

SCCARA-GRAM



Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association

Volume 49, Number 6

June 2024



ARRL News

From *The ARRL Letter*, May 2, 2024

MFJ Ceasing On-Site Production

MFJ Enterprises, Inc. founder Martin F. Jue, K5FLU, announced that as of May 17, 2024, the company will cease on-site production at their Starkville, Mississippi, facility. Ameritron, Hy-Gain, Cushcraft, Mirage, and Vectronics brand products will be affected by the shutdown.

In a letter posted to social media, Jue said he is looking forward to retiring:

Times have changed since I started this business 52 years ago. Our product line grew and grew and prospered. Covid changed everything [for] businesses, including ours. It was the hardest hit that we have ever had, and we never fully recovered.

I turned 80 this year. I had never really considered retirement, but life is so short, and my time with my family is so precious.

Jue founded MFJ Enterprises in 1972, after building a CW filter kit that sold for less than \$10. Since 1990, the company has acquired several other legacy brands within the amateur radio market. Jue shared that the company will remain open to sell existing inventory because they have "a lot of stock on hand." They will also continue to offer repair services for the foreseeable future.

Jue expressed gratitude to the many longtime employees of MFJ, some of whom have been with the company for 40 years.



Martin F. Jue, K5FLU, founder of MFJ.

He also thanked MFJ dealers and radio amateurs for their patronage over the decades.

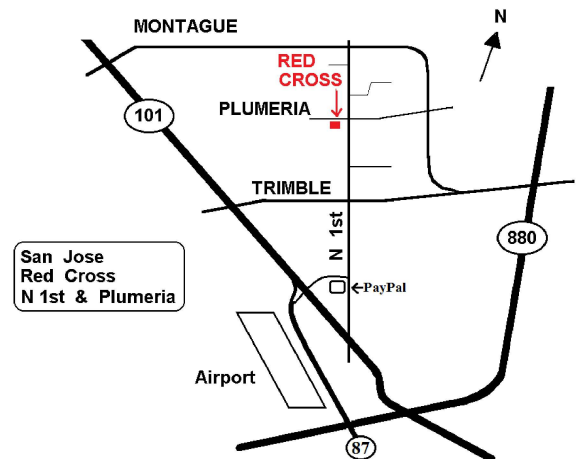
He also sent a special message to ARRL Members and loyal QST readers:

Calendar

6/10 SCCARA General Meeting
6/17 SCCARA Board Meeting:
6/22-23 Field Day

General Meeting

Day: Monday, June 10
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: San Jose Red Cross, meeting room 3
Featuring: Field Day



"I give my deepest heartfelt thank you to my fellow hams all over the world, and especially to ARRL members and QST readers. In my youth, I was given a second-hand set of 1958 QSTs. I read them over and over until I practically memorized every word. This gave seed to MFJ.

MFJ became a worldwide ham radio leader only because of you. As I turned 80, I cannot thank you all enough for 52 wonderful ham radio years. Thank you, 73s ... Martin F. Jue, k5flu"

The **SCCARA-GRAM** is published monthly by the **SANTA CLARA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**, PO Box 106, San Jose CA 95103-0106.

SCCARA was formed in 1921 and became a non-profit corporation in 1947. SCCARA is an affiliate of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). The club station is W6UW.

Permission to reprint articles is hereby granted, provided the source is properly credited.

The deadline for articles is the **last Monday of the month.**

Web page: www.qsl.net/sccara

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(officers are also directors)

