

# A LIQUOR PIG'S GUIDE TO HALIFAX

- LEGEND:**
- ☺ Happy Hour
  - 🎵 Live Music
  - 🍷 Theme Nights
  - 🍴 Food Selection
  - 🎮 Other Entertainment

*Halifax has the most bars per capita of any city in North America. But that doesn't mean that they're all good. Here is a sample of the names you will hear this year.*

**The Argyle**  
1575 Argyle Street  
492-8844  
☺ • 4:30-7:30 every day.  
🎵 • None.  
🍷 • Thurs. martini and Retro music Night.  
🍴 • Full dining facilities, kitchen closes at 11pm.  
🎮 • Patio and Video Lotto.  
Swanky hot-spot late last year, unfortunately it got busted for selling out of province liquor and was shut down in the month of April. Likely to retain its popularity until all those scenesters realize that they are just drinking cocktails in fancy glasses that always spill.

**Blues Corner**  
1565 Argyle Street  
425-8378  
☺ • 4:30-7:30pm Mon.-Fri.  
🎵 • Wed.-Sat. Blues, rock, soul.  
🍷 • Sun. Reggae and Hip-Hop, Mon. Three of a Kind Night.  
🍴 • Full pub food menu.  
🎮 • Patio.  
Reggae/Hip-hop night really packs 'em in. Weekends are fun for a little barrel-housing, but the rest of the week is reserved for the hardcore regulars.

**Breakers**

1661 Argyle Street  
422-8003  
☺ • 4:30-8:30 every day.  
🎵 • None.  
🍷 • Free pool from 12-2pm Mon.-Fri. for members (\$10 member's fee for students).  
🎮 • N/A  
🎮 • Full sized pool tables/pay by the hour. \$6.20/hr. days, \$8.95/hr. nights.  
The cleanest balls in town. But you have to be buzzed in like you're going to a brothel.

**Cafe Mokka**  
1588 Granville Street  
492-4036  
☺ • 10-11pm every day.  
🎵 • Weekdays, and DJs on weekends.  
🍷 • Wed. live jazz, Thurs. local rock, DJs on Fri. & Sat.  
🍴 • Full kitchen until 10pm.  
🎮 • None.  
Strange hybrid of coffee shop and lounge, with buckets of under-agers

trying to fit into the scene by hanging out downstairs. Relaxed, artsy atmosphere bordering on pretension.

**The Diamond**  
1663 Argyle Street  
423-8845  
☺ • None.  
🎵 • None.  
🍷 • None.  
🍴 • Full dining until 11pm, abbreviated menu until 2am.  
🎮 • None.  
\*Note\* The Diamond, **The Backstage** and **The Economy Shoe Shop** are all connected. The Backstage offers live music on Monday nights, and poetry on Tuesday night. Notice the lack of happy hours or drink specials. These people don't want your business (or necessarily need it). But if you have some nice clothes and a nice date, you can mingle with Halifax's "elite".

**The Dome**  
1740 Argyle Street  
422-5453  
☺ • N/A  
🎵 • DJ's and dancing.  
🍷 • N/A  
🍴 • Lunch and dinner menus until 9pm, pizza late night.  
🎮 • Video Lotto, open until 3:30am.  
If you can't dance, and you don't wanna get laid, you have no reason to go to the Dome.

**Duffy's Speakeasy**  
1540 Spring Garden Road  
422-4959  
☺ • 4:30-7:30pm every day.  
🎵 • Sporadically on weekends.  
🍷 • Mon. Old Sam Night, Wed. Scotch Night, Thurs. Martini Night.  
🍴 • Full restaurant facilities until 10pm.  
🎮 • Pool tables, foosball and Video Lotto.  
People go there stoned because they can hide.

The warm, orange coloured walls make you feel safe. On Monday nights the bar is over-ridden by King's students, so bring air freshener to fend off the smelly hippies.

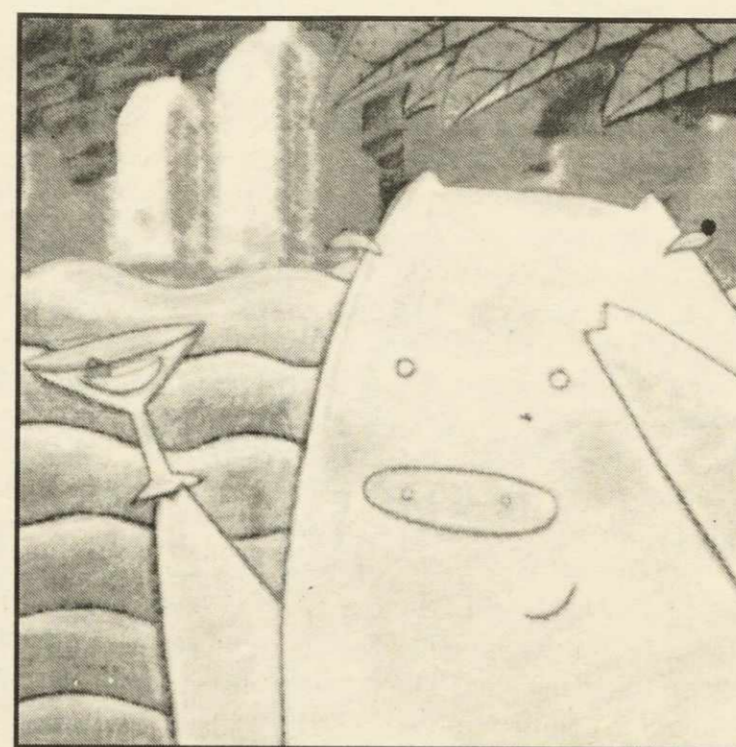
**Freeman's**  
6092 Quinpool Road  
429-0241  
☺ • 4:30-7:30pm every day.  
🎵 • None.  
🍷 • None.  
🍴 • Full restaurant facilities, pizza until 5am.  
🎮 • Video Lotto.  
The only bar on Quinpool Road. Good pizza, a little seedy inside, expensive beer and there's always a line-up for Video Lotto.

