

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

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Bob was telling his stories about the "Good Old Days" of shuffleboard. He had finished his tale about a meeting between "Kid Spooks" and the "Masked Marvel," which took place in Hollywood, California, back in 1950. He was about to begin his second story, where the "Game of the Century" was about to take place. The game matched up Kid Spooks with the best player in the West, whose name was "L.A. Larry." The game took place at a tavern called "Hambones" in Lynwood, California. The year was 1952.

Bob continued: "Like I said, it was a Saturday night, and Spooks walked in the tavern -- and found L.A. Larry. The usual action was taking place on the board, but the players gave up the table so they could witness this long-awaited game. After the "small-talk" ended, the game was just about underway. They had agreed to play for \$100 (which was like \$1,000 in today's money). The board was all set up, but just as L.A. Larry was about to flip the coin for the hammer, Spooks said: 'By the way, you know that the game is off, of course, unless we play by 'Eastern rules.'" Bob then explained: "Now, Eastern rules meant that the game would be played to 50 points, and a four counted as a three, a three a two, and a duece equalled one point. Larry looked Spooks in the eye, and said: 'O.K., I'll play by your rules. Hell, I can beat you even if we played on a cellar door!'"

Then Bob went on: "Finally, the stake was up, the side bets made, and the game was on. Now, a 50-point game took a long time to play, as they played by the keep-the-hammer rules back in those days. So after about 45 minutes, the score was 21 to 18 in Spooks' favor. You could hear a pin drop in Hambones that night. The concentration by the players -- and the crowd -- was totally intense. Then the tide began to turn as Larry started to catch on to the different rules. He actually began to pull ahead! The final score was 50 to 38, with L.A. Larry the winner. Kid Spooks had never been beaten like that before and, as Larry went over to pick up the stake, Spooks walked out the door. It was over in one game!"

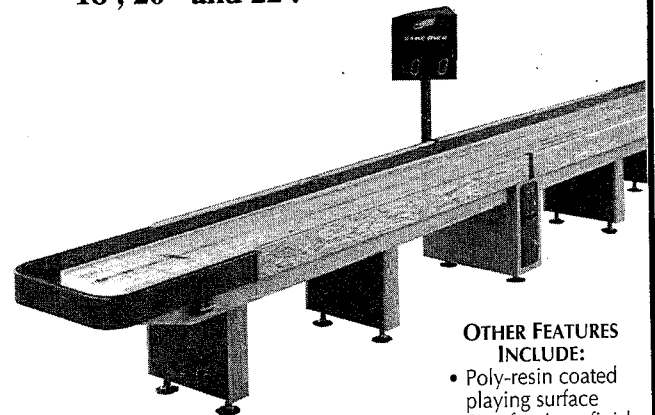
Then Bob began one more story about L.A. Larry: "This session took place in Coos Bay, Oregon, and Larry was playing a fellow called 'Slim Dolan.' Slim was a pretty good shooter, you see, but he was no match for Larry. Slim had agreed to play for \$50 a game. Larry was slaughtering old Slim. It was so bad that after

several hours of play, Larry was ahead 33 straight games! At the end of the 33rd game, one of Larry's sidekicks (whose handle was 'Freddie, the Dane') took Larry aside and said: 'Look, if you don't let this guy win at least ONE game, he's gonna quit you!' So Larry took his advice and 'dumped' the next game. What happens then is that Slim takes the \$50 from Larry and says: 'I'm gonna quit you now, Larry. I just wanted to be able to say I beat you...one game! Hell, I had \$1500 left in my bankroll!'" After the laughter died down, Bob added: "I'm telling you, though, it was a real experience to watch the man from L.A. shoot, and beyond a doubt, for at least 10 years, he was not only the 'Best in the West,' he was the Best in the World!"

Then Lil got in on the action, and said that she had one, too. She began: "I'm going to tell you a true story  
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about a man who actually DIED from playing shuffleboard!" Eddie gave her a look of humorous disbelief and said: "We better have another round; we're gonna need it for this one!"

Lil assured them that this was a true account; and, after the drinks arrived, she began her tale....

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Don't miss the next issue for Lil's story about the man who died from playing shuffleboard. Balboa Ron has done a lot of research on his stories of past "hustlers" and while the names may be fictitious, the happenings are actual and are based on his interviews with people who were on the scene or had a good "first-hand" knowledge of the events.

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## **Tourney Talk** *(continued from Page 8)*

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*(Editor's Note: We've heard some "grumblings" about The Shuffleboard Federation staging their North American Championships so close to this event. Let us assure you that before that decision was made, Federation officials communicated with Bill and us. It was a mutual agreement that neither tournament would suffer as a result of that scheduling. Both were set far enough in advance so those who could only participate in one would have time to make a decision, and those who had the time and resources to participate in both could make*

*their travel arrangements accordingly. Both events offer their own unique attractions, both have a record of good participation, and both, we're convinced, will be successful.)*

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## **Sharon Maxwell Memorial Fund**

Under very tragic circumstances, California shuffler Billy Maxwell's former wife, Sharon Lee, was killed on March 26, leaving two children, Jamie and Nicholas, ages 7 and 4, motherless. Donations are being sought for a fund which was established to help Jamie and Nicholas.

Donations may be mailed to: The Sharon Lee Maxwell Fund, c/o Pacific Coast Shuffleboard Association, P.O. Box 8143, Bellflower, CA 90706, or The Sharon Lee Maxwell Fund, Great Western Bank, 27450 Ynez Rd., Suite 100, Temecula, CA 92591.

The PCSA will be sponsoring a benefit tournament for Billy and Sharon's children in the near future. Watch future issues for details.

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