

# The Contest JUG



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## HALF - TIME

### CONTEST CALENDAR

February: 25- NCCC Membership Meeting  
AS&L, Foothill and B Sts.  
Hayward, 7:30 PM

March: 1-2- ARRL DX CONTEST-PHONE  
15-16- All Asia Test, Phone  
29-30- WPX Test, Phone  
24- NCCC Meeting

April: 5-6- OPEN CD Party  
12-13- EME Contest  
19-20- Fresno DX Contest  
28- NCCC Meeting

June: 14-15- VHF QSO Party  
28-29- Field Day

### PRESIDENTIAL PENNINGS

Oh decisions, decisions. I can either listen to disco music on my sister's stereo. Or catch the last 15 minutes of La Verne and Shirley on TV. Or I can write my monthly column for the Contest Jug. I guess it's simply a matter of choosing "the lesser of three evils". So here goes.

We're now between weekends of the ARRL DX Competition, and it appears that NCCC is again on its way toward a fine club aggregate total. Unduped scores appear elsewhere in the JUG, along with Contest Chairman W6XX's half-time pep-talk. The BoD has voted in favor of NCCC sponsoring a trophy for the ARRL DX contest, to be awarded to the highest scoring single-op Japanese entry, both modes combined. The award will cost approximately \$30 per year; it will also increase the prestige and prominence of NCCC in Japan. See page 32 of the February QST for the list of other Clubs and individuals sponsoring trophies.

Thanks to the efforts of Bob Vallio, N6KB, we are now negotiating for a new meeting place. It's located in South Hayward, and combines the comforts and conveniences of easy access, spaciousness, more than 100 chairs, air conditioning, a rostrum, a public address system, and a nearby pizza parlor. Since the room is situated in South Hayward, it is a few miles closer to the South Bay contingent. Look for a map in next month's JUG.

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### PETE'S CORNER

Happy to see a good turnout for the CW weekend. It seems that Murphy gave us a double whammy, with the worst weather of the year, plus an ionospheric disturbance on Friday and Saturday. The high winds kept many antennas at low levels, and a few were lost in the more exposed areas. Scores were down from what we expected, primarily due to lack of QSO volume. On multipliers, many stations did as well as, or perhaps better than, last year. The QSO volume was certainly lower due to the poor conditions and perhaps partially due to the contest rules change. Let's hope that the poor propagation and rules changes had an equally bad effect on the East Coast.

Operation of the Two Meter Net was excellent, so if you weren't making use of it, be sure to do so for the Phone weekend. Looking forward to the Phone weekend, conditions should be good, as probability of an ionospheric disturbance and terrible weather on both weekends has to be low. Let's get started at solving some of the station problems that occurred this weekend, and get everyone on for a real KB effort on Phone. Don't be discouraged by the CW results, as our competitors may have had equally bad problems.

Get your station on for Phone, put in a good effort and we will do OK. If anyone needs operators, or is looking for a station for the Phone weekend, please contact me at the phone numbers

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MORE FROM GARY  
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Out with the old...and in with our new solid-state two meter repeater. The new machine is almost completed, and will be installed at our San Leandro Hills site right after the Phone DX contest. I would like to thank Pete Grabosky, WB600L, for his supreme one man effort on this project. He not only put many, many hours into the job, but also secured the receiver and transmitter sections at a price so low that I would be embarrassed to repeat it. As we expect to incur no further major repeater expenses, we are suspending solicitations for NCCC contributions to the Repeater Fund. However, if you would still like to contribute to the Fund, Secretary/Treasurer N6XI will gladly give you a receipt for your donations. One thing the new repeater will need is a floating-type 13.8 VDC, 20 amp battery charger. If you would like to build up one for the new machine, please contact N6KB.

Speaking of tossing out the old, club elections will be held in April. If you would like to serve as NCCC President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Director, or JUG Editor, please contact me. Don't be bashful, don't be shy. And, believe me, it's not that terrible to be a Club leader. Just look at the suicide rates for ex-NCCC Officers.

Those of you who really read the JUG carefully will notice that the Club mailing address has been changed to 34456 Colville Place, Fremont, CA. 94536. That's K6XO's address. I wish to thank K6UWR, Chuck Breeding, for allowing his residence to be used as NCCC's mailing address for the past four years.

I'll see you in the Phone contest.

73,  
Gary  
WA6VEF

AWARDS FOR ARRL DX CONTEST

NCCC will now offer awards for top scorers in the ARRL DX Test. Highest score for each mode will receive a trophy in each of the four categories listed below. Also, each station and operators of multi-op stations achieving target scores indicated below will receive certificates.

- Single Op: 500,000 points
- Multi-Single: 1.5 Million
- 2 Transmitter Multi: 1.5 Million
- Unlimited Multi-Multi: 2.0 Million

Presentation will be made later in the year at the Xmas banquet or other social event. So if you're into awards, put in that extra effort--you'll be rewarded and the club score will grow.

2-METER NET REVISITED

Question #20: W1ARR will boost the NCCC's score in the DX Contest by a) dropping his pants down (b) keeping the rate up (c) wearing his Radio Uniform (d) cracking a JH1ZLA pileup (e) contributing to the 2-meter net (f) b & e

Obviously, the correct answer is "f"--which is, in all likelihood, the first letter of BH's own answer to the above question. However, this being a family publication, the rest of his probable expletive has been deleted.

