

# Frisko Eddie's Revenge: The Return

A series by Balboa Ron Schweikert

*(In last month's episode, who should show up at the Reno tournament but "Dollar Dan -- The Money Man." He has a big score to settle with Eddie and Lil regarding their confrontation in Texas during which Dan lost \$10,000.)*

Long Beach Lil and Frisko Eddie watched as "Dollar Dan -- The Money Man" -- and his ape-like henchman disappeared into the hallway. They looked at each other then and Eddie queried Lil: "Well, what the hell do you make of this situation?" Lil replied: "You know, Champ, I don't have the vaguest damn idea of what's going on here....except to know that Dollar Dan didn't come up here to do us any good; that's for sure!"

After a moment of reflection, Lil made an observation: "If Dan wanted to 'do us' like he had in mind in Texas, we wouldn't be having this conversation right now. He would have already 'whacked' us. No, he's got some other scheme on his mind." She continued: "I'll tell you what. Just in case, I'm going to get in touch with my ex-husband, Tony, in L.A. If he thinks I need it, he'll get some back-up here for me real quick."

Eddie made an observation of his own then: "I like the way you said he'd get some help for YOU! Who am I -- the Long Ranger here?" Lil looked him in the eye then and said: "I was going to tell you this. Tony knows about you and me. I told you he was still very jealous of me, and to be honest, you're not one of his favorite people right now. I know he wouldn't try to harm you in any way, but helping you out now is another thing, Eddie." But then she went on to say: "Look. It was my hustle back in Texas that got us in this fix and we were partners then. We're partners in this, too, O.K.?"

They gave each other an intent look of understanding then. Lil said: "We're going to have to stay in close touch until this thing blows over. If I were you, I'd let Shelli in on enough of what's going on, to where she doesn't blow up again and add more to the problem." Eddie agreed, then said: "See ya," as he turned to meet Shelli, who was now making her way toward them.

After he joined her, Shelli said: "You two were getting pretty close there, my man -- what's up?" Eddie replied: "Hey, not to worry about what you're thinking. There is something important that's come up, though." They left the main room then and found a quieter spot. Eddie explained the situation as best he could. He had to be brief, as they heard the announcement that their team was up. After he finished, Shelli said: "Whew, the good with the bad, huh. Here we got off to such a good start by winning

all that money at the blackjack, and now this."

As they made their way back to begin playing, she added: "Look at it this way, honey. If these guys just wanted to bust you up, they would have done it. Why don't we just concentrate on winning this team thing, and try to put the other business behind us, and see what develops -- if anything." Eddie agreed with her, but when they reached their table, he added: "This thing sounds pretty far out to you, sweetheart, but you stay close to me, O.K.? -- because it isn't."

After the inevitable confusion that precedes the start of any tournament was over, they were ready to play. Eddie had a strong team, and it was even better because few people knew just how good Shelli was. Eddie was a little shaky to begin with, but as the play progressed, he began to get his "head" into the game. After they had won the first round, they really started to get hot. When Eddie and Shelli were paired off in the second round, they won by a score of 15 to 8.

Shelli drew Eddie aside and said: "Honey, I don't know what this is. My hands are automatically doing exactly what my brain wants them to do. It's a great feeling!" Eddie replied: "I know what you're saying, precious. It's called 'synergism.' It means that the 'whole,' under some conditions, can be greater than the total sum of its individual parts. Like in medicine. It means that when certain different drugs are combined to form a new drug, that the new drug can have a greater, or stronger effect than the total effect of each drug if added up separately."

He summed it up by saying: "I'm not a 'shrink,' but I do know that when your body, and your mind, and your spirit and confidence level, are in tune and in focus -- the weights are just somehow 'compelled' to go where they're supposed to. Now, that's called synergism, honey. There's an even more important meaning for that word, but I'll let you look that up for yourself. This sermon is over, so let's go get 'em!"

Their team marched up the ladder in the winners bracket. It was now time for the final playoff. They would be facing a team that had battled its way through the losers bracket, and the captain of that team was none other than....Long Beach Lil! A crowd had gathered now to watch the final outcome of this Pro-Am team event, and the excitement was starting to build!

Shelli had to leave to visit the ladies' room before the games started. On her way back, she was stopped by a player she knew. The girl handed her a folded piece of paper and said: "I have no idea of what this is, but some guy asked me if I'd give it to you, Shelli." She didn't have time to ask any questions because the play was starting, so she just said

"thanks" and went back into the main room.

She managed to pull Lil and Eddie aside. She told them what had happened and then said: "I think you'll find this note interesting, guys." Lil and Eddie read the message together. It said: "Shelli. Tell your man that I will not accept second place. Shoot your best -- and stay healthy." That was followed by a single letter....a "D."

--TO BE CONTINUED--

*Does "D" stand for Dan? What does he mean by this cryptic message? How will it impact on the Frisco Eddie vs. Long Beach Lil showdown? Don't miss the next exciting episode. If you're enjoying Balboa Ron's series and like to tell him so, please write him at: Ron Schweikert, 1140 Coral Desert Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89123.*

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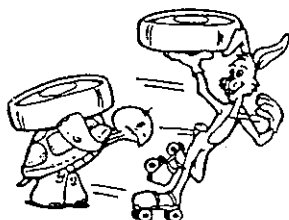
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## **Missouri Losses** *(cont. from Page 14)*

We also lost Grumpy of Grumpy's Tavern in Springfield the first of February. Grumpy helped out with donations to our Missouri Hall of Fame and planned to be the host of the 18th Annual City-Wide Tournament in Springfield in late February. He had made a deal with Bill Melton for another board and died before it came in. They say there will be another board coming in the future.

Woodie Cockrum, Columbia, Missouri

*Our sincere sympathy for these two great losses. We hope Missouri shufflers will realize that the greatest tribute they can pay to the memories of these shuffleboard supporters is to help fill the void they left.*

## **Jim Yank is First Pennsylvania Hall of Famer**

On Nov. 28 at J & C's Tavern in Philadelphia during the annual Pennsylvania State Championships, players and participants took the time to honor its first Hall of Fame inductee.

Jim Yank, better known as Yank, was honored by his peers as a teacher and promoter. As each person stood to relate a story on how Yank helped him or her, they each mentioned one thing over and over: **When you have learned the game of shuffleboard, go and teach someone else and that's the message you give to your pupil -- to pass on when he/she teaches.**

Known as "guru" to some, Yank is a person who will take time to answer questions or show anyone what they want to know or are doing wrong to help their game.

Even though Yank felt he did not deserve this honor before other players, he accepted this as a true gentleman of this sport. Your friends and peers want to say your acceptance speech gave them reason to remember these words once again: "The game comes first, the league second, team third, and yourself, fourth."

The game is a better sport with you participating, Yank. Keep it going because you do deserve to be in the Hall of Fame.

From Your Peers and Friends in Pennsylvania

*We applaud your choice for the first inductee into the Pennsylvania Hall of Fame. We have been members of the Jim Yank Fan Club for a lot of years now and admire him as a gentleman, a player, promoter and teacher. If you have a photo of the induction, please pass it along. He deserves national recognition.*