

Southport, Showboat—Live Entertainment But Very Different Crowds



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You know, I really don't know why I always look like a convict in every picture of me. I always come out with a tremendously sinister and "hardened criminal" type of look. I'd better get to work on a better picture.

Well, The Southport Country Club sure was a good time. Surprisingly so, I might add. I arrived late but there was no line up. The young lady collecting the \$1 cover charge was extremely friendly and extremely beautiful (lord have mercy). The doormen were just friendly. I sat at a small table on the second level overlooking the dance floor. Service was prompt (the waitresses were also beautiful) as I ordered my usual beer 90¢ and rye and ginger \$1.10. Day prices are 75¢ and \$1.10 and the cover charge of \$1 is in effect every night the club is open which is Wednesday through Saturday. Hours of operation are 4:30 pm to 1:00 am. But, in about 6 weeks, a new lounge will be opened to the public so the new hours will be 11:00 am to 1:00 am.

The music, which started at 10:00, was very good. The first song I heard from the band (New Sounds) was "Hootchie Cootchie Man," a fast blues number that I dearly love, so I was easily influenced from then on. The Dance floor was packed and the crowd really seemed to be having a good time. There was even one man that was passed out in his chair, which is, of course, the trademark of a good-time establishment. This man woke up during a fine rendition of "Burning Love", even applauded as best he could, but soon passed out again. The music was easy rock, good to dance to. (in his case good for sleeping also)

The Southport C.C. looks very nice these days. The overall decor has been improved upon just recently. It has a very cozy appearance. The doormen plan to keep it this way. There was a very tight crowd control, but the doormen remained polite and friendly throughout the evening. No trouble occurred, so I went back down

to the door and talked to the sweet girl who was collecting the cover charge where I stayed for the rest of the evening. (When I left the guy in the chair was still passed out.)

SHOWBOAT

How can you compare the Showboat to anyplace? The Showboat is one of the most beautiful nightclubs in the Maritimes. I really felt like I had some class when I entered (unlike the way I usually feel). The cover charge was only \$1 (Monday through Thursday). It's \$2 on Friday and Saturday. Since I was dressed rather "spiffy" I had no trouble obtaining a seat (Management frowns on jeans). My usual drink order cost me \$2.40. (\$1.05 for beer and \$1.35 for shots). Day prices are 85¢ and 95¢ respectively).

The Showboat is actually thinking of starting a "Student Night" in possibly 2 or 3 weeks. This comes as a bit of a surprise because the crowd that frequents the Showboat is generally an older crowd, people who have a hard time dancing to funky music (so the bands tend

to play more middle of the road tunes).

Guess who the band was on this particular night?... Give up?... It was the Happy Dolls from Korea. They really put on a great show. The Showboat also has the week's band play on Saturday afternoon. There is no cost, and the show is generally a jam session, so you can go and bring along an instrument (it runs from 3 to 5 o'clock).

By the way, daily hours are 11:30 am to 1:00 am. On Saturday hours are 2:30 pm to 1:00 am.

Saving the best for last I'll comment on the decor. It's just tremendously classy. It's got expensive drapery thick red carpets, nice soft lighting and a big glass ball directly over the dance floor that reflects light. The dance floor is very large and is completely surrounded by tables. The place is spotlessly clean.

But, it's hard to really enjoy the place unless you're with a date. It's simply that kind of place. But the Showboat certainly lends a touch of class to Charlottetown.

The Windmill-Charming Atmosphere and Startlingly Low Prices



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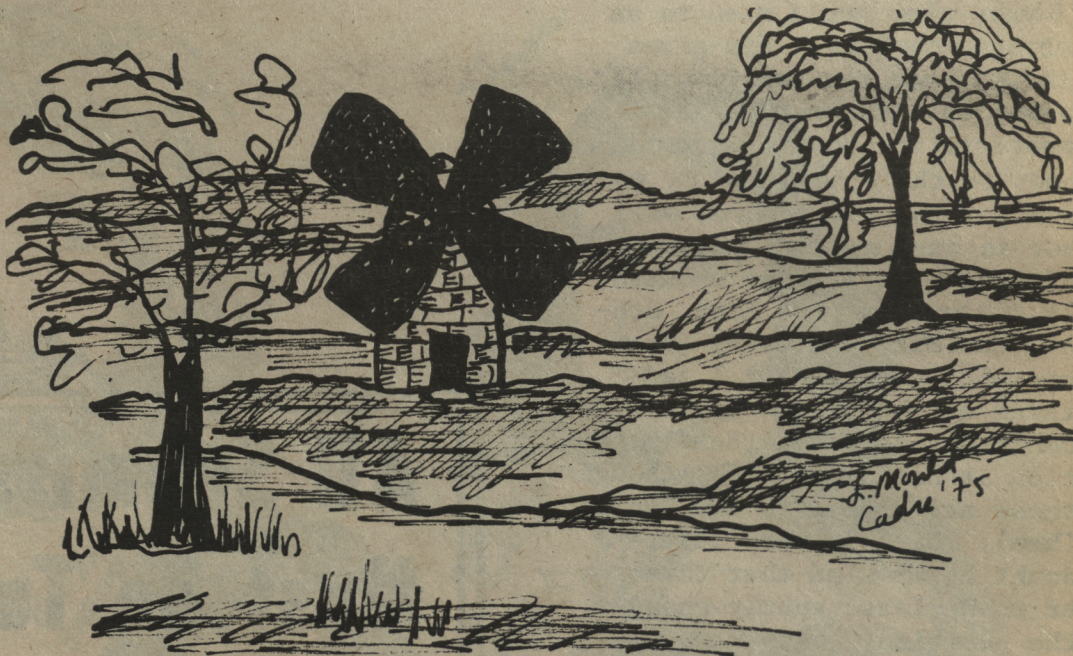
We received a delightful surprise this week on our visit to the Windmill Restaurant, on Lower Prince. We were aware of its reputation for good cooking, but, having never visited it before, we were pleasantly surprised to find such a charming atmosphere and such low prices.

What sets this restaurant apart is its homelike atmosphere, which one feels is not deliberately created, but natural and unforced.

Looking over the menu, we

found the prices to be startlingly low, lower by 25%, more or less, than those of any other restaurant we have reviewed.

For the meal we ordered pork chops and a chicken burger with French fries which arrived after a reasonable length of time. The pork chops came with mashed potatoes, beets, lettuce with apple sauce and a roll and the chicken burger with french fries. Not only was it low priced at \$2.50 and \$1.25 respectively but the



meal itself was delicious.

The fact that the restaurant is situated in an older home creates when combined with the comfortable decor, the charming atmosphere we noticed upon entering the restaurant.

We found it very quiet

and restful, the soft music an excellent background for the meal.

In conclusion we highly recommend the Windmill for its prices, its food, and its delightful and unforced Island atmosphere and intend to go back soon ourselves.