

# **Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return**

**A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert**

*(In the last episode, Frisco Eddie and Lil were participating in the big Reno tournament. Eddie was in the finals of the pro singles....)*

The score was 14 to 12 in Eddie's favor, and it was his last shot of the frame. Eddie released what could be the final shot for the Pro Singles title. It was a right-hand thumb shot, aimed at hitting and going on a right rail deuce that Robby D had put up. Everything Eddie had hoped for was riding on this shot. It really looked and felt good as it sailed down the board. His heart skipped a beat, when just before the weight made contact -- it started to pull out and drift left. It did touch the weight, but there wasn't enough contact there to knock it off the board! Eddie's weight exited the board on the far end.

The game was history now -- all Robby had to do was lag any kind of a one. He did that, and then moved a few steps to where Eddie was to shake his hand. Eddie had a look of astonishment and disbelief on his face as he held out his hand. He didn't even hear what Robby said to him. He was in a state of shock at that point!

Lil came over to him and said: "I know how you feel, Champ. I know because I've been there before. It was a tough break, Eddie, the worst kind. You'll get over it, Honey, believe me." She gave him a big hug then -- but no kiss. Eddie could hear Lil's words but, again, they didn't sink in. He was so sure of that last shot that he still couldn't comprehend the fact that he was not going to be the Pro Singles Champion!

Lil knew what Eddie needed now, and she said: "Come on, Champ -- let's go downstairs to the lounge and down a few. It'll ease the pain for you and make us both feel better." Eddie just nodded his head and began to follow her as she started for the stairway.

Eddie ordered a double Wild Turkey with a water wash. He was starting to come around now and so were some of the other players. They came to congratulate Eddie on his fine showing. This, of course, made him feel a whole lot better about things and after a couple more drinks, he was feeling better over just about everything!

After a while (and a few more drinks), Eddie noticed that Lil wasn't with the group. He figured that she may have had to visit the ladies' room or something, so he continued the march. After about fifteen minutes, she still hadn't showed. Eddie was starting to get a little curious now. They usually told each other where they were headed if they had to separate. He waited a little longer, then excused himself. He decided to take a little look around. He wanted to be with her then and have a private (and

intimate) celebration of their own.

He ran into Robby D at the head of the stairway leading into the tournament rooms. This time they shook hands, exchanged a few complimentary sentences, and even gave each other a short hug. After that, Eddie explained that he was looking for Lil and asked if Robby had seen her. He said he thought he had seen her just a few minutes before in the main game room, and that she was talking to Dick Moyer.

That name got Eddie's attention! He quickly excused himself and headed for the main room. He was suspicious of this guy from the first time he saw him embrace Lil right after they had arrived. He didn't buy that "Oh, he's just a good old friend" routine he was given then, and those feelings were getting stronger now.

He turned right in the crowded room and headed for the area where they both spent a lot of time. He was on the far side of the room now and he turned to scan around just in time to see Lil, AND her "kissing cousin" Dick heading out the door.

By the time he made his way to the main entrance they were nowhere in sight. He noticed that one of the elevator doors had just closed. He gave a look around the stairway area and the first floor, but couldn't spot them. They had to have gone up in the elevator. The other elevator opened while he was waiting, so Eddie held it open until he could check to see which floor the other one would stop on. The light revealed that it was stopping at floor #12.

He jumped into his elevator then and quickly pushed the button for floor 12. He let the door close even though a couple of people were running to get on. It seemed like an eternity before the elevator got to #12. He was lucky, as no one stopped it enroute. He quickly looked to the right, then left, after he left the elevator. He spotted them on his left, clear down the far end of the hallway. He saw them just as they were rounding the corner of the hall.

The emotions of jealousy and anger were pumping him up now as he ran down the long hallway. He rounded the corner just in time to see the back of the baseball cap that Dick wore disappear into the doorway of a room about 10 numbers down.

He didn't have to hurry now -- he knew where they were. When he got to the door, he followed his first impulse and raised his fist to bang away and settle the thing right then and there!

His senses caught hold though, and he lowered his arm. His brain rationalized that to barge in now would be a mistake. If there really wasn't something bad going on in there, he would look like a fool. And, if there was, not enough time had elapsed to find that

out either! He would have to play this smart -- really smart.

He took a minute or two, and his conclusion came to him just like clockwork. It was a great plan! He would.....

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*(Editor's Note: What devious plan has Eddie devised? Join us next month to find out. If you're enjoying Balboa Ron's Frisco Eddie series or have story ideas for him, let him know: Ron Schweikert, 1140 Coral Desert Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89123.)*

## Upcoming Events *(cont. from Page 5)*

pro doubles and singles will be 2 out of 3, double elimination.

For more information, contact Rick Thomas, 408-578-0822. Please post the enclosed flyer in your favorite shuffleboard site.

### Texas

## PRESIDENTS' DAY TOURNEY, GOLD NUGGET, ARLINGTON, FEB. 12-15

The Gold Nugget, 2602 W. Division St., Arlington, will host a Presidents' Day Tournament, Feb. 12-15.

Action will start on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. with a Div. I and II singles. Entry fees for Div. I are: pros, \$100; 0's, \$50; 1's, \$25; and 2's, \$15. This event is 2 out of 3, double elimination. Entry fees for Div. II (3's, 4's and 5's) is \$15, single game, double elimination.

On Friday the 13th, a draw partner for Div. I and II starts at 7 p.m. Entry for Div. I is \$30 per player and \$15 for Div. II. Single game, double elimination for both. No pros or 0's may draw up.

A 6-person draft team event is on the schedule for Saturday at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$200 per team, 4 out of 7, double elimination.

On Sunday will be bring partner events for Div. I, \$75 per team entry, and Division II, \$30 per team, starting at 1 p.m. In Div. I, pros must play with a 2 or higher, 0's with 1 or higher; 2 out of 3 if time permits. The format for Div. II is single game, double elimination.

A one-time \$10 registration fee will be charged.

For further information, contact David Williams at 817-451-9583 or 817-473-4029; Bobby Williams at 817-496-8972 or 817-265-7045; Bob and Cindy Houchin at 817-277-4029 or 817-295-9488.

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## Rick Gindt Missed at Gold Nugget's Thanksgiving Classic!

Bob and Cindy Houchin's Gold Nugget hosted the annual Dave Williams Thanksgiving Classic in Arlington, Texas, and a "grand time was had by all," reports Bobby Williams.



Wednesday's 4-person bring team event was won by Carlos Guzman, Bobby Williams, Rob Houchin and Harvey Kidd.

Second place went to the team of David Williams, Fred Boyd, Tammy Denson and Bob Houchin, with Billy Mays, Lee Duncan, Eddie Wood and Penny Mahar in third place.

Thursday's Div. I singles was won by Harvey Kidd, with Steve Burkett in second, and David Williams in third.



*(pictured here)*  
Eddie Guy and Rost Kaune were first and second in the 2's only singles.

In Div. II singles, Don Roper was first with Mahlon Nobles in second and Oscar Villagas in third.

In Friday's Div. I draw partner event, first place went to Johnny Ballard and Harvey Kidd with Ken Strong and Flynt Preston taking second place honors, and Danny Hersom and Bob Houchin in third. In the Div. II draw, Kay Nelson and Gilbert Baird took first, with Jimmy Britt and Nancy Rice in second, and Randy Glover and Mahlon Nobles in third.

The draft team event was on Saturday's schedule and it was Bill Melton's team who came out on top.

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