**Gatsby's**  
5675 Spring Garden Road  
429-9999  
☺ • 4:30-7pm Mon.-Fri.  
🎵 • None.  
🍷 • Friday is Hungry Hour; free food if purchasing alcoholic beverages from 4:30-7pm.  
🍴 • Full restaurant facilities with pizza and pasta.  
🎮 • Pool tables, patio and Video Lotto.  
Gatsby's is blah. Perfect for an afternoon beer and a good slice of pizza



while you take in the hideous decor.

**The Grawood Lounge**  
SUB basement  
494-6891  
☺ • 4:30-7:30pm every day.  
🎵 • Most weekends.  
🍷 • Thurs. is cheap beer night, Monday Night Football.  
🍴 • Full pub food menu



until 7:30pm.  
🎮 • Big screen TV, NTN.  
There must be something in the water at the Grawood. Every Thursday most of residence packs into our campus pub. They get drunk, sweat, and then have trouble finding their rooms.

**JJ Rossy's**  
Granville Parade  
☺ • Drink specials all week and at various times.  
🎵 • DJ's and dancing.  
🍷 • Wed. 5 cent wings  
9-Close.  
🍴 • Full food menu daily.  
🎮 • Pool tables, Video Lotto and big screen TV.  
Pack 'em in, give 'em booze, and let 'em go. But on busy nights, it's a long line-up to the liquor trough.

**The Lower Deck**  
Historic Properties  
425-1501  
☺ • 5-8pm Mon.-Fri.  
🎵 • Every night, mostly Celtic music.  
🍷 • None.  
🍴 • Full pub food menu until 10pm.  
🎮 • Video Lotto.  
A traditional Halifax pub. Beer is over-priced, but you'll be too busy smashing your beer on the table to the happy tunes.

**Market Street Jazz Cafe**  
Corner of Market Street and George Street  
492-2233  
☺ • N/A  
🎵 • Thurs.-Sun. live jazz and rock.  
🍷 • Sun. Industry Appreciation Night, Sat. & Sun. brunch from 11-3pm.  
🍴 • Full food service until 2am.  
🎮 • Pool tables (by the hour).  
A shoe-in for the new hot-spot in town. Your average trendy bar in Toronto, Montreal, or Vancouver but a novelty in Halifax.

**Maxwell's Plum**  
Corner of Sackville Street and Grafton Street  
423-5090  
☺ • 4:30-8pm Mon.-Fri.  
🎵 • None.  
🍷 • Mon. free cigar with scotch from 10pm-Close, Wed. Daquiri Nights.  
🍴 • Full pub food menu until 2am.  
🎮 • Largest draft selection in Halifax.  
Beers of the world unite. A good, old tavern with some good greasy pub food.

**Merrill's**  
5171 George Street  
425-5249  
☺ • 4:30-7:30pm every day.  
LM • DJ's and dancing.

🍷 • Wed. 15 cent wings 4:30-10pm, Thurs. Loonie specials on appetizers.  
🍴 • Kitchen open until 10pm on Wed. and Thurs. 9pm rest of the week.  
🎮 • Pool tables and Video Lotto.  
Non-drinkers getting loaded. Always seems that there is some special function going on to which you were not invited.

**Mexicali Rosa's**  
5680 Spring Garden Road  
422-7672  
☺ • 10pm-Close everyday.  
🎵 • None.  
🍷 • Margarita Mondays, Appetizer Tuesdays, Fajita Wednesdays, Sunday Socials.  
🍴 • Full restaurant facilities. Vegetarian options.  
🎮 • None.



The only time this place is a bar is on Monday nights. Don't try to be a tough guy here, the margaritas pack a vicious punch.

**Moe's**  
1537 Barrington Street  
423-4177  
☺ • 9-11pm every night.  
🎵 • None.  
🍷 • Wed. Disco Hell Night.  
🍴 • Full pub food menu until 2am.  
🎮 • Pinball and dancing.

