

Restaurant Retrospective

Apothecaries

Last weekend we decided to hit Apothecaries for a birthday party / review. Apothecaries is a new spot in Charlottetown, where the Dispensary used to be (Downtown, beside Subway).

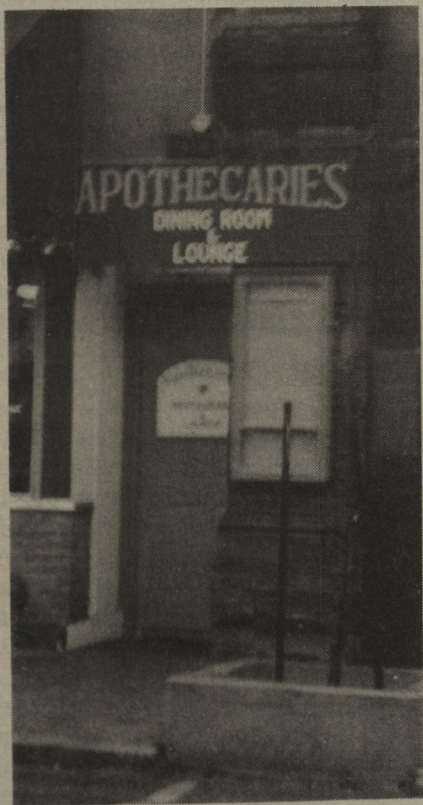
We called ahead to make plans, and were told that the kitchen closed at 3 pm, but we were reassured that "bar-food" would be served until 9 pm. So we got there around 8:30, and the party goers were going to meet us later. Unfortunately there was no food left when we arrived. The lady that served us apologised, and brought us a cheese/meat tray and some nachos on the house.

Aldera: I was a bit disappointed that the food was gone... I was HUNGRY. However, they were very nice to us, especially when they discovered it was our birthdays. The trays were a nice touch, and even better, they gave us happy hour prices all night in addition to a free birthday drink each. The band playing was Dry Toast; they were very good (way to go Peter) but way too loud. In such a little place, they deafened us all. To be honest, I'm not sure if I liked it there. The staff was friendly, but it was just a feeling I had. On a high note, the bartender showed us a great new shot. If you go, I highly recommend the "Lemon Drop". I think it would keep the alcoholics and those of us who don't drink much both happy. I'll give Apothecaries 2 1/2 cookies. (or Lemon Drops)

Jennifer: I too was a bit disappointed because I love food and a chance to eat is always exciting. Also, the people who work there were very nice and very apologetic. I was having a great time until the band started. IT WAS TOO LOUD.

Did anyone tell you about the Lemon drop shooter we had? It was great. Did I mention that the band was too loud? I think all of our group was willing to stay at Apothecaries longer but we wanted to talk and it was next to impossible. All in all it was a good time- I had my first-ever shooter and discovered that I don't like olives!! I'll rate Apothecaries 2.5 cookies only because we called ahead to see when food was being served and when we arrived there was no food. That is bad management on their part (everyone in my management class just groaned over that one).

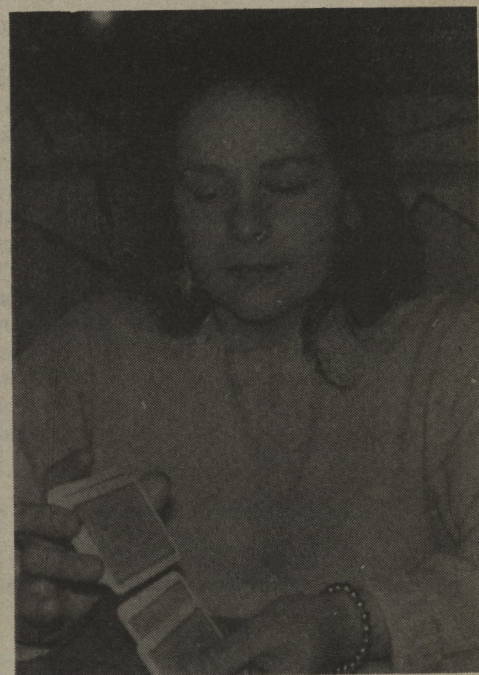
Shannon: I agree entirely with Al and Jen. Apothecaries is a great hangout if you're not worried about your hearing and you aren't hungry. I'm not sure if service would be as good if we had just dropped in, but they treat a party well. Put in earplugs and I would recommend them for any group going out after dinner for a birthday. I am willing to try the restaurant half before making a final decision about the place. I will give Apothecaries 2.5 as well - it would have been higher except for the mix-up about kitchen hours.



Apothecaries: Too much volume?

Toying with tarot cards

*Kathy Giesbrecht
seeks her fortune*



Last Tuesday I went to Baba's Lounge, somewhat grudgingly, at the request of the newspaper editor. I was sent there to have my fortune told by the tarot card reader who appears there every Tuesday from 8:00 to 10:00 pm. It was my first time going to Baba's and my first time having my cards read. I was pretty sceptical of the whole thing. I thought that the reader would talk to me for awhile then "read" from the cards everything that I had told her. She didn't. She told me a lot of things that I hadn't thought about, but made a lot of sense. I was pretty impressed. The whole thing took about twenty minutes and didn't cost me a cent except for the drink I ordered while I was waiting for my turn. I was, by the way, waiting for an hour and half because I got there late, and by late I mean 8:30. GO EARLY if you don't want to wait. Waiting is not the worst experience in the world, though; the staff are friendly and it's a pretty decent place to go and spend a few hours on what might have been a boring Tuesday night.