President	Gregg Lane KF6FNA	408-393-5607
	e-mail: kf6fna@comcast.net	
Vice President	John Parks, W6JPP	
	e-mail: w6jpp@arrl.net	
Secretary	Truman Lindsey N6TRU	408-896-1878
	e-mail: n6truhamradio@gmail.com	
Treasurer	Ned Tufekcic AC6YY	408-690-7250
	e-mail: t94nt@hotmail.com	
Station Trustee	Don Village, K6PBQ	408-263-2789
	e-mail: donvillage7@yahoo.com	
Director	Lou Steirer, WA6QYS	408-241-7999
	e-mail: wa6qys@aol.com	
Director	Wally Britten, KA6YMD	408-891-1105
	e-mail: ka6ymd@arrl.net	
Director	Doug Owens N6DPO	408-568-9870
	e-mail: doug@n6dpo.com	
Director	Janet Motha, KF6PUQ	408 252-3939
	e-mail: jmotha21@gmail.com	
Director	Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU	408-269-2924
	e-mail: wb6yru@ix.netcom.com	

COMMITTEES

Editor	Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU	408-269-2924
	e-mail: wb6yru@ix.netcom.com	
Repeater	Goetz Brandt K6GKB	408 259-7287
	e-mail: goetzbrandt@gmail.com	
NØARY BBS	Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU	408-269-2924
	e-mail: wb6yru@ix.netcom.com	
Webmaster	Doug Owens N6DPO	408-568-9870
	e-mail: doug@n6dpo.com	

SCCARA REPEATERS

SCCARA owns and operates two repeaters under the call W6UU:

2 m: 146.985 - PL 114.8

70 cm: 442.425 + PL 107.2

Phone auto-dial and auto-patch is available. The 2 m repeater is located at Eagle Rock near Alum Rock Park in the foothills of east San Jose. The 70 cm repeater is located at the Regional Medical Center (formerly Alexian), east of downtown San Jose, north of 280 and 101.

SCCARA NETS

On our 2 m repeater: Mondays at 7:30 PM, (not the second Monday--that's our meeting night); net control: Don Village, K6PBQ. On 10 m, 28.385 MHz USB, Thursdays at 8:00 PM; net control: *{to be announced}*. Visitors welcome.

NØARY PACKET BBS

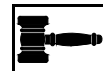
SCCARA hosts the packet BBS NØARY (connect to n0ary-1). User ports: 145.09 MHz at 1200 baud, 433.37 MHz at 9600 baud, and telnet sun.n0ary.org (login "bbs"). Sysop: Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU For general packet info, see the NCPA web site ncpa.n0ary.org.

AMATEUR LICENSE TESTING

ARRL/VEC Silicon Valley VE group:
Morris Jones, AD6ZH: 408-507-4698

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting, May 13, 2024



San Jose Red Cross, 2710 N. First St.

Meeting called to order by President Gregg Lane KF6FNA at 7:40 pm.

Customary self introductions.

Announcements

President Gregg KF6FNA:

The 2 m net is on Mondays at 7:30 pm on the W6UU repeater except for SCCARA General Meeting nights.

The 10 m net is on 28.385 MHz every Thursday at 8:00 pm.

The club station is scheduled to be opened on May 25th.

The Board of Directors meeting is being held on the air on May 20th.

The Electronics Flea Market is on Sunday, May 19th starting at 6:00 am.

There is an informal luncheon at Rubio's every Tuesday and Friday.

Secretary Truman N6TRU: I will be absent for the May 20th Board Meeting due to a Calculus exam that day. I'll have Summer Break afterwards.

Field Day 2024: SCCARA's Field Day will be held from Saturday, June 22nd and Sunday, June 23rd at the San Jose Red Cross at 2710 N. First Street.

We're operating Class F from the Red Cross Radio Room.

We intend to have a voice station, digital station, CW station, and perhaps a GOTA station (subject to changes).

Please stop by if you are able!

VP John W6JPP: There might be a camp-out set up by Ned AC6YY and me. Further details later.

SCCARA's presentation was given by George N6NKT on the topic of the NanoVNA analyzers and their capabilities.

