

Bridge Week in North America

card points while North-South held 48.7%. The ♠7 was discovered on the floor at one table, accounting for the missing tenth of a percent.

Honorable mentions went to ♦ Scottsdale Bridge Center in Scottsdale AZ, where manager Loretta Pruss said the Senior Center "advertised for us and gave us a room each day to play in." More than 1000 deals were played during the week.

♦ Essex Bridge Center in Livingston NJ, where manager Kenneth Powell set up elaborate conditions of contest for the Marathon Prize Game. Players were divided into four strats and offered bonus points if they played extra sessions and if they played with people in lower strats.

A special Honorable Mention went to Ivah Vater, manager of the Marion DBC in Cedar Rapids IA. Vater decorated her club with her collection of Culbertson era memorabilia — including the Ely Culbertson Auto Bridge and Culbertson books — and encouraged her players to dress in Thirties costumes for a Bridge Week luncheon.

Member/Guest Events

Clubs also received recognition for member/guest events, designed to bring non-ACBL members into the clubs. Prizes were awarded in random drawings to bridge clubs that signed up the most new members in three categories: (Category A: 13 or more new recruits; B: 5-12; C: 1-4).

A Bridge Center of Rockford IL signed up 14 new members, reported manager Kathy Owens.

B. North Side Bridge Center in Indianapolis signed up seven new members, according to manager Catherine Lindholm.

C. Longview Duplicate Bridge Club in Kelso WA signed up three new members, according to manager Mary Pease.

The clubs will receive \$10 in Bridge Bucks for each new member and will have a game named for the club at the Summer NABC in Long Beach CA. In addition, the Rockford club will receive an Audrey Grant Bridge Festival.

A special prize went to the Essex Bridge Club of Livingston NJ. Club manager Kenneth Powell reported 27 new members. In recognition of this, Essex BC will receive a \$200 gift certificate to the ACBL catalog store.

Pro-Am Bridge Winners

Clubs were encouraged to hold pro-am games where ACBL members with more than 500 masterpoints were paired with ACBL members with fewer than 500 masterpoints. Winning pairs (overall and section top) received a

commemorative Bridge Week in North America button and were entered individually in a drawing to win an Instant Bridge Library.

Winners of the library, a collection of popular bridge books and a few classics, were Carolyn Damon, Chicago; David Gerstenberger, Yakima WA; Charles Hunt, Hilton Head SC, and Ray Schoenrock, Ames IA.

The Rematch

In New York City, the Waldorf Astoria Hotel was again the setting for the Culbertson-Lenz match. Robert and Jill Levin portrayed Ely and Josephine Culbertson while August Boehm played Sidney Lenz and John Kranyak was the young Oswald Jacoby.

The original match was played from Dec. 7, 1931 until Jan. 8, 1932 first at the Chatham Hotel and later at the Waldorf Astoria. A card table was set up at one end of the Culbertson drawing room. The table was separated from reporters and guests by screens. The spectators were allowed to watch the play through one-inch cracks in 15-minute increments.

The press was well represented. Each New York newspaper had at least one representative for the entire match. The Associated Press had two each evening while the United Press and International



Ivah Vater, longtime club manager and bridge teacher in Cedar Rapids IA.



Participating in the reenactment of the Culbertson-Lenz match were Robert Levin, August Boehm, Jill Levin and (back to camera) John Kranyak.

Photo by Jennifer Mignano

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News Service had one each. At the "rematch," spectators watched on vugraph and via the Internet while the foursome played 18 boards. The Lenz-Jacoby pairing came out on top this time. Here is a key deal:

Dir: North ♠ A Q 2
 Vul: E-W ♠ A K J 6 5 4 3
 ♦ Q 7 3
 ♣ —

♠ K J 10 6 3 ♠ 8 5 4
 ♥ Q 9 ♥ 10 8
 ♦ K 6 4 2 ♦ J 9 8
 ♣ 7 6 ♣ Q 5 4 3 2

♠ 9 7
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ A 10 5
 ♠ A K J 10 9 8

West	North	East	South
R. Levin	Boehm	J. Levin	Kranyak
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Robert Levin led the ♠ 3 and, with no options available, Kranyak played the ♠ Q. When it held, he cashed the ♠ A and ruffed a spade to his hand. He led the ♠ A K; when the ♠ Q did not drop, he continued with the ♠ J.

Jill Levin won her ♣ Q but with no spades could not force declarer and establish a second club trick. She shifted to the ♦ 9 but Kranyak won his ace and drew the rest of the trumps. When hearts split 2-2, he claimed the rest of the tricks for plus 920.

The final tally: Lenz 5810, Culbertson 3740.

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The two games have attracted more than 2500 players since their inception.

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Registration closes at the end of this month, so don't delay. The events began in late February, but new entries are taken for the repechage rounds. For more information about the games and the conditions of contest, visit www.acbl.com and click on the special event icon.

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Book, software award nominations sought

Authors and publishers are encouraged to submit new bridge books and computer software for consideration for the "Book of the Year" and "Software of the Year" awards for 2003. The awards are made annually by the American Bridge Teachers' Association.

A book award will be considered in the Beginning/Novice category and another in the Intermediate/Advanced category. One software award is made if sufficient entries are received. Works must be received by May 15 for the awards, which will be made at the ABTA Annual convention in July. For details, contact Edward C. Marzo, Chairman, P.O. Box 331, Agawam MA 01001, Phone 413-789-4267. E-mail: dealmaster@dealmaster.com.

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July 21-22: Mixed Pairs

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