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## WINTER FIELD DAY, JUST WEEKS AWAY

### WINTER FIELD DAY

Winter Field Day - Are You Interested? It looks like Winter Field Day (WFD) will be held K6AWA on the weekend of January 26-27. Location will be at Mystic West Ranch, the QTH of Joe Fortuna, This is a relatively remote location near the top of Mt Jackson, northeast of Guerneville, about a 45 minute drive from Santa Rosa. We will most likely be set up in tents. Activities will be similar to the Summer Field Day, but on a reduced scale.

We need to know who is seriously interested in participating in WFD so that we can give you the specifics of how to access the site. Please send an e-mail to BOTH Brian Torr, N6IIY ([n6iiy@arrl.net](mailto:n6iiy@arrl.net)) and Joe Fortuna, K6AWA ([k6awa@yahoo.com](mailto:k6awa@yahoo.com)) if you are seriously interested in participating in Winter Field Day.

Hope to hear from as many of you as possible!



For 2019, the dates are January 26th and 27th. Station set-up may commence no earlier than 1900 UTC (2pm EST) on Friday, January 25th. Station setup may consume no more than 12 hours total. How & when you schedule/spend those 12 hours is up to you.

Bands: All Amateur bands, HF, VHF, & UHF except 12, 17, 30 and 60 meters.

Modes: Any mode... CW, SSB, AM, FM, DStar, C4FM, DMR, Packet, PSK, SSTV, RTTY, Olivia, Satellite, etc...

Suggested Frequencies: (to make it easier for entrants to find each other)

HF CW – 1810-1820, 3.530-3.550, 7.030-7.050, 14.035-14.055, 21.030-21.050, 28.030-28.040

HF SSB – lowest 30 kHz of the US General Class Phone bands (160m- 15m), 28.400-28.425MHz (10m)

6m/VHF/UHF – adjacent to, but not on, nationally recognized simplex calling channels.

Continued at <https://www.winterfieldday.com/rules>

### 2019 WFD Rules

Purpose: To foster Ham camaraderie, field operation, emergency operating preparedness, and just plain on the air, outdoor fun in the midst of winter for American, Canadian and DX Amateurs. Don't let those winter doldrums keep you locked up in the house... get out and play some radio!!

When: Winter Field Day runs for 24 hours during the last full weekend in January each year from 1900 UTC (2pm EST) Saturday to 1900 UTC (2pm EST) Sunday.



## Digital Mobile Radio and SCRA

DMR: The new DMR repeater has been installed at the Castle Rock site (above East Santa Rosa at about 2000 feet) and is in the testing phase. It is under my repeater coordination and call sign, WA6TIP, with input on 449.825 MHz and output on 444.825 MH. Color Code is 1 and the repeater is currently running 10 watts, due to Pave Paws interference concerns.

Currently there are no Static Talk Groups (those that are always available). The suggestion is to use Time Slot 1 for local traffic (Talk Group 2) and for radio testing by using Private Parrot (Talk Group 310997 - Private Call). Time Slot 2 is available for all other Talk Groups, using dynamic mode, where the user keys their radio programmed to the Talk Group they are interested in using.

The repeater will then repeat any traffic on that Talk Group for 15 minutes after the last local user key up.

For those of you that find this information incomprehensible but are interested in DMR and its benefits, there will be a presentation at an upcoming club meeting.

I am good on QRZ and the club's member roaster if you have questions/suggestions/comments about the DMR repeater's operation.

73,  
Curt Helstrom

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### DMR Is Here, And It's Easy!

Did you know that the club now has its very own DMR repeater? Placed high atop Castle Rock in eastern Santa Rosa, it is situated with a great view of a wide swathe of Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park and Sebastopol. Programming information will be posted on the website this month for eager DMR users to start using and talking to the world on this BrandMeister-connected repeater.

### DMR is Easy, Too

Don't miss the January program at the Membership

Meeting on January 2. The talk will be "DMR is Easy," presented by our newly minted Program Coordinator, Randy Hall AA6RH. Randy will fill you in about everything you need to know to get on DMR and start enjoying this digital voice mode!