George N6NKT demonstrated the versatility of these analyzers in measuring SWR, creating Smith charts, and more.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Truman M. Lindsey N6TRU, SCCARA Secretary

Board Meeting, May 20, 2024



SCCARA Board Meeting May 20, 2024
Held verbally on our 2 m repeater W6UU/R

Meeting called to order by President Gregg Lane KF6FNA at 7:40 PM

Attendance:

President Gregg Lane KF6FNA, Treasurer Ned Tufekcic AC6YY, VP John Parks W6JPP, Directors Lou Steirer WA6QYS, Wally Britten KA6YMD, Doug Owens N6DPO, Janet Motha KF6PUQ, Gary Mitchell WB6YRU.

Unexcused Absence:

Excused absence: Secretary Truman Lindsey N6TRU, Station Trustee Don Village K6PBQ

Visitors: KK6HWN Paul

Announcements:

Gregg KF6FNA:
The SCCARA-GRAM deadline is May 27.
Field Day is June 22 & 23.
The club station will be open May 25 10AM-5 PM

President's Report, Gregg KF6FNA: Nothing new to report

Vice President's Report, John W6JPP: Nothing new to report, except I'll be out for a couple of weeks due to surgery.

Secretary's Report, Truman N6TRU:
Gregg KF6FNA: The previous board meeting minutes were published in the SCCARA-GRAM
April Board meeting minutes were published, any corrections? (none heard)
Approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report, Ned AC6YY: Total = \$13220.38

Standing Committees
Editor's report: Gary WB6YRU: We'll need info about Field Day for the June edition. Not much new to report other than that.

BBS Sysop's report: Gary WB6YRU: The N0ARY BBS is running on the new computer, a Raspberry Pi 3 model B. There are still a couple of issues to work out, but it's running and forwarding traffic.

Repeater Chairman's report, Goetz K6GKB:
Gregg KF6FNA: I talked to Goetz, he said everything is running OK.
Webmaster's report, Doug N6DPO: I laid out a framework for a re-design. It was suggested I put up a temp version to look at. That's coming up. It will be a work-in-progress.
Gary WB6YRU: Are you able to keep the site updated?
Doug N6DPO: It hasn't been updated and it needs to be. I'm going to make that a priority.

Old Business:
Gregg KF6FNA: We're looking into putting up a new antenna for Field Day, that's a work in progress.
John W6JPP: Re the school presentation: That will be delayed until the next school season about a month after school starts again in the fall.
Doug N6DPO: I contacted the ARRL about our log book of the World entry. It should be OK by this Saturday.

New Business:
Gregg KF6FNA: Regarding Field Day: We'll have 3 stations: HF Phone (Doug), HF CW/digital (Ned), and HF GOTA. Anyone interested in being the captain of the GOTA station? (Nothing heard.) OK, I may do that.
Each station needs a computer, we have two, one is at the club station the other is the secretary's laptop. John W6JPP volunteered a third and will get it to Ned. Ned AC6YY will get them set up and ready for Field Day logging. We have 4 antennas at the Red Cross. Goetz volunteered to loan us an antenna for the GOTA station.
Regarding food: The Red Cross has a grill available for us. We need someone to take care of running the BBQ. (nothing heard)
Gary WB6YRU: I suggest we consider doing take-out instead of the BBQ. There are many food places within a couple of miles. We could have pizza, or burgers, or many other thing. I'll volunteer to do a pizza run. We haven't done that before, we should try it once.
Gregg KF6FNA: Yes, we can consider that.
Doug N6DPO: We should try to attract people who will be taking classes at the Red Cross, having food available should help. We could still do that even if we get take-out.
Gary WB6YRU: That's fine, but let's keep in mind our purpose

there is Field Day, it's not to feed people. Whatever we do, it needs to be decided in time to get it in the June SCCARA-GRAM. We don't need every detail, but the main points should be settled.
Paul KK6HWN: Last year many Red Cross students came out for the food, but not one of them came over to the GOTA station.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM

Gary WB6YRU, recording for the Secretary

Packet Pieces

Downloaded from the BBS packet network:

=====

Date: 20 Mar 2020 23:24
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: jokes 21/3

School Children Writing About The Sea:

This is a picture of an octopus. It has eight testicles. (Kelly age 6)

