



# NEXT NCCC MEETING

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# NCCC ACCLAMATION MAKES “DOS EQUIS” BOB PRESIDENT of CLUB

He Offers Valuable Prize, Amid  
Election Fraud Charges  
READ THE UNTOLD STORY  
A JUG Exclusive: details inside!

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## May Contests Dates

!!!!!! Due date for WPX SSB logs is May 10. !!!!!!

10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW	May 6
Indiana QSO Party	May 6
Massachusetts QSO Party	May 6-7
ARI International DX Contest	May 6-7
Connecticut QSO Party	May 6-7
VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	May 13-14
FISTS Spring Sprint	May 13
CQ-M International DX Contest	May 13-14
50 MHz Spring Sprint	May 13-14
CQ VHF Specialty Mode Act.Weekend	May 19
Major Six Club Contest	May 19-22
EU Spring Sprint, CW	May 20
Baltic	May 20-21
2000 6m Activity Contest	May 23
<b>CQ WW WPX Contest, CW</b>	<b>May 26-28</b>
QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint	May 28
MI QRP Club Memorial Day CW Sprint	May 29-30

## June Contest Summary Dates

WW South America CW Contest	Jun 3-4
IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW	Jun 3-4
QRP TAC Sprint	Jun 3
ANARTS WW RTTY Contest	Jun 10-11
Portugal Day Contest	Jun 10
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	Jun 10
TOEC WW Grid Contest, SSB	Jun 10-11
ARRL June VHF QSO Party	Jun 10-12
All Asian DX Contest	Jun 17-18
SMIRK Contest	Jun 17-18
Kid's Day Contest	Jun 17
West Virginia QSO Party	Jun 18
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	Jun 24-25
ARRL Field Day	Jun 24-25

Full details are on WA7BNM's up-to-date web site:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

# NCCC SCORES

## 2000 CQ WPX SSB

Call	Class	Q's	Prefixes	Score
NR6O	MMABHP	7775	1312	25,244,192
(N6RO, AE0M, K2KW, K6AW, KA6BIM, N6BV, K6CTA, KR6EF, K6EP, N6IG, WA6O)				
WP2Z	MSABHP	5839	1147	19,174,399
(N6DE, W6XK, W7MH) for				
12,782,933 NH7A	SOABHP	3563	952	
10,838,520				
KZ6D (W6NL)	SOABHP	3309	968	8,724,584
AE6Y	SOABHP	1947	762	3,632,454
NN6NN (N6EE)	SO10HP	2021	745	3,352,500
NT6K	SO10HP	1882	678	2,794,038
K6GT	SOABHP	1168	572	1,562,132
W6BSY	SOABHP	1035	527	1,237,396
W6RJ	SO80HP	801	348	951,780
K6III	SOABTS	808	463	896,368
W6PLJ	SOABLP	677	409	751,333
WG7W (K6XX)	SOABHP	718	366	
676,002				
C31LJ	SOABLP	680	399	506,730
KG6AFS	SOABHP	602	334	443,552
(N6BZA)				
N7STU	SOABTS	515	363	405,174
NI6FW	SOABHP	474	304	335,312
AD6E	SOABLP	449	261	299,889
K6KAY	SO10LP	511	289	254,898
AJ6V	SOABHP	344	249	190,734
K7NV	SOABLPTS	265	209	131,461
AD6G	SOABLP	248	183	117,120
W6YL (AD6E)	SOABLP	246	180	115,560
WM6A	SOABHP	207	165	78,870
(K6TA, ex-K6DB/K6PU)				
N2ALE	SOABLP	50	43	3,569

Total 82,718,567 with 76,327,101 for NCCC

# ALL THAT JAZZ!

As we wait in suspense for the results of the 1999 ARRL SS (not announced in the May QST, as in past years), we're halfway through our major club effort in the WPX contest. We have amassed about 76.3 Million points in the SSB weekend, which looks like a good start to me! Please commit to the CW weekend, May 26-28, in some category to assure that we maintain our #1 club entry, achieved last year. Have any of you not reported your score to us?

