

Jack Solomons



As teenage boxer Kid Mears stepped through the ropes, into the ring, his young girlfriend Fay could scarcely bear to watch. Later that evening she issued an ultimatum: "It's the ring or me!"

Jack Solomons discarded his gloves and his nickname and concentrated on his day job, hawking fish from a stall on Petticoat Lane market. He and Fay were swiftly married and remained together until her death 25 years later.

Jack had too good a brain to have it exposed to the brutality of life in the boxing ring, after he figured out that the real money, and the longer career, was in promoting bouts he left his day job to return to his ultimate calling. Jack Solomons went on to become one of the greatest boxing promoters in history.

Initially, Jack's speciality was in putting on young, up & coming boxers not handled by the established business. Jack Solomons Gym was originally based in the Devonshire Sporting Club, off Mare Street in Hackney until it was destroyed by German bombs in 1940. After this, Jack Solomons boxing gym found a new home in Great Windmill Street.

In 1945 Solomons hit it big with the Jack London vs Bruce Woodcock British heavyweight title fight at White Hart Lane. Following this Jack took on the big British fighters of the day such as Freddie Mills and Randolph Turpin. Jack promoted the sensational bout in 1951 when Sugar Ray Robinson lost his middleweight world title to Turpin. In 1963, he brought Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali) to England to fight Henry Cooper. He beat him over five rounds with a technical knockout.

Jack Solomons promoted 26 world title fights and was working almost up to his death in 1979. It's a measure of the role boxing played in British life that in 1957 Jack was a guest on Desert Island Discs. He explained to host Roy Plomley why his choices included Petula Clark ('Take Care of Yourself') and Johann Strauss II (Perpetual Motion) and East End favourites Flanagan and Allen (Down Every Street). His luxury item, rather fittingly, was a punchbag.

Jack Solomons OBE (December 1900 - 8 December 1979)

HOUSE POURS 50Ml / Mixers + £1.50

Element 29, England - £8

Boxer's, England - £8

Chivas Regal 12 Y/O, Scotland - £8

Woodford Reserve, USA - £8

Havana 7 Y/O, Cuba - £8

Arette Blanco, Mexico - £8

HOUSE INFUSIONS 50Ml

Tea-Infused Sipsmith Gin - £9
Chili & Basil Sambuca - £8.25
Rosemary, Basil, Thyme & Olive Brine Gin - £9

WHITE 175Ml / Bottle
Sauvignon Blanc, 2017 Wyebrook Estate NZ - £9.50/39
Chablis,2015 La Chablisienne - £10/43

RED 175Ml / Bottle

Pinot Noir, 2017 James Bryant California - £8.50/39 Bordeaux, 2015 Supèrieur Château Chapelle d'Aliénor - £42

SPARKLING 125Ml / Bottle

La Tordera Prosecco Spumante - £9/£39

Henri Favre brut NV - £11/60

Veuve Clicquot NV - £75

Laurent-Perrier Cuvee Rose NV - £120

Perrier Jouet Blanc de Blanc NV - £140

Dom Perignon Vintage - £295

BEER

Moretti, Italy (Bottle) - £4.50
Island Records Session IPA, England (Can) - 4.95
Island Records Jamaica Porter, England (Can) - 4.95
FourPure American Pale Ale, England (Can) - £4

Marcona Almonds - £3
Olives - £4

HOUSE COCKTAILS

On The Ropes - £15

Nikka from the barrel, Hennessey VS, maple syrup, cardamom bitters, Pernod Absinthe Mist

Yorkshire Lady - £14

Yorkshire-tea-infused Sipsmith, lavender, lemon, egg white

Dev's Delight - £14

Chivas Regal 12, Cointreau, Crème de Cacao, grapefruit, liquorice bitters

Polly Perkins - £13

Boxer Gin, Maraska Maraschino, Noilly Prat, cherry bitters

The Vixen - £14

Salto 37, Suze, lychee, strawberry

Snake Hips - £14

Old Curiosity Apothecary Rose, Campari, belsazar red, liquorice bitters, blackberry, lemon, egg white

Sultan Of Sock - £15

Maker's 46, Frangelico, Orange Bitters, Salted Caramel

Fen Tiger - £14

Maker's Mark, Domaine De Canton, Turmeric, Lemon Juice

Heart Punch - £13

Chilli-infused Arette Blanco, Passoa, grapefruit, lime, strawberry, ginger

White Negroni - £13

King of Soho, Noilly Prat, Suze

King Of Sin - £14

King Of Soho, Green Chartreusse, Pernod Absynthe, lime, basil

Joan Jay - £14

Havana 7 y/o, Crème de Banane, pineapple, coconut, lime

Jolly Jack - £14

Rosemary-Basil-Thyme-Olive-infused Boxer Gin, strawberry, lime, Double Dutch Pomegranate & Basil Tonic

