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The Board Talk

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return EPISODE 78 -- A Series by Balboa Ron Schweikert -- May 2001 Issue

Dear Readers: Balboa Ron has had a bad bout of the flu and thought Episode 78 would be delayed a month, but he got it to us! Thanks Ron!

In the last episode 77, we saw Eddie and Shelli getting ready to meet with their friends for a Tournament that was going to be held in a nearby town. A hint had been given that there might be a player resembling Long Beach Lil present.

Eddie had called Jack, just to make sure that everything was still a go -it was, so they jumped into their rental car and headed out. Surprisingly, the rain was almost stopped now. It was about a 40 minute drive to the Surf Rider Tavern where the tournament was going to be held. The sun was beginning to set in the West as they drove, and it was beautiful scenery.

The agenda for the play would consist of open tables (for practice and money games) for tonight, along with the calcutta's for the mixed doubles to be held on Saturday, and then finish up with the singles on Sunday.

It was almost dark out now, and the rain had completely stopped as they pulled into the parking lot of the Surf Rider. There was hardly any room to park, but they finally found a spot. They noticed that Jacks' car was already there as well. They spotted Jack and Annolga as soon as they got inside. They came up, and hugs were exchanged all around. Jack proceeded to introduce them to some of their friends, including the owner. The last one they met was a man named Dave Mackabee.

As they worked their way to their table Jack mentioned that he was the best of the local gentry. After their orders came, they got up and began to throw some practice shots. There were three boards; one on one side of the U-shaped bar, and two on the other. They all seemed to be in excellent shape. They were challenged to a game of doubles for \$20.00. It didn't take long before a list of challenges went up for the board they were playing on. They were really beginning to enjoy themselves. After they won a couple of games, it was suggested that everyone sign up for a \$20 A-B Draw. That sounded great for them. What made them feel even better was the fact that their fears about Lil showing up were once again - unfounded! Just before play was to begin for the A-B Draw, it was announced that they would hold the Calcutta, which had been scheduled for that time.

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The tournament director called for everyone's attention so he could start the bidding. The room became quiet - then, just before the bidding started, someone Eddie knew entered the front door. Eddie was really shocked, because the man who was entering wore a large western style hat - and was a shooter that Eddie had played some time ago. His 'handle' was the 'Texas Kid', and Eddie and Lil had to leave Dallas real quick after beating him and his partner because of this guys 'backer'. His backer was none other than "Dollar Dan - the Money Man"!

After a quick look-around, Texas Kid held open the door with his right arm - to let the person who was with him in. It was Shelli who was shocked, as well as Eddie this time, because the person stepping inside was....(TO BE CONTINUED) (*Oh, Oh - here we go again! Who is this person? Could it be the Dollar Man? or maybe it1s Long Beach Lil? or perhaps a Surprise or Mystery person? Don't miss next month - you WILL find out then!!*)

