Heartland Handicap ''Fall Festival''Results...

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The Fall Festival of the Heartland Handicap was held at the American Legion Post 73 in Del City, Oklahoma beginning with the Fri. night Draw Partner event with 48 players entered from Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Little Rock, Tulsa, and I do believe 75% of all players in southern Oklahoma (well, maybe not quite that many). Sat. was a Bring Partner and play concluded on Sun. about 4pm. This was the most courteous, friendly, and really congenial group of players I can remember. We love you. Winners were:



Draw Partner (Fri.)

1st Place (L-R):

Bill Melton &
Nancy Tice
and missing photo:
2nd Place:
Greg Hixon &
Ferlin Kearns



Draw Partner (Fri.) 3rd Place (L-R): Lynn Tice & Mike Coon



Bring Partner (Sat.) 2nd & 3rd Place (above) (L-R):
Bill Melton & Ferlin Kearns (missing photo) took 1st place and
pictured above are 2nd and 3rd place winners (L-R):
Greg Hixon & Penny Meharg (2nd Place - Texas Team) and
Rena Fleming & Cliff Goff (3rd Place - Oklahoma Team)

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

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[In the last Episode (October 2002 Issue, Page 14), we found both Eddie and Jack on Friday sharing "war" and poker stories, including some good ones about "Gardena Roy" as they headed toward Downey]

Frisco Eddie and Jack took brunch at the place they were staying before they headed out for the main reason they had come to Los Angeles. That reason was to meet, and beat...every top player in that area. The word was out now, and almost all of the good "hustlers" were starting to show up to see if Frisco and his partner could play "outside" of a large tournament setting. That is, a setting where all of the strict Rules were not always followed.

Eddie and Jack received a very good welcome after they walked in the front door. They accepted the offer of a couple of rounds of drinks, along with the meetings and greetings, and of course - a few inevitable "War Stories" to round things out.

They had a chance to shoot some practice weights, and while they were in the process, they sensed a sort of hush. The "hush" signaled the entrance of someone of no little importance...it was none other than Long Beach Lil! She said a few hellos, then headed right over to where Eddie was standing. She wanted to give him a hug, but Eddie just smiled, and extended his hand for a shake.

He received a look of disappointment, but she did hold out her hand for their greeting. She added: "Why lover, have we grown this far apart in such a short time?" He replied with: "Things just have a way of working out that way sometimes Lil."

There were four boards in Sam's Club, and a real good turnout for the \$20 per person two man teams. By a stroke of luck, Jack drew Lil for a partner. Eddie didn't fare as well, and it would take a small miracle to pull this one out.

Eventhough there were alot of players, things moved along pretty quickly. Eddie and his partner were eliminated in the second round. Lil and Jack continued to win every game. In the final round, they faced two of the very best teams. Ironically, both men were from a small town to the southeast of the City. One of the men was quite a bit older than his young partner. To their surprise they lost the first two games - and Lil and Jack became winners!

After the cheering and congrats died down, Lil took Jack aside and said she had to speak to him in private immediately. Now Eddie was watching this little tete-a-tete from a nearby spot. He deeply recalled a very similar encounter - the fist night he met...Long Beach Lil.

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