Oysters' balls are called pearls. (James age 6)

If you are surrounded by sea you are an Island. If you don't have sea all round you, you are incontinent. (Wayne age 7)

Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend anymore. (Kylie age 6)

A dolphin breathes through an arsehole on the top of its head. (Billy age 8)

My dad goes out in his boat, and comes back with crabs. (Emily Burniston age 5)

When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the ocean. Sometimes, when the wind didn't blow, the sailors would whistle to make the wind come. My brother said they would be better off eating beans. (William age 7)

I like mermaids. They are beautiful, and I like their shiny tails. How do mermaids get pregnant? (Helen age 6)

I'm not going to write about the sea. My baby brother is always screaming and being sick, my Dad keeps shouting at my Mum, and my big sister has just got pregnant, so I can't think what to write. (Amy age 6)

Some fish are dangerous. Jellyfish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They have to live in caves under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves into chargers. (Christopher age 7)

When you go swimming in the sea, it is very cold, and it makes my willy small. (Kevin age 6)

Divers have to be safe when they go under the water. Two divers can't go down alone, so they have to go down on each other. (Becky age 8)

On holiday my Mum went water skiing. She fell off when she was going very fast. She says she won't do it again because water shot up her fanny. (Julie age 7)

The Funny Side of Marriage

* One woman said to another, "Aren't you wearing your Wedding ring on the wrong finger?" The other replied, "Well, Yes, but I married the wrong man."

* Getting married is very much like going out to a restaurant with friends. You order what you want, then when you see what the other fellow has, you wish you had ordered that.

* Marriage is an institution in which a man loses his Bachelor's' degree and the woman gets her master's.

* Young Son: Is it true that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?
Dad: That happens in most countries, son.

* A man once said, "I never knew what real happiness was Until I got married; and then it was too late."

* A man took out a classified ad saying "Wife wanted". The Next day he received a hundred responses saying "You can have mine."

* Some men define marriage as a very expensive way to get your laundry done free.

* Most men learn that the most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

* When a man opens the door of his car for his wife, you know that either the wife is new - or the car is.

* Husband: "You know, I was a fool when I married you."
Wife: "Yes, dear, but I was in love and didn't care!"

Say what?

The pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express praise for answered prayers. Suzie Smith stood and walked to the podium. She said, "I have a praise. Two months ago, my husband, Phil, had a terrible bicycle wreck and his scrotum was crushed. The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him."

You could hear a muffled gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagine the pain that poor Phil must have experienced.

"Phil was unable to hold me or the children," she went on, "and every move caused him terrible pain. We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation, and it turned out they were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Phil's scrotum, and wrap wire around it to hold it in place."

Again, the men in the congregation cringed and squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Phil.

"Now," she announced in a quivering voice, "thank the Lord, Phil is out of the hospital and the doctors say that with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with unified relief. The pastor rose and tentatively asked if anyone else had something to say.

A man stood up and walked slowly to the podium.

He said, "Hi, I'm Phil." The entire congregation held its breath. "I just want to say... the word is STERNUM."

=====

Date: 22 Mar 2020 23:23
From: GM3YEW@GB7YEW
To: HUMOUR@WW
Subject: jokes 23/3

A lady went to a pet shop. "I'd like to buy two yellow canaries," she told the owner.

"We don't have any canaries, but we have these," the owner said as he showed the lady some pale green parakeets.

"That's not what I'm looking for," the lady stated.

But the pet store owner refused to give up. He said, "Just think of them as yellow canaries that aren't quite ripe yet."

One summer evening a young son came in while his parents were setting the for supper. Quite surprisingly, he asked if he could help.

His mother said, "No, but I appreciate you asking."

The child responded, "Well, I appreciate you saying no."

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Logan received his plate, he started eating right away. "Logan, wait until we say our prayer," his mother reminded him.

"I don't have to," the little boy replied.

