

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

by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM

Art, W6KY, has been investigating 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 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

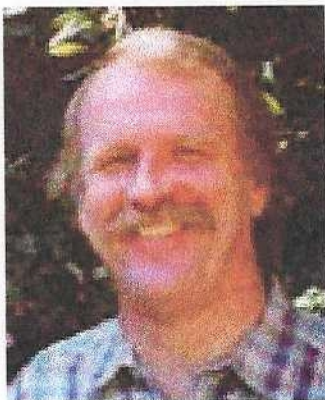
cease being an SCCC team and become just another "10 Guys Who Can Send Fast" team?!

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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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?

Thanks for your input in advance.

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.

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



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## 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 forgiving 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:

1. 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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## SCCC Calendar

### October

- 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 CQ Worldwide 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.**

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Take Hwy 33 inland toward Ojai  
Continue on Hwy 33 for approx 11 miles to  
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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

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