

phrase that Lil had spoken to Eddie several minutes before: "Hey -- does the cat got your tongue?"

Eddie tried to muster a "husky" smile then -- and gave his reply: "Well, hi, Sweetheart! (his voice was a little high-pitched and louder than he had intended.) I've just been waiting down here for you....just waiting is all."

Eddie was provided a distinct "moment of clarity" as he saw his mirrored image in those big, shiny eyes of Shelli's. With an inquisitive smile, she said: "Oh, Eddie, Eddie -- why is it that when I look into your eyes right now, I see that same look that we've seen in the eyes of that man on television...almost every day now for months?"

Eddie was beginning to see through her devilishness now and thought he'd take the upper hand and just come clean with the whole thing. He said: "Honey, I have something serious to tell you...and it's about Lil and me." Before he could get started, Shelli broke in and said: "Darling, you don't have to tell me anything. Whatever this thing is, I don't want to hear about it -- because I trust you completely.O.K.?"

That just blew Eddie away! (He gave a sigh of relief. For a fleeting second there, he envisioned her knowing something, but that was silly...how could she?!) With a bit of amazement, he said: "What a lady I have. Shelli, you really are a 'full woman' and I love you!" While he was saying that, Shelli was cracking up inside -- because she had won the second round, too.

Now, she knew that the whole thing would come out eventually, but for just this one moment in time -- SHE truly was "The Champ!"

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**Balboa Ron wishes readers
a HAPPY NEW YEAR and
THANKS for your continued interest
in Frisco Eddie!**

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screen players who may be eligible for induction to the Missouri Hall of Fame. If you know of someone you feel is qualified to be in the Hall of Fame, contact your local trustee.

(Editor's Note: Thank you, Jean Cockrum, for this report. Annual elections are a great idea; it certainly broadens the base of involvement. We strongly encourage other state Halls of Fame to share your experiences and activities with our readers. That information can be valuable to states that are struggling to get underway and provide ideas to others already established.)

Lots of Winners at Williams Brothers' Thanksgiving Classic!

There was a good turnout and great competition at the Williams Brothers' Thanksgiving Classic, held this year at the Elks Lodge #1984 in Garland, Texas.

In the pro singles, Bob Shaw went undefeated to take first place honors. Johnny Ballard was in second place, followed by Bill Melton in third and Ken Strong in fourth place.

In Division II, first place went to Jeff Womble and second to Don Roper.

Tuesday's handicapped open draw was won by Eddie Guy and Dave Ramold, with second place going to Bill Melton and Lilly Kidd. Jay Mehall and Mike Renick finished third.

Friday's draw was won by Bill Melton and Jeri Billard with Harvey Kidd and Diana Hagen taking second place. Finishing third were Fred Boyd and Lilly Kidd.

Saturday's draft team event created the most spirited competition. When the dust settled, the winners were Bobby Williams' team of Flynt Preston, Mike Renick, Tommy McBurnett, Jack Davis and Mick Riell. Second place honors were captured by Bill Melton's team of Jeri Billard, Tammy Denson, Lee Duncan, Jeff Womble and Judy Jarnigan.

"I would like to thank several people who made this tournament possible," said Bobby Williams. "Jeri Billard and Pam Lee for the huge amount of work they did with the registration, entries and sales; C.W., Wooley, Moss and Johnny Wayne with the board transfer, set-up and adjustments. Thanks also to Wooley's Shuffleboard for the donation of the dust. Thanks to Gay Kennedy and Evelyn Harris who provided cajun fried turkey and dressing; and to Jack Davis and Eddie Guy for holding the sales.

"Once again, we proved that shufflers have big hearts as we collected more than \$100 to donate to the Elk's Christmas Fund.

"We thank everyone for attending. We were especially glad to see Alan Primrose who set up so many great tournaments in Wynnewood, Mike Melton and Betty Brantley who have not been able to get out much, and naturally Bill Melton and Diana Hagen -- without those two, a tournament is not considered a success!" Bobby concluded.

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**May your 1999 be filled with wins
-- on and off the boards!**

George & Donna