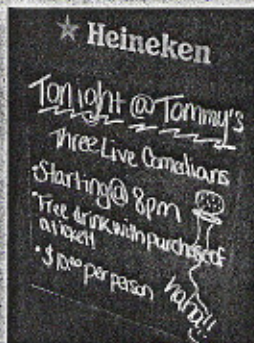


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Left photo: Jennifer LoSacco of Perrineville (left) and Nissa Silverberg of Millstone Township yuk it up at Tommy's Comedy Cabin. Right photo: Silverberg (left) and Michelle Pallante, Perrineville, react to comedian Dave Goldstein (below) at Tommy's Comedy Cabin. (STAFF PHOTOS: THOMAS P. COSTELLO)

Comedy nights in Millstone get audience over midweek hump

'CABIN' FEVER

By **CHELSEA MICHELS**
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Tommy's Comedy Cabin is serving up food, fun and a heaping side order of laughs.

Since November, owner Tommy Savastano of Jackson has teamed up with DCA Productions to showcase comedians, all with national television credits, at the club every Wednesday.

The Comedy Cabin is part of Tommy's Inn Restaurant, 560 Monmouth Road, Millstone Township, located near Great Adventure.

"We decided to try it mid-week to bring out people to see an act," said Savastano. "We thought having comedy shows would be a great thing for this area. There's nothing like it. So far, we have a lot of regulars and repeat customers. It's going to take time to build."

"Wednesdays are good because it gets people past the middle of the week and gets them ready for the weekend," said DCA vice president Gerri Abrahamsen, of Millstone.

Jean and Cliff Kumpf of Millstone were visiting the comedy show at Tommy's recently for the first time.

"They (the comedians) were pretty good, especially (Rip Micheals)," said Jean. "It's in the area, and it's a nice dinner and a nice evening out. It sure beats going to New Brunswick."

Micheals was among the lineup that included New York comedian Sauce and New Jersey-based headliner Dave Goldstein.

Micheals, whose credits include P. Diddy's "Bad Boys of Comedy," BET's "Comic View" and MTV's "Wannabes" and "Becoming," warmed up the crowd with his introductions and icebreakers.

"I love being able to express myself without having to hold back," said Micheals, whose comedy is usually of the improvisational variety. He picks his topics depending on the crowd.

"I love comedy because you never know what to expect," said Sauce. "It's extremely unpredictable. The show is based on the crowd, the environment and yourself. You have to try to put your own personality on the same things that everyone else has experienced."

Sauce warmed up the crowd for Goldstein with funny tales about being Jewish, growing up in New York and his family's idiosyncrasies.

Goldstein described himself as "kind of a little guy's personality in a big guy's body. I love the idea of testing myself to think off-the-cuff, as well as writing stuff and seeing if it works."

His interactive skit featured jokes about pretending to be a cop in an Hispanic neighbor-

hood, his relationships with women and his hilarious ideas of what typical acronyms should really stand for.

"Comedy shows are great because I get to see another individual's point of view of the world," said DCA Productions president Daniel Charles Abrahamsen. "We only use pros, usually out of New York, Comedy Central or MTV. You'll always have a special time at Tommy's."

DCA Productions has worked with comedians such as Chris Rock and Ray Romano, and represented Colin Quinn. DCA also produces Six Flags Great Adventure's annual Fright Fest.

Admission to the approximately two-hour show is \$10, which includes a complimentary bar drink. Smoking is not permitted.

Upcoming shows include comedians Paul Lyons and Chip Chantry next Wednesday.

For information about future shows, call Tommy's or e-mail info@dcaproductions.com.

TOMMY'S COMEDY CABIN

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WHEN: Wednesdays

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"I love the idea of testing myself to think off-the-cuff," says comedian Dave Goldstein, pictured performing at Tommy's.