Effective this month, the score submittals data base, maintained by W0YK on the NCCC web site, will be the "official" tally for all club score functions. It will be used for listings in the JUG, input to the 5 Meg award database, and a reference for me and the BoD to keep track of the major club competitions where NCCC is serious. In order to assure the best possible accuracy, we need to have all members who submit a score to the NCCC reflector, or to the webmaster W0YK, check and verify the listings that Ed compiles on the web site. If you initially post a tentative score, please update it by again posting on the reflector or sending directly to W0YK. Also, if you have not posted a score for a contest where the club is competing in a big way, like WPX, please do so soon. More importantly, send your entry to the contest sponsor, so the club gets the credit. Deadline for WPX SSB is May 10. Submission details are available on the WA7BNM Calendar web site.

The club (YOU!) will soon decide on which major events the club will mount a major effort. The biggest issue is ARRL Sweepstakes vs. CQWW. We cannot do both seriously, though many of us are active in all four weekends in October/November. There are arguments in favor of each contest, which we will debate at the next meeting. Please think about your preference and voice your opinions on the NCCC reflector or direct e-mail to me or other BoD members.

There is a low level interest in maintaining the 75m club net on Thursday nights, even during the "off-season". We've had good participation during the SS Season, discussing strategies, software, antennas, 2R, etc. These topics have year-round interest and if some of you want to continue these discussions, I'll be there (or K6XX, W6ISO, etc.), 9 PM on Thursdays, near 3830. Or we could do it once/month for a while, 2nd Thursday. Your thoughts?

One more subject I need your input on: On the JUG front page we list two months' worth of contest calendar. I've been tempted to edit this down to a more manageable size, but testers have different preferences, and what I think is an interesting event

may not coincide with your thoughts. Should I continue to list the whole nine yards, or prune it down a bit? The full calendar can be had anytime on WA7BNM's web site. This calendar is also available in e-mail format, which is easier to print out and post at your operating position.

Thanks to the nominating committee and membership for bringing me back into the club board scene. It's been about 20 years since I was VP/CC or Pres. There have been many changes in contesting in that time, I'm still learning and trying to keep up with the hardware and software innovations that have renewed my own interest in our sport. Please keep me on track with your thoughts on the general subject of contesting as well as club interests.

73, Ken N6RO

# MAY MEETING DETAILS

**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2000

**Gather & Shmooze:** 6:00PM

**Dine:** 7:00PM

**Meeting:** 7:30PM

**Place:** Mountain View Tied House, 954 Villa Street, Mountain View. The event will be held in the back beer garden, which has been reserved for the club meeting. No other parties will be booked in the Beer garden. We've arranged a reduced-price menu so you'll have more \$\$ left over for beer! Several Plates of Nachos will be served as appetizers.

## **Menu:**

1. Tied House Burger topped with jack, cheddar, swiss, blue cheese, mushrooms or onions. Served with french fries. (Any toppings can be omitted if desired).

2. Grilled chicken sandwich with fries.

3. Traditional fish and chips. Seasonal white fish dipped in amber beer batter served with malt vinegar and tartar sauce.

All entrees include soft drinks, coffee, tea, or milk. All other beverages will be cash and carry. The price will be \$12.00 inclusive of gratuity and tax.

# JUG EXCLUSIVE! INTERVIEW WITH K6XX

The JUG Roving Reporter, W6ISQ, wrangled an exclusive interview with newly elected "Dos Ekkes" Bob (*despite objections from Conan The Grammarian, the unique "style" of Jacques Troster has been allowed to remain... ed*) after his stunning election victory to the Presidency of NCCC. He was asked to clear up some of the allegations about the election, to give some of his qualifications to fill this high office, and also to present his program for the coming year. His comments follow:

JUG: Why do they call you Dos Ekkes Bob?

BOB: Because my call is K6XX, and I have an affinity for that brand. But my business associates call me DotCom Bob.

JUG: Can you respond to the ugly allegations of voter fraud in your election?

BOB: When the call for votes was made by the presiding officer, there were only three members in the hall. They all voted for me. The other 34 members were still out in the bar.

JUG: So you were elected with only three voters present?

BOB: That's the way the QSB phases things now and again!

JUG: Well, ahhh, now that you are President, can you tell us a bit about yourself? Where were you born?

BOB: Santa Rosa, CA.

JUG: Did you have a happy childhood with many playmates?

BOB: Yeah, pretty much. I got beat up a lot, but it made me tough.

JUG: Where did you go to Kiddygarten?

BOB: Miss Murphy's Blue Bird Kidneygarten.

JUG: Did you adjust well to your environment and other kiddies?

BOB: Splendidly. I learned good lessons. Never let any of the little buggers get ahead of you. Good lesson that stayed with me all my life. I was always Itchi Ban in school.

