

# SCCCORE

## Southern California Contest Club Operations, Results, and Enlightenment

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### From the President

This issue of SCCCORE has reached you around the CQ Worldwide Phone weekend. If before, hope you'll work your fellow SCCC DXpeditioners; if after, I hope you had a great contest.

Conditions promise to be pretty good with solar flux forecasted to be in the 100-110 range, and a quiet geomagnetic field. Let's see how well the experts called it.

SCCC DXpeditions for the Phone bash include K6NA at 9Y4H, CT1BOH at KP2A, N6RJ at ZF2RJ, N6KT at HC8A (welcome to SCCC, Rich), WR6R/KH6 (welcome to SCCC, Al), N6TJ at ZD8Z, N6DLU and N6LL at VP2EX, and N6AA, W6MKB, W6XD, N6ZZ, etc. at CE0Y (XQ0?)

SCCC CW DXpeditions are shaping up, too: WN4KKN at HC5K, K6NA at 9Y4H, W6NV at Zone 34, N6AA at Very Rare Asia, CT1BOH at 4M2T, N6ZZ at EA9LZ, AH3C at PY0FF, N6TJ at D44BC, N6RJ at ZF2RJ, N6ZV at D68GA, OH6DO at HC8, and K5TSQ at 6D2X. Undoubtedly there'll be more. Should be a great fall.

How did the SCCC do in the '91 CQWW PHONE, you ask? Just fine, thank you.

V29W by KD6WW	No. 5	S/O
KP2A by CT1BOH	No. 8	"
LU4FM by SCCC ops	No. 4	M/M
ZF2JR by N6RJ	No. 1	40M
ZD8Z by N6TJ	No. 2	10M

Not too shabby for a bunch of CW ops! Speaking of which, how did our '91 CQWW CW gang do?

HC5M by CT1BOH	No. 6	S/O
TI1C by N6TR	No. 8	"
9Y4H by K6NA	No. 9	"
ZP0Y by WN4KKN	No. 10	"
CT4A by W6NV	No. 1 EU	"
IS0QDV by AH3C	No. 2 EU	"
N6ND by SCCC ops	No. 6 USA	M/M

Plus, our three SCCC teams earned the 1st, 2nd, and 4th positions in the CW Team Competition. This year we have one Phone team registered, and expect three on CW.

I see where our NCCC brethren are going BIG TIME after their 8th Sweepstakes club championship. Let's all get on and help them out. Work any sixes you hear, especially those with a northern flutter. KB GANG! 73,  
Jim, N6TJ

### Survey Results

In the fall of last year we sent out surveys to all SCCC members. To date a little over 30 have returned the surveys and the following is a summary of the results.

In the category of favorite contests and operating modes, the contest of choice was clearly CQ Worldwide CW by an overwhelming margin. Tied for second were CQ Worldwide Phone, Sweepstakes both modes, and the California QSO Party. For as much club Sprint and NA QSO Party activity as we have, I was surprised to see they ranked so low on the list. The mode of choice, which comes as no surprise, was CW with 11 votes; 4 went to Phone with the remaining 15 indicating that they enjoyed both modes. Only 2 members indicated that they seriously pursue VHF/UHF contesting.

Nearly all (27) indicated they owned IBM PC compatible computer systems and I presume use them in some way in their contesting endeavors. As far as VHF packet is concerned, 21 reported having packet capabilities, however the survey didn't ask how many actually use packet for contesting.

The most important club activities? The most votes went to club meetings either after TRW or barbecues at different members' houses. Club aggregate competition ranked fairly high with a club Field Day effort and a club banquet being the least desirable activities. Virtually everyone indicated an interest or desire to participate in club team competition of one form or another. Most also felt that any member of an SCCC team should be a dues paying member.

Most people felt the size and content of the club bulletin were just about right (keep up the FB job Mark!) (Thanks! -ed). There were some good suggestions for enhancing the quality of the bulletin such as contesting tips and techniques, contesting circuits, and member/station profiles, to name a few. We're looking at some of these ideas, however, they of course require considerable input from the general membership to implement. The items in the bulletin which most people like to see are the club/contest calendar, club roster, and members' scores. The least interesting to most were the Oblast listing and blank log sheets.

As far as club sponsorship of awards and/or club involvement in log checking were concerned, most felt that we should do neither.

