



Google Street View

Hideaway Club

2828 West Dimond Boulevard, Anchorage, AK (907) 333-3678
61°08'14"N 149°56'09"W

License Issued: 1969 to Leah Brown

CLOSED 2022

Amenities: Pool tables, darts, horseshoes, foosball, juke box, TV, liquor store

Web site: Facebook

History and Notoriety: Known first as Johnny's Bar, it was originally located at 842 17th Avenue downtown and moved to the intersection of Sand Lake and Potter Roads in 1959. The name changed to Curley's Hideaway in 1961. Leah "Lea" Brown became a partner in 1962 and the sole owner in 1968. She changed its name to the Hideaway Club the following year. Leah Brown (Siefker) took on partners Robert and Myrtle Simmons and moved the bar to its current location in 1971. She was co-owner of the bar until her death in 1996, when Michael Baker bought the Hideaway.

Baker was born in Virginia in 1947 and served in the Navy in the Vietnam war. He lived in the Seattle area before moving to Alaska in 1972, where he worked for the Alaska Telephone Utility. Baker passed away in 2014, and his widow Maryanne is the current owner.

This area of West Dimond Boulevard was a sparsely settled section of South Anchorage in the early 1970's. The oil boom of the 1970's and 80's led to the development of

housing and shopping malls (Dimond Center opened in 1977). Today, the Hideaway Club is surrounded by suburban areas. There are shopping malls both east and west of the bar. It is the only true bar not connected to a restaurant in the Dimond Center area and has remained an oasis of escape in a sea of stores and neighborhoods. The latter is what has kept this bar alive. Scott Gomez, unquestionably Alaska's greatest pro hockey player, was born and raised in Anchorage and has been known to stop in when he is in town.

Visiting the Hideaway Club: The bar is popular with sports fans, although there is only one TV. The bar has sponsored some champion dart and softball teams, known as the "Honey Badgers" and the trophies are here to prove it. The big backyard is a draw in the summer months for those who love to throw horseshoes. The free food is of a higher standard than you might expect (jambalaya when I was there last).

Author's Note: The license for the bar was not renewed in 2022 and it has not reopened. The building and lot have been listed for sale.



