

New sports bar offers grinders, healthy lungs

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Scott Jorgenson, a longtime salesman, recently made himself a pitch he couldn't refuse.

"I always wanted to be my own boss," Jorgenson said Thursday, from a comfy booth in one of Bismarck's newest hangouts.

The Bismarck man opened Jorgy's Sports Bar two weeks ago, in the former Sandbar location on Memorial Highway.

Two things hit you as you stroll through the front door at Jorgy's. First, unlike the Sandbar, the new sports bar is smoke-free. Second, it's also home to The Grinder, the well-known Bismarck sandwich shop that was in business for years on South Third Street.

At Jorgy's you can order a salami grinder with taco meat and a cold beer, then enjoy a game on one of the many flat-screen TVs located throughout the bar. Jorgenson already subscribes to a satellite-TV package that gives the bar access to every National Football League game. He said Jorgy's will begin opening on Sundays in mid-August.

The pool tables and dart boards are still in the same spots, and many customers are starting to become regular fixtures as well.

"Business has already been really good," Jorgenson said. "The grinders have been going like crazy. People that have come in really like it. I was tired of going to smoky bars, and a lot of other people were, too. We're getting a lot of nonsmokers back in."

Jorgy's Sports Bar (255-0972) is located at 601 Memorial Highway.