In addition to the presentation, Randy will provide some DMR configuration files (code plugs) for a few different DMR HT's that are in common use today.

- AnyTone AT-D868UV
- Connect Systems CS580
- Radioddity/BaoFeng RD-5R

Randy will be providing more models as he encounters them, providing each code plug with a good basic starting setup that gives you access to all of the Sonoma County DMR repeaters, and a great starting set of talk groups to connect to. All of these files will be up on the club website for members and other hams to download and use as a starting point for their exploration of DMR.

### DMR Loaner HT's Available

As part of the launch of the DMR repeater, two club-owned AnyTone AT-D868UV handhelds are entering the club's loaner radio program.

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## JANUARY PROGRAM

### DMR is Easy by Randy Hall AA6RH

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<http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/san-francisco>

## 2019 Club Officers

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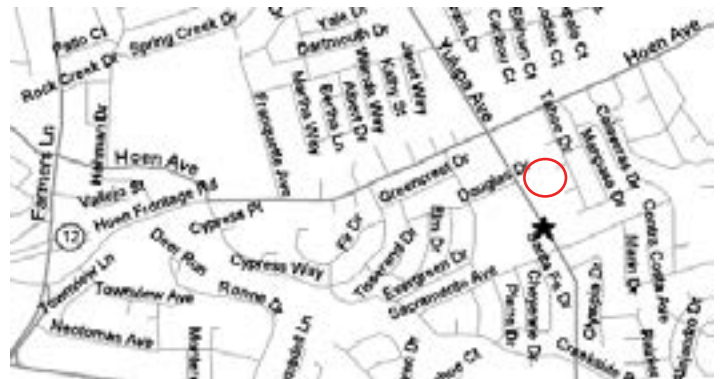
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## SCRA Club Meetings

The club normally meets the first Wednesday of each month, socially at 6:30 pm, program starting at 7:00 pm. Exceptions are holidays or other big events.

Meeting location:  
Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center  
2050 Yulupa Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA



### All are welcome!

Please join us at our next meeting. Anyone interested in Amateur Radio is eligible for membership. A membership application is included in this newsletter. For more information, contact any SCRA officer, director or member. Hungry before the meeting? Join us for dinner! We Meet at IHOP restaurant, 4th and Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa. People start showing up at 5:15 PM. No RSVP is required.

## Board of Directors Meeting

The SCRA Board of Directors will meet monthly on the Second Wednesday at the IHOP Restaurant, Fourth Street, Santa Rosa (in the Safeway/CVS Pharmacy center). All members are welcome to attend, no reservations necessary. Arrive around 5:15- 5:30pm for dinner. Meeting starts at 6:00pm.



## LOANER RADIOS AVAILABLE

The Club has a variety of radios available to members to try out and improve their skills. We have a Kenwood T590 SG HF radio; Yeasu FT 2900 2 meter mobile; Yeasu FT1D, an analog/digital 2 meter and 440mhz HT; Yeasu FT 60, a 2 meter and 440 mhz HT; and a TYT TH-F5 VHF 2 meter HT. Trying these out is an excellent way to learn some radio and test before you buy. Contact Joe, K6AWA, at [k6awa@yahoo.com](mailto:k6awa@yahoo.com) with your request. Joe will forward an information form to you by return email.

## UPGRADE TO GENERAL OR AMATEUR EXTRA CLASS

Get more privileges and enjoyment from your Ham Radio Hobby. [Mentoring assistance](#) is available. Contact Cornell Chesnik, W6HMN, SCRA Education Chair, at [w6hmn@sonic.net](mailto:w6hmn@sonic.net).

### Tuesday Night Net

The Sonoma County Radio Amateurs' net meets Tuesday at 7:00 PM on the SCRA repeater, 147.315, positive offset, PL 88.5.

All members and guests are invited to check in. The Net includes updates on SCRA activities, and News-line, the amateur radio community news service.