I made no attempt to "analyze" the survey results, just to summarize them. Surveys provide a convenient means to keep up with the interests and wishes of the majority of the membership, so look for future surveys to be prepared. I personally have found them to be helpful in soliciting more ops for our club team competitions. We have amassed a very good record in the NAQP, Sprint, and CQWW contests in the club competition area and I look forward to the SCCC becoming an even more prominent force to be reckoned with! All that aside, I hope to hear most of you in the CQWW and SS contests coming up, and be thinking about the January NAQPs and February Sprints...73 es GL in the Test.

Bob, W9NQ

# Other Clubs & Scores

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I'm writing this about a week before the CQWW SSB contest. Looks like I'll be hosting 15 to 20 ardent contesters here at the Hard Rock Ranch. RSVPs include SCCC guns-for-hire N6ND, K6JYO, NI6W, NN6U, W6UQF, plus DX Engineering prez N0XX, W7IL, V73AT, F1JTL, and others) If conditions are above average (and, unlike last year, there are no blizzards or power outages), I think we can break W7XR's west coast multi-multli record (about 12.7 million points, as I recall). I am still putting together teams for the CQWW CW, ARRL 160m, ARRL 10m, both CQ 160m weekends and both ARRL DX weekends. Please get in touch if interested.

This morning I worked VU7CVP, which, when I receive the QSL card, should put me on the Mixed DXCC Honor Roll (achieved without net or list QSOs; I have made less than 5 net or list contacts in the 41 months I have been licensed and no longer count these sham contacts in my country totals). Passing this milestone was not the thrill I expected. Made me realize I am starting to enjoy contesting far more than DXing. I wonder if this is because (a) it's normal for DXers to turn to contesting for a new ham radio challenge once they've "worked 'em all," or (b) the proliferation of DX nets has so debased the Mixed and Phone DXCC awards they've become empty accomplishments, sort of like getting an certificate for placing telephone calls to 100 countries??? (I still get a kick from working new CW DXCC countries, however, and need about 15 more to make the CW DXCC Honor Roll.)

I gave a slide presentation on the AA6TT contest station at the W5 DX Bash last weekend. Later, after the serious beer drinking was well under way, I overheard a Texas DXer say "those stacked antennas in Colorado are OK, but I prefer my stacked Eimacs..."

**Western Washington DX Club The Totem Tabloid**  
VK3OT has earned WWDXC Totem award #946 submitting only 6m QSL cards.

## **Yankee Clipper Contest Club Scuttlebutt**

The same bunch of aging baby-boomers puts in the big scores in every contest. Pretty soon we'll all be like the 1x2 geezers we used to make fun of when we were teenage hams.

## **Frankfort Radio Club Newsletter**

For anyone that has thought about going on a DXpedition, this might be the year. Today's Inquirer (September 15th) has numerous full page ads from all the major carriers announcing the lowest fares I have seen in a long time. And, fortunately for DXers, they are applicable this fall. In addition, keep in mind that accommodations are also generally lowest during the fall.

## **The Frankfort Radio Club Newsletter**

I want to impart a bit of perspective on the subject of the YCCC (and Tri-state) packet systems in general. A lot of the users seem to have forgotten (or are too new to the system to have realized in the first place) that the primary reason for the packet system's existence is the dissemination of DX spots during contests. That is why it was built. Everything else is secondary. The system operates the rest of the time so that we can make sure it is going to work flawlessly during the contests.

## **S-C-O-R-E-S**

Remember to forward your contest scores to me via telephone, fax, or via America On-Line E-mail.

### **CQ WPX SSB**

KJ6HO 468 Qs 352 pfxs 297,440 points

### **NA QSO PARTY**

K6XT 623 Qs 173 mults 107,779 points

(KI6ZH, op)

KJ6HO 317 Qs 127 mults 40,259 points

### **CQ WORLD WIDE RTTY**

AA6TT 774 Qs 416 mults 645,216 points

(single op assisted, beats last year's winning score)

### **NA CW SPRINT**

#### **SCCC Team One**

K6LL 308 Qs 45 mults 13,860 points

K6NA 305 Qs 45 mults 13,725 points

N6TR 284 Qs 46 mults 13,064 points

N6AA 282 Qs 46 mults 12,972 points

W6YA 288 Qs 45 mults 12,960 points

N6VR 261 Qs 47 mults 12,267 points

KY7M 259 Qs 46 mults 11,914 points

N6ZZ 238 Qs 45 mults 10,710 points

W6SX 228 Qs 39 mults 8,892 points

W6AQ 209 Qs 39 mults 8,151 points

total = 118,515 points

#### **SCCC Team Two**

W6UE 253 Qs 44 mults 11,132 points

AC6T 228 Qs 46 mults 10,488 points

NC6U 231 Qs 43 mults 9,933 points

W6MVW 185 Qs 40 mults 7,400 points

W9NQ 143 Qs 33 mults 4,719 points

W6HAL 99 Qs 35 mults 3,465 points

total = 47,137 points

I hope to have all the SSB Sprint scores next time. This was my first sprint attempt and I am too ashamed of my mediocre results to print my score ... these damn sprints are much harder than I thought!

