



FRANK GROSSMAN

Most of you probably already know me. I am the current club president and have tried hard to help the club for a long time, but especially in the last two difficult years. When we needed more directors, I took the class and became a certified club director. Shortly after that all the clubs shut down after the appearance of the Covid epidemic I organized and directed all our online games. I had very little help until I was able to train some special volunteers – Richard Picheny, Marshall Pearlman, and Susan Bristol.

After many people received vaccinations, I was instrumental in helping the club reopen for face-to-face games. The board worked very hard to establish protocols, sanitize the room, select sanitizing materials, and make certain our computers were capable of running our games. We were one of the first clubs in the country to successfully reopen and we received requests for help from many other clubs. None of our previous directors were able to return except for Susan and me, but I have helped train Richard and Bob Levine and we now are able to run games every day of the week.

My personal background is in medicine. I am a retired physician (radiologist) and have an MBA degree. I have tried hard to make playing at our club an enjoyable experience for all. We do not have as many tables as we did before the epidemic but are doing well compared to most other clubs. The work is not done! Our lease will soon expire, and we need to find a new location that we can afford. The board has been working on this challenge for months and we have some options. Please vote to reelect me so that our club prospers, and we continue to have one of the best clubs in the country. Thanks!



JOHN JONAS

I was raised in Queens, New York. I have a BE in Chemical Engineering from Cooper Union and an MMS from Steven's Tech. I worked 33 years with Colgate-Palmolive in Process Development, R & D and as Associate Director of Global Technology. I have a son, Jared and daughter, Jenna - who is the mother of two of my grandsons. Upon retirement Linda and I scouted places in California to live and play bridge. We came across Dana Harbor Bridge Club and decided Dana Point was for us.

I served as President of Dana Harbor Bridge Club for 2 years (2011 & 2012). As President, I was a proponent of getting the NLM and Open to lower barriers by sharing the game we love. I believe, from personal experience that "playing up" is the best way to become a better bridge player even if it is painful at times. To this end I endorsed two programs I believe we should bring back:

Pro-Am Tournaments: Held at the Club once or twice a year and gave any NLM player the opportunity to play with an advanced player. NLMs benefitted in two ways: lessons for them; and a chance to really meet Open players one on one.

The Old Mentoring Program: The current program is excellent and should be continued. However, we could add one on one mentoring partnerships where NLMs play three games with their Open player mentor, scheduled at mutual convenience. NLMs get to play on the Open side under the protective wing of an Open player, one on one.

I was Facilities Manager at the time of our move from Dana Harbor to our current location, easing that transition, and was consultant to our Facilities Managers for many years since.

I am running for the Board as I see the next two years as critical to our club's survival and I want to help all of us continue to enjoy bridge at our wonderful club well into the future. I believe that with my experience and love for our club, I can make significant contributions to improving, expanding, and making our club a friendly place for any bridge player to enjoy the game.



JOOP DOORN

I was born and raised in The Netherlands and came to Michigan as an Exchange Student in High School. I later returned to go to college where I eventually studied economics at Oakland University in Rochester, MI.

My main working career started in Chicago as Consultant, but I was repatriated back to Europe living in different countries and working internationally - in shipping, commercial property, and finance. I joined my two sons here in SoCal in 2017, which also allows me to be with my grandson.

I came from a games-playing family, as my parents, brothers, and sister all played bridge. Once I arrived here it was time for me to start as well. I have been very lucky to have met so many nice and great people at our Club and have been fortunate enough to make some wonderful friends.

Still an NLM player, I feel it is essential that the interest, development, and concerns of all players are properly represented on the Board. I have tried to do so during the last two years, and especially now during the changing attendance and ACBL changed interactions due to Covid-19. We should never forget that we are a Social Club and are here to serve to the enjoyment of all members.

During recent months, I have been involved in planning for the Club's future, including determining our needs to have the correct amount of space, and to ensure we can balance the books. At the same time our aim must be to continue to grow our membership through training and buddy programs of the NLM players.

The next couple of years are going to continue to be challenging times. The effort and commitment of the Board members is essential to maintain the excellent Club we all have learned to love & enjoy.



