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## *Contesting 101 Dennis Vernacchia N6KI and John Barcroft K6AM*



### Special Presentation

Co-presenters and AVID contesters, Dennis Vernacchia N6KI and John Barcroft K6AM, have each been licensed for almost 50 years.

John and Dennis have won many top awards in CW and SSB Contests since 1995 including 10 Overall ARRL CW and SSB mode, Multi-Op Sweepstakes Championships, from the W6YI Super Station in Escondido.

John K6AM, has garnered several Worldwide First Place Regional wins for ARRL and CQWW contests from

Grand Cayman Island World Class Station ZF1A, as ZF2AM. John is a WRTC Team Leader Candidate for the upcoming 2014 Olympics of Radio Sport Contesting where 50, 2 person teams comprised of the world's best radio operators, will be selected from 100s of worldwide contenders. Dennis, N6KI, Trustee and VP for the San Diego Contest Club, has, for the past 20 years, been very active in training aspiring contest Ops where John K6AM, first learned to contest. Dennis got into contesting after enjoying participating in ARRL Field Day with Palomar ARC 25 years ago.

The Contesting 101 presentation will show hams how to get started in contesting, how to select a Contest Logging Program and which rigs and computers and methods work best. Also, how hams not interested in contesting, can benefit by the almost weekly occurring weekend contests! Dennis retired after working 40 years in the electronics industry and John retired with as many years in the AM/FM Broadcast Engineering field. They are enjoying their retirement and can be found operating in just about every major contest.

All are welcome to attend this special presentation. You do not need to be a member, or even an Amateur Radio Operator to enjoy this informative and inspiring event at the March 14, 2013 Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, Inc. meeting. Starting at 7 pm at the First Lutheran Church in El Cajon located at 867 South Lincoln Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020 there is ample parking and friendly people so plan to attend and have an enjoyable time. More information and full copies of the Counterpoise Newsletter can be found at [www.wa6bgs.us](http://www.wa6bgs.us) (the club web site).

73 - Joe (W6VMX) Editor of the Counterpoise Newsletter