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SYCAMORE DEN

## DRINKING LIKE A 70S DAD

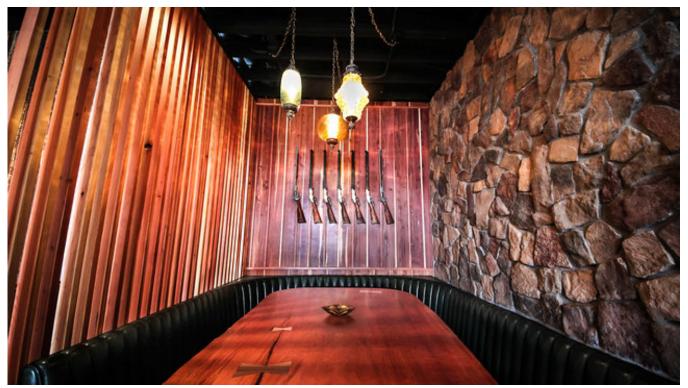
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Because the technology still doesn't exist to travel back in time and drink with a younger version of your dad (or Crispin Glover, for that matter), Sycamore Den is the next best thing, a 1970s dad-inspired watering hole with yellow-tinted lighting, lava stone accents, and wood paneling hearkening back to a time when nobody was cooler than your old man. Not even Crispin Glover.



Kick back in the massive orange vinyl booth and have a cocktail in front of the equally massive golden fireplace. Banjos, acoustic guitars, and other various retro accouterments are displayed in the case on the wall. If you look closely, there's even an old family portrait framed on the shelf.



Since Dad had to be protector of the household, there's a row of rifles on the wall, although these particular rifles don't work. There're also vintage ashtrays scattered about, because even though *you* can't, you know Dad would have lit up a Newport or two in here.



Noble Experiment's Eric Johnson wails on his guitar in "Cliffs of Dover" gives a more updated feel to the drinks menu with concoctions like the whiskey & peach Wolf Ticket, the Flannel Mouth (gin, aperol, cucumber) or this Eskimo made with Suze (a French aperitif) and soda.



A large collection of India glass barware is on display, and classic mid-century lights add the kind of seductive glow you'd rather not think about at a place you've been associating with dads.



Keeping with the paternal theme, the owners asked people to send in pictures of their own dads, which are now displayed on wall paper in the bathrooms -- kinda cruel if pops shares Biff's aversion to poop.



Sycamore Den is a dad-evoking '70s-style drinkery sporting a wall full of rifles, as well as a menu full of inventive cocktails.

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