

"Great restaurants are, of course, nothing but mouth-brothels.
There is no point in going to them if one intends to keep one's belt buckled.

- Frederic Raphael

Highland Stillhouse

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Sláinte! The phrase meaning good health invites all willing to raise a glass and toast in the Gaelic tongue at the Highland Stillhouse. Owners Tammy and Mick Secor are amazingly friendly and welcoming. They are rarely gone from the establishment and encourage customers to feel at home.

The Stillhouse boasts the widest variety of single malt Scotch whisky in the Portland area. When entering the pub, patrons are treated to a Scottish inspired atmosphere with hardwood furnishings, a lower level with space used for live music. For adults there is a designated 21 and over upper level with darts, televisions, a large bar and a couple couches. An outdoor patio overlooks Willamette Falls with picnic benches for outside dining and a cannon decorating the cliff's edge.

Happy Hour at the Stillhouse is Tuesday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. The happy hour menu includes some tasty grub for \$5: shrimp cocktail, Scottish hog wings, deep fried mushrooms or coconut prawns. Haggis balls or banger sliders are \$4. Mac and cheese or black and tan onion rings are \$3.

The Stillhouse features live music on Thursday and Sunday nights. The staff are wonderfully polite and helpful. The bar is stocked with many spirits other than whiskey and make an excellent palette for a drink artist's brush.

There are marvelously fun times to be had at the Stillhouse, some of them are Timbers game broadcasts, St. Patrick's Day (a vastly large event), Robert Burns nights, whiskey tastings and Ardbeg day.

After a pleasing meal, one of the best treats from the Stillhouse is the chocolate fudge brownie; this chocolatey goodness has few rivals.

David Beasley

Howell's Restaurant & Lounge

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Looking for the right tavern for some sports and ale? Howell's is the place you're searching for, my friends. The restaurant sits right next to Wally's music shop and 7-11 on Seventh Street in the McLoughlin Historical District.

Their awesome breakfasts are superb when feeling a bit hung over. The lightly greasy hash browns are sure to help your stomach out when it's feeling woozy.

The menu style is American and the best kind too.

They have monstrous burgers with fries, steaks and various seafood platters. They've got biscuits and gravy, pancakes and omelets galore!

The most expensive meal they have doesn't reach past \$16. The decent prices make it easy for two to dine for under \$20.

Howell's is a cozy restaurant with locals at the bar, and good coffee in your mug. The talk is clever and mostly about sports. It has a nice atmosphere and everyone knows each other. While eating my breakfast I heard one patron state that he goes to Howell's nearly every day.

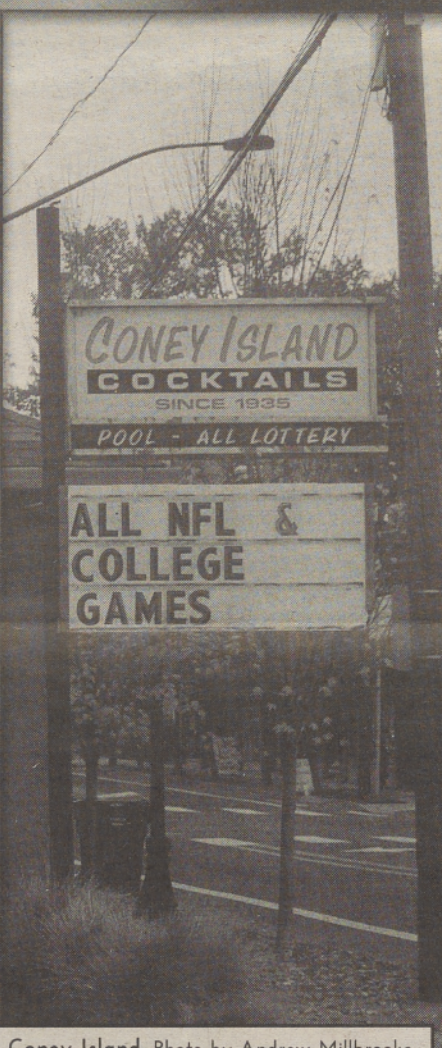
The bar stools are the originals from its opening day back in the '60s. The grill is right on the other side of the bar. For me, it brings the whole restaurant feel together when I can see the cook and hear the clangs of metal and glass. The employees are cool, giving the place a comfortable atmosphere.

