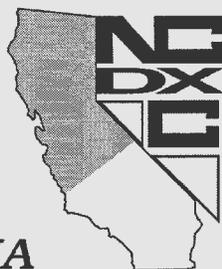


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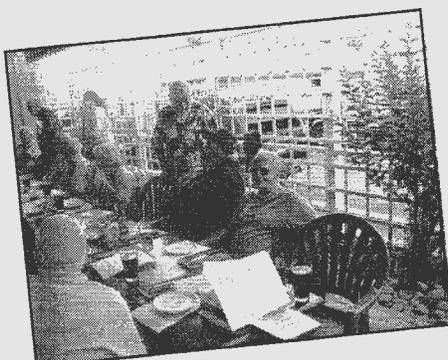
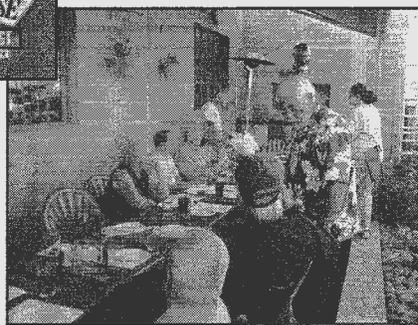
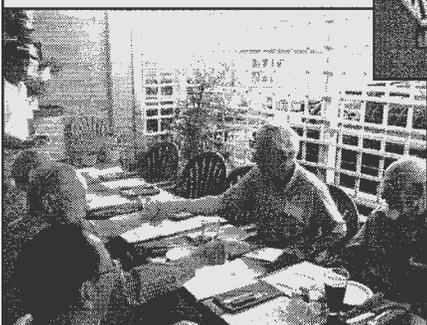
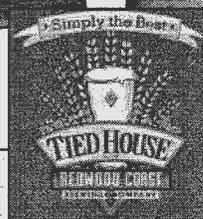
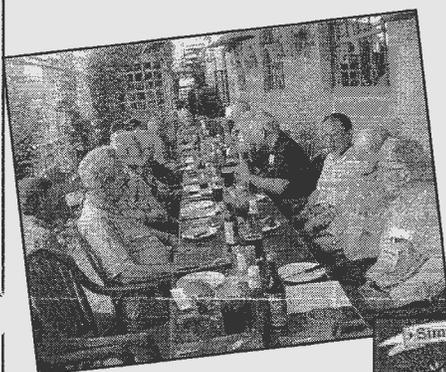


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## Meeting at Tied House Proves to be a Hit



**No General Meeting  
in August**

**Enjoy Your Vacation!**

*Hope to See You  
at the  
NCDXC Picnic  
on  
Saturday,  
September 20th*

**DXer Deadline  
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I was glad to see such a good turn out for the July Tied House meeting. It was unfortunate that Chuck had to compete with the high noise level. I had hoped that the Tied House would be a better venue for programs, but that appears not to be the case. Oh, well, the search goes on.

And on another subject...if you think that BPL stands for Brass Pounders League you haven't been paying attention! The proposal before the FCC to turn our power grid into one giant antenna radiating from 2 to 80 MHz to provide Broadband Power Line Internet access promises to destroy HF amateur radio (actually ALL HF radio) as we know it. If you aren't up to speed on this go to the ARRL website and help out with a few bucks to the League to help them fight this. My check is in the mail and wonder if the club might not consider a modest donation to the cause.

No meeting in August, maybe a picnic in September, stay tuned. If no picnic, back to Harry's I guess. (See the Picnic Info later in this issue -Ed.)

Have a great summer.

Doug, W6JD



### NCDXC Dues Information

#### Full and Associate Members:

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\*Members who have not remitted dues by the 30 September deadline are considered dropped from the membership roles. Those desiring to renew membership may do so anytime, but will not be included in the new issue of the NCDXC Roster.

