The Editor's Ramblings — Club QSLs, Teams and a Mea Culpa

by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM

Art, W6KY, has been investing the possibility of a club QSL card. A mock-up of what a club QSL might look like is shown at the bottom of page 2. Those of you who are reading the printed version of this SCCCORE should look at the web or pdf versions to see what it looks like in color.

Unfortunately, the colors in our logo make printing a more complicated and expensive proposition than we would like. One method of lowering costs would be to print the logo as a grayscale image, rather than in color. Your call sign could still be printed in color. Therefore, we need to conduct a

quick survey of interest among club members for ordering SCCC QSL cards.

Please send me an e-mail or snail mail with the answers to the following questions:

1. Would you order SCCC QSLs if they were available?

2. Are you willing to pay extra to have the SCCC logo printed in full color on the card, or would you prefer a grayscale logo to save money?

3. How many SCCC QSLs would you order initially: 500, 1000, etc.?

Your answers to these questions do not obligate you to anything, but we need to get a feel for the degree of interest among club members before we pursue this further. Thanks.

Although the SCCC is a rather informal club, we have always

prided ourselves on the performance of our teams in the NA Sprints and the NAQPs, particularly the Sprints. As a result, I was surprised to see that Will, K6NDV, was forced to solicit team members for the recent CW and SSB Sprints from outside the club membership in order to field a competitive 10-man team.

Now, of course, it is perfectly within the rules to assemble Sprint, as well as NAQP, teams from contesters from any geographic area. These contests do not have the geographical limitations of the ARRL contests for team memberships. However, I have to ask at what point does such a team

cease being an SCCC team and become just another "10 Guys Who Can Send Fast" team?!

If we can't find 10 SCCCers who are willing to put in a competitive effort in a Sprint, then we should live with only nine, or eight, or whatever number we can come up with. Our teams should represent our membership. Obviously, I don't set club policy in this area, so let the officers know how you stand on this.

Will shouldn't be faced with the decision of whether or not to go outside of the club to complete teams. He should have enough members volunteering for teams that his only decision is which members to place on which teams.

Originally, I had planned on one more vent in this column

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SCCC Web Site: /www.contesting.com/sccc/

CAC Issues

by Ned Stearns, AA7A

Editor's Note: Ken, K6LA, received the following note from AA7A, the Southwest Division CAC representative, regarding current CAC issues. Ken has been designated as a primary point of contact between AA7A and the SCCC. Please forward your comments on these issues to K6LA at KWIDELITZ@delphi.com, or to AA7A at stearns@getnet.com.

This is Ned Stearns, AA7A, your venerable CAC member. I am soliciting your input on a few issues that are currently being discussed by the CAC. If you have a moment, please review the issues and let me know if you have any particular thoughts. You do not need to address item 1, since it probably does not apply to anyone on this mailing list. However, if it is emotionally significant to you, then fire away.

Here are the list of topics that the CAC will vote upon in mid-October:

- 1. Should the CAC suggest to the ARRL MSC (Membership Services Committee) that the time period be increased (at the end) for the 10 GHz and up cumulative contest?
- 2. Should the CAC suggest to the ARRL MSC that ARRL contests with single band categories allow multiple single operator (different operators) unassisted single band operations (separate log entries) from the same QTH with the same call sign?
- 3. What should be the CAC recommendation to the ARRL MSC concerning the issue of all CW QSOs for mixed mode entries (single op and multi-op) in the 10-meter contest being made below a specific frequency and/or requiring a specified time on a mode before switching to the other mode?

4. Should the CAC recommend to the ARRL MSC that a low power (a maximum of 200 watts of transmitter output) category be added to the VHF/UHF contests?

There is another issue in front of the CAC that is also being discussed.

The CAC will not vote on any particular aspect of this issue, but will only make a report to the MSC on the results of the discussions. Please review this item and give me your thoughts, as well.

5. The CAC is directed to discuss the use of the Internet, especially Telnet links to PacketCluster nodes during ARRL contests. Also discuss the elimination of all outside help, including spotting assistance and PacketCluster use from outside the 500 meter circle.

Thanks for your input in advance.