Anyone wishing to work as net control should contact lola kk6hre, at K6SON@ARRL.NET for assignment. Script and logs are available on the Website at <http://sonomacountyradioamateurs.com/wp/resources/net-script/>



## The Weekly 160 Meter Net

Announcing the new 160 meter net which runs from 8:45pm to 9:30pm Tuesday nights, immediately following the 10 meter net hosted by Joe K6AWA. Tune your radio frequency to 1.900 Mhz. LSB. 160 meters requires a General or above license to transmit.

## Your New Tuesday Night Net Line-up

7:00pm Membership Net on the SCRA repeater, 147.315, positive offset, PL 88.5

**10 Meter Net** - starts at 8:00pm (new time) following the regular SCRA net Tuesday nights and ends at 8:45pm. Set your dial to 28,403.00 SSB, USB. Please note that all license classes (including technician) are welcome.

**160 Meter Net** - (Suspended for the summer) runs from 8:45pm to 9:30pm. Tune your radio frequency to 1.900 Mhz. LSB. 160 meters requires a General or above license to transmit.



### Weekly SBARA Youth Net New Day and Time!

- For young people 18 and under
- Licensed youth or youth with a licensed control operator are welcome to check-in
- Check-in via EchoLink, if you are outside of the area
- Adults can check-in towards the end of the Net to answer questions and mentor the youth.

**Please join our new, 13-year-old net control operator, Truman Lindsey, KM6AQS, and help us grow this important Net for young hams!**

- SBARA Youth Net
- Every Tuesday evening, 6:30pm (1830), PACIFIC
- N6NFI repeater, Palo Alto, CA (145.230 MHz, -600 kHz, PL 100 Hz.)
- EchoLink Station: KR6DD-R

Steve Wilson KG6HJU  
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## 2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Check the [Club website](#) for details

Jan 5 SCRA Annual Planning Meeting  
Jan 26-27 Winter Field Day

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### SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS CLUB 2019 80th ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Below is a tentative list of events designed to help celebrate 80 years of activity by the Sonoma County Radio Amateurs Club. These activities will be held every other month for the entire 2019 year. Some of the events already have a chairperson and needs committees to fulfil the duties. Other events need a chairperson and a team. Exact dates of some activities are to be determined. Check out the list and if you find a spot that you can contribute to, please call Iola at 707-755-1630. Many thanks and let's have fun!

February 6, 2019 Membership Meeting ~ Cake and year events kickoff - Iola

April 2019 ~ Skunk Train Trip – Brian

June 28-29-30, 2019 ~ Field Day 80th Celebration with special Call Sign - Brian

August 2019 ~ Spring Lake Picnic / Cyprus Picnic Area "A" - Iola

October 2019 ~ Need Suggestions for activities and a leader and team. CONSIDERED AND TO BE DETERMINED: i.e. Hamfest – Pancake Breakfast (AM) or ~ Swap Meet/Yard Sale - Spaghetti Feed (PM)

December 4, 2019 - Holiday Dinner ~ Video of Anniversary Year Special Activities.

Anniversary Planning Committee:

Iola – August Picnic and overall coordinator  
Brian – Skunk Train  
Darryl – August Picnic  
Charlie = 2m Contest – August Picnic  
John F = Fox Hunt – August Picnic

Dan – Special Anniversary Merchandise  
Jeff, Joe, ?  
John B = Historian

Submitted: Iola kk6hre

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

Pursuant to the By Law directions, all SCRA members who are in possession of SCRA property will submit an itemized inventory to the club Secretary before January 31st.

Submitted by Iola kk6hre

SCRA Book Lending Library has a lot of books outstanding. If you borrowed a book or two, please return them to Iola at the next general meeting. Thanks. Iola kk6hre

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## CONTEST CORNER

Hello Contesters. While Frank is travelling, I've checked over the calendar and found a couple contests worth extra emphasis,--Dave KI6UGB.