JUG: Then, where did you go to college?

BOB: University of California, Berkeley, then Santa Barbara. I was a mechanical engineer then electrical engineer.

JUG: And then you went to work.  
BOB: You might say so. At different places. That's how I got my name "DotCom Bob."  
JUG: You DotComed and then retired?  
BOB: No. In between DotComs I got married and had three beautiful, delightful daughters.  
JUG: Wonnerful. And what are your plans now?  
BOB: Beat PVRC, YCCC, PRC and any other bunch that stands in our way. Remember I said I was used to being Itchi Ban.  
JUG: Commendable.  
BOB: I have a positive five-point plan to beat all competition that I will introduce to the membership. I will outline the plan in my colume in this issue.  
JUG: Well, don't give all five points to us now. How about just the first one?  
BOB: First, the club must select two contests which will be our major events. One in the fall, one in the spring. Choose between SS and CQWW in the fall and ARRL or WPX in the spring. We concentrate on them.  
JUG: How will the membership select those events.  
BOB: There will be a big vote about which contest we should go for. Members will e-mail our site their arguments for which contest to support in fall and spring. And the e-mail which has the best arguments, most eloquently stated, for the winning contests will win the valuable prize.  
JUG: You will be the judge? And what is the prize?  
BOB. I will be the judge and jury, along with our noble Veep, Killer Keeler, N6O, or N6RO, or NR6O, or whatever his callsign is. He likes to be Itchi Ban too... a good man to have on our side... and with consultation with our English Scholar, Conan the Grammarian, who can be contacted through our JUG editor, Gentleman George, K6GT. The prize will be a free meal at the next meeting.  
JUG: Who will pay for the meal?  
BOB: I will.  
JUG: Suppose the winner doesn't get to the meeting?  
BOB: I'll mail him/her a check for \$2.75 or send him/her two PL-259s.  
JUG: You mentioned four more points in your victory plan for the club... You gonna have contests for all them too?  
BOB: Of course.  
JUG: And who will pay for the other four winners dinner?  
BOB: Miki Wolbert, ex-JN2LST, Sarah Wolbert, K1D, Lisa Wolbert, K2D, and Emily Wolbert, K3D. That's unless I can find four volunteers or can tap the JUG publishing fund.  
JUG: We can tell, you have a big program in mind. Where will you start?

BOB: First, I'm gonna buy me 100 acres on top of some mountain and put up a bunch o' 200 foot towers. Put the kids to work planting grape vines too, of course. That will help 'em earn money to pay for the prizes. Then, bring in electricity and get the BIG finals in operation. Then build a house. Then...  
JUG: Break, break. Thank you, Dose Ekkes Bob. Thank you for your introduction. And please outline your five point plan in this JUG issue for the membership to consider. And we will tell readers to be sure to send in their e-mails for the big prize.  
*(O.K. Readers, please be sure to send in your e-mails so you'll be eligible for the big prize... ed)*

# CONTEST DINNER AT VISALIA A BIG HIT!

The food was good, the fellowship was good, the program was short, and as always Tom Schiller, N6BT, was an efficient and entertaining MC. Tom introduced a sort of game-cum-demonstration that could best be titled "DX contest pileup." NCCC's Rich Smith, N6KT, was asked to take the microphone at the podium and "run" stations for 5 minutes. Everyone in the audience was to try to work Rich, who chose (fittingly) the callsign HC8A. At the opening bell, the bedlam started! In an effort to make the "contest" as realistic as possible, I shouted my "last two" over and over, "Golf Tango, Golf Tango, Golf Tango!" ignoring whether Rich was transmitting or listening. A participant near the podium went up next to Rich and began shouting "Is this frequency in use?!" Rusty, W6OAT, just like in a real contest, slipped in his callsign, perfectly timed, and worked Rich, even though our table was all the way across the room! Everyone at our table then decided to tune up, ... on the run frequency... of course... where else?! "HOLA... HOOOOOLA!" Just when it seemed like it couldn't get any funnier, Kenny, K2KW, standing just a few yards away from Rich, showed up "on frequency" with his own microphone plugged into the same PA system and started a run of his own! Aside from the laughter "on the virtual air" it was very close to a real contest situation! I was weeping with laughter, and it seemed to me that everyone else was in the same state! Well, almost everyone else. The non-ham/non-contester types absolutely couldn't fathom

what was so amusing about such undisciplined shouting and pandemonium! When the 5-minute bell ended the game, Rich had made 13 QSO's. That's a rate of 156 per hour, which is awfully good for the poor selectivity of the room! It says a lot about the selectivity between Rich's ears, doesn't it? Of course, it will be a year before we receive official notification of what the log checking process does to his score.

