

A LOCAL'S DELIGHT

Ely's Serves First-Class Fare
in a Comfortable Environment

by Price Rosson



Richard Shapley, Owner of Ely's Restaurant & Bar

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Richard Shapley opened the doors to Ely's Restaurant & Bar in 2008 with a commitment to serving "mouth watering cuts of beef and fresh seafood, in a contemporary, upscale atmosphere." Seven years of devotion to Madison County, Ely's word still stands strong and the promise to its neighborhood and home is only growing stronger.

Locally owned and operated, Richard says, "Our service and friendships go hand in hand. It simply comes naturally because we love serving our friends and neighbors."

The love of the job is apparent as everyone on the service staff has been employed for at least a year-and-a-half to two years and some upwards of seven years.

"We know your name when you come in. We are truly an establishment for the locals," Richard adds.

Recently, Ely's has added new and contemporary elements of style to help amplify the modern feel of the restaurant.

The white table cloths have been replaced with new modern, sleek tables and the new bar stools accentuate the comfort of the atmosphere.

Ely's intentionally appeals to anyone and everyone.

"Our clientele spans generations, which we love," says Richard.

The atmosphere and ambiance are great for a special night out or watching the game on Saturday, good for cocktails with the ladies and you will often find businessmen finishing out the day.

"We are comfortable, not casual," Richard adds.

The additions to comfort within the restaurant can also be found in the way of food. Ely's is now serving a new bar menu between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The new bar menu includes small plates of tenderloin sliders and fried oysters, but also still available are everyone's favorite tenderloin tips and fries, yellow fin tuna and hummus.

On any given day the doors are open, you will find a good crowd having good conversation over terrific food and drink at the bar.

The drinks are just as first-rate as the food. A superb wine list and many specialty cocktails which include the Pineapple Ely, Old (Towne) Fashioned and The Carousel, which is a tip of the hat to the bar on Bourbon Street, are guaranteed to raise your spirits.

Beef Tenderloin Sliders



Steak Salad



“What is most important is that you will always find top notch food and service but never a stuffy atmosphere,” Richard concludes.

A tried and true local establishment, headed by a man with roots in the history of Mississippi’s melting pot of food and culture, Ely’s Restaurant & Bar will never fail to serve first-class fare in comfortable environment.



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