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Posted by DocTCW - 2009/08/29 07:56

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Posted by Evil Elvis - 2009/08/29 07:56

I get Don Julio poured for me as a slot comp at a lower roller Strip casino. And I mean Don and a full beer for a \$20 VP buy. No, they have no clue as to who I am. They just know that I park and drink their on a regular basis ... and TIP WELL. Tipping well means \$1-3 a drink, depending on the quality and quantity. And you don't have to live here to take advantage of it. If you are in town on a regular basis, or for an extended stay, just TIP WELL at the bars you usually go to, be cordial (being a dick gets you no where), ... and if it seems they pour off the gun all the time, ask your new friend (the bartender who knows you have been tipping well): What is the best bourbon/tequila/vodka/gin (whatever you are drinking) that isn't on the gun? Think about it: They know you are staying/playing/a regular and taking care of them. There are almost always liquor that they can hand pour. If you are such a cheap ass that you can't see tipping a couple bucks a drink on a long stay (or regular stay), then you deserve the gun-poured rot-gut. If you think about it ... spending even \$20 in tips over a couple days with a bartender who remembers you is worth it. They can pour you a \$14 drink on a slot comp for a \$2 tip, and it isn't their booze. Ted Newkirk CEO Senior Content Editor <http://www.accessvegas.com>

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Ted, you make some great points. However, more and more casnios are getting away from the free pour, even with their bottles. Sometimes they cannot free pour a drink. But if you can get a bartender to pour you some Don Julio while low-rolling it at the slots, then more power to you. Absolutely. And that is when you walk your ass right down to the next place. Pull up to a bar, tell the bartender you are putting \$20 in, and hand him another \$20, saying Break this up so I can take care of you. Then tell them our choice of poison and ask them what they can free pour. Hint, hint, hint, hint ... cash to tip them while asking how they can take care of you. If they simply can't free pour ...and/or they pour a lousy drink ... move right on down the road. It helps to be nice, friendly, etc. People skills come into play always. But forget about loyalty to a property. Forget about feeling that you are obligated to anything. This town is set up to drain your wallet. But it is also set up to pamper you big time. When I grocery shop and see a high price on something, I don't buy it. I buy a competing product or go to a different store. Las Vegas is no different. Walk on down the street. Ted

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Fred Sanford. <Fred Sanf...@Redd.Foxx.Org wrote in message <news:W61lc.1132\$sV2.778@newsread2.news.atl.earthlink.net... About Old Crow...well said! Thanks. There is nothing wrong with Old Crow. It is on par with Jack Daniels and Jim Beam. And I defy anyone who can tell the difference between Jack or Jim & Coke. Why not save a buck or 2 and get more bang for your buck? Also, Old Crow is low in fusel oils, meaning less of a hangover the next day, than even some of the premium priced swill. Good point. Although, I really don't get hangovers too much anymore. First off, I don't drink as much as I used to. Lived in Vegas long enough to drink myself to death. Funny that I did just get back from a bar and had a few Jack & Cokes tonight. Second, if you take acidophilus bifidous before you go to sleep it will greatly decrease the chance of getting a hangover.

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So the next time you ask for a double and you think you got shorted, remember that they all drinks are computer controlled and that it's not the cocktail waitresses' fault. Besides, they are constantly being watched by the 'eye in the sky' and will be disciplined as will bartenders if they go over their count (or if they were short on their coin banks, which is also gone and replaced by print out tickets). Look ... if you tip well and they know you, anything is possible. I get Don Julio poured for me as a slot comp at a lower roller Strip casino. And I mean Don and a full beer for a \$20 VP buy. No, they have no clue as to who I am. They just know that I park and drink their on a regular basis ... and TIP WELL. Tipping well means \$1-3 a drink, depending on the quality and quantity. And you don't have to live here to take advantage of it. If you are in town on a regular basis, or for an extended stay, just TIP WELL at the bars you usually go to, be cordial (being a dick gets you no where), ... and if it seems they pour off the gun all the time, ask your new friend (the bartender who knows you have been tipping well): What is the best bourbon/tequila/vodka/gin (whatever you are drinking) that isn't on the gun? Think about it: They know you are staying/playing/a regular and taking care of them. There are almost always liquor that they can hand pour. If you are such a cheap ass that you can't see tipping a couple bucks a drink on a long stay (or regular stay), then you deserve the gun-poured rot-gut. If you think about it ... spending even \$20 in tips over a couple days with a bartender who remembers you is worth it. They can pour you a \$14 drink on a slot comp for a \$2 tip, and it isn't their booze. Ted Newkirk CEO Senior Content Editor <http://www.accessvegas.com> good point.....even at the low rolling places I go, I get fairly stong drinks (if not premium liquors).

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That was my initial impression as well. Okay, then tell us, how do we get a poured drink and not from the gun? Tom Several choices....(assuming we are getting free drinks for playing.) 1) Take care of the bartender to begin with... what you believe is taking care of the bartender and what the bartender believes is taking care of the bartender may be worlds apart... 2) Simply ask the bartender if you can get so-and-so Vodka or this-and-that Gin on a slot comp. 3) Ask for what you want.. and the bartender will let you know if you can get it... 4) Lastly, you just wouldn't believe what comes out of the gun nowadays... it's not just the junk... but at my place of employment we have Stoli, Martell, GlenLivett, and Johnny Walker Black on the gun, just to name a few... Most bartenders that I know are not sluts for a buck or two... when someone asks me for something special .. their attitude, and not just their tip, or as this thread seems to imply, their implied tip is what is plays a major part with of whether to use the gun or free-pour... We can start other threads from this.. such as .. Do you know that the IRS says that you gave me a \$ 0.35 tip for that drink I just poured you? Also, when I do free-pour... just how heavy are my hands going to be...? BartenderWJT I am a Bartender in Las Vegas...