73, George, K6GT

# DOUBLE CROSS

Thanks to Ed, K6CTA, and last year's board for an extremely successful 1999-2000! Among our accomplishments during the great year just ended:

- Regaining the WPX club crown and blowing away the old record score of 126M with our 211,120,595 point total.
- Winning a CW Sprint team competition (finally!)
- Winning the 1999 Sweepstakes (apparently)

Last year presents a tough act to follow!

We fortunately have an excellent and experienced board consisting of three past-presidents, so we have plenty of folks with very intimate experience with running our club. VP/CC Ken, N6RO, is among the finest and best-known station builders and operators in the world. Secretary/Treasurer Kit, W6ISO, has been very active in club affairs for several years and is duly famous professionally for his technical expertise. The remainder of the "Bored" of Directors consists of Past President Ed, K6CTA, 1999 Rookie of the Year Kurt, K7NV, and expert ops/long time NCCC'ers Rick, N6XI, and Andy, AE6Y.

Those of you that make at least a couple meetings per year probably know me, since I have attended most of them over the past decade. In that time, I have been the VP/CC three times (including last year), and a director twice. This is my first "sentence" as prez. My radio experience started, as a pre-teenager, over 25 years ago when WN6HPF was issued. Upon upgrading, I signed WA6HPF for a year or so until N6IP was granted. That call lasted until the great callsign rush of 1996, when my fourth choice, K6XX, was purchased. The technical allure of radio and electronics helped determine my career path as an engineer; after discovering the fun and excitement of radiosport, contesting occupies nearly all of my "spare" time. My first contest entry was CQP in 1975.

## What To Do?

Our club should set some goals for the year. I feel that we should emphasize the following, listed in order of importance.

1. Choose and win our major operating event
2. Have a great time as a club
3. Win the WPX club competition (and beat the OHs).
4. Increase our membership and promote radio contesting in Northern California and Northwest Nevada.
5. Improve communications, such as increasing JUG readership and maintaining the HF net.

NCCC accomplished all of the above last year, though there is always room for improvement on items #2, #4, and #5.

## Major Operating Event

Please spend a few moments pondering which contest you'd like NCCC to enter this autumn. They generally boil down to two: CQWW & SS. Conventional wisdom states that we must choose only one, because a focus on both could seriously strain home life by committing all of us to four full-bore efforts in five consecutive weekends. N6RO is leading the discussion of this subject on our e-mail reflector, [nccc@contesting.com](mailto:nccc@contesting.com), and would really like to hear your thoughts. Winning either contest is possible (since we have), but will require more effort this year than we have mustered the past few seasons. Drop a line to the reflector or speak your mind at our meeting Monday, May 8.

After we choose our major operating event, we should contemplate other contests. Obviously, we will KB in our own CQP: WPX 2000 is another probable. The peaking sunspot cycle makes DX contests much more attractive... WAT SA?

## The NCCC

When one scans the NCCC roster, we see two hundred individuals differing in many ways. Without my getting overly sappy or political, our common bond—our love of radio contesting—forges us into the most successful non-profit organization around. Each time we enter a Club Competition, we bring to bear a first-class multi-million dollar arsenal of hardware and operators capable of taking on—and beating—all competitors. NCCC has a very active, fun-loving membership. We are coming off an excellent year, and with your participation, we will be extremely successful in the upcoming season.

I'm looking forward to serving this year with such a fine group. You have my promise to do my utmost to further the success of the Northern California Contest Club.

# GOLDEN BEAR STEAMS

Most of you have heard of the voyage of the Golden Bear, the California Maritime Academy's training/research vessel. They shoved off from Vallejo April 21. They stopped in Monterey Bay for a few hours on Sunday the 23rd, and then continued outward with scheduled ports of call in Mexico, Peru, Chile, Panama, Grand Cayman, and ending a two month cruise in New Orleans. They will be taking 15 CSU Monterey Bay Students who are enrolled in the CSUMB At-Sea program under the direction of Dr. Robert Van Spyk. Dr. Van Spyk is a ham radio operator who will use amateur radio aboard ship for both Pactor and Voice Communications back to Monterey and CSUMB during the cruise. He has enlisted the amateur radio community's help in setting up the station, both aboard the ship, and back at his home QTH where he has set up an automated pactor mailbox, and an automatic gateway to internet email systems.

