (like me) who are also contesters belong to the SCCC, why are the Southern California contest points split between the two clubs? If all of the scores had been credited to the SCCC, we would have moved to 5th place. On the other hand, the 1999 results for the ARRL DX Contest (November QST) show the SCDXC outscoring the SCCC 8.4M (17th) to 4.7M points (23rd)! Even combining the point totals would only move us up to 11th overall.

Like it or not, others judge us by the scores we produce in the major contests. As a club, we only get credit for those scores when our members list the SCCC on their summary sheets. As the 1999-2000 contest season unfolds, please be sure to credit the SCCC with your contest efforts.

Sweepstakes Changes

As a reminder, each entry category in the ARRL Sweepstakes Contest now has a separate precedent: Q=QRP, A=low power, B=high power, U=single op assisted, M=multi-op and S=school club. Also, remember that if you use a computer to log the contest, the rules require that you submit your results in an acceptable ARRL format. A printout of a computer log will not be accepted.

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Hosted by W4EF

Beverages supplied by Caltech ARC

Directions:

Take I-210 to Hill Avenue exit

Take Hill Avenue south to Del Mar Avenue

Turn right on Del Mar and go west 1 block

Turn left (south) on Holliston

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SCCC Calendar

November

- 6-8 ARRL Sweepstakes, CW
- 12-14 Japan International DX Contest, Phone
- 13-14 WAE DX Contest, RTTY
- 20-22 ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB
- 27-28 CQWW DX Contest, CW

December

- 3-5 ARRL 160-Meter Contest
- 4-5 TARA RTTY Sprint
- 11-12 ARRL 10-Meter Contest
- 19 RAC Canada Winter Contest
- 18-19 Stew Perry Topband Challenge

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