First Up is ARRL Kids Day. The first Saturday in January. This coincides with the annual planning meeting, but goes on all day long. Similar to JOTA, This is nationwide event to get kids on the air making contacts with radio operators and other kids. It is on the HF frequencies, so requires a General License as Control operator for unlicensed kids. A good opportunity to be a contact or get your kids on the air. Suggested frequencies, exchanges and other guidelines can be found here --> <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>

Then at the end of the month is Winter Field Day on January 26-27 which the club is participating in (see page 1) Operators, loggers and setup personnell are needed. <https://www.winterfeldday.com/>

## Contest Corral

January 2019

Check for updates and a downloadable PDF version online at [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests).

Refer to the contest websites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Start Date-Time	Finish Date-Time	Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
1 0000	1 0100	3.5	AGB New Year Snowball Contest	CW Ph Dig	RST, serial, mbr (if any)	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/eu1eu/agn_nysb.htm">www.qsl.net/eu1eu/agn_nysb.htm</a>
1 0800	1 1100	3.5, 7	SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, serial, name, "happy new year" in native language	<a href="http://www.sartg.com">www.sartg.com</a>
1 0900	1 1200	3.5-14	AGCW Happy New Year Contest	CW	RST, serial, mbr (if any)	<a href="http://www.agcw.org">www.agcw.org</a>
1 1400	1 1800	144, 432	AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	CW	RST, serial, power class, 6-char grid	<a href="http://www.agcw.org">www.agcw.org</a>
1 1500	1 1800	3.5-28	QRP ARCI New Year's Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://www.qrparci.org/contests">www.qrparci.org/contests</a>
2 2000	2 2100	3.5	UKEICC 80-Meter Contest	Ph	4-char grid square	<a href="http://www.ukeicc.com">www.ukeicc.com</a>
2 2300	6 2300	1.8-7	AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest	CW	RST, equipment year, power	<a href="http://www.antiquewireless.org">www.antiquewireless.org</a>
3 1800	3 2200	28	NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 6-char grid	<a href="http://www.nrau.net/activity-contests">www.nrau.net/activity-contests</a>
3 2000	3 2200	1.8-28	SKCC Sprint Europe	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
5 0000	5 2359	3.5-28	PODXS 070 Club PSKFest	Dig	RST, SPC	<a href="http://www.podxs070.com">www.podxs070.com</a>
5 1200	6 1200	3.5-28	WW PMC Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), PMC abbreviation or CQ zone	<a href="http://www.s59dcd.si">www.s59dcd.si</a>
5 1300	5 1700	3.5, 7	RSGB AFS Contest, CW	Ph	RST, serial	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf">www.rsgbcc.org/hf</a>
5 1800	5 2359	3.5-14, 18, 21, 24, 28, 144 repeaters	ARRL Kids Day	Ph	Name, age, QTH, favorite color	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/kids-day">www.arrl.org/kids-day</a>
5 1800	6 2359	3.5-28	ARRL RTTY Roundup	Dig	RST, SP (or serial, if DX)	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup">www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup</a>
5 2000	6 0700	1.8	EUCW 160-Meter Contest	CW	RST, name, mbr or "NM"	<a href="http://www.eucw.org">www.eucw.org</a>
7 0800	13 2000	All	IQRP Quarterly Marathon	CW Ph Dig	RS(T)	<a href="http://www.arimontebelluna.it">www.arimontebelluna.it</a>
8 0200	8 0400	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, power	<a href="http://arsqrp.blogspot.com">arsqrp.blogspot.com</a>
12 0000	12 2359	3.5-28	YB DX Contest	Ph	RS, serial	<a href="http://ybdxcontest.com">ybdxcontest.com</a>
12 0500	12 0900	3.5-28	Old New Year Contest	CW Ph	RST, sum of operator age and years on the air	<a href="http://www.radio.ru/cq/contest/rule-results/index7.shtml">www.radio.ru/cq/contest/rule-results/index7.shtml</a>
12 1200	13 1200	3.5-28	UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest	Dig	RSQ, UBA section or serial	<a href="http://www.uba.be/en">www.uba.be/en</a>
12 1200	13 2359	1.8-50	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
12 1800	13 0559	1.8-28	North American QSO Party, CW	CW	Name, SPC	<a href="http://www.ncjweb.com">www.ncjweb.com</a>
