

# GAME ON



Brooklyn Bowl looks quiet here, but it turns into a rollicking party come nighttime. / ADAM KANE MACCHIA

**Fun.** Win or lose, victory is yours when you hit up one of these hot spots.

You spent your childhood slaying your opponents at Connect Four and Chutes and Ladders — who says you have to stop once you're an adult? Grab your friends for a grown-up game night out on the town.

## Brooklyn Bowl

**61 Wythe Ave., Brooklyn, 718-963-3369**  
Frames is cool for an ultra-luxurious bowling experience (who knew you needed that?), but for a down-home, chill vibe, hit the Williamsburg mainstay. Play a round (\$20-\$25) on one of 16

lanes while sipping on a local craft beer in the world's first LEED-certified bowling alley. Take a break with Blue Ribbon fried chicken and stay for a show (Questlove spins every Thursday as part of his "Bowl Train" residency). On Sunday nights, lanes are half off after 8 p.m.

## Salvation Taco

**145 E. 39th St., 212-865-5800**  
The Spotted Pig's April Bloomfield is behind the Mexican food at this taqueria, which is part of the Pod 39 Hotel. In the cavernous back room, there's two ping-pong tables and board games. Celebrate your victory or drown your sorrows in cocktails like La Palomita (vodka, grapefruit soda, vanilla salt, lime) or a

## Pac-Man



Challenge your pals at Barcade. / FLICKR.COM

## Barcade

**388 Union Ave., Brooklyn, 718-302-6464**  
Classic arcade games line the perimeter of this high-ceilinged Williamsburg bar (there's also a location in Jersey City, and one in the works in Chelsea). Get reacquainted with Donkey Kong, Tetris, Ms. Pac-Man and more figures from your childhood while sipping on an American craft brew and munching on bar snacks. If you want dinner, Barcade lets you order in from local restaurants. Games are just 25 cents per play — you didn't really need to do laundry this week, anyway.

good ol' marg. On Monday nights, come for Tacos & Table Tennis starting at 8 p.m. (signups begin at 7:30).

## Greenwich Village Country Club

**110 University Pl., 212-255-8188**  
This Union Square spot offers all the privilege of your local country club, without the pretense. There's a nine-hole retro indoor mini golf course (\$9.95), pool tables, air hockey and bowling downstairs (\$12.95, plus \$6.50 for shoes) at Bowlmor. Plan accordingly — the space is only open on Saturdays.



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## Restaurant notes. Celebrate Burns Day

Saturday marks Burns Day, a Scottish homage to the poet Robert Burns. Celebrate at one of these events or make an inspired cocktail at home.

### 1 Robert Burns Day: A Celebration Of Scottish Whiskey and Food

More than 10 distilleries will pour samples of craft Scotch whiskies and Scotch cocktails, and guests can snack on traditional Scottish eats like Haggis (a

savory pudding) at this Underground Eats-sponsored event. **Saturday, Jan. 25, 2-5 p.m. Astor Center, 399 Lafayette St., \$79, www.astorcenternyc.com/class-robert-burns-day-a-scottish-celebration.ac**

2 Scottish restaurant **The Highlands** (150 W. 10th St., 212-229-2670) will offer a customary Burns Night prix fixe dinner on Sunday and Monday.

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## DRAMBUIE Burns Cocktail

*Created by Anthony Caporale, DRAMBUIE's U.S. Brand Ambassador*

In a well-chilled highball glass, add:

- ¼ oz. Absinthe

Swirl to coat inside of glass, discard excess, fill glass with ice.

In a mixing tin half-filled with ice, add:

- 1 oz. DRAMBUIE
- 1 oz. Lowland Single Malt Scotch Whisky
- ½ oz. Sweet Vermouth
- 2 dashes Orange bitters

Shake until tin is frosted and strain into prepared highball glass. Garnish with an orange peel.

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## The Uncommons

230 Thompson St.,  
646-543-9215

**Nerds welcome:** New York's first board game cafe has chess, Settlers of Catan, plus a slew of other less-niche games (and Cards Against Humanity!). Drop \$5 for a day of play. If you're looking for an opponent, you can request matchups by posting a message on the bulletin board. The space, which opened in October thanks in part to Kickstarter, is in the former Village Chess Shop.

