

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

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(In last month's episode, Eddie decided he would accept Long Beach Lil's invitation to go "on the road" with her -- after he settled things with girlfriend Shelli and his Blue Moon partner Bob.)

Two weeks had passed since Eddie had told Lil he was "in" on the road-trip hustle. There wasn't too much of a problem making Bob at the Blue Moon understand. In fact, Bob had a young fellow who filled in part-time on weekends who was eager to take Eddie's place as bartender. His name was Jack, and he was coming up much the same way Eddie had -- in the business, and also as a player.

Shelli presented a whole different ball game. She couldn't believe Eddie was actually going through with this. In the end, she reluctantly accepted the inevitable and agreed to hang on and see how things worked out. She said she would remain loyal -- unless he gave her a reason not to. She was hurt very badly and saying goodbye was rough. Bob took him to the airport, because Shelli was really too shook-up to go.

It was only after he heard the landing gear come up, and the pilot power-back slightly in the climb-out that Eddie realized he was actually breaking away from part of his past. It was kind of exciting to start this new adventure. He felt remorse for leaving Shelli and Bob and his other friends; but, after all, he wasn't burning his bridges behind him either....or so he felt anyway.

He put the headset on then and kicked back for the short flight. He woke up when the power was reduced for the descent into L.A.X. Airport. In a short while, Eddie heard the announcement to "buckle up" and "place all seats in the upright position." The voice on the intercom sounded rather serious. Eddie noticed that the plane had now entered the clouds. The weather at L.A. had been forecast to be pretty bad on the news he watched earlier that morning.

As the descent continued, the turbulence became much greater. The captain gave advisories about that -- and also the poor landing conditions at L.A.X. Eddie was beginning to wonder if someone was trying to tell him something because he was taking this trip! The flight attendants were also buckled up now, as the turbulence continued to increase.

Eddie began to doubt if he really belonged on this flight, and was thinking how nice it would be if he were back in San Francisco. He had a little lump in his throat

when he heard the landing gear lower as the approach continued. They finally broke out in the rain, at bare minimums (200' ceiling and 1/2-mile visibility)! He gave a sigh of relief when he felt the touch-down, and the forward pull when the pilot reversed the engines on the roll-out. He said a little prayer of thanks then, as they pulled off the runway and taxied into their parking ramp.

Eddie spotted Lil as soon as he entered the arrival area. She was all dressed-out and all the anxiety of the flight was forgotten the instant he looked into her eyes. When he got close, he said: "Yo -- are you the one looking for a shuffleboard player?"

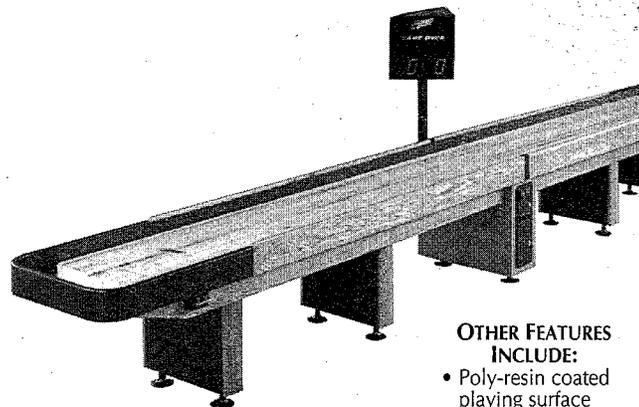
She smiled then and replied: "You bet I need a shuffleboard player -- and a whole lot more than that, too."

He had a bag in each of his hands, and was caught

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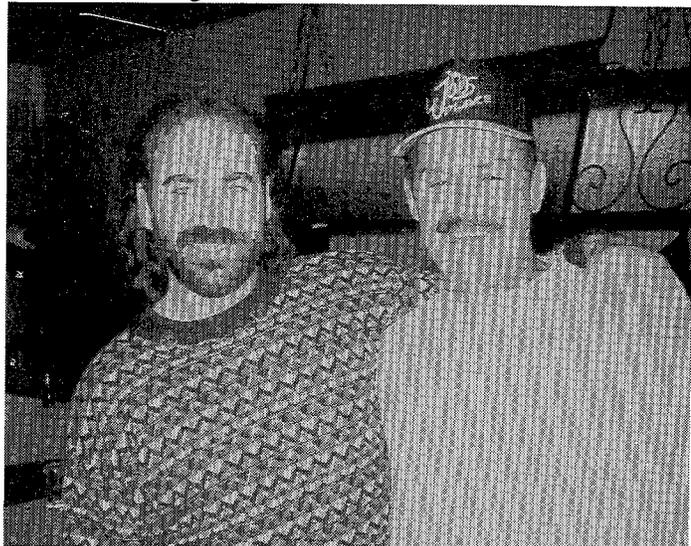
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unawares when Lil suddenly folded her arms around him, and put her lips to his.

Eddie had the same thought then as he had just before he and Lil played their very first game of shuffleboard: "This is either too good to be true -- or too true to be good." He felt like he had one foot in Heaven -- but the other one felt pretty hot!

Don't miss next month's episode of Frisco Eddie's Revenge -- The Return, when Eddie and Lil go "on the road." And when you see Balboa Ron at the PCSA Extravaganza in Vegas, be sure to tell him how much you enjoy his series.

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Rick Gindt (left) and Joe Lavin finished third in the Shamrock Tavern/PCSA doubles tournament.

Arndt/Bennett Win at Amy's Checkered Flag

Amy's Checkered Flag, Waterloo, New York, held a one-day bring-partner event recently on their two in-house boards. Fourteen teams vied for a share of the \$1,740 pot.

Coming out of the loser's bracket to take first place was the team of John Arndt of Waterloo and Steve Bennett of Sherburne, N.Y. Second place went to Russ Reynolds and Dick Jeffreys of Sherrburne. Locals Marv Smith and Doug Fridley Jr. took third, with fourth going to Milt Benedict of Sherburne and Dick Losee from Earlville, N.Y.

"Amy and Cookie put on a very nice meal for all players. A great time was had by everyone," reports John Arndt.

Waters/Jacobsen Winners of Sportsman Tavern 1st Annual Draw Partners

The Sportsman Tavern in Stanwood, Washington, held their 1st Annual Draw Partners Tournament on Oct. 29-30. And this new segment of our World of Shuffleboard received rave notices for their "first" -- great food, friendly hosts Bud and Susie Parks, and tournament director Murl Kindle and assistant director Danny McKinnon.



And the winners were: Mike Waters, Tacoma, and Bob Jacobsen, Lynnwood, 1st (standing in center); John Trovia and Lyle Honeycutt, Everett, 2nd (low center); Ron Brender, Everett, and Ted Ansiensen, Anacortes 3rd (right side); Riss Miller, Edison, and Vern Hickman, Everett, 4th (left side). Who's that guy in the back with the white cap? None other than Dick Smedberg of New York, who flew from East to West to support this "first."

(Editor's Note: We salute Sportsman Tavern for this successful first and Dick Smedberg for travelling all that way to participate. Dick is proving a worthy rival to Jimmy (the cop) Kumpula of Florida/Michigan in his travels to support tournaments in other locations and spread the word about our shuffleboard network.)

REMINDER!

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