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BartenderWJT I am a Bartender in Las Vegas... Will, where do you bartend?

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ok I will bite....what is acidophilus bifidous and where do I get it ;-)
Glad you asked. Acidophilus bifidus is a natural micro-organism that lives primarily in dairy products such as yogurt. It is a pro-biotic. In other words, it acts opposite of an anti-biotic. You see, the human body, particularly the digestive system has hundreds of trillions of bacteria in it. That's how we digest things. Well, sometimes things get out of whack (sometimes due to anti-biotics) and the bad bacteria takes over the good bacteria. This is when ulcers start to form. Anyway, the acidophilus bifidus eats away at the bad bacteria, replacing your digestive system with good bacteria and aids in digestion. It works for preventing a hangover too, by eating away at some of the toxins and fermentation (alcohol) that happens when you drink too much. As far as where to get it, go to any health food store and they should carry it. Buy the Continental brand in liquid form. That is the BEST. It tastes like yogurt so it doesn't bother me to drink it. DO NOT buy all of those 'other' brands that claim to work miracles. Last night I had way too much to drink and before I went to bed I downed some acidophilus and woke up with no hangover. It's one of the best products I have ever had and I swear by it.

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The only thing better is markers. I'm sure you meant Maker's, as in Maker's Mark. You think so? I like Maker's very much but I still prefer Jack to it. It's just as good and it is relatively inexpensive when compared to Maker's. As a matter of fact I just had both Maker's and Jack last night, but I ended up going with Jack over Maker's. Just my opinion.

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Posted by Annie - 2009/08/29 07:56

I am a Bartender in Las Vegas... Isn't that a line from an old Glen Campbell song? :)

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4) Lastly, you just wouldn't believe what comes out of the gun nowadays... it's not just the junk... but at my place of employment we have Stoli, Martell, GlenLivett, and Johnny Walker Black on the gun, just to name a few... I also avoid the places that put almost everything on the gun. A fair number of Strip casino bars still have bottled out, and not just for show. Bottles there for pouring out of. It's also in the way you conduct yourself and the way you ask. As noted, a bartender can absolutely tell if you are going to take care of them well with an amazing accuracy. There is no huge secret. It is people and business skills. What amazes me about life (in general) is that the people who are the most stingy and least personable also always complain 24/7 about how they always get bad service, never have anything go right. HELLO! Put two and two together on that one Ted

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Will, where do you bartend? I'll leave this for Will to answer if he wants, but I have gone looking for him my last 2 trips but he was not around. Andrew <

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What amazes me about life (in general) is that the people who are the most stingy and least personable also always

complain 24/7 about how they always get bad service, never have anything go right. You hit the nail on the head about that one. I remember in my bussing days that if the table was left extremely clean with the customers almost bussing the table themselves.. there was always a nice tip left... When the table was a mess, there was always the stingy (is 5% the correct tip) under the ketchup smeared napkin... In my personal experience .. I am quiet regardless of my experience with a valet parker, bartender, waiter, etc. If the service was good, I leave a good tip... When the service is excellent, I have been known to leave up to 50% of what the bill was... and if the service was bad... always the standard \$.01.. If the service is extremely good or bad, I always call the manager. He always gets the complaints.. but if the server was that good the manager should know that too. Bartenders: (usually go to local bars) If I get what I want (shot of JB, Miller Lite) with no problems, I always tip at least \$5.00... if I get one or the other I will pay for one and tip \$1-2... if I get neither one.. he gets nothing.. This is all when I am playing .. and that's another thread... The tricks people play on bartenders to get a free drink... :(BartenderWJT I am a Bartender in Las Vegas...

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I think the bartenders have a great read. While I am waiting for the drink and the other \$20 to be broken up, I start playing. I play the \$20. Co'mon Very good post Ted. To clarify a point, if you are PLAYING (not bs'ing but really playing) you are going to get a drink from myself if you want one. It will probably be good. However, as we are implying, if you are going to get a great drink, you have to meet me halfway... it's the bartender who is bending the rules and facing a slap-o-the-wrist and the higher allocation charge to give you the good stuff... Like a previous poster stated.. just having a good attitude may get you the good stuff sometimes.. but attitude doesn't pay the bills.. but by the same token, I am not trying to get rich off of just you. A few dollars a round and the bartender will love you. Also, you will NEVER, repeat NEVER, get the ultra high end stuff regardless how much you tip, or how great your personality is... Most of the XO's... Blues.. and such.. must be paid for... Serving them for free isn't bending the rules.. it's breaking the rules... I work at a nice downtown hotel and casino that has been maligned lately in the media due to a certain show portraying The Casino in a negative light, which is not the case. It's hard to explain here... (Union Members excepted) but I took a shift and am no longer on the extra board. It's like a demotion and promotion at the same time. I don't work the front bars anymore... I am in a service bar, and for the next 1-2 years, my only customers will be cocktail waitresses. So, if anyone comes looking for me at The Casino that I work at .. just go outside The Buffet and ask a waitress where Will is... Do it during the day.. but not on Thursday or Friday... and I will probably only be able to say Hi and bye. .. or you could just wait a year or two.. LOL BartenderWJT I am a Bartender in Las Vegas...

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Oh, as far as the tread within a thread.. I love Jim Beam... Jack Daniels (although I know it isn't) tastes like it's been watered down to me. As far as Wild Turkey.. I will drink it if I really want to get a buzz quick!! BartenderWJT I am a Bartender in Las Vegas...

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What I do not like is the people who think tipping is an optional bonus for the employee. If we did not tip prices would go up, no more free valet parking, higher meal prices, higher drink prices. I noticed the cruise ships have gone to automatic including the tip in the final statement. I just do not like paying other peoples tab.

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