



# **SAM WOK** (101 - 7915 - 104 St)

If you need more than a hot dog after last call—perhaps to soak up some poison and stop your liver from falling out—it's time to head to Sam Wok. Some have said that the MSG is what makes the dishes glisten so, but I prefer to think they're shining with awesomeness. The fare is typical Chinese: try the green-onion cakes or the rice-roll long doughnut, and the Vietnamese-style iced coffee is quite good. Most of the menu is fairly safe; however, though the hot Coke with lemon looks like a strange and exotic choice at 3am, trust me, it tastes like ass.

#### **SAVOY** \$\mathscr{A}\$ \$\mathscr{A}\$ (10401 - 82 Ave)

Combine classy modernist decor with portraits of Princess Leia and Gorbachev, along with a large martini menu, and you've got the best place to go on Whyte when you feel like donning a suit jacket and playing successful dot-comer. If you're not into martinis, Savoy also has a good selection of international beers. Try the Bellevue Kriek, a cherry beer from Belgium. They also dress their mixed drinks with gummy candies, often of the Blue Whale or Sour Dino variety.

### STRAT (10302 - 82 Ave)

The Strathcona Hotel is where you will go to get loser drunk after failing that first math test or philosophy exam. It won't do to go somewhere where you'll need to dress up, dance or make-out. What's needed is cheap beer to drown your dwindling aspirations, and crowds of people at least as pathetic as you are. And at \$8.50 a pitcher, the Strat provides.

Now all you need to do is find some friends to play "hot nuts" with (see in-depth instructions on page 13 for how to play) and a great night full of violent arguments and broken souls awaits.

#### **SUGARBOWL** (10922 - 88 Ave)

This unassuming red-brick cafe is a fine place to study and eat a cinnamon bun, but it also offers great breakfast and dinner, and becomes a casual beer-drinking joint late at night—a nice place to go if you want to escape the Whyte Ave throngs and just chill-out over a few pints, while actually being able to converse without gaining a sore throat. As far as the food, try the cinnamon French toast in the morning, or the simple-but-flavorful mac & cheese at night.

## TASTY TOM'S \$\$ \$\$ (9965 - 82 Ave)

If you've been paying attention, you'll notice that I'm trying to hit all the cuisine bases with this roundup. Tasty Tom's is the burger joint. And these

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It's the kind of place where, if you're on a date, either you both have the mushroom-garlic burger, or, more likely, neither of you do. If that's the case, I'd suggest something with bacon, or the deliciously saucy chicken reuben. Not necessarily much to look at (or to watch someone eat) but tasty nonetheless. The ketchup is also homemade and has a bit of a kick, and the fries are home-cut. Bring your appetite, as Grandma used to say.



