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Stripper class and slutty Shirley Temples

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Last night, I went to Whisky River, not for college night ... but for college. I enrolled in Better Class' Goddess 101 and Mixology 101. I rolled up to WR in yoga pants for Pole Dance Charlotte's workshop, and ended up behind the bar concocting my own cocktail for their Bartender's Spring Slinger.



Now, I wouldn't necessarily say that I respect strippers, but I do respect the art and admire their agility - they're like Olympic gymnasts on those poles. (Now, if only they Lysol'ed the pole every time a stripper slid down it in no more than a thong, I'd find the art a little more sanitary).

Although it would probably hurt to actually have balls and dance on a pole, you need to have balls in order to dance on a pole — if you know what I'm saying. Well, to help you grow some balls, shed some inhibitions and unleash your inner stripper, Goddess 101 supplies you with a Tommy Bahama Mojito before stripper class. They will be at Whisky River again next week and then changing locations to a more intimate setting. Speaking of which, Pole Dance Charlotte also provides private pole dance party that also include lap-tease classes.



On the other side of the curtain was the Spring Slinger bartender contest. One of the managers asked me to make a drink for their "Mixed Drink Contest," which required me to concoct my own cocktail. Having never mixed a drink, let alone invent one, I thought to myself - the only mixed drink I know how to make is a Shirley Temple ... why not pop the virgin's cherry. And with that came the "Slutty Shirley Temple," or virginal Brittney Cason ... whatever you want to call it.

Jenna from Blackfinn and Mark from Whisky River helped me concoct the cocktail recipe ... (and learn how to pour liquor).

- Put cherries on the bottom of the glass
- Pop the cherry with some ice
- Add Cherry Vodka (3 seconds worth of pouring)
- Add a splash of coconut
- Fill with Sprite
- Top with grenadine and a cherry on top

Jenna did a taste test and told me to use less coconut and more cherry. Another bartending babe advised me to use less cherry because that'll make her even sluttier.

Shirley Temple's all grown up ...



I also learned about the drink called the Lindsay Lohan: A Red Headed Slut with a splash of coke.



Also included in the Spring Slinger contest was a Bar Back contest (which my alcohol adviser Jenna won second in by the way) – first place going to the bar back that was currently on duty at Whisky. And there was also a “Flair Competition”. A bartender from Suite had a literal flare going and was pouring like eight shots at a time. People started throwing napkins in the air, and for a second there I got concerned that it would start a fire.



There is another bartender battle coming up Monday, April 20 ...**BAR WARS** .

I am coming out from behind the bar and into the judges chair for this one. I judged last year alongside Denny Hamlin, Brotha Fred, and Sarah Aarthur. In total, we each sampled 56 different cocktails. Read how well that turned out [here](#).

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