I have already consulted with experienced DX-peditioner type hams wrt antenna solutions aboard the Golden Bear, which is a huge ship, about 500 ft. long, and containing 2 prominent radio masts 150 ft. apart, and about 120 ft. above the water line. Access to the ship in Vallejo was limited, but installation of several dipoles, including dipoles, coax, halyards, pulleys, etc. was completed. There was already a long wire antenna available for amateur use, and Dr. Van Spyk has an automatic tuner to utilize this antenna. I personally prefer resonant antennas, and so installed the dipoles. Also, the resonant antennas allow use of a desktop amp, which I supplied. The automatic antenna tuners can't handle QRO. I have made up dipoles for 40, 20, 15, and 10.

You can see a picture of ship by using Alta Vista, and using "Ship Golden Bear" (in quotes). The Honolulu Star Bulletin has a photograph which will come up.

The CSUMB class has quite sophisticated Multi Media Tools, and some brilliant minds to document this cruise, and the student group in charge of the on board communications will be creating a Presentation

quality CD-ROM based video of this cruise with special emphasis on Amateur radio communications capabilities and aspects. This cruise is only the first of many planned for future CSUMB curricula.

I have shown the highly motivated, computer oriented students a number of computer applications towards ham radio (antenna modelling, propagation modelling, NCDXF beacon monitoring, digital modes, etc. and they really eat this stuff up, and are excited about it, and plan to include these aspects in their multimedia production after the cruise....

We at N6IJ will be publicizing the trip locally, and will entertain visits by young people to come to N6IJ and speak to the students aboard ship.

Someone mentioned that this would be a good QST article subject, and I would entertain a volunteer Czar to head that, if you want to....

We are working on skeds to set up between the ship and here, so will keep those interested, posted.

Let me know if you are interested in being kept updated on this cruise.

BTW, for those of you planning Extreme DX-peditions, it occurs to me that you might be able to negotiate with this very capable and highly used world voyager ship, for transport to your Heard's, Navassas, Peter 1s, etc... Each student's passage fees are not cheap, but extremely less expensive than an equivalent passage aboard cruise ships, and the like. It seems to me that this ship solicits collaborations between the Californian Maritime academy uses (the prime users) and other academia/research types... perhaps DX peditioners too... in order to spread the expenses over more persons.

The Golden Bear Steamed out of the Monterey Bay Sunday afternoon, amid whitecaps and clear skies. We plan to communicate with them a number of ways during their 2 month voyage. One, is via wireless email...wireless, for obvious reasons. This is no mean feat on HF radio, but the students aboard the Golden Bear have done it.

The other is via amateur radio voice communications. We at the marina amateur radio contest Station (MARCS) will schedule visits to the station, for voice communications between young (and young at heart) people speaking directly to the students and scientists aboard, microphone to microphone. If you are interested in either of these activities, contact me. If you wish to be added or removed from the GBear email list, I can do that too. Check out their website for the latest updates:

<http://atsea.monterey.edu>.

There is also a website run by the maritime mobile net (14.313 MHz) which will plot daily positions of the ship, on a web map, during the trip.

Hams can check the MM net on 14.313 for progress reports.

Check out [www.bitwrangler.com/yotreprs](http://www.bitwrangler.com/yotreprs) for the map, and check our website (including a Map to find us) for MARCS at the address below

[www.polkinghorn.org/n6ij](http://www.polkinghorn.org/n6ij)

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# NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD



Well, some of them, anyway! JUG photographer Ed Muns, W0YK, was able to catch the following official type personnel in a single frame at the April meeting. From left to right, they are: Kit Kohlmoos, W6ISO, the new Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Wolbert, K6XX, the new President, Rick Tavan, N6XI, a new Director, Ken Keeler, N6RO, the new Vice-President and Contest Chairman, and Ed Schuller, K6CTA, Past President and therefore automatically a Director.



BAD KITTY! Kilo Six Grey Tabby shows her reaction to operators who send their "last two."



Ken, N6RO, carrying a hundredweight of awards gathered at the April meeting/Awards banquet, receives congratulations of outgoing Prez, Ed, K6CTA.



Ron, W6RN, Tied House host, shares the pride of Bob, W6CYX, and Bob, K6XX, who received awards for the most beer consumed. NO! Sorry! Those are KB-1000 awards!

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