

Linda Harrison

New ACBL Sapphire Master



Linda started Duplicate Bridge in 1997 and joined the ACBL in 1998. Mostly she used to play at a lot of tournaments - from 1999 when she attended her first National in Vancouver, B.C. Other than that Linda plays at a private club in Calgary, AB.

Last year Linda had her picture taken with Marty Bergen at the tournament in Orlando. She was not playing bridge with him, he just happened to be sitting beside her and she told him he looked a lot like Marty Bergen. She was surprised he was and people started taking pictures. He was very gracious about it all and we talked quite a while, mainly about his books. He was sitting beside me while playing with Larry Cohen so Linda met him as well. Linda has always found the top bridge players in North America to be very friendly and professional and she would not change anything about her bridge career even if she were just starting over she would do it all again exactly the same and she has thoroughly enjoyed every minute.

Well Linda could go on and on - so many stories. She often thinks of the letters she has received from small tournament organizers in cities she had attended to specifically thank her for attending their tournament when in fact she had gone all by herself in the early days. Linda believes those little things do so much for enthusiasm for our game in helping to get people to attend tournaments.

Linda has ever so many stories if you would like to hear them. She does like to be upbeat as the game she has always loved means so much to her. Generally, Linda has met amazing people through this experience, both at her club and all those great fun tournaments. Linda has actually attended 11 or 12 National events in her 20 years of playing duplicate, but she has also played social bridge since she was a child. When she first started in Duplicate she did take an advanced duplicate course to update her skills. At most of the Nationals Linda has always attended the lectures by Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth, Chris Compton and many others - all very interesting and certainly helpful. She enjoys spreading goodwill for our game.

Linda would like to thank all of her tournament partners over the years who were so good for her and great people themselves.



Linda and Marty Bergen