

The Pickled Pig Pub: great food without the trough

Skilled team opens second venture

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In the beginning there was Pig+Fish, and its creators thought, "Yep, this works; this is good." Now a second bolt of culinary creativity has struck, resulting in a new creation - The Pickled Pig Pub.

"Pickled Pig Pub said fast a few times will definably trip a few people up," said Doug Frampton, general manager.

Frampton and wife, Lisa, and Michael Stiglitz and wife Denise opened The Pig+Fish Restaurant Co. on Rehoboth Avenue in Rehoboth Beach in 2007. They had purchased Sydney's restaurant in 2006, which they operated for a year before they changed its name.

Stiglitz is chef at the Pig+Fish and also at the Pickled Pig Pub.

Featuring a menu and prices that are a gastronomic stimulus package, Stiglitz said the Pickled Pig's offerings are created to be doubly irresistible.

"We wanted to have very reasonable pricing, offering smaller plates for smaller prices. Everything on the regular menu is \$10 to \$14, and everything on the Plate of the Day menu today is

\$11 to \$14," Stiglitz said.

Frampton said the pub features dishes and flavors that have wide appeal.

"It's kind of global pub-grub meets bistro. The global influence is strong. The menu offers a wide range of things," he said, pointing out the Cuban Press sandwich, \$9, featuring smoked pit ham, shredded pork, pickles, Swiss cheese and Dijon spread on a panini roll, and the very British-style Chip Buddy sandwich, \$7, featuring french fries, curry gravy and green peas on a toasted panini roll.

Stiglitz, who trained at the Culinary Institute of America, is blending years of experience having prepared food for the fine-dining experience, and for a multiple location brewpub, to create The Pickled Pig's version of a gastropub, a style of dining with British origins.

"Our cuisine blends from the classic pub steak to a classic Italian sausage, pasta and peppers, to a couple of Asian-influenced items," he said. Also on this week's menu: a 'Pork chop Schnitzel,' \$10; 'Creole Meatloaf,' \$12; and 'Soy Sake Skirt Steak,' \$12.

"We don't have a 15-page laminated menu like the casual restaurant chains do. Our menu is on a regular piece of paper that came right out of the printer.

Next week it might not look like this," Stiglitz said.

The pub's Build Your Own Cheese Board (B.Y.O.C.B.), \$12.95, lets the diner choose two cheeses from a choice of offerings and is served with smoked

chorizo, imported olives, dried cherries and petite toast points.

Cheese board offerings include Rouge Oregonzolla, a tangy, fruity, Italian-style blue cheese; Cypress Grove Lamb Chopper, a smooth and buttery

sheep-milk cheese; and Sartori Sar Vecchio, a hard, dry Wisconsin Parmesan.

"You know that the people who are getting that plate and who enjoy cheese are getting ex-

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THE PICKLED PIG PUB, a restaurant featuring high-quality pub fare and beverages at affordable prices, is open in Harbor Square on Route 1. Pub Chef Michael Stiglitz, left, and General Manager Doug Frampton also own and operate The Pig+Fish Restaurant Co. in Rehoboth Beach.

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