13 0530	13 0730	3.5, 7	NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB	Ph	RST, serial, 2-letter Fylke/Lan/Province/Region	<a href="http://www.nrau.net/activity-contests">www.nrau.net/activity-contests</a>
13 0800	13 1000	3.5, 7	NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW	CW	RST, serial, 2-letter Fylke/Lan/Province/Region	<a href="http://www.nrau.net/activity-contests">www.nrau.net/activity-contests</a>
13 0900	13 1059	28	DARC 10-Meter Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial, DOK or serial	<a href="http://www.darc.de">www.darc.de</a>
13 1300	13 1700	3.5, 7	RSGB AFS Contest, SSB	Ph	RS, serial	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf">www.rsgbcc.org/hf</a>
13 1300	16 0700	1.8-144	Classic Exchange, CW	CW	Name, RST, SPC, radio manufacturer	<a href="http://www.classicexchange.org">www.classicexchange.org</a>
14 0100	14 0300	1.8-28	4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://www.4sqrp.com">www.4sqrp.com</a>
17 0130	17 0330	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>
18 1800	18 2200	3.5, 7	LZ Open Contest	CW	Serial, serial from previous QSO	<a href="http://www.lzopen.com">www.lzopen.com</a>
19 1200	20 1159	1.8-28	Hungarian DX Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), mbr or serial	<a href="http://www.ha-dx.com/HADX">www.ha-dx.com/HADX</a>
19 1300	19 1700	3.5, 7	RSGB AFS Contest, Data	Dig	RST, serial	<a href="http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf">www.rsgbcc.org/hf</a>
19 1800	20 0559	1.8-28	North American QSO Party, SSB	Ph	Name, SPC	<a href="http://www.ncjweb.com">www.ncjweb.com</a>
19 1900	19 2300	1.8	WAB 1.8 MHz Phone	Ph	RS, serial, WAB square or country	<a href="http://wab.intermip.net">wab.intermip.net</a>
19 1900	21 0359	50 and up	ARRL January VHF Contest	CW Ph Dig	4-char grid square	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf">www.arrl.org/january-vhf</a>
19 2000	20 0559	1.8-7	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	RST, mbr, SPC, grid	<a href="http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub">sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub</a>
21 0200	21 0400	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://qrptest.com/pigrun">qrptest.com/pigrun</a>
23 0000	23 0200	1.8-28	SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	<a href="http://www.skccgroup.com">www.skccgroup.com</a>
23 0130	23 0330	1.8	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>
25 2200	27 2200	1.8	CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	CW	RST, state/province (or CQ zone, if DX)	<a href="http://www.cq160.com">www.cq160.com</a>
26 0600	27 1800	3.5-28	REF Contest, CW	CW	RST, department or serial	<a href="http://concours.r-e-f.org/reglements">concours.r-e-f.org/reglements</a>
26 1200	27 1200	3.5-28	BARTG RTTY Sprint	Dig	Serial	<a href="http://bartg.org.uk">bartg.org.uk</a>
26 1300	27 1300	3.5-28	UBA DX Contest, SSB	Ph	RST, serial, province (if ON)	<a href="http://www.uba.be/en">www.uba.be/en</a>
26 1900	27 1900	All, no WARC	Winter Field Day	CW Ph Dig	Category, ARRL section (or "DX")	<a href="http://www.winterfieldday.com">www.winterfieldday.com</a>
30 2000	30 2100	3.5	UKEICC 80-Meter Contest	CW	4-char grid square	<a href="http://www.ukeicc.com">www.ukeicc.com</a>

All dates refer to UTC and may be different from calendar dates in North America. Contests are not conducted on the 60-, 30-, 17-, or 12-meter bands. Mbr = Membership number. Serial = Sequential number of the contact. SPC = State, Province, DXCC Entity. XE = Mexican state. Listings in blue indicate contests sponsored by ARRL or NCJ. The latest time to make a valid contest QSO is the minute listed in the "Finish Time" column. *Data for Contest Corral is maintained on the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at [www.contestcalendar.com](http://www.contestcalendar.com) and is extracted for publication in QST 2 months prior to the month of the contest. ARRL gratefully acknowledges the support of Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, in providing this service.*



## SCRA Membership Report

A great big Thank You to all who have renewed their memberships for 2019!

