

2020 Prospective Board Members



Jerry Matthews

My reasons for running for a second term on the BRC Board are quite simple:

- 1)The club has become an important part of my life.
- 2)BRC needs capable volunteers to continue its success.
- 3)I have the time, energy, and skills to make a positive difference.

The club is in great shape. During the past two years we have invested over \$700K to replace five deteriorating courts, renovated both ends of the facility, converted to LED court lighting, and upgraded the women's locker room. All of this was accomplished while keeping the club on solid financial footing. There are still, however, many ways in which we can improve.

My agenda is equally simple – Strive to do what is best for the club. There will always be differing points of view, and that has never been truer then while we have faced the many challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic. I will bring to this position experience that includes 3 years on the BRC Board, 4 years on the KCTA Board, 12 years on the BSWB Board, and 36 years of operations management experience. That experience has given me skills in people leadership, conflict resolution, financial management, and project coordination.

In my experience, the keys to success are maintaining good two-way communication and considering both the long and short-term impacts of decisions. My strengths are asking probing questions, applying an analytical approach to the available data, devising solutions to problems, and converting those decisions into action.

Tracy Burrell

I grew up at BRC and have been back involved for the last four years. During this time, I have served on various committees and projects, and have been on the Board, where I hope to continue. My interest in being on the Board is the desire to stay involved at the Club. I have Board and Tennis background serving on the Junior League of Bakersfield and Stockdale Country Club Board. I am a Tennis Professional at BRC and was at Stockdale Country Club for 17 years.



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Stephen Tavoni

I am interested in being a BRC Board Member because I spend a lot of my free time at BRC and tennis has become a wonderful way to deal with stress by hitting the yellow fuzzy. In addition, I have also met so many genuinely good people on the club grounds who I now call friends. In order to give back to the club, I wish to volunteer more of my time by serving on the board where my opinion can be counted. Over the last 4 years, I have served on the curriculum committee at Bakersfield College as a tenured faculty member. This committee is

necessary to review all courses and programs that are offered at the college. In the review process, debates can become heated and not always collegial. This experience has taught me many valuable lessons in communicating my opinion, relying on evidence, and defending my position in tense meetings. Not only have I been involved with sports my entire life, my current position at Bakersfield College gives me a unique perspective into a skill that is widely undervalued, critical thinking. I teach critical thinking and problem-solving skills to my students, also using both widely in my own decision-making process. You can be assured that any decision I make on behalf of BRC will be made after becoming educated and mindful of all issues. I have volunteered my time broadly by coaching youth sports teams including baseball, basketball, soccer and tennis, also helping tutor elementary aged children through Lift Ministries in Oildale. I am currently a mentor and advisor with the Ford Dream Builders Program which helps high school seniors in making community impact via a service project. I have also served on the Dante Italian Association Board in Bakersfield.

Bob Hodash

I am interested in being a Board Member at Bakersfield Racquet Club because I would like to help the club remain strong and to expand programs that would serve members and attract new members. I have an extensive background in athletics, both personally and as an educator. I earned a Master of Science Degree in Physical Education, was the Athletic Director for both Middle School and High School, and taught tennis at USC. I am confident that I would be an asset to the BRC Board because I have learned through experience to listen to others and make decisions to benefit large groups. I am a team player, work well with others, and can recruit others to assist. In the past, I have volunteered my time serving on School Site Counsel at six different schools. I have previous board experience serving on the PG&E Solar Schools and National Energy Education Project. I feel that with my background serving several various positions in athletics, forty years in education (K – University), and help bringing Solar to Schools in Kern County, I can make significant contributions to the BRC Board.