MAGGIE BRISKIE

In the past, I was honored to serve on the SOCBC Board for 3 years as Secretary. I am currently co-chair for the Holiday party and hope to see every one of you there. I served on the Education committee for several years and took on the co-leadership of the Mentoring Program several years ago. It has been a valuable tool in the continuing education for our members. I also volunteered for the NLM and Open Sectionals that were held at our club. These experiences have given me insight into the workings of the club, and I believe that I have become a voice of reason when addressing difficult issues.

I have continued to enjoy both the challenges of playing and learning new skills as well as meeting wonderful new people. I am proud of our organization and want to be a part of continuing our success and helping to lead us into the future. Being a non-life master, I have a special interest in representing the unique needs of this group by serving on the SOCBC Board.

I enjoy seeing projects accomplished and improvements being made as my many years of volunteerism show. These include: PTA President, Grad Night Chairperson and School Site Council Chairperson. In my past work experience as an office manager in the local school system, I had to run a small administrative team while dealing with many diverse personalities and difficult problems. I consider myself a true people person and this combination of skills and experiences will serve me well as a board member.

I am committed to working with our board and all our members to create a truly excellent club. Thank you in advance for your support.



RICHARD PICHENY

As a vigorous volunteer at SOCBC, I served as President for five consecutive years and as Treasurer for one. When the Covid crisis hit, I pitched in as a virtual Game Director, and now continue directing face-to-face bridge sessions. During my tenure as President, I chaired our Facility Search Committee and managed our efforts to locate and move to our current facility. I oversaw modernization of our club -- joining the Common Game, implementing online registration, and using social media as a marketing tool. I have worked closely with our Education Committee to expand class offerings and games at various levels. Representing our area at District 22, I have served as Treasurer for the past four years.

Past Presidents are welcome to attend Board Meetings, and I participate in all of them because this club is an important part of who I am. We have worked together to weather the Covid pandemic and its negative impact on bridge in general and our bridge center specifically. During the past year, we have developed our safety protocol and taken the necessary steps to protect SOCBC's financial viability.

My background includes service on civic boards as director, president, and treasurer. Acting as a leader, facilitator, and worker, I have helped these organizations accomplish significant goals. I am an Attorney and CPA, with an MBA in Finance and was a Member of the State Bar of California.

Our challenges for the upcoming years are great: being proactive during the continuing pandemic and its aftermath; providing a safe and healthy bridge environment; scaling down our current facility or relocating to a more affordable facility; finding innovative ways to attract, train, and retain new and existing players. These are all essential to our survival as a club. I am a brainstormer who always has the best interest of SOCBC in mind and I will not let Covid do us in. If I have the privilege of serving on the 2022 Board, I will do my all to not just see our club survive, but to thrive well into the future.



TRISHA SILVERBERG

My husband Al and I have enjoyed learning and playing bridge, and both of us have the desire to continue. It's not been long since we played in the NLM section and have many fond memories of those days. SCBC has been an amazing place for us to be members.

I am grateful that we continue to come through these tough times of the pandemic and that our club is open. I also understand that the club is faced with challenges as we bring more members back and bring new members in. All of us enjoy a club with many tables playing which gives us the challenge and social interaction we all desire.

Between Al and I we have 6 kids and 8 grandkids. We enjoy family time at the beach or in the mountains skiing. Personally, I enjoy playing tennis and gardening. And, did I say playing bridge!

My professional background was in financial services, bank operations and corporate insurance sales. My work involved managing people, extensive project management, and lots of accounting and software implementations. I also ran a small business at home for 10 years using QuickBooks. I have been retired for 10 years (how did i have time to work).

I've done extensive volunteer work. At my church I served on the board of directors, ran the book store and was responsible for recruiting and coordinating all volunteers. At Habitat for Humanity I helped review and interview prospective house recipients and did a little painting. I also spent a couple years advocating for kids in the foster care system as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

Al and I have served as Facilities Manager for several years at SCBC. This experience has given me an intro to some of what is involved behind the scenes to have a strong and thriving bridge club. I look forward to learning more.

Through my professional and volunteer experience I bring the skills necessary to serve on the SCBC board. It would be my honor to serve on the Board of Directors at South County Bridge Club. Additionally, if elected, I have agreed to serve as the Treasurer. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.