Black Jack - £14

Bulleit Rye, Riga black balsam blackcurrant, vanilla, blackberry

Knock Out - £15

Chivas Regal 12, licor 43 Baristo, Crème de Noisette

Grapefruit Margarita - £13

Arette Blanco, Cointreau, grapefruit, Himalayan Pink salt, Lime

Turpintine - £13

Hendricks, elderflower, apple, lime

AJ - £14

Zacapa 23, Cynar, Antica Formula, orange bitters, aztec chocolate bitters

Queensbury Rules - £13

Disaronno Amaretto, nutmeg, cinnamon, coconut, orange, maraschino cherry

The AA Sour - £13

Aperol, Pernod Absynthe, lime, egg white

Coffee & Cigarettes - £14

Glenlivet Founder's Reserve Scotch, Galliano Liqueur, Sweet Vermouth, Chocolate Bitters

Jameson - £8

Mellow and smooth Irish whiskey with toasted wood & sherry undertones.

Monkey Shoulder - £8

Glenfiddich 12 y/o - £8

Speyside single malt, distinctively fresh & fruity nose with a hint of pear. Develops into butterscotch cream & malt for a mellow finish

Glenlivet Founder's Reserve - £9

Selective use of aged oak casks & American first-fill casks provides smooth, creamy sweetness

Jura Origin 10 y/o - £9.5

An easy drinking malt with delicate sweet palate & warming honey finish

Talisker 10 y/o - £10

Classic Island whisky from the oldest distillery on Skye, dynamic, bold, smooth & smokey with comforting afterglow

Laphroaig 10 y/o - £10

Full bodied smoky gem, typical of an Islay whisky. Salty, seaweedy & surprisingly sweet

Dalwhinnie 15 y/o - £10

Straightforward but flawless. soft honeyed sweetness gives way to malt, nuts, spices & a gentle whiff of smoke

Cragganmore 12 y/o - £10

Aromatic citrus, sweet toffee & oat biscuits. gentle maltiness with light hint of smoke. clean & refreshing

Macallan Gold £11

Assertive vanilla & citrus notes, aged in sherry casks

Ardbeg 10 y/o - £12

Hugely complex, multi-layered single malt with an explosion of crackling peat

Dalmore 12 y/o - £12

Coffee-rich with spice notes - christmas cake, chocolate & prunes, an ideal introductory dram to the world of scotch

Oban 14 y/o - £14

Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban - £15

Balvenie 14 y/o - £14

Very light & smooth palate. light on peat. matured in Caribbean rum casks – expect vanilla, butter & toffee notes

Lagavulin 16 y/o - £15

Not for the faint-hearted, but a must for a whisky enthusiast – possibly the most pungent of all Islay malts, thick, smooth & fiercely smoky

Glenlivet 18 y/o - £15

A malt whisky of unmistakable honey-rich maturity & depth. Thick creaminess and sweet vanilla, with a dry sharp finish

Johnnie Walker Blue - £24

An exquisite blend of some of Scotland's rarest & most exceptional whiskies. only one in ten thousand casks produced achieves the quality required to be bottled as this remarkable signature scotch

Macallan Rare Cask - £27

Rare & rich single malt aged in Spanish & American sherry-seasoned oak casks. smooth & complex with the gentle aroma of smoke & peat

AMERICAN 50ml

Jack Daniels - £8

Mellow & slightly smoky

Gentleman Jack - £9

Undergoes charcoal-mellowing twice, achieving exceptional smoothness. Notes of caramel & vanilla with balanced oak tones

Maker's Mark - £8

Sweet caramels & brown sugar notes thanks to the Red Winter wheat in the mash bill. Initially light with a spicy finish

Maker's 46 - £9

The addition of French Oak staves brings out spice, vanilla and smoky sweetness

Bulleit Bourbon - £9

A high Rye content creates rich, spicy & warming notes of cinnamon, nutmeg & clove leading to a well balanced finish

Bulleit Rye - £8.5

At 95% rye in the mash, this is one of the most intensely fruity & spicy whiskeys available

Sazerac Rye - £9.5

Terrifically spicy. Fresh, bright and attractive, tasting notes of maple candy & root beer with a dry woody finish

