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SS 2008



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SS 2008 GOALS

21-22 Million Points

305-310 Logs

Combined CW and Phone



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Why so much? In 2007 we had

19,142,808 pts

273 logs

Avg 70,120 pts/log



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Remember these folks?





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In 2007 PVRC had

18,012,122 pts

241 logs

Avg 74,739



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*If PVRC gains just **32** new logs, they
would have **20,403,747** pts.*



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PVRC wants to WIN!

Very likely they will find

those 32 new logs.

Very active recruiting now.



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What do we need to win?

ALL of our 2007 players

Plus

35 new logs



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Where do we find 35 new logs?

New members

Single mode ops trying new mode

Get idle members on air

Get idle stations on air



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New members

Some of 2007 new members
haven't tried SS yet.

We need ALL our 2008 new
members to operate also.



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Single mode ops

If you only work CW, try **SSB**

Make practice QSOs to
tune up your ears.

Every QSO counts!



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Single mode ops

If you only work SSB, try **CW**.
Tune up with practice programs
like MorseRunner

Every QSO counts!



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Morse Runner 1.68

Contest simulator for Windows
95/98/ME/NT4/2000/XP

FREWARE



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*Use the NCCC Thursday Night
Practice Sessions*

CW or SSB



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Get idle members on air

No working station?

We'll help you find a place
to operate.



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Get idle members on air

Just want to op part time?

We'll help find a second op to
keep your station active.



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Get idle stations on air

Got a viable station but unable
to participate?

We'll help find a guest
operator for you.



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OPS SEEKING STATION

K6DBG Chris Kantarjiev, Palo Alto

Prefers to operate ssb

N6RNO Rick "The Rhino" Eversole,
Sunnyvale

Prefers to operate ssb

N6DE Dean Wood, Sunnyvale

Looking for two stations for HMO weekend



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STATIONS AVAILABLE

WK6I Jeff Stai Murphys, CA

WC6S Smitty Smithwick, Los Altos Hills



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Quick

Sweepstakes

Refresher



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Why is SS good for Little Guns?

You can only work a station
once, period.

Everyone wants your QSO
and will work for it.



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**WILL WORK
FOR QSOS**



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Strategy concerns

Operate only 24 of 30 hours

Breaks 30 minutes minimum

When to sleep?

W6NL– Don't stay up while
while everyone else is sleeping.



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The Sweepstakes Exchange

SS exchanges are the longest around.
The minimum exchange has five parts:

- . Serial Number
 - . Precedence (Entry category)
 - . Your Callsign
 - . Check (Year you were first licensed)
 - . ARRL Section



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. Serial Number

Starts at 1 and continues in
sequence to end of contest.

Logging program manages this.

NCCC

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TR LOG
Contest Logging Software by N6TR

N1MM Logger
Free Contest Logging Software



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6 Precedences

- A.** Single Op, 150W or less of xmtr output power
- B.** Single Op, over 150W of xmtr output power
- M.** Multioperator
- Q.** Single Op, 5W or less of xmtr output power
- S.** School Club station
- U.** Single op unlimited (packet-assisted)



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CQ vs S&P

See SS Handbook, p. 24-25

Good discussion for all power levels.

SUMMARY:

- 1. If you have power, use it.**
- 3. LP stns can do well on second day when HP stns have worked all the easy stuff and are hungry.**



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What Can You Expect?

Approximate percentage of QSOs per band
CW

Band	Percent of QSOs
80m	> 5
40m	25 to 40
20m	35 to 60
15m	5 to 20
10m	0 to 5



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What Can You Expect?

Approximate percentage of QSOs per band
PHONE

Band	Percent of QSOs
80m	> 5
40m	10 to 25
20m	35 to 40
15m	5 to 25
10m	10 to 45



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***Table is from SS Handbook, and is
several years old.***

***Expect 10m QSOs to be quite low, and
15m somewhat less than shown.***

80, 40 and 20m % will be a bit higher.



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Observations

Rates are their highest in the beginning hours. Get on the air at 21:00Z.

W6NL—get to 40m as early as your antenna can work east.



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Watch your multipliers. As they increase, each new QSO is worth more points in your total.

There are only 80 multipliers.



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The rarer Eastern sections (such as KP2, MAR, NL, etc.) generally peak Sunday morning on 15m.

Under present conditions, this might be your only chance at them.



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