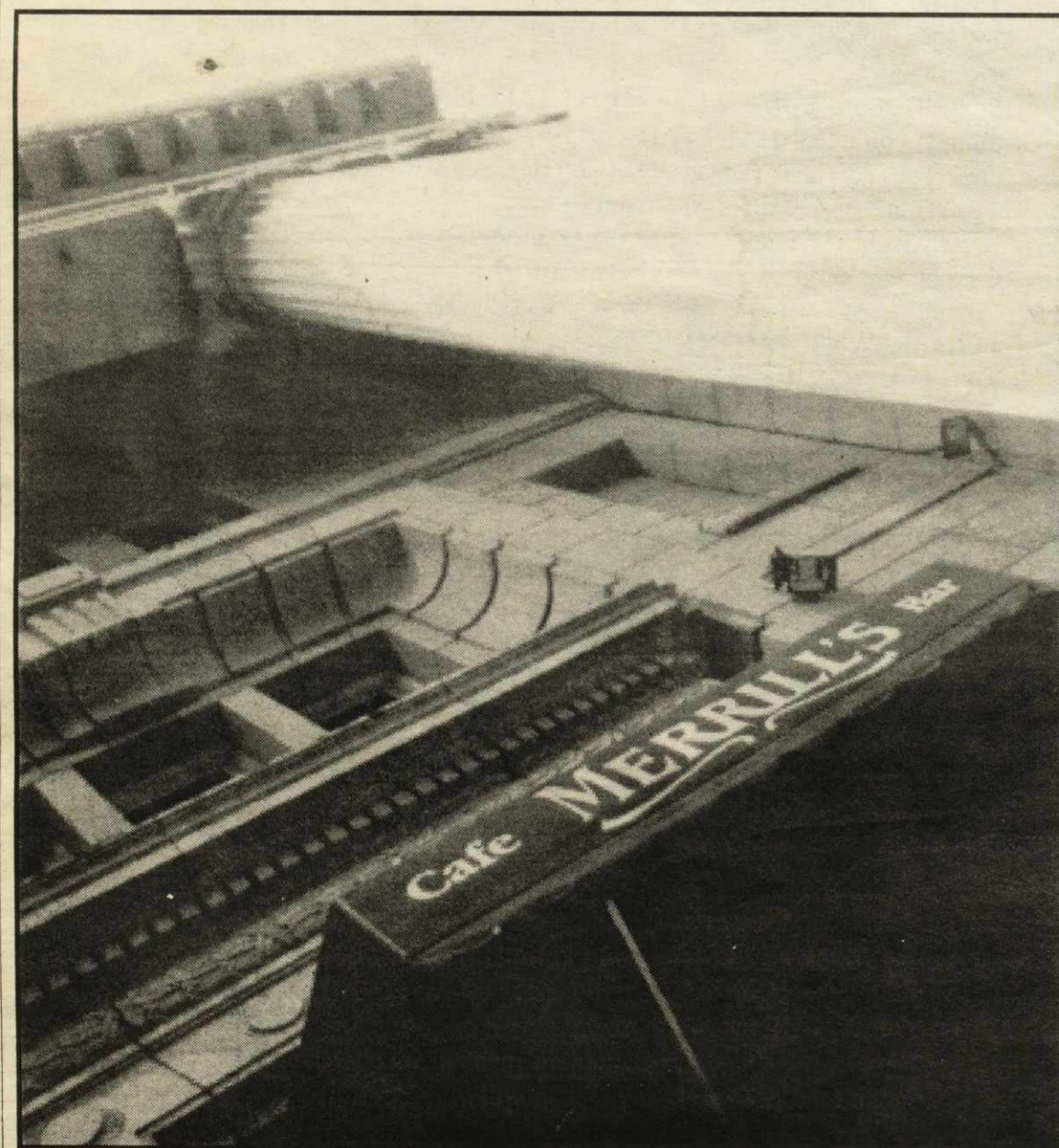
Where's Birdland? Hopefully this wasn't an attempt to replace it.

**The New Palace**  
1721 Brunswick Street  
429-5959  
☺ • 8:00-12:00am Wed.-Sun.  
🎵 • Cover bands from Thurs.-Sun.  
🍷 • Hard Bodies, Hot Legs Contest on Sundays, Wednesday Molson Games Night.  
🎮 • None.  
OE • Video Lotto. Open until 3:30am.

**The Thirsty Duck**  
5472 Spring Garden Road  
422-1548  
☺ • 5-7pm Mon.-Fri.  
🎵 • Weekends.  
🍷 • None.  
🍴 • Full restaurant facilities.  
🎮 • Video Lotto.  
We couldn't find anyone

Yhatzee? We don't, but it's still possible to enjoy the music and your friends in a cozy atmosphere.

**Your Father's Mustache**  
5686 Spring Garden Road  
423-6766  
☺ • Different daily.  
🎵 • Saturday and Sunday matinees/Celtic and Blues. Open Mic Night on Friday.  
🍷 • Food specials daily.  
Thursdays 15 cent wings from 5-10pm.  
🍴 • Full restaurant facilities with seafood and pasta.  
🎮 • Pool tables, NTN, rooftop patio and Video Lotto.  
Thursday's Wing Night is legendary, and so are the weekend matinee blues shows. More of a restaurant than a bar.



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