

GOURMAND SIG

BY PAT YAROS

Sixteen hungry souls got together in April to experience 219 – An American Bistro in downtown Norfolk.

Present to try out the establishment were the following: Linda Carol Adrienne, Don Gregory, Liz and Roger Gregory, Elaine Greywalker, Joe and Karolyn Griffith, Clare Houseman with her son Greg Magier, Kathy and Monte O'Connor, Kim Rouke, Kim Smith, John Williams, and Steve and Pat Yaros.

The prices of the entrees that we ordered ranged from \$10.99 to \$26.99. Entrees that we tried and our ratings of them from 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest, are listed to the right.

You may have noticed a lot of orders for a Lobster Tail. That's because the bistro offers, on Monday nights only, Lobster Tails for \$10.99. They're good; check them out! Anyway, comments about this meal included the following: Liz, "Good She-Crab Soup. It even included chunks of lobster." Roger said, "Liz's chop was better than my meal. The She-Crab Soup was good, but it was only warm." Karolyn noted, "the waiter, Jimmy, was quite patient with our large group." Monte found his lobster to be "somewhat salty." Kim S. agreed, adding that the sweet potato was "too sweet." Elaine gave 10.0 to her side dishes, especially the asparagus. Don declared, "The whole meal was excellent; it was one of the best meals I've had." John felt "there was too much searing on the steak surface, but it was still very good." Kim R. enjoyed the mashed sweet potatoes and the pork chop, describing both of them as being "Very Good." Linda Carol said her asparagus was very good; but overall, she was not pleased with the food, and she ended up sending her plate back. Greg declared that his fries could have been a little warmer.

Liz —Pork Chop Special & She-Crab soup	9.5
Roger –Single Lobster Tail & She-Crab Soup	8.0
Karolyn One Lobster Tail	8.0
Joe —Scallop special and She-Crab Soup	9.0
Kim S.—Pork Chop Special	4.0
Linda Carol -Broiled Seafood Platter	3.0
Kim R.—Pork Chop Special	9.0
Elaine —Various veggie side dishes	10.0
John — Ribeye Steak	8.0
Clare — Lobster Tail	9.0
Greg — Cheeseburger & fries	9.0
Don —Single Lobster Tail	10.0
Kathy —Crab Cake Dinner	8.0
Monte — 2 Lobster Tails	9.0
Steve — Single Lobster Tail	9.0
Pat —— Single Lobster Tail	8.5

Clare loved the lobster, but felt that it was a little cool. She even said that she was "sad when the meal ended." My lobster and mashed sweet potato were delicious. Liz described her pork chop as being "wonderful." And Steve rated his main course and his mashed potato at 9.0. Broccolini, however, is not his favorite vegetable. He rated that a 4.0.

As for desserts, the cheesecake, both the White Chocolate & Berry and the Toffee Crunch, rated 10.0. They were followed in our Mensa ratings by the Tiramisu and then by the Key Lime Pie.

Please join us on **Monday, June 26nd** as we try out Coastal Spice, reputed to be one of the best Indian restaurants in the area. Located in the Fairfield Shopping Center in VA Beach,