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*Where the Trail
Meets the Sea*
**Eat, Drink and
Be Merry**
at
CLUB VALDEZ
with
**BETTY and
JERRY**

From Lou Jacobin's *Guide to Alaska* - 1953

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BAR AND CAFE



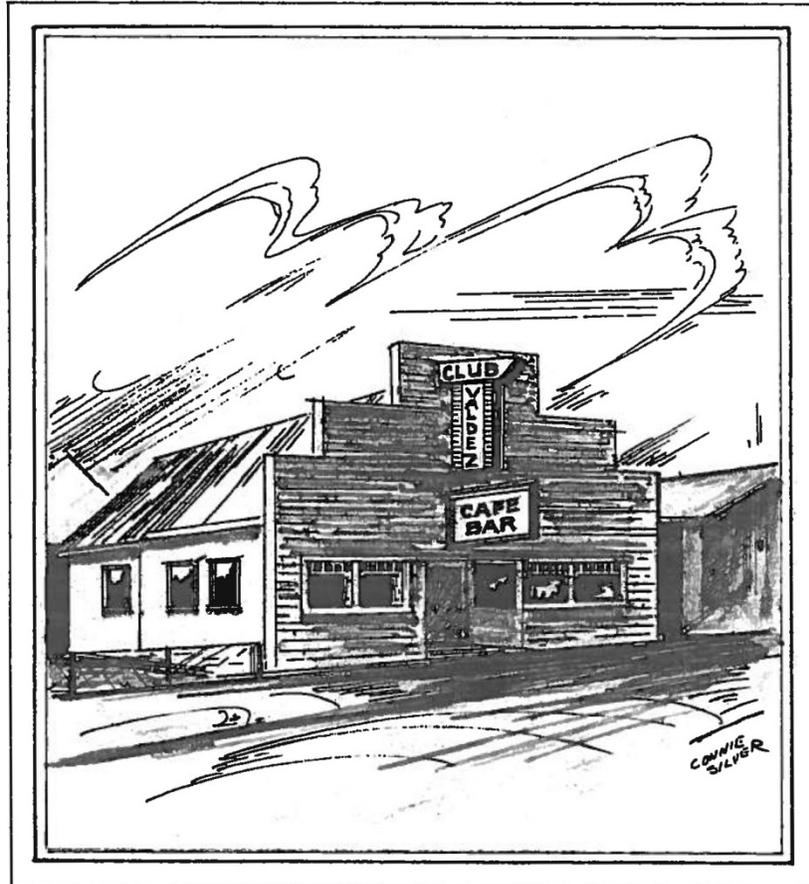
Cocktails and Fine Food



Your Hosts—

George Seagraves and Cathy Seagraves
in Charge of Cafe

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CLUB VALDEZ

**BAR — CAFE
VALDEZ, ALASKA**

**GEO. & KATHY SEAGRAVE
Proprietors**

**IF YOU LIKE GOOD FOOD AND
'SIPPIN' WHISKEY, WE HAVE IT.**

**"NEVER EAT ON AN
EMPTY STOMACH."**

From Alaska Highway Sketches

By Connie Silver — 1962

CLUB VALDEZ BAR AND CAFE



Like many other Valdez businesses, the Club Valdez was hit by the earthquake and tidal wave of March 27, 1964. Today, the spacious Parker home is the new location for the Club Valdez.