The SCRA membership stands at 211 members. Members who have paid dues for 2019 stands at 131 (62%). All memberships that have not renewed by 1/2/2019 will enter the 30-day past due grace period prior to termination in February, per club bylaws.



Welcome new and returning members:

- Alex Perez WB6ALX (G) San Jose
- Ryan Logan (Associate Member) Santa Rosa
- Dawn Logan (Associate Member) Santa Rosa
- Kevin Ward KK6CPH (G) Santa Rosa
- Bryon Reid KM6YLO (T) Windsor
- David Mitchell N5PSM (E) Sebastopol
- Nancy Mitchell KB5LCR (T) Sebastopol
- Parker Mitchell KK6OKZ (T) Sebastopol



New call signs:

- None reported



License Class Upgrades:

- David Pearson K6DBP - Amateur Extra
- John E. Barkdoll W6JEB - Amateur Extra
- Sean Butler KM6RPZ - General
- Brad McCarty KM6UVO - General

If you have recently achieved a new license class, obtained a new call sign, or changed your address, email or phone, please email [membership@sonomacountyradioamateurs.com](mailto:membership@sonomacountyradioamateurs.com) with your update. And don't forget to report your address change to the FCC!

## SCRA Merchandise Report

Prepare for the New Year with a new SCRA Personalized Safety Vests. This ANSI 107 Class 2 safety vest provides a high level of visibility when working near or around vehicle traffic. Your call sign, first name and the SCRA logo will be imprinted on the back. This is our upgraded vest with two pen and two tool pockets plus a secure zippered closure, priced at \$30.



They come in sizes S-3XL and run large to accommodate a coat or jacket underneath. Members may order at the merchandise table during our monthly meetings or through the SCRA website store at <http://sonomacountyradioamateurs.com/wp/store/>.

## 2019 SCRA Election Report

The 2018 SCRA Board of Directors Election was held at the Annual Membership meeting on November 7th. In addition to the five previously declared candidates on the ballot, four new candidates were declared from the floor before the vote. There were 39 ballots cast.

- Here are the newly elected 2019 SCRA Board of Directors:
    - o President – John Felton KE5RI
    - o Vice President – Fred Seitel AE6SF
    - o Treasurer – Iola Beckley KK6HRE
    - o Secretary – Bill Dornbush KM6BYD
    - o Director – Randy Hall AA6RH (formally KU9COR)
    - o Director – Matias Santini KM6GWK
- Congratulations to the new Board! And a big thank you to all the candidates for stepping up and volunteering their time and efforts in serving the club. The new Board will take office at our January 2nd, 2019 Membership meeting.

## Four New Hams

Our last Technician License Class was held November 30 – December 2, 2018. There were four students that spent that weekend studying with our excellent instructors: John, WB6FRZ, Jeff, KI6PBF, Darryl, KI6MSP and Fred, AE6SF.

Sunday afternoon they all took the Technician License Exam and passed.

I would like to congratulate the following students getting their ticket:

John, KM6YLN, Bryon, KM6YLO, Victory, KM6YLP, and Charles, KM6YLQ

If you hear any of these new hams on the air please give them a great big SCRA HOWDY.

Cornell, W6HMN

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## SCRA Committees for 2019

IT'S TIME TO STEP UP AND ASSIST YOUR CLUB  
IN 2019

It's time to change up some of the committees. Members who have held these positions are going on to other things, leaving room for new and old members to step up and fill the vacancies.

Committees experiencing vacancies (in no particular order) and needing help are:

**COMMITTEES NEEDING LEADERS:**

**Refreshment:** This committee prepares light refreshments for our monthly business meeting, and beverages for our December Holiday Dinner.

**Public Service Coordinator:** Coordinate Public Service Events making sure to have a clear calendar and a CommBoss for each event.

