

Martha Jett McAlister

The nominating committee of the VCC asked me to again accept the nomination for the Vice-President position on the Board of Directors. As was true last year, I agreed to be put on the ballot as I want to be of service to the members and the club. I learned so much this past year about how the VCC is run. Yet, as a relatively new bridge player and new to the VCC, I still have a great deal to learn. I so appreciate how all the 2021 Board members worked hard in this year of transition as we moved back to face-to-face play. While I appreciate what BBO offered during the worst of COVID, I am committed to face-to-face play as I believe it is the only way for the VCC to grow.

General Background:

Native of Central Arkansas; Daughter of Bill and Peggy Jett-both excellent bridge players; Grew up at a dinner table where Mom and Dad talked bridge; was a deprived teenager, never able to talk on the phone, as Mom was on the phone talking to her bridge partner of the day about every hand played.

Education:

Arizona State University, B.S. in Biology;
University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law, Juris Doctorate.

Employment:

Dyke and Winzerling, P. A.- Of Counsel Attorney as a glide path to retirement;
Eichenbaum, Liles & Heister, P.A.- Attorney and Shareholder of firm for 26 years practicing as a commercial litigator in both state and federal courts;
Law Clerk to the Honorable Robert F. Fussell, United States Bankruptcy Judge;
Central High School, Little Rock-Biology Teacher; Greene County Tech High School, Paragould, AR-Biology and Chemistry Teacher.

Bridge:

Took Easy Bridge in 2017-18 from Vicki Jennings and Deb Christian;
Jumped into playing as frequently as possible with as many different partners who would put up with me, given that golf (playing and officiating) still took priority;
Co-chaired the 2019 Silver Lode with Ginna Domm.

Golf:

Played serious, high level, state and national golf growing up;
First Tee of Central Arkansas-Board of Directors for 6 years; coach for 10 years;
Mauwelle Country Club-Vice President Board of Directors for 2 years;
United States Golf Association-Volunteer Rules Official for 28 years, officiating the US Girls' Junior Championship, US Women's Amateur, US Women's Open etc.