Howell's is definitely that awesome hole in the wall burger joint you've been looking for.

Felicia Skriver



Howell's. Photo by Felicia Skriver



Coney Island. Photo by Andrew Millbrooke

Coney Island Tavern

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For a place that has been in business more than three-quarters of a century, the Coney Island Tavern is in pretty good shape. Originally opened in 1935, it has received numerous upgrades and additions throughout the years. It is a popular spot during happy hour for a diverse crowd of people. Coney Island is open from 7 a.m. until 2:30 a.m. seven days a week.

Expect low prices and great service from a friendly bartender in a relaxed, mellow atmosphere. Although, on Friday and Saturday nights it can get pretty crazy during "Open-Mic" nights from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Anybody with the will and the balls is invited to perform.

The Coney Island features typical bar fare, but the prices cannot be beat anywhere in Oregon City. Twice weekly, Wednesdays and Sundays, they run a two for \$1 taco special. You better get there early though, because they only serve until they run out, which can be pretty quick some days.

All of the food is reasonably priced. A basic burger with chips starts at \$3.25. There's a shrimp basket for \$7. Appetizers for \$3 include jalapeño poppers, onion rings, fries and mozzarella sticks.

The sandwiches are huge. For \$3.25 you get a choice of ham or turkey, with Swiss or Cheddar and your choice of bread. Options include wheat, white, rye or sourdough. All sandwiches come with chips and choice of lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, mustard and mayo.

The star of the menu for the working class crowd is the "Jack Burger", a monstrosity of two 1/3 pound patties, bacon, egg, Swiss, cheddar with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle on a thousand island laced bun. All that with fries or tater tots for \$7.

Breakfast is served from 7 to 11 a.m., with your first two bloody marys only \$2 each. The Coney Island also offers a different drink special each day for \$2. With plenty of free parking, full service lottery, jukebox, and two pool tables, the Coney is almost always humming with action.

Stop by the Coney Island Tavern for low prices and fast, courteous service in a relaxed atmosphere.

Andrew Millbrooke

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Happy Hours

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The Ram

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Ram Restaurant and Brewery may be a little tricky to find but it is well worth the hunt. Located in a hidden corner of the Clackamas Town Center by California Pizza Kitchen and behind Macy's, the Ram is a rare treat. The first thing I noticed about the restaurant was the mellow atmosphere. People were lounging about watching the Blazer game. When Portland won everyone in the brewery cheered.

Every person working there had smiles on their faces and gave excellent customer service. All my needs were met. Every question was answered and our orders arrived surprisingly fast.

My roommate and I hit up The Ram during happy hour from 10 p.m. to midnight, so we could have an excellent meal at an affordable price.

