

# Notes from the Pub: Hot Springs

Things in The Spa are picking up considerably. Of course, the Fall is the downtime for this resort city, but by all indications the energy is already starting to liven up.

If you haven't noticed, The all-new Big Chill graces one of our covers this time around, and there are many, many good reasons for that. Owner Gina Parks has much to be proud of, and you simply have to see the place to really get it.

And a very good time to do that will be on December 18th, when we throw our Nightflying 31 anniversary bash at the Chill. On the bill will be Tyrannosaurus Chicken, Trey Johnson & Dave Almond, Hired Hands, Liquid Groove Mojo, Anna Jordan-Williams & Moonshine Mafia, Dayton Waters, The Hump Night Blues Band, Salt & Pepper, Rena Wren, Greg Batterton, Mike Taber, The John Calvin Brewer Band, After Eden, Eric Jones, Mary Holt, Gina Parks, some guy named Peter Read and a whole lot more (complete with free anniversary cake!)

Set to appear at the club in the coming weeks are many of the aforementioned artists, including Dayton Waters, as well as Dean Agus & Brian Sink, Heavy Suga' & The Sweet-Tones, John Calvin Brewer, Shane, Harry & The Upright Rooster, Jocko Deal, Trey & Dave, Salt & Pepper, Ms. Mac & The Groovetones, and a whole lot more.

It really IS a whole new nightclub, and you just have to see it to believe it.

The Big Chill serves excellent bar food, great beverages and especially good music, where virtually everyone who appears gets to jam with the usual musical suspects who, it seems, live there.

Fact is, it's artists such as these, and the willingness of the owner to present them, that make The Big Chill one of my favorite nightclubs in the world.

For bookings at The Big Chill call Gina or David at the club at (501)624-5185...

The Ohio Club, which is the oldest continually serving watering hole in Arkansas, reports that bidness is good, despite the slowing of the town in general this time of year.

The bar, open 7 days a week, features live music on most nights, excellent food and libations (both lunch and dinner), and one of the coolest rooms anywhere.

Every Wednesday is an open Blues Jam featuring the Hump Night Blues Band, and every Sunday is Larry Womack.

They recently concluded their all-star karaoke contest, but I have not yet learned who won. I'm thinking, though, that the real winners were the patrons who got to hear the best of the best on Finals night...the winning vocalists of the past 14

weeks...

On the bill in the coming weeks are The John Calvin Brewer Band, Midnight Parade, Larry Womack on Sunday, and The Hump Night Blues Band leading the weekly Wednesday open blues jam.

To reach the Ohio for bookings, directions and other information call (501)627-0702...

One of the newest venues in town is Spencer's Bar & Grill, high atop Spencer's Corner. The cool club is having live music on most weekend nights, as well as various jams and soloists on most nights.

Appearing at the club in the coming weeks are After Eden, Nailin' David Down, Acoustic Eden, and many more.



Dave Almond & Trey Johnson

For bookings call Jake or Stephanie at (501)627-1965.....

Lucky's Bar & Grill has live bands every weekend, though due to some recent changes in the booking personnel we really have nothing to report at this time. There's always a good band, whomever it may be, as the owner, Joe Gargano, is a pretty big music nut himself.

Lucky's is open 7 days a week, has food for lunch and dinner, a full bar, live bands on weekends, pool tables, arcades and a fine stereo system, and it's smoker-friendly.

There's never a cover charge at Lucky's and the food is extremely good.

For bookings call the club at (501)622-2570...

On the roster at Maxine's are Brian Martin, The Reparations, Sound of The Mountain, Persian ZS, Drake & Sofia, Adam Faucett, Mandy McBride, Jim Mize, Frontier Circus, Chuck Dodson, Frown Pow'r, Bloodless Cooties, Ezra LBS, Bonnie Montgomery Trucking, Ben Franks, Amy Jo Savannah, The Queers and a bunch more.

Karaoke is every Wednesday for all you would-be stars. For bookings call (501)321-0909.....

Directly across from the track is Crosswalk Bar & Grill, a full-time party room with live music, excellent food, a full bar, pool tables and arcades, and a staff knows how to take care of the customers.

Crosswalk features two large rooms with a neat double-sided bar in the middle (so's the bartamers can serve to both sides of the club simultaneously.)

Dayton Waters plays every Thursday, David Mayes plays on Sunday, there's karaoke most of the other nights and live djs on a daily basis.

For bookings and information, call (501)624-9192.....

There's a new venue in town with live music: The Blue Moon Saloon. Located at 134 Essex Park Place, the club features live music every Thursday though Saturday.

On the bill in the coming weeks are Randy Teague, Jason Greenlaw & The Groove, Ronnie Bear & White Crow and others.

I haven't yet managed to visit the club yet, but I plan to have more details for you in next issue.

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