**Communication Bosses (CommBoss~CB) for PS Events:** Several CB's are needed to coordinate the PS Event for SCRA. Use of SCRA owned equipment and guidance from experienced members. CB must not only coordinate the event with the Event Chairperson, the CB assigns Net Controllers and Water Stop coverage and possibly SAGs. The CB

MUST be available for the entire event. Co-CB's are possible (sharing the responsibility for one event with another ham).

All committees can use new volunteers. If you have a special talent, years of experience in a venue, you could be of extreme assistance. New ideas are always welcome. Speak up ~ step up. We need you.

Submitted by lola kk6hre

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*DMR is Here...continued from page 2...* They are pre-loaded with the code plugs above, providing an easy and usable out-of-box experience to get you on DMR to see if it's right for you! You can contact Joe Fortuna K6AWA for more information and to check out these radios. (Photos below link to YouTube Reviews)



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SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS, Inc.  
Board of Director's Meeting  
December 12, 2018

Call to Order: 6:04 PM

Board Members Present: John ke5ri, lola kk6hre, Fred ke5ri, Joe k6awa, Jeff ki6pbf, Aaron kk6zdb, Steve kk6vmz.

Club Members Present: In-coming Director Randy aa6rh, Doug ki6lmb, Mike ad6yb, Cornell w6hmn, Brian n6iyy, Dan aa6viq, Darryl ki6msp, Simone.

Absent 0.

Welcome to New Board Members: Bill Dornbush km6byd Secretary, Randy Hall aa6rh Director, and Matias Santani km6gwk Director.  
Approval of Minutes" John 2nd Fred.

Officer and Director Reports:

Treasurer Aaron \$ 7,289.94 checking  
\$ 12,092.12 Savings

Activities: Jeff, nothing to report

Community Outreach: Darryl thanks the club for donating 138 lbs. of food items to the Redwood Empire Food Bank, a record for us.

Membership: Karen absent, via Dan 213 members.

Public Service: lola is looking for "comms" bosses. Losing Craig k6xlt and Charlie kz6t who are taking break.

Merchandise: Dan will compare sales with the last two years.

Education: Cornell 100% passed last Tech. class.

Field Day: Brian reports Winter DX will be at Joe's k6awa. See Joe's notations.

Programs: Jeff will stay on but requests help. Dan adds that lola has developed a numbers of things for 2019 club activities and meetings with the 80th year celebration of our club. Randy will do programs next year.

Refreshments: Need a new person as Trudee is taking a break.

Repeater Committee: Jack k6row absent but per Fred Jack does not want to be committee leader.

Radio Loan Out Program: Joe k6awa reports it is going well. One more HF unit can be loaned out

but must already have antennae.

Aside from the new board members as listed and as stated in notes, all others will remain in their positions for another year.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None

Planning Meeting will be held at lola's club house believed to be Saturday, Jan. 5nd, 2019. (4671 Circle Drive ~ Rincon Valley Mobile Estates, Hwy 12, 1 block East of Mission Boulevard. Call lola if you need more directions.) Doors open at 9am, meeting starts at 10am.

Adjournment: John motions for adjournment and Joe 2nd's. 19:10 Hrs.

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2018 MVP Awards at the Holiday Dinner  
courtesy Jack K6ROW



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courtesy Jack K6ROW







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Please Send Short Skip & Roster to my E-mail address ( ) YES! ( ) No thanks

**FAMILY MEMBERS, CALL SIGNS & EMAIL ADDRESSES:**

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**SCRA Dues:** The renewal date for SCRA dues is January 1st. Dues are \$20/year for individual, \$30/year for families, and \$15/year for youth (under 18).

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**I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:**

( ) Public Service Events ( ) Acting as club Net Control Station  
 ( ) ARES Emergency Services ( ) Helping with VEC license exams  
 ( ) Taking a Novice or Technician class ( ) Field day, other operating  
 ( ) Teaching a Novice or Technician class ( ) Helping with *Short Skip* Newsletter  
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