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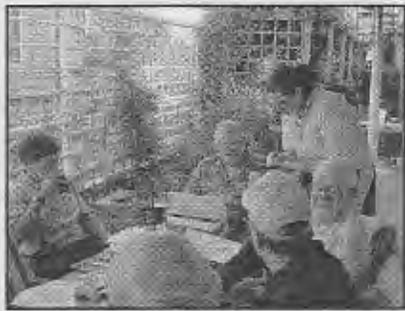
## General Meeting Minutes

### MINUTES OF NCDXC JULY 2003 MEETING

The monthly meeting of the NCDXC was held at the "Tied House" restaurant in Mountain View. After the wonderful Tied House beer & soft drinks, the very fine dinner was served. Guests were introduced and the meeting was called to order at 8:06 PM by President, Doug Westover, W6JD. Our long time member, Dave Palmer, W6PHF is in the hospital getting new parts for his heart. We all wish him well. New board members were mentioned: Mitch Cipriano, AE6AI and Ron Panton, W6VG. Our newest member is Carolyn Gavin, WB6ABC, and a very gung-ho operator she is. We heartily welcome our newest female member. Vice President, Chuck Patterson, K6RK gave a very interesting, informative talk on S.K. W6ITH, Reg Tibbetts, charter member of NCDXC. Door prizes were drawn and given out to WB6ABC, K6YP, N6IWJ, WB6JJJ, K6RK and others. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectively submitted by W6VG, Ron Panton

## Meeting Pictures



## Kay Em's Gems

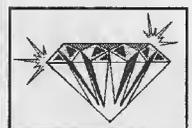
By W6KM

What can you say about the condition of the Bands? Really poor right now. They are as cold as the weather is hot. But, cheer up. Winter is just around the corner and there is hope.

The current issue of QST for August has a good article on the new 60 Meter channels. Yep, I said CHANNELS just like CB. In fact on several occasions when I tuned in with my KENWOOD TS-940, they were as crowded as some of the CB bands. I, along with thousands of other Hams, was looking forward to the proposed 60 Meter Band Plan of 5.250 thru 5.400. What a shame to have to settle for 5 channels. In anticipation, I researched what it would take to modify the TS-940 and its built in tuner to operate in the new band. But alas, even though it is simple to do I can't be bothered for another CB type band. What a disappointment. Maybe someday the FCC may review and turn it around to what was originally hoped for. We'll just have to wait — the same way we do for rare DX.

By now I hope that you are aware that President Doug, W6JD has found the perfect Picnic location, it has everything. Nice tables, shade, easy parking and close Rest Room Facilities in a very pretty setting. I am sure looking forward to the date of September 20th....be sure and mark your calendars for this fun Club Event. Lots of details will be made available as we close in on the next DXer.

Till then, 73.....Dick, W6KM



**More Meeting Pix**



**Club Picnic Set for September 20th**

*The following was received after we received Doug's Message - Ed.*

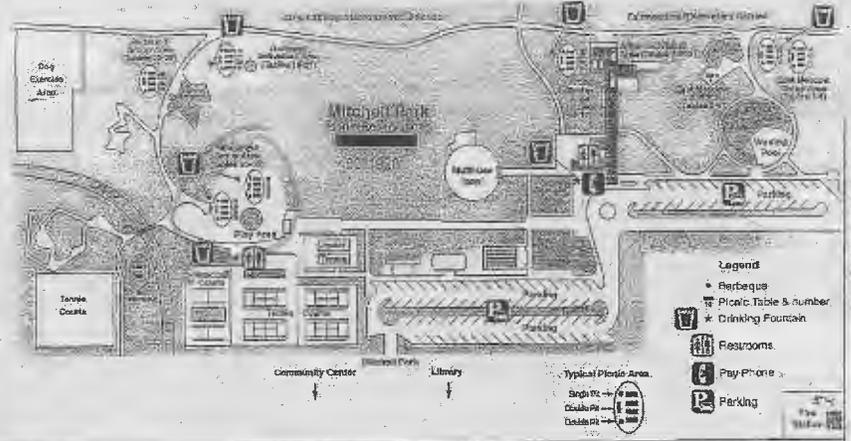
**NCDXC Picnic September 20 (11:30 AM til ??)**

**Mitchell Park, Palo Alto --** Located at intersection of Middlefield Road and Meadow Drive behind Palo Alto Fire Station #4. Club provides burgers / hot dogs / soft drinks and all the fixings.

Our permit is very clear **NO ALCOHOL**

**From Highway 101** take San Antonio Rd exit, West to Middlefield Road. Turn right onto Middlefield and follow it to Meadow Drive. Left onto Meadow about 1/2 block to Mitchell Park entrance. You want to park as far back in the parking lot as you can. (see the following map of the park).

**From El Camino Real** turn onto Charleston (East) and follow it to Middlefield. Turn left onto Middlefield and follow to Meadow as above.



**More Picnic Info  
Next Month**



## Mitchell Park Pictures



## Still More Meeting Pix



## Kudos 'n Kredits

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