



AUGIE'S

SPORTS GRILL:

The Sports Bar Reinvented

By Lori Romano

When most people think of sports bars, they think of dingy dives serving cold beer and greasy fried food. But if you are looking for delicious food, TVs tuned to all the day's games, and a family-friendly atmosphere, look no further than Augie's Sports Grill in Goodyear.

"It was an idea my dad came up with. We are from the Midwest, from Michigan originally, and we both love sports very passionately," says owner and manager John Boes. "So, why not open a place where we can be around something we love and love talking about? And that's what we do with our customers—talk sports all day long."

Located just south of I-10 in Goodyear, Augie's truly has something for everyone. There are 16 flat screen TVs, so there is always a good chance that you will get to see your team play. The full bar has an excellent selection of draft and bottle beers, wines by the glass and specialty mixed drinks. Stop in for Happy Hour every day, with half-price appetizers from 3-7 p.m. or \$1 off wells, bottles and drafts from 3



p.m. to close. And, on Mondays and Tuesdays, kids 10 and under eat free with the purchase of one adult entrée.

"We strive really hard to make it a family-friendly atmosphere," Boes says. "We have a lot of kids that come in, and we try to make it appealing for families. We're also getting ready to roll out a new breakfast menu every Saturday and Sunday from 8-11 a.m. for the football crowd."

The menu at Augie's is not typical bar cuisine. Start your meal with an order of Stuffed Mushrooms—large portabella mushroom caps stuffed with a zesty Italian sausage mix and topped with mozzarella cheese. For your main course, try one of Augie's

signature hamburgers that are cooked to order and served on a soft pretzel bun. Or, try an Augie Dog—an all beef frank, grilled, and topped with red chili, shredded cheddar and diced red onion, served on a poppy seed bun. If you have any room left after dinner, you can satisfy your sweet tooth with a Chocolate Fix—a chocolate brownie topped with vanilla ice cream, hot fudge and strawberry sauce.

"A lot of people don't equate sports bars with having very good food, and we're trying to break that mold," Boes explains. "Our hamburgers have a pretzel bun that you really don't see at other restaurants, and people just rave about it. We've just tried to build a unique brand here with Augie's. We're family-owned, so we've got that personal touch. People feel welcome here, like they're part of the family."

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