

Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

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Long Beach Lil and Jack had come out winners in the Draw Partners games. Right after they had picked up their winnings, Lil had told Jack that she had to see him privately - at once. After they had received their money and handshakes and congratulations all around, Lil ushered Jack out the side door, to have a smoke - and her "very important little conference." Eddie took an interest as he watched the two of them walk out.

When they didn't return, Eddie started to play some singles with the best shooters that were there. Many of the really good players were anxious to play against the current Reno Champion. The names of challengers was full, and the majority of the games were for at least \$100. Eddie played for hours; in fact, until the Bar had to close.

Jack was nowhere to be found, so after a final search Eddie decided to take off for the hotel. Jack was last seen with Long Beach Lil, so he figured that he was probably still being "taken care of" by her. As he anticipated, there was no trace of him at the hotel room, and no message at the desk either. He left a message for a wake-up at nine o'clock the following morning. Jack's bag and cleaning gear were still there, so he figured it was just a "one night fling"!

Eddie had no problem getting right to sleep after the long (and profitable) day. He had a little trouble getting out of bed when his wake up call came through though. He finally got cleaned up and packed, as their tickets for home would mean they had to be at the Airport around 7pm that night. He left Jack's stuff in the room, figuring they (or Lil) would pick them up and they'd all meet at the Bar.

Eddie stopped and had a good breakfast on the way, and by the time he got to the Bar, he was feeling almost "human." He was surprised that there were so many early players in the place. He asked around to see if anyone had seen or heard from Jack, with negative results all the way around.

It was around 11:30 when Lil and Jack strolled into the Bar. Lil had a sly little grin on her face as she looked at Eddie, but kept on going to meet with some of her "friends." Jack was sort of gleaming as he approached Eddie. Before Eddie could ask him if he got his things from the Hotel, Jack blurted out with "Eddie - I've got some good news, and some 'not so good news'." He started with: "It looks like you're going to hire a new Bartender (and that's the bad news), but the good news is that Lil and I will be taking off for a State-wide long shuffleboard trip!

Eddie almost flipped when he heard that! He told Jack to step outside with him for a little "talk." When they got outside, Jack didn't give Eddie a chance to say anything. He started out with: "Lil has already told me all of the things that I need to know, and all of the troubles you and her had when you took your trips. I don't really care anything about the past - all I know is that Lil and I have a good chance - for the money, and also for the way I feel about her. Now we've already picked up my things from the room and we're going to be hitting the road as soon as I go back inside. So what do you think "Boss!"?

Eddie could have given him the truth about what he was headed into, but he knew it wouldn't do a bit of good. All he said as they reentered the Bar was: "Well, you're really are on your own Kid - I wish you the best of luck - and if you ever need a job, there will always be one waiting on you at my place." They gave each other a hug good-bye, but Lil didn't say or do anything, except to say with the smirk in her eye's: "You see Eddie - I've won... I've really won after all."

-- THE END (FINAL FRISCO EDDIE'S EPISODE) --

PS: I want to thank everyone of you who followed "Frisko Eddie" over the past nine or so years. This of course, includes George and Donna Wilber, and now Tom and Lynda French. To be perfectly honest with all of you, I'm just plain "burned out" with the monthly episodes.

With what I feel may be good news however, is that I have way more than would be necessary to put together - after a lot of "massaging" enough material to attempt to get a manuscript started. This project will take time; however, I believe it will be time well spent, and in the end do more for our game.

Thank you all again, "Balboa Ron"

Editors Response:

Ron, we are going to miss your monthly episodes very much and we're certain all of our readers and subscribers feel likewise. However, we fully understand with your ongoing health problems and having done this for so many years that you definitely deserve a break to pursue your manuscript project (which I am certain many of us will have great interest in when you get it published). We (and I am sure the Wilbers and others agree) fully understand how demanding a monthly obligation such as this can be. We wish you the very best in health and with your manuscript project. If we can help you in any way when you get started with your manuscript, please feel free to let us know. Best wishes and look forward to seeing you at the Board Talk Open 2003 in Vegas soon!

--Tom & Lynda French, Editors/Publishers