1998 SCCC Meeting Schedule

October 10, N6VR, Ojai December 19, K6LA, Los Angeles

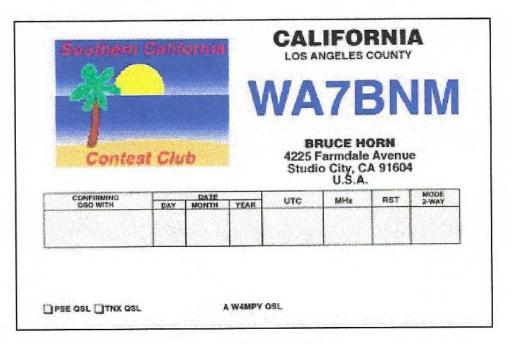
ARRL Contest News Release

Editor's Note: Bill Kennamer, K5FUV, posted the following bulletin. Although it was widely distributed on the Internet, not all SCCC members may have seen it.

We have noticed widespread confusion concerning the Multi-Operator rules for the November SS. Because the General Rules containing the category descriptions were published in the January 1998 issue of QST, a complete set of rules containing those category descriptions did not appear in the October QST.

A change in this year's rule added a six band change per hour limitation to the SS rules. Because of the change in the way the rules are published, and because we feel that all participants may not have been fully informed about the differences between the multi-operator category of the past and the current rule, for this year only, the band change limitation will not be enforced.

There are other issues concerning SS rules that need to be addressed to reflect the realities of the day. These issues will be discussed over the coming months.



Ramblings (from page 1)

about SCCCers who don't operate and/or send in their logs after committing to being a team member, but instead I have a mea culpa. Although I had planned a serious effort in the recent SSB Sprint, as I had in the past, a last minute personal problem (geez, that sounds like a company attendance policy) prevented my participation. So I guess I will have to be more foregiving of others who also are unable to operate at the last minute.

With the CQ Worldwide DX contests rapidly approaching, I've updated the SCCC web site's contest records pages for both the SSB and CW versions of this contest to include the published 1997 results. This gives you an easy method to see what it took to win the various entry categories for W6-land last year. For those of you who would like to be in the record book, the single band low power categories for both modes are prime hunting ground — no one has ever submitted a W6 log for 160 or 80m low power SSB, or 160m low power CW. In addition, several of the existing low power single band records should be easy to beat.

And finally, remember that the

SCCC honors the highest combined Sweepstakes SSB and CW scores in both the low and high power categories with perpetual trophies for each category. To be eligible, you must be a club member and operate within the club's 175-mile zone. Details and past winners are listed on the SCCC web site.

The 98-99 contest season is upon us. Go for it!

CQWW Rule Changes

A summary of CQ Worldwide DX Contest (SSB and CW) rule changes for 1998 follows:

We prefer an electronic log.
 The Committee **requires** an electronic log for any possible high score.

2. For submission of logs on disk or via e-mail, ASCII text files are preferable. In the past, .BIN files were requested.

3. Duplicate contacts and broken QSOs penalty: three (3) additional contacts removed.

4. Mail both phone and CW logs to: CQ Magazine, 25 Newbridge Rd., Hicksville, NY 11801.

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| October | | | |
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| 3-4 | VK/ZL/Oceania Contest, Phone | | |
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| 10-11 | VK/ZL/Oceania Contest, CW | | |
| 10-11 | Pennsylvania QSO Party | | |
| 17 | Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW | | |
| 24-25 | CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB | | |
| November | | | |
| 7-9 | ARRL Sweepstakes, CW | | |
| 13-15 | Japan International DX Contest, SSB | | |
| 21-23 | ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB | | |
| 28-29 | CQWorldwide DX Contest, CW | | |
| December | | | |
| 4-6 | ARRL 160-Meter Contest | | |
| 12 | TARA RTTY Sprint | | |
| 12-13 | ARRL 10-Meter Contest | | |
| 26-27 | Stew Perry Topband Challenge | | |
| 27 | RAC Canada Winter Contest | | |

Next Meeting: Saturday, Oct 10 Time: 11:00 A.M.

> QTH of Ray, N6VR 160 Brandt Ave. Oak View (805)-649-9696 146.88 Pl 123.7

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Take Hwy 33 inland toward Ojai
Continue on Hwy 33 for approx 11 miles to
Encino Dr. (0.5 mile past 3rd signal)
Turn right on Encino Dr. up hill
Turn left at top of hill on Feliz (first left)
Turn left on Brandt Ave.
Look for antennas on right

We'll take up a collection for pizza. Old timers, bring your meat, chicken or hot dogs for grilling.



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