73 ES GL TEST DE AA6TT.

## Minutes of the Last Meeting

The last regularly scheduled meeting of the Southern California Contest Club was held on Friday evening September 4th at the hilltop QTH of N6AA. This was kind of a last minute thing, as the meeting had been scheduled for N6TJ's in Orange County, but Jim couldn't make it back to America at the last minute.

The privileged few were:

N6AA	- DICK	WA6OTU	- MARK
W8AEF	- PAUL	K6OY	- BRUCE
AH3C	- PETE	N8SR	- STEVE
OH6DO	- MARKO	N6VR	- RAY
AE6E	- NEAL	W6XD	- ART
AD7G	- STEVE	W6YA	- JIM
K6NA	- GLENN	N6ZZ	- PHIL

Our guests at this meeting were two well-known Italian contesters, Paulo, I2UIY, and Erminio, I2EOW. Mostly, those present talked about contesting, with several inquiries about what it was like in Italy. Turns out it's pretty neat in Italy.

We sent out for pizza after determining that we would need 6 pizzas for all those listed above. After the pizza didn't arrive for a while, we decided it would be best to start the meeting, thereby assuring the imminent delivery of the pizza. Sure enough, no sooner did we start the business part of the meeting than the pizza arrived.

The pizza was great and there was no business to speak of besides WA6OTU's announcement of the new on-the-air meetings of the SCCC and a short-lived discussion about ranking the members for Sprint Team placement on the basis of previous performance, which drew fire from everyone who wanted it to 'stay the way it is', whatever that is.

# NOTICE

**SCCC Announces**

**On-the-air Meetings**

For anyone who wants to talk contests  
Wednesdays at 8:00pm - 3778 kHz

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Membership in the club is open to anyone. Dues are:  
Domestic: **\$5 per year**  
Mexico/Canada: **\$8 per year**  
Non-adjacent Countries: **\$10 per year**

SCCCORE is published 6 times a year.  
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December issue - December 7  
February issue - February 15

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Anyone applying for New Membership should fill out the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Everyone:  Check here if you would like a club badge - include an additional \$6.  
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.

Dues are: **\$5 per year Domestic, \$8 Canada/Mexico, and \$10 anywhere else.**

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

23, 24, 25 - CQ Worldwide Contest, Phone  
31 - Club Meeting after TRW at ??

## NOVEMBER

7, 8 - ARRL Sweepstakes, CW  
21, 22 - ARRL Sweepstakes, Phone  
27, 28, 29 - CQ Worldwide Contest, CW

## DECEMBER

4, 5, 6, - ARRL 160 Meter Contest  
7 - **Deadline for December issue of SCCCORE**  
12, 13 - ARRL 10 Meter Contest  
26 - Club Meeting after TRW

## JANUARY 1993

9 - North American QSO Party, CW  
16 - North American QSO Party, Phone  
29, 30, 31 - CQWW 160 Meter CW Contest - *is this right?*

## FEBRUARY

7 - North American Sprint, CW  
14 - North American Sprint, Phone  
15 - **Deadline for February issue**  
20, 21 - ARRL DX Contest, CW  
27 - Club Meeting after TRW  
26, 27, 28 - CQWW 160 Meter Phone Contest - *is this right?*

## MARCH

6, 7 - ARRL DX Contest, Phone

# NEXT MEETING

The next SCCC Club meeting will be held:

**October 31, 1992**

**11:00 am**

at:

## The Jolly Roger Restaurant

707 N. Sepulveda Boulevard  
El Segundo  
on the West side of Sepulveda  
North of El Segundo Boulevard  
South of Imperial Highway

### DIRECTIONS:

From the TRW Swapmeet, go west on Marine approximately 1 mile to Sepulveda. Turn right. Go North past El Segundo Boulevard. Restaurant will be on your left.  
From the 405 freeway, exit at Imperial Highway and go West to Sepulveda Boulevard. Turn left. Go South to the restaurant which will come up on your right.

( Thomas Guide 56C5).

We have a Banquet Room reserved.

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