

# VOTE FOR A DIRECTOR

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Marge Binks is not only the first woman elected to SCCA's Board of Directors, she is also without doubt one of the most conscientious and caring Directors we've seen in a long time. In her first term, she inaugurated the SoPac Roundtable meeting program, she was appointed to the three member Club Racing Court of Appeals, and she consistently voted the preferences of the members she represents. All this and more, while continuing her other activities as Steward and Race Chairman. These activities reflect the dedication and attention for which Marge is known, and are the reasons she was awarded the 1992 David Morrell Memorial Award for outstanding performance as a Steward, dedication to the sport and to the highest principles.

A hallmark of Marge's style is her accessibility. She attends events throughout SoPac, which is roughly the same as Area 11: not only races, but also Solos and Regional Board meetings, you name it. Marge's relationship is with the entire SoPac membership. She is in constant contact with Regional Executives and other administrative officials, guiding them, giving advice as needed and cheerleading always.

Marge is very clear that the SCCA is a member-oriented Club, and she wants to keep it that way. Her Board vote is, as she says, "a member vote". When her members express strong feelings on an issue, Marge's vote will reflect that preference, regardless of her own views. While she personally supported the Spec Racer Ford deal, because Area 11 members opposed it, she voted against it. And when the Board recently considered the two bids for the SCCA Club Racing Runoffs, she polled the SoPac National drivers to help determine her vote.

As anyone who knows Marge will confirm, she also has a mind of her own. She does not automatically vote with the pack at Board meetings, and is one of the best prepared and knowledgeable of our current Directors. Probably the most difficult questions facing our Board are those about finances. In 1991, Marge supported a series of measures to increase both membership and Rally/Solo fees as a case of simple economics, based on the need to raise money to meet Club obligations. She felt that since dues had not changed in 12 years, the small increase still kept SCCA member costs competitive with other entertainment expenses.

On the other hand, Marge voted against the motion to purchase the building housing our National headquarters, because she felt it would seriously reduce our liquid assets. In the end, because interest rates really did make buying the building a good business move, Marge insisted on staff obtaining a substantial open-ended letter of credit to stand against any possible unexpected financial outlay.

With her first three year term coming to a close, Marge is running for re-election as Area 11 Director. Her goals for the next term include continuing her work for the members, responsibly pursuing the wise use of member and Club funds, evaluating the full impact of proposed rules changes, and persisting in her efforts to speak for the membership.

Her tenacity, honesty, fairness, love for the SCCA and us members, should make her next three years as Director even more exciting.