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Nell Campbell: Don't forget to wear your socks

## IF YOU WANT TO LOUNGE ON A LOVE SEAT IN NEW YORK'S HIPPEST CLUB, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET NELL CAMPBELL'S OKAY

It's been a long time since New York City had a nightclub so hot that it could make the world beg. But Nell's, the three-month-old gathering spot on grungy 14th Street, makes simply everyone risk humiliation and frostbite to get in—and few are chosen. One night it was Cher who couldn't get past the velvet ropes. Another night—maybe because they hate men without socks—the fickle doormen turned away Don Johnson. Faye Dunaway and Jerry Hall waited 15 minutes to get clearance. Nell's patrons—among them, Warren Beatty, Michael Douglas, Emilio Estevez and Kim Basinger—all pay \$5 (\$10 on weekends) for admission and \$5 for mixed drinks. Unthink-

able as it may be, at Nell's there are no comps.

With lots of other clubs dying to dish out VIP treatment, it's a wonder Nell's isn't empty. On the other hand, since Studio 54 ushered in the high-tech disco age, no nightclub has offered the old-fashioned comfort of Nell's. Walk into the main bar and there is no blaring disco music, just soft jazz; there are no whizzing lights, just a huge crystal chandelier, antique lamps and gilt-framed mirrors. Search for a dim-lit, private corner and you'll be in the dark. Calvin Klein, David Bowie and Bianca Jagger can be found sitting in plain view on overstuffed velvet sofas or eating their light meals at tables in the

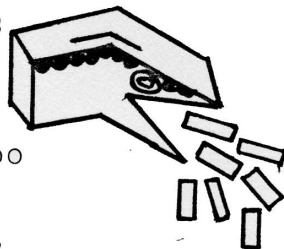
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**HOST**  
Warren Beatty, Mick Jagger and Faye Dunaway hang out at Nell Campbell's hot New York club, but Don Johnson and Cher were rejected.

Nell Campbell is also known as Little Nell. She played Columbia in the RHPS (if you cave me

Q: What happens when you overstuff the Suggestion with too many cards?



A: Gouey cards.

And now, to the dried-out cards:

BOX: What does "2 Ply" mean? HaHa.  
RIR: 4 Ply divided by 2.

BOX: Run Roy for Pres in 88, Rocky Party.

RIR: Could I still do the show?

BOX: How about a double cast/Stupid Saturday in one night. It'll be awesome.

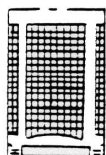
RIR: I think we, er, ah, did that by accident 2 weeks ago.

BOX: How old is Dick the Cop?

RIR: As old as his gun.

RR

## LAST WEEK AT CTC



ATTENDANCE



PRIZES

FRI 85

Joseph Fournier

SAT 110

Lisa McDonald

covered by Rocky Horror's creators, she was cast in the stage show, then the 1975 cult film. Though she is known mainly for B movies and one oddball song, *Do the Swim*, Nell impressed London's swells. "She's so versatile," says British fashion executive Cindy White. "When people first

met her, they saw this crazy, mad girl. But she has a serious, calm side too."

McNally, a former Rocky Horror lighting technician, was among the fans. After breaking her in last year as maitresse d' at his hip Manhattan restaurants, Odeon and Cafe Luxembourg, he quietly opened Nell's last October in a renovated electronics store and began fighting off crowds.

In a stab at some sort of admission policy, Nell now sells \$200 memberships to screened applicants. Even so, certain nonmembers walk right in. Sometimes Nell's own needs come into play. "I am driven by men," she once joked. "One of the nice things about owning a nightclub is that they are guaranteed to come in." She also helps some decide to leave. One night *Women's Wear Daily* editor Michael Coady refused to shell out the \$5 fee that members must pay for each guest. Nell returned his member-

ship dues and Coady left, for good.

Nell and her doormen steadfastly snub mere humans. One night they agreed to admit two men if their dates—who were not famous and apparently did not look important and chic—stayed outside. "I don't like Nell's snotty attitude," says New York partygiver Vito Bruno. "When I met she was all sweet and said, 'Come the club.' But I couldn't get in. I guess they thought I was just another fat slob."

In the end the trendiness that has made Nell's a hit could be its undoing. "In these elitist times," says Haoui Montaug, a doorman at Tunnel, "too people want a place that excludes one who isn't their own kind. But I think that will blow over soon. Most people basically want to see people who are different—if only to make fun of them."

—Written by Michael S. reported by Michelangelo Signorile



In her Manhattan nightclub, Nell often plays the sultry redhead, but another side of her showed at a cabaret fashion show (below).

## NEXT WEEK: VIRGIN CAST NIGHT!

10 people who've NEVER done the show before do the show! Can you top that???

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