



Heat Up the Night

Some things don't change. Some things don't have to. The always classic Caribou Club (pictured here) has long been the meeting place for locals and celebrities alike. It's timeless. But this spring there are several additions to Aspen's vibrant scene vying for the hearts and minds of loyal Aspenites.

MOJITO NIGHTS: Cool down with BB's version of this sweet concoction



LOUNGING AROUND: BB's Lounge designed by Rowland+Broughton



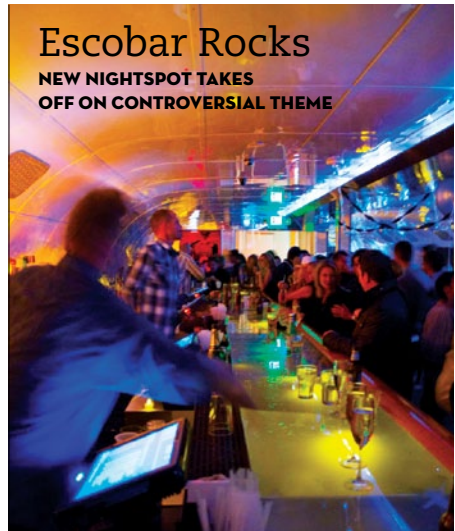
A Lounge at Last

CASUAL SOPHISTICATION AT BB'S NEW HANGOUT

First he brought us fabulous comfort food with his namesake restaurant BB's Kitchen. Now Aspenite Bruce Berger has created a bar worthy of its name: BB's Lounge. Adjacent to the restaurant, BB's Lounge has a similar aesthetic but an altogether different vibe. "There was a definite niche in Aspen for a sophisticated lounge—as opposed to a plain old bar or restaurant—where people can grab a light bite before a movie, unwind après-style, or simply chill out after dinner," says Berger, who might just be the hippest 70-something in town. The menu offers handcrafted, honest, and simple food done right. Berger's personal favorite is the charcuterie platter. True to the restaurant's philosophy, all meats are cured in-house—including thick rich duck prosciutto and spiced pork saucisson sec, served with homemade bread and pickles. No lounge is complete without superb cocktails: The Derby Jubilee, "a tasteful and timeless meeting of mint and honey whiskey," fills the bill perfectly. And with the introduction of rich champagnes and sparkling wines offered at low prices, you can afford to celebrate every day. 525 E. Cooper Ave. Suite 201, 970-429-8284 bbskitchen.com

Escobar Rocks

NEW NIGHTSPOT TAKES OFF ON CONTROVERSIAL THEME



Night owls, meet Escobar Lounge, the new and revived bar in the space formerly occupied by Fly Lounge. Down a flight of stairs and set back from the Hyman Avenue mall, it would go unnoticed if not for its sliver of red carpet and its burly doorman. Inside the bar, which is designed like an airplane cabin, you'll feel like you've happened upon an exclusive private party. And what about that name? "We could have gone with a name like Mile High or G6," says Aspenite Andrew Sandler, one of the new owners. "But that would have been too obvious. So we thought, 'What else are plane fuselages used for?' We wanted to create controversy." Their decision to reference the deceased Colombian cocaine trafficker Pablo Escobar achieved just that. But rest assured, Escobar serves up nothing but good, clean (and legal) fun. 426 E. Hyman Ave., 970-414-0524, escobaraspen.com

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