

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

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Eddie and Shelli had just left the Blue Moon after the confrontation over whether Eddie and Lil would team up and go on the road. Lil had her hand placed over Bob's as she said: "Bob, I really need to talk to you....."

Lil looked directly into Bob's eyes as she began: "Shelli sure is mad, and I can see her point. But I think Eddie ought to get his chance to get to the big time, you know. Now, you heard the whole thing....could you help me out with this?"

Bob had been around long enough to know that Eddie did, indeed, have the potential to go to the "Big Show." He also knew he wasn't going to get there if he was held back at the Blue Moon. He really wanted to retire soon, however, and Eddie was a part of that plan. He said to Lil: "I'll tell you what, Lil, I'm sure not going to encourage Eddie to go on the road with you. On the other hand, I won't go out of my way to insist that he stays here. In other words, I'll stay kind of neutral in this thing. He knows I need him here, so I don't have to push that point. I'm willing to call Heads or Tails in this thing. O.K.?"

Lil was relieved when she heard that and she let Bob know it by saying: "I can't ask for anything fairier than that, Bob. You're quite a guy." Then, she wrote down her hotel and room number and gave it to Bob.

In the meantime, Eddie and Shelli had a full-blown encounter after they got home. They went round-and-round over the thing until the wee hours of the morning. Shelli finally announced that she had said all she was going to say -- and went to bed. After awhile, Eddie decided to let the thing go for the night and turn in, too, as he had to pull his shift and play in the tournament the next day.

Eddie showed up for his shift the following day (after having had very little sleep). When the opportunity arose, he had a talk with Bob. It was a short talk, as Bob stuck to his word and basically told Eddie that he had to play his own hand in the matter. Eddie had half-way hoped that Bob would lay down the law, which would help him make up his mind.

After a couple hours into his shift, Eddie decided he had to make a move. He went over to Bob and asked if Lil had left the number of her hotel. Bob didn't say anything as he handed him the slip of paper. Eddie went to the office then and dialed. When he got through to the extension (and before he had a chance to say anything), the voice on the other end said: "Hi, Eddie, I've been waiting....."

Eddie took the lead then and said, "I had a hunch you might be, Lil -- how was your night?" Lil replied, "Aside from being a little lonesome, just fine. How'd it go with Shelli -- and Bob?" "Shelli went 'ballastic' last night, but Bob was cool; he knows the score," was the answer.

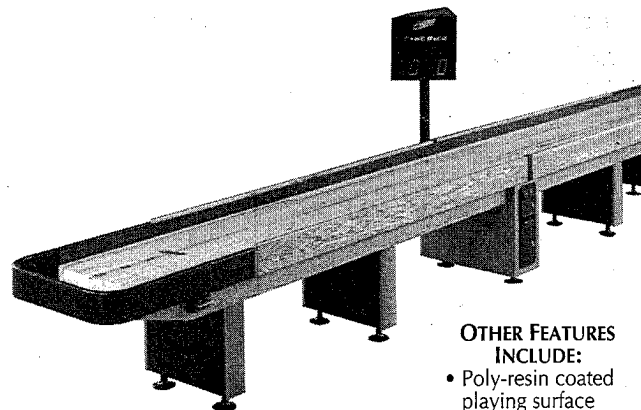
Then Lil said: "Well, Eddie, I know you didn't have a lot of time, but did you make a decision?" Eddie told her: "Just about. But this is a big step and I'm kind of on-the-fence with this thing." Lil advised him then: "Look, we need to talk some more. I didn't have a chance to really explain everything last night."

Just then Bob opened the door and said, "Eddie, I need some help out here -- and I need it now! The Sunday tournament is about to start and we're swamped. Let's go, O.K.?"

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Eddie told Lil: "I have to go now. I'll talk to you later, or something." Lil said: "O.K., but I don't want to go to the Blue Moon. I don't need any more hassles." They hung up then, and Eddie went back to the bar.

The place had filled up and, even with the extra weekend help, Eddie had his hands full. Bob filled in for Eddie as it was his turn to play for the Blue Moon team. Eddie and his partner won by a landslide! Eddie thought to himself: "This is a joke. What I need is some real action -- like last night, with Lil."

After he got back to his station, he saw something he didn't want to see right then. It was Shelli. She took a stool at Eddie's end of the bar. He brought her usual and said: "Hi, Love. How are you doing?" Shelli said: "How do you think I'm doing, Champ? We need to talk some more."

"I know, but I can't get into it now; take a look at this place! We'll talk after I get home, O.K.?" was the reply. Shelli said: "O.K., I'll be waiting." After finishing her drink, she left without even a wave goodbye.

Just before Eddie's shift was up, the phone rang. Eddie was closest, so he picked it up. The low and lusty voice on the other end said, "Eddie, I've got this thing figured out. You'll be off in a little while and we need to meet. I've got a jug of some good stuff here in my room. Now, why don't you just come over here, so we can get this thing straightened out. I'm in Room 13, Eddie."

Before he made his reply, he thought, "Wow! I told Shelli I'd be there!"

His mind was really jacked-up now. Then his answer came: "Room 13....Order some ice....I'll be there in 30 minutes."

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also good singles play, Nelson! Our group visited in waves with Susie and Gary Jones arriving early; Wes, Eileen and I in the middle, and our great men's singles and doubles players arriving early and staying through to the end. I wish I had room to mention all 15 or so of us, but I know a few will be listed in the stats. We -- players and fans-- all had a fine time. Thank you, Blinky's!

Do try and make our Thanksgiving tournament (see enclosed flyer for details). It's going to be major fun for players and spectators alike. Thanksgiving dinner will be available and our chefs, Don and Chris, are excellent -- plus, we do the dishes! Aside from tournament action, there will be live music and dancing Friday and Saturday nights and Karaoke Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday nights. Of course, we'll have the football games

on during the day for those interested in that old sport!

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Travelling Glen and Madge Go "Full Circle"

Our trip started in May at the Bourbon, Indiana, tournament and we've only spent two days at home since then. From Bourbon, we headed out for Denver, then to the Dixie Belle in California, then to Quilcene and Canada, with Reno and Vegas in between.

Marg Okum and the rest of the crew did a great job running the tournament in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. On our way back down, we stopped at Jim and Michelle Foran's and also visited Dave Arndt and his wife. We stopped at the Corner Tavern in Bow, Washington, run by Steve Fisher and his wife. They had a Friday night meat shoot. We also stopped by and visited "Moose" and his wife in Mt. Vernon. He builds bird houses and I bought 4 or 5 to take home to Oklahoma. We also stopped at the Shamrock in Longview and at Shotze's in Everett. They've got two boards there and John Martin is trying to get a league started there. I wish him a lot of luck; there's a lot of work involved in getting the action going.

We've met a lot of nice new people in our travels and renewed a lot of old acquaintances. It's been quite a trip and I hope it won't be the last. From here, we'll return to Bourbon, Indiana, for their Fall Tournament, so we've come full circle.

Glen Davidson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

See more news of Glen's and Madge's trip in Tourney Talk articles in this issue.