

Unit 153/Charlotte Bridge Association – 2024 Election

It's election time! Unit 153/Charlotte Bridge Association is conducting its annual election for three (3) new board members, and we need to hear your voice!

The Board consists of nine members, who serve three-year terms. Each year, the terms of three of the members end and they are replaced by three newly elected members. The terms are intentionally staggered to provide continuity of leadership.

Six candidates are competing for the three seats. Biographies and pictures of the nominees are below. Please check the bios on all six (6) candidates.

The annual membership meeting will be held at Noon on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at the Charlotte Bridge Center (510 E Park Ave, Charlotte, NC 28203). Nominees will be accepted from the floor at this meeting. The voting period will begin at the completion of the membership meeting.

You may vote for up to 3 candidates and write-in candidates are allowed. You will have a choice of voting:

- *Online using Google Forms (you will receive a link to the electronic ballot on Saturday, Dec 7, 2024 at the close of the membership meeting), or*
- *Via paper ballot. Paper ballots will be available at the Charlotte Bridge Club (510 E Park Ave, Charlotte, NC 28203).*

Voting begins on December 7, 2024 and will end at Midnight December 14, 2024. This is your club, and we need to hear your choice for our leadership, so please vote!

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*Greg LeBlanc
for the Charlotte Bridge Association
510 E Park Ave
Charlotte, NC 28203*



Jane Anne Gawlas

I am running for the board of the Charlotte Bridge Association because I believe in giving back to an organization that has given me such great pleasure over the past 18 years. I will try to work as hard as our existing board has done over the past years. It won't be easy because they have been outstanding in the execution of their duties.

Thank you for considering me. Jane Anne Gawlas

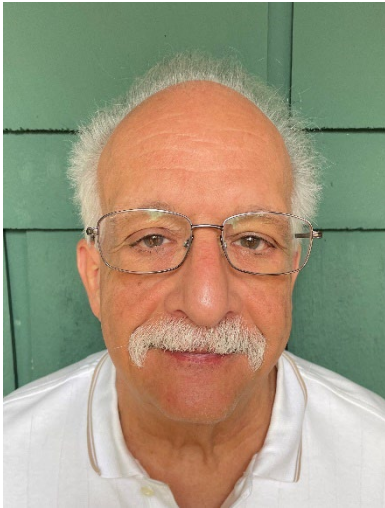


Steve Hamburg

My father was a brilliant bridge player and is the reason I started playing in early '22. I'm an avid student of the game and recently became a silver life master. Much more important than my achievements is how bridge has tremendously improved my quality of life - I've met and become friends with many amazing people.

I've been privileged to provide bridge instruction over the past year, and the game has helped keep me sharp.

My focus if I become a CBA Board member will be to help grow the club by exposing people to the attributes of the game that have changed my life for the better.



Stephen Nader

I am a retired engineer who worked at Duke Energy for almost 40 years. I am married with 3 children and 2 grandchildren. I live in Dilworth just a few blocks from the Bridge Center.

I am a lifelong game player, but only recently have I started learning the game of bridge. I have caught the “bug” - learning the new language of bidding and the methods of playing the hand. But, the best thing about coming to play bridge each week is all the new people I have met.

I would be honored to be a Board member, helping to further the continued success of our bridge club.



Mary Robertson

My name is Mary Robertson, a Charlotte native, and I have been asked to run for our board. I have been playing bridge since High school and was addicted day one.

I joined ACBL in 2019 as a novice duplicate player and fell more in love with this game and especially the people that I met at the Bridge center. I won the ACE of Clubs honor & came in 5th for Rookie of the year in the US my first year.

I feel that I can bring enthusiasm, knowledge & be a hard worker as a board member.



Meredith Shorkey

In 2017, my son gave me a gift of bridge lessons for Mother's Day. I told him recently that I consider that one of the best gifts I have ever received. Since that time, after many lessons and hours at the duplicate table, I have fallen in love with the game and hope to be an active bridge player for many years to come. It is particularly exciting to see the recent influx of new players enjoying the game at the CBA.

I am a North Carolina CPA and have spent most of my career with KPMG in various roles including Tax Partner. In recent years, I have served on several boards including 6 years for Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte and 3 years for Project Life Movement including Board Chairman in 2016-2017. I most recently served 5 years on the Board of Myers Park Country Club including serving as Club President in 2020.

I am pleased to be considered for the board of CBA to help promote the game and encourage new players to participate in face- to -face bridge. If elected, I will work to strengthen the CBA and promote the game that I so enjoy.



Angela Snyder

I first played bridge in 2011 when my youngest daughter left for college, and I decided I needed a hobby to avoid empty nest syndrome. I fell in love with the game and am now a Ruby Life Master.

I jumped right in and soon became an active member of Unit 153--volunteering at and chairing tournaments. I held a leadership role in the Longest Day Campaigns from 2017 to 2020 and again in 2024. Bridge has more benefits than simply earning masterpoints--equally important are the social and psychological benefits of engaging critical thinking skills and enjoying fellowship with other players. I am a strong advocate of Face-to-Face bridge--I treasure the friendships I have made at CBA. For Face-to-Face bridge to succeed, clubs must welcome all, encourage continual learning, and foster a sense of community. CBA has been doing exactly that since the pandemic ended, and I would like to support the effort.