

Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return

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Dear Readers: Balboa Ron has not been feeling well.. so this one is shorter, but just as intense!
Thanks Ron!

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(In the last episode 78, we found Eddie and Shelli and their friends waiting in anticipation to find out who was going to enter the bar room door that was being held open by one of Eddie's old opponents, who hailed from Texas.)

Eddie immediately stood up when he saw who entered the door. He stood because that person was ... LONG BEACH LIL! It didn't take long before Lil's circling gaze settled on Eddie. She developed sort of a smiling sneer when their eyes met. Eddie returned her look of one of almost cold steel.

She didn't waste any time. Her and the Texas Kid made a move towards Eddie's table. Shelli was on her feet now as well. There was an uncomfortable pause before anyone spoke.

Lil started by saying: "I know I owe you guys an apology for the way I acted at your wedding and all; but ... " Eddie cut her off then. He said: "We don't need any apologies from you Lil - I think everyone understands what happened back in Reno, and why it happened. What I want to know is what you are doing here, and to let you know that we are not going to put up with anymore weird crap from you. Now just what are you doing here?"

Lil's face was a little red now. She really didn't expect such a strong response from Eddie - but she replied: "I had made arrangements with Tex

here to go on the road. We were headed for the east coast anyway, and then we heard about this tournament, so we are here. That's it - and that's all. We're here strictly on business."

Eddie and Shelli had set back down now. Eddie queried her: "That's fine Lil - it's what kind of business that you may be on that bothers me." "Well now 'Champ' - you and Shelli could become a part of it if you care to." was her reply. She went on to say: "I am sure we can reserve that single table on the other side of the bar there - if you and Shelli want to engage in some serious shuffleboard." And Eddie gave Shelli an intense stare. She said: "Honey - I am with you ... all the way." He turned back to Lil then and said: "Just what kind of serious are we talking about here, Lil?". Lil knew the hook was in now; so with a twinkling smile she reached into her bag and pulled out a bankroll - that would choke a horse. She smoothly said: "Is this serious enough for you?" Eddie looked her straight in the eye then, and gave his reply: "Here's what is going to happen Lil." Showing an eye

To Be Continued ... (What's Eddie going to say? Whichever way he is going to go ... it could turn out to be a costly honeymoon! Tune in next month - and we'll find out.)

In Fond Memory of ...



Barbara Shelburn-Rutz
Prior Owner of Barbara's Beer Garden
Springfield, Missouri

We wish to extend our deepest sorrow to the friends and family of Barbara Shelburn-Rutz (pictured left). Barbara suffered an aneurysm and died on March 12, 2001. In the words of Bill Green, "it was a sad day for Springfield shuffleboard players." Barb was the owner of Barbara's Beer Garden in Springfield, Missouri. She was a member of the MSPA and a great supporter of shuffleboard. Barb still played shuffleboard and could certainly hold her own. Barb continued to have weekly shuffleboard tournaments and was looking forward to having the Springfield Open this year on May 4-5, 2001. The bar is reopened and her stepson, Walt, is carrying out the plans to hold this tournament just as Barb would have wanted. Barb thought of all her patrons as her "kids" and especially enjoyed the shuffleboard players. She will be missed by all who knew her.

-- By: Roger Ellison, MO