The point of this audacious irreverence directed toward one of the Club's top DX operators is that just "keeping the rate up" is insufficient to boost the NCCC to the ultimate in ARRL contest achievement: back-to-back victories in the top Domestic and DX contests of the season. Ya also gotta feed those rare (and semi-rare) multipliers to the 2-meter net. Please chip in your fair share, gang!

In order to make our net more efficient for all you Phone ops in their trenches, I will be asking all Net Control operators to double-check their clocks against WWV a few minutes before beginning a shift, and to use an alarm clock (a repeatable timer is great) to be sure that we always pass you the latest dope every 15 minutes precisely, starting on the hour. This will facilitate your getting those highs frequently--er, high frequencies occupied by all those juicy

2 METER NET  
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CW WRAPUP

multipliers your fellow NCCers have been constantly feeding into the net.

In addition to this token gesture (small indeed in light of the 40-plus hours that many of you will operate on such a despicable mode as SSB!!), some of us at Net Control will also try to feed you a few high-priority rarer multipliers first before doing our usual breakdown by bands. We will tend to do this with greater frequency as the contest wears on and the garden variety multipliers have already been worked by a large proportion of the Club's stations.

"Good Ruck Contest", you phone ops! For you CW ops who loathe SSB as much as I do and refuse to get on in the Phone Contest, how about making your contribution to the Club that weekend by taking a shift on the Net? I know it's a Phone operation, but you won't have to shout, and you will run the pile-up. For 4 hours at a stretch it's bearable---and the more of us that do it, the less time each of us has to put in individually. How about it??? Please give me a call at 415-327-7869 or see me at the February meeting.

73, Bill N6OP

MORE FROM PETE  
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in the roster. 73 and see you in the pileups.

Pete  
W6XX



As some of you may have heard in passing, there was a DX contest held on the weekend of February 16 and 17. However, with the poor rates and bad conditions, many people now wish it hadn't occurred. Despite those feelings, and the bands in general, there were many fine showings in the contest. Below are a partial list of scores received by the JUG prior to press time:

Single Operator All Band

N6TV-----1215x220  
K6HIH(WA6VJH)-----900x ??  
WA6IQM-----700x161  
K6XO-----750x158  
N6CCN-----540x181  
N6QW-----32x23  
W6OT(K6CSL)-----23x9  
K6CSL-----15x11

Single Band Entries

20--N6DA-----62x27  
10--W6NV-----460x85  
N6RZ(WB6SHD)-----505x72

Multi-Single

N6GJ----(WA6HCI, WB6PYI)-1200x154  
K6DC(+W6BJH)-----875x169

Multi-Multi

N6RO(+N9NC, K9LBQ, Etc.)--2255x336  
K6OYE-----2111x279  
K6RU-----1764x265  
W6MSF(WA6VEF, AA6UO)-----1274x287  
KF6I(+N6IG, N6CEI)-----1270x267  
W6YX-----750x133

Single Operator(Should be Above)

N6BT(18 hours)-----834x171  
W6YKM-----450x92

Late Multi-Multi

K6ZM-----1400x250  
K6XV-----1200x ??

There are many other scores outstanding, and if you have any that are not listed above, please contact wither W6XX or WA6VEF. KB in the Phone weekend!

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NEW MEMBERS

**KF6I**  
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**W6SX**  
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Rick, KF6I, comes to the NCCC with experience in the ARRL 10 and 160 meter contests, as well as other DX contests. A student, he runs a Drake C Line to a tri-bander and wires at home, with a new 4-1000 amplifier on the work bench. Tom, N9NC, is a transplant from the Midwest. Employed by Hewlett-Packard in Cupertino, he holds an Extra Class license and previously held the call WB9RZU. He has no station set up as yet, but has a C-Line in storage. His previous contest experience comes from operating N9MM and W9ZRX in many contests, including CQWW. Ray, WB6DHN, is employed by L/G Associates in Santa Clara. Active on 80-15 CW and VHF FM, he prefers CW to SSB 70-30. He is 23 years of age, and holds a General license, and is another of the ever increasing staff at K6OYE. Hank, W6SX, has much contest experience, in his own words. QSY TO NEXT COLUMN

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

He has held the previous calls of K2SSX K7OM, WA8ZGC, DA1AX, and G5CAS. He runs a Heath line to an 80 meter Vee, and runs 98% CW. He works at McClellan AFB.

ROSTER UPDATES

**WA6VJH**  
25517 Scripps St.  
Hayward, CA. 94545  
(H)415-785-3334

N6AXD and WA6VJH both now Advanced.

FOR SALE

Tempo 2001 Linear with pair 8874, in mint condition. \$400 or trade for a R4C or 75A4. Contact Lloyd, AA6T, at 408-722-4349.

N6AMG has, as usual, many items to list:  
GE 500 watt input 2 meter amplifier with relays and power supply. \$200/trade  
Hamtronics 2 meter transverter complete with enclosure, etc. \$100/trade.  
Collins 2 meter cavity amplifier with 4CX250B, no supply. Best Offer  
Wanted: Kenwood TS-820 or 820S.  
Contact Jewell at 415-724-7724.

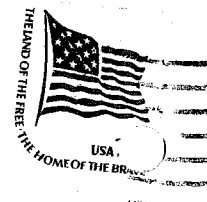
N6IG is looking for 40-50 feet of Rohn 25 tower sections. Contact Jim at 415-841-0346.

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