"Of course you do," his mother insisted, "we say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Logan explained, "but this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

I wanted to buy a CD player, but was completely perplexed by one model's promotional sign. So I called the salesclerk over and asked, "What does 'hybrid pulse D/A converter' mean?"

He said, "That means that this machine will read the digital information that is encoded on CDs and convert it into an audio signal." "In other words," I said, "this CD player plays CDs." "Exactly."

One day, the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?"

The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "Yes, I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for a second one."

Need Help?

Amateurs have a long history of helping each other. An experienced amateur who helps another is traditionally called an "Elmer." If you have a question or problem, you are encouraged to ask one of SCCARA's Elmers. Below is a list of topics and who

to contact for each. If your topic isn't listed, ask one of the Elmers under the topic that comes closest and we'll ask around.

If you consider yourself to be reasonably competent in at least one area of amateur radio and would be willing help others, please fill out an Elmer form (available from the club secretary or on our web site).

Topics:

Antennas, feed-lines, tuners: **NV6W, W6JPP, K6PBQ**
CW (Morse code): **NV6W, K6PBQ**
DX (long distance, propagation): **NV6W**
EchoLink: **K6GKB**
Emergency operating, preparedness: **WA6QYS**
HF operating techniques: **NV6W, K6PBQ**
Homebrew projects, construction: **WB6YRU**
Legal, FCC rules: **WB6YRU**
License testing, new amateurs: **W6JPP**
Lightning protection, grounding: **WB6YRU**
Packet Network (BBS, forwarding): **WB6YRU**
SCCARA (club inner workings): **K6PBQ, WB6YRU, WA6QYS**
Station set-up, equipment: **K6PBQ, W6JPP**
TVI, RFI: **WB6YRU**

Contacts for the above topics:

K6GKB, Goetz Brandt, 408-259-7287
e-mail: goetz@ix.netcom.com

NV6W, James D. Armstrong, Jr.,
evening & msg: 408-670-1680

W6JPP, John Parks
e-mail: w6jpp@arrl.net

K6PBQ, Don Village, 408-263-2789
e-mail: donvillage7@yahoo.com

WA6QYS, Lou Steirer, 408-241-7999
e-mail: wa6qys@arrl.net

WB6YRU, Gary Mitchell, 408-269-2924
packet: home BBS N0ARY
e-mail: wb6yru@ix.netcom.com

