

2024 UNIT BOARD CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

JACQUIE BERNARD



I have been an active Bridge player for about two years, mostly playing here in Salt Lake City, but also at the Redwood Bridge Club in San Diego, where I took lessons in 2015 and again in 2022. Although I'm far (so very far!) from becoming an expert player, I really enjoy the game and the camaraderie of the players.

Bridge is a fantastic game, but unfortunately, few people nowadays have any idea how fun it is! As a Board member, I'd like to work with others to develop a robust program for teaching and supervised play, perhaps similar to what is offered at the Redwood Bridge Club or other larger clubs. I am very appreciative of the club members who have volunteered their time and expertise to teach, and I'd like to help organize opportunities for other newcomers. The game can be very intimidating at first, and I would like to help create low-stress opportunities for new players and early intermediates.

I grew up in the Bay Area, California, and have lived in SLC for 30 years now. I'm retired from the University of Utah, where I served as the chief administrative officer for the Department of Pediatrics and as the administrative dean at the School of Dentistry. I'm also a registered nurse, have raised two sons with my husband, Mike, and have worked and volunteered in many positions. I like history, gardening, murder mysteries, traveling--and Bridge, of course! I am able to devote my time and energy to the Board and would enjoy helping support and develop our bridge clubs.

PRADEEP JHAWAR



I am retired from a director of engineering position from William's International, a manufacturer of small jet engines.

I have enjoyed playing bridge at the Salt Lake unit for many years.

I feel this is a good time for me to serve the unit and would like the members to elect me to the board.

MARSHA CLIFT



Having played many years at the Salt Bridge Club, I would like to take this opportunity to serve the unit as a member of the board.

STEVEN TOWNER



I have been a duplicate player for more than 50 years on and off. Playing regularly the last 10+with a wide variety of partners. I have served on the board for 3 years in a variety of roles working to promote bridge.

I welcome any interested new board participants.

PAUL SCHNAAR



Love of skiing brought me to Salt Lake City in 1980 from Eastern Canada. I am now retired from Rubber Engineering where I was a technical director. I enjoy skiing, fishing, hiking, playing cards, travel and visiting family. When I retired, my wife and I started back into duplicate bridge after a 30 year break and were amazed at the changes in bidding methods. Now, I am once again enthusiastic about duplicate bridge and want to do whatever to help it survive and grow in our area.