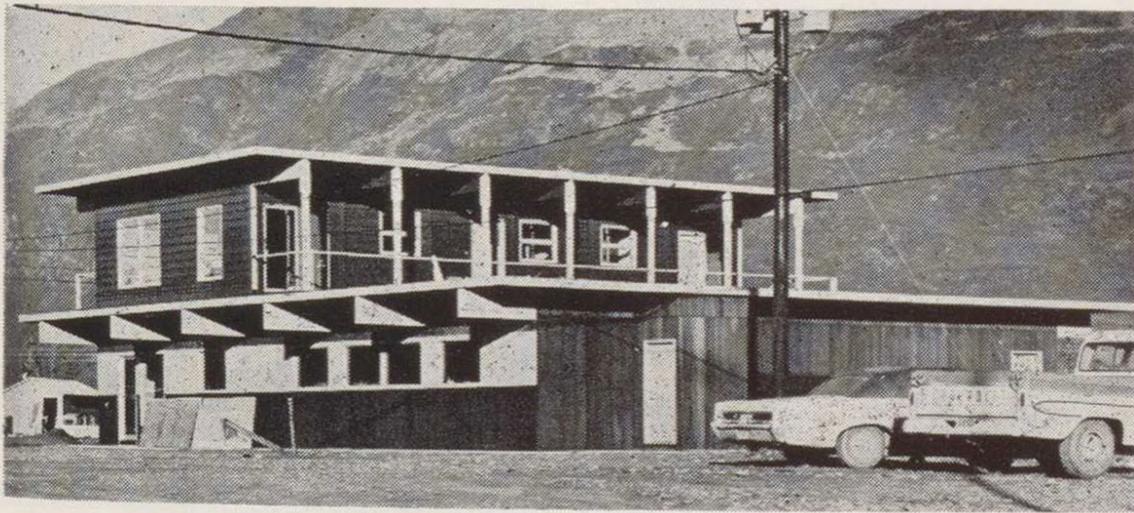
Visitors still receive the same hearty Parker welcome and enjoy the same delicious steaks and seafood fresh from Prince William Sound, as well as their favorite beverages.

Phone TE 5-2861

Larry and Pearl Parker, your hosts.

From Alaska Travel Guide – 1966

CLUB **V**ALDEZ BAR AND CAFE



Our new location in New Valdez

Same Old Hospitality and Good Fellowship

Specializing in sea food, including Alaska Salmon and Halibut fresh from Prince William Sound's icy waters

Visit our Cocktail Lounge and say "hello" to Larry Parker, your host, and staff

From Lou Jacobin's *Guide to Alaska* – 1970 & 1971

Customers say goodbye to Valdez bar once favored by Capt. Hazelwood

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Club Valdez, which weathered pipeline-era brawls and where Capt. Joe Hazelwood had his last drink before getting back on the doomed Exxon Valdez supertanker, has been evicted from its waterfront home.

The bar was evicted from the grounds by a court order issued Feb. 12 granting building owner Hoon Cho possession of the premises.

Memories have been made -- and lost -- inside the wood-paneled walls that were decorated with NASCAR pennants, maps and neon beer signs. A single bullet hole near the doorway tells of a hustler gunfight during the pipeline days, back when the bar advertised for a bouncer in national newspapers.

"There's a lot of history here," said Bryan Fritts, a Club Bar patron for 18 years. "It really is a bummer for Valdez."

"Everything about this bar makes me smile," said Kate Goudreau, a homegrown patron. "There's something about it being down here. ... It won't be the same."

Club Valdez owner Roberta Swenson Steele is planning to move the bar out to the old Acres Bar location on the corner of Loop Road and Richardson Highway within the next month.

"It's still going to look the same, just looking at another mountain range," she said. "It'll be closer to the old Valdez town site than before."

Some old-timers did not want to come out to see the end of the establishment.

And some came to have their last communion on a bar stool.

Old-timer and old-towner Darwin Barrie said he went out on Saturday to have one last drink.

"We're going to miss the old landmark," he said. "It had a beautiful view and a million-dollar location."

Barrie briefly explained the history of the Club Bar that the Parker family started in Old Town as a restaurant and bar.

"After the earthquake happened, they moved the bar over to their garage, and in their living room they had a little restaurant," he said. They eventually moved it over to the waterfront in the late '60s -- the location it had until last weekend.

To many the bar was a community-gathering place.

"Not everybody goes in there to drink," Moore said, adding that he played cribbage, dominos and pinochle there regularly.

"It was the first place to stop for a phone call, cup of coffee and a drink," Moore said, including that many fishermen, tourists and villagers would stop by the bar. "It was always a meeting place to get the news and what's going on."

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Model of Old Valdez at the Valdez Museum.

Club Valdez is on the left side of the street, red sign.