

# FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

## Craft Draft, Field of Beers set for West Palm Beach, Jupiter

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Along with the Girl Scout Cookie Sale, scheduled just when everyone's turning over a new leaf about their diets, the month of January brings two craft beer festivals to the area.

West Palm Beach's downtown will be the site of the second annual **Craft Draft and Bites** fest and music event.

Set for Jan. 18-20, a number of events centered on local craft brews — more than 140 of them, as well as special distilleries and wines — will be staged at the **Meyer Amphitheater**.

Local chefs and restaurants are providing bites to pair with the beers; local musicians are set to play throughout the fest.

It's an interactive tasting, with games and contests. Friday, it's a Beer Pong tournament, and a Biggest Beard contest. Saturday, a tattoo contest and flip cup tournament are scheduled, along with a "barrel cracking" by the head distiller of **Five & 20 Spirits** of Westfield, N.Y. Sunday, another barrel is cracked by the owner of **Bluegrass Distillers** of Lexington, Ky.

Festgoers pay for only the tastings they want; individual tastings are \$4; 20 are \$72 if bought online. General admission is \$20; the two-day pass is \$65.

If you dine at any downtown West Palm Beach restaurant, you get free entry on Friday, Jan. 18. Take your lunch or dinner receipt from any meal downtown (must be dated Jan. 1-16), and get in free. Tasting ticket prices still apply.

For all information and ticket purchases, go to [www.craftdraftandbites.com](http://www.craftdraftandbites.com).

The following week, Jan. 25 and 26, the 11th annual **Field of Beers** and **Jupiter Craft Brewers Festival** take place at **Roger Dean Stadium** in Jupiter.

The Field of Beers event Friday night with food and beer pairings in the dugouts is always sold-out, with tickets gobbled up by Thanksgiving. Hopefuls can ask to be wait-listed.

The main event, the brewers festival, has grown physically this year, with more than 60 breweries and 175 beers represented in an expanded area at the stadium. All are free to taste with the price of admis-

sion. This event has a limited number of tickets — 3,000 total; if you can't buy online, prepare to stand in line (get there early) the day of for gate tickets.

Online tickets are \$35 plus fees, or \$40 at the gate (cash only).

Jupiter Craft Brewers Festival, Saturday, Jan. 26, 1-5 p.m. at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter's Abacoa. For information and tickets, visit [jupiterbrewfest.com](http://jupiterbrewfest.com).

For both events, it's age 21 and up.

### Sommelier starts chef series

Master sommelier **Virginia Philip** will kick off the 2019 Chef Series at her shop, the **Virginia Philip Wine, Spirits & Academy** at noon Jan. 12.

Master fusion chef **Chris Paul** starts the series with his chef class. As one of only seven certified Master Fusion Chefs in the world, Chef Paul focuses on intimate home dining, private parties and wine pairings.

He has presented the class to others through his "Taste and See" pop-up restaurants around the county at the Polo West Club, Village Music and Cafe, You Farm and Downtown at the Gardens.

At the event with four dishes and four wines, he will prepare his favorites.

Tickets are \$60.

Virginia Philip Wine, Spirits & Academy, 340 Royal Poinciana Plaza, Palm Beach. Phone 561-557-4202; [www.virginia-philipwineandspirits.com](http://www.virginia-philipwineandspirits.com).

### In brief

On Jan. 24, the **Okeechobee Steakhouse** begins its first bourbon pairing of the year. Tickets are \$185, and you'll dine with the owner, **Ralph Lewis**, and sample rare bourbons and prime meats. Go to [www.okeesteakhouse.com](http://www.okeesteakhouse.com) for the details. ... Already gaining critics' notice, **Dr. Limon Ceviche Bar** — think Peru via Miami Beach — at 533 Clematis in West Palm Beach, has its official grand opening Jan. 12 at 4 p.m., with music, the official ribbon-cutting, and more. Visit [www.drlimon.com](http://www.drlimon.com) for the menu and info. ... If you're down south, and want to check out a beer fest in that area, the **Funky Buddha's** annual **Maple Bacon Coffee Porter Festival** is Jan. 12 at its Oakland Park brewery. Sample more than 50 brews. It's at 1201 NE 38th St., Oakland Park; [www.funkybuddhabrewery.com](http://www.funkybuddhabrewery.com) for info. ■



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The patio at **Pizza Al Fresco**, just off Worth Avenue, offers dinner under the stars.

## JAN'S THREE FOR 3 Places for patio dining

A trio worth noting

### 1 1000 NORTH

1000 U.S. Highway 1, Jupiter. 561-570-1000; [www.1000north.com](http://www.1000north.com).

Food is ever more delicious enjoyed outdoors, with a view. The Terrace — just another word for patio — is less formal than the dining room, and lovely here at twilight. A nice plate of oysters, a bowl of she-crab soup and a glass of something white, with a view of the lighthouse swirling, and sunset all at once in the company of good friends. Magic.

### 2 FLAGLER STEAKHOUSE

2 S. County Road, Palm Beach. 855-436-2053; [www.thebreakers.com/dining/flagler-steakhouse/](http://www.thebreakers.com/dining/flagler-steakhouse/).

Atop The Breakers golf clubhouse, the patio here overlooks the course. It's The Breakers — meaning pricey, but with fine details such as climate-controlled air even outdoors and designer staff uniforms. Find lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch here with Angus prime steak the star power, and fresh seafood dishes as well — we like the lump crabmeat Louie. If for brunch, it's Bananas Foster French Toast. Always, choice wines.

### 3 PIZZA AL FRESCO

14 Via Mizner, Palm Beach. 561-832-0032; [www.pizzaalfresco.com](http://www.pizzaalfresco.com).

In a beautiful courtyard epitomizing Palm Beach and its architecture — as well as patrons — find one of the best fresh pizzas in the county. Under slender palms and blue umbrellas, the patio dining is perfect in winter weather. The plate of *frito misto* is hard to resist, but the bright salads are meal-worthy, so you can redeem the cheat with one of many choices. Pizzas can be gluten-free and vegetarian if you choose. Some vegan options, too. ■

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