

NOTICE OF UNIT 102 ELECTIONS

Unit 102 will be electing five (5) members to the Board of Directors at the January Sectional on Saturday, January 21, 2017. These members will be elected for a two-year term. The elections committee has submitted a group of candidates who wish to stand for election. They are Merle Greenwald, Mike Gibson, Tony Munson, Teresa Noa, and Iris Wilson.

Additional Nominations: Any Unit 102 Member in good standing may also stand for election. The Chairperson of the Election Committee, Sandra Fleischman, will accept additional nominations up to three weeks prior (December 30) to the Annual Meeting. (January 21, 2017). You may contact her at sfleischman@tampabay.rr.com or 941-580-3719 to be added to the slate of candidates.

Submitted by Sandra Fleischman, Chair, Unit 102 Elections Committee.



Mike Gibson

I have been playing some form of bridge since childhood, when my mother needed a 4th for her social game. One of my retirement goals was to take up bridge full-time and this was a major factor in my decision to choose Sarasota as my new home in 2013.

I was born and raised in Michigan but lived most of my adult life in Washington, DC (another hive of bridge activity), working in the realm of national security. During that time in DC, I have lived and worked around the world, and played bridge in multiple countries (and multiple languages).

I would now like to help out, particularly by looking for opportunities for innovation and new approaches to competitive bridge. This would be similar to a role I frequently played during my professional career and I believe I might bring a different perspective to this venerable game. I also want to help continue and expand our Youth Bridge Program.

Merle Greenwald

Merle Greenwald has lived in Sarasota for



30 years; he is a retired CPA who has maintained his affiliation with his former Cleveland firm, Greenwald-Babin CPAs. He does, on a limited basis, consulting on federal income and estate taxes.

Merle was asked to join the Board of Directors of Unit 102 in January, 2014 to fill a vacancy. He has attended all regular BOD meetings and offered suggestions when appropriate. He has also served on a number of different committees always fulfilling his commitments.

In May, 2014 he became a Life Master and is willing and able to serve the bridge community as a continuing member of the Unit 102 Board of Directors.



Tony Munson

Tony is retired from two careers: as a corporate finance executive and as owner/publisher of a weekly newspaper. He began playing duplicate bridge after moving to Sarasota in 2009. Before that he played occasional party bridge in Pittsburgh where he and his wife Ann lived for 28 years. While there he served as a board member and treasurer for several not-for-profit entities, including a community hospital. In recent years Tony has volunteered at several local bridge tournaments and currently enjoys acting as “official “ photographer for the Unit. Fluent in English and with a fair grasp of American, Tony and Ann have two daughters and five grandchildren.



Teresa Noa

I have been playing bridge for five years, and over half of that time has been in Unit 102.

I welcome the opportunity to serve with the other board members of Unit 102 to help strengthen our game in this uniquely situated organization.

Having just recently become a life master, I am particularly interested in the I/N Crowd. (Intermediates and Newcomers). I believe that supporting and encouraging this group of players is vital to the continued growth of bridge.



Iris Wilson

Originally from Edmonton, Alberta, I moved to Sarasota 11 years ago from Washington DC. I am a CPA and have held positions of CFO at engineering firms.

I have enjoyed living in Sarasota mainly because of the weather and the fabulous bridge played here. I have received so much from the bridge community and wish to give back to this wonderful game that we all enjoy. I am presently the Unit 102 bridge youth Director and am happy to say that this year we will have 56 students in our program. I feel with my financial background and work with teaching the children, I will be an asset to the board of directors for Unit 102.