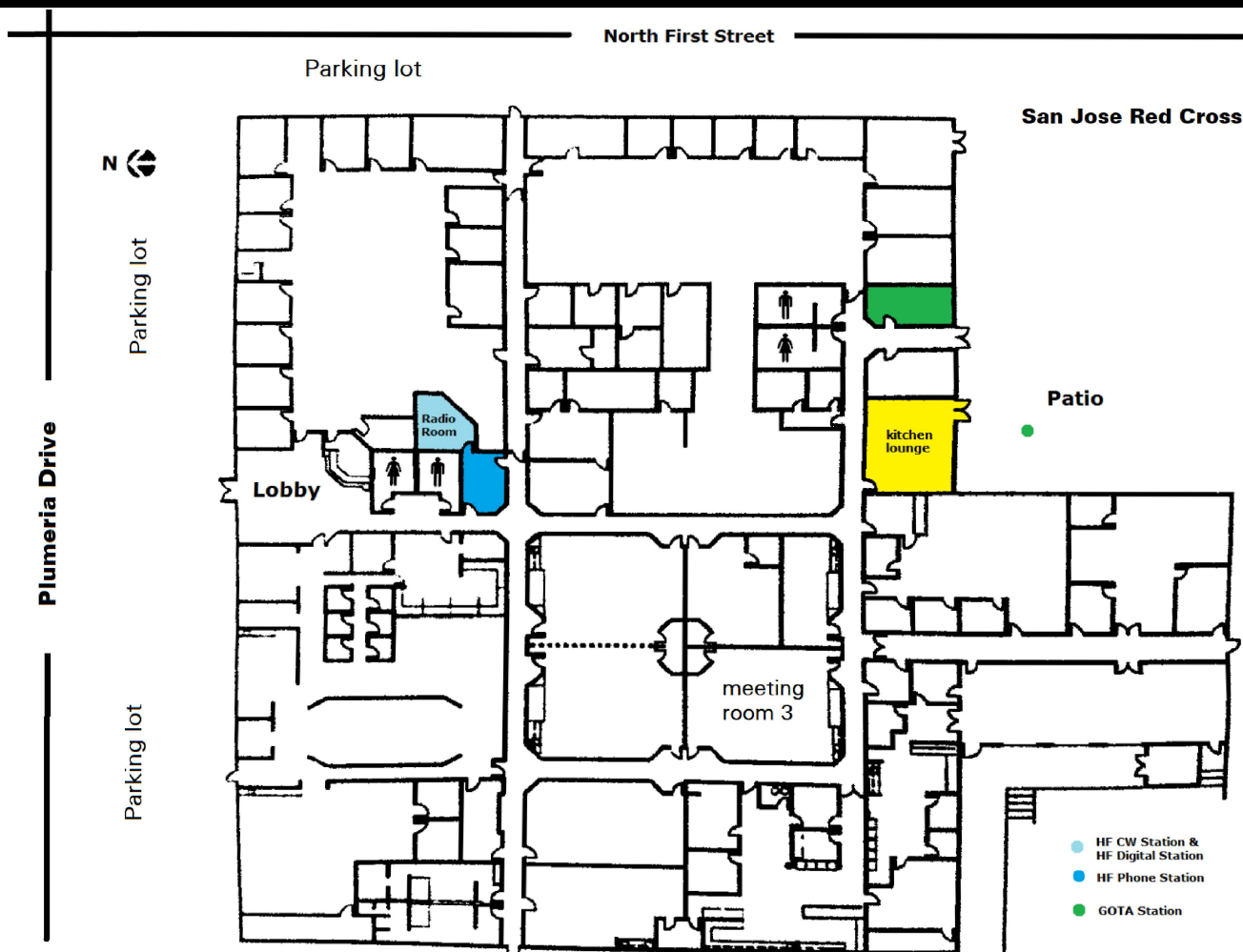
Newsletter Notes

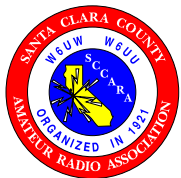
Unfortunately no info was submitted about Field Day. From the meeting minutes: We'll be at the San Jose Red Cross, our club station. We'll be class F. And we'll have a HF Phone station, a HF CW/Digital station, and *maybe* a HF GOTA station. If we have a GOTA station, it could be out on the patio or inside, see the floor plan below.

It appears everything else is still undecided, hopefully it will all be settled at the June general meeting. So, if you're interested in participating in Field Day, come to the June meeting.



73, Gary WB6YRU, editor



**SCCARA**

Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association
PO Box 106
SAN JOSE CA 95103-0106

**FIRST CLASS**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

SCCARA Membership for 2024

If renewing and none of your info has changed, please only fill in your name and call

Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____ Licensed since (year): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Telephone: _____ New Member Renewal I'm also an ARRL member

E-mail: _____

For delivery of the SCCARA-GRAM (pdf) and club announcements

Membership type and dues: Individual, \$20 Family, \$25 Student, \$10 (under 18)

All memberships start January 1 and expire December 31.

Family memberships (more than one member per household): please include the above info for each member, use separate forms.

New members:

Dues are prorated: dues x (11 - month) x 10% For example: July would be \$20 x (11-7) x 0.1 = \$8)

If joining in November or December: normal dues for next year, the rest of this year is included free.

I want the paper newsletter delivered by U.S. Mail for an additional \$15 per year

(Prorated, \$1.25 per month. That's \$13.75 if starting in February, \$12.50 if starting in March, etc.)

\$ _____ **Total** enclosed

Give this completed form and payment to the Secretary or Treasurer at any meeting or mail to the club address.