Hudson Manhattan Rye - £13

Honest, vibrantly bold & rustic. 90% of all ingredients are sourced within 10 miles of the distillery at Tuthilltown, New York

Hudson Baby Bourbon - £14

JAPANESE 50ml

Nikka from the Barrel - £10

original, intense & generous blend of pure malt & grain

Yamazaki Distiller's Reserve - £13

red berry notes; sweet & spicy. matured in sherry & Bordeaux casks, blended with Japanese oak aged whisky

Yamazaki 12 y/o - £19

maple syrup & honeysuckle lead to a soft spice that fades again beneath caramel, sweet orange & cinnamon toast

Hibiki 17 y/o - £20

spicy, smooth & seductive; amongst the most prestigious whiskies in the world

GIN 50ml

Caorunn (Scotland) - £8

Dry, crisp & aromatic; refreshing finish

King of Soho (England) - £8.50

Delicate combination of sweetness, citrus & earthiness

King of Soho Pink Berry (England) - £8.5

Pink berry edition. Delectable strawberry sweetness

Little Bird (England) - £8.50

Lively tang of citrus; luscious orange peel and zesty finish

Hendricks (Scotland) - £8.5

Refreshing gin infused with flavours of rose & cucumber

Sipsmith Sloe (England) - £8.5

Sloe berry tartness & sweet marzipan

Hayman's Old Tom (England) - £8.5

Fresh Juniper & sugar sweetness

Sipsmith London Dry (England) - £8.75

A particularly dry gin with bursts of juniper & zesty freshness

Monkey 47 (Germany) - £8.75

German gin made from 47 botanicals

No.3 (England) - £8.75

3 fruits & 3 spices

Plymouth Navy Strength (England) - £9

Full bodied citrus

Tanqueray 10 (England) - £9

Clean & crisp, grapefruit & juniper tasting notes

Old Curiosity Apothecary Rose (Scotland) - £9

Intensely floral with classic juniper, pine & pepper

Old Curiosity Lavender and Echinacea (Scotland) - £9

Aromatic herbal notes

Old Curiosity Chamomile and Cornflower (Scotland) - £9

Floral chamomile & heady citrus peel

Gin Mare (Spain) - £9.50

Mediterranean savoury herbal botanicals with an emphasis on the Arbequina olive

Chase Pink Grapefruit and Pomelo (England) - £9.5

Pink grapefruit peels and other citrus fruits

Chase Rhubarb and Bramley Apple (England) - £9.5

This tangy and tart gin pairs perfectly as a G&T

Rutte Celery (Holland) - £10.5

Distilled from botanicals including; natural celery, juniper, coriander, angelica, orange peel, and cardamom

BOTTLE SERVICE

(Prices include 10 mixers)

Grey Goose - £125

(700mL)

Patron XO Café - £110

(700mL)

Woodford Reserve - £110

(700mL)

Negroni Carafe - £60

Nikka from the Barrel - £105

(500mL)

King of Soho - £115

(700mL)

Monkey 47 - £90

(500mL)

Kraken Black Spiced Rum - £110

(700mL)

VODKA

ALL 50ml

RUM

Fair Quinoa, France - £8.5
Sipsmith, England - £8.5
Zubrowka, Poland - £8.5
Grey Goose, France - £9
Belvedere, Poland - £9
Chase, England - £9
Tito's, USA - £9.75
Absolut Elyx, Sweden - £10
Stoli Elit. Russia - £11

TEQUILA & MEZCAL

1800 Reposado - £8.5

1800 Anejo - £8.5

Patron XO Café - £8

Patron Silver - £11

Patron Reposado - £13.5

Patron Anejo - £14

Olmeca Altos Reposado - £12

José Cuervo 'La Familia' - £15

Don Julio 1942 - £20

Vida Mezcal - £12

Gem & Bolt Mezcal - £12

The Kraken, Trinidad - £8 Goslings Black Seal, Bermuda - £8 Flor de Cana 4 y/o, Nicaragua - £8 Cargo Cult Banana Spiced, South Pacific - £9 Appleton Estate Reserve Blend, Jamaica - £9 Plantation Pineapple. Barbados - £10 Dictador 12 Trinidad & Tobago - £11 Diplomatico Reserva Exclusiva, Venezuela - £11 Santa Teresa 1796, Venezuela - £13 Zacapa 23 y/o, Guatemala - £14

COGNAC

Hennessey VS - £9.5 Hennessey Fine - £11 Courvoisier XO - £15 Martell Cordon Bleu - £20