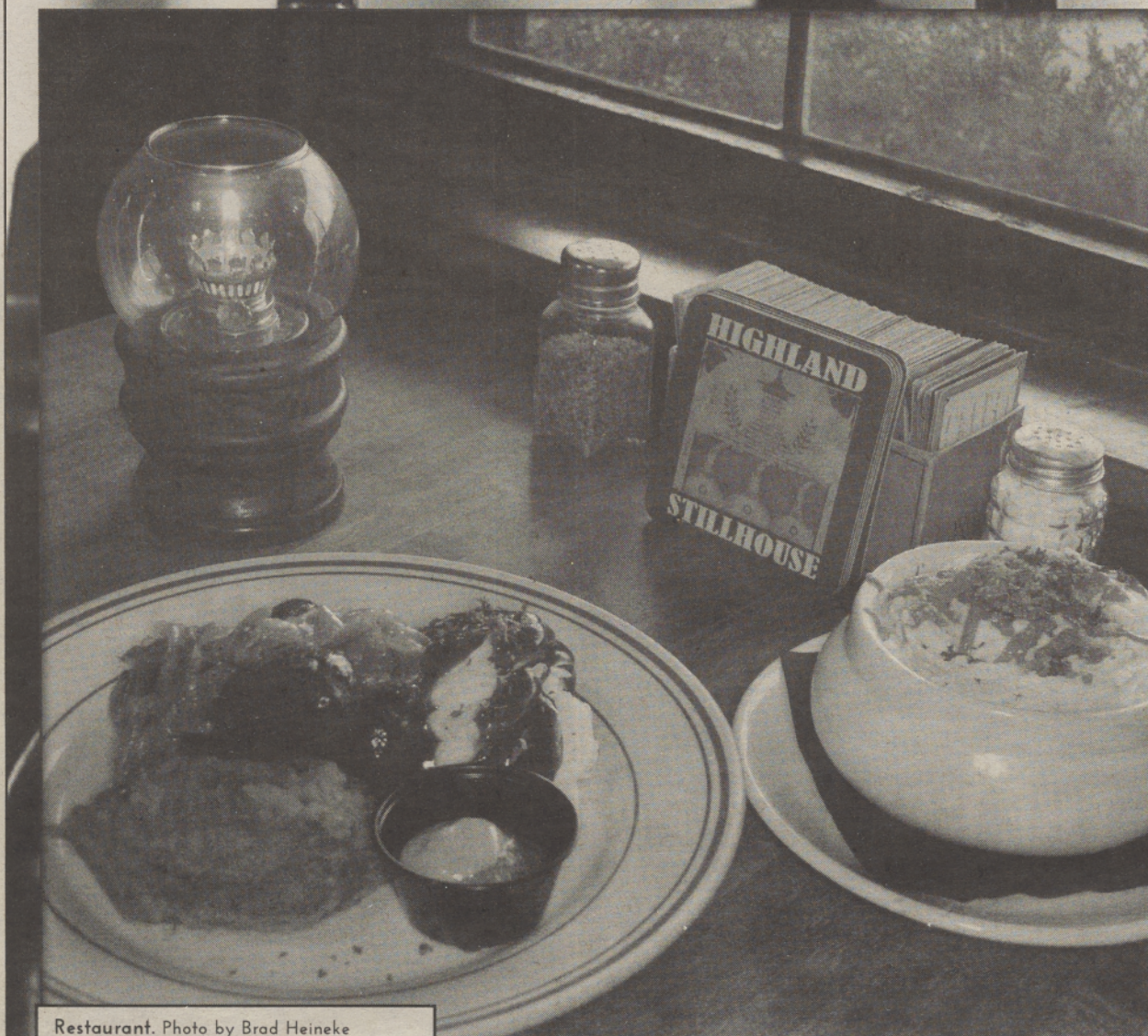
Prices during regular hours are average, about \$10 for a burger. However, I'm an especially broke college student right now so the happy hour served as a cheaper alternative. The snacks for happy hour were about \$3 and appetizers averaged \$5. My roommate got a pint of beer for \$3.25. Not really a beer person even he was impressed.

"This is the only beer I've had that I enjoyed," he said. This is not surprising though as Ram has won over 100 industry awards for their brew including the World Beer Cup and North America Beer Awards.

For food my roommate and I split an order of "Vampire Fries" and potato skins. The potato skins were loaded with flavor, bacon and cheese. The Vampire Fries came loaded with so much garlic it was almost a challenge to find the fries through the garlic. If you're worried about the release of the next vampire movie I highly recommend these fries; they will be more than sufficient to keep neck biters at bay.

I fell in love with Ram Restaurant and Brewery the moment I realized how amazing the customer service was from every employee but especially our personal server Karl who gets a raving review in my book. I am looking forward to returning as soon as finals are over.

Mandie Gavitt



Restaurant. Photo by Brad Heineke