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A New Brunch Comes Ashore

SURF & SAND ROLLS OUT ITS NEW WEEKEND BRUNCH MENU.

Brunch at Splashes is all-new and served fresh to its hungry patrons, with a wide variety of new small bites and artisan creations from chef Jeff Armstrong.

Included in the revamped brunch menu is smoked albacore, lobster scrambles, grilled swordfish, crab and shrimp cocktails and even Nutella pancakes. And brunch wouldn't be brunch without a handful of tantalizing cocktail options to wash down the new creations with. New drinks include the Verde Mary, the Sunrise Sangria and a variety of top-notch bubbly to toast the good life with.

Naturally, one thing that remains unchanged is the stunning ocean view.

Between the wide variety of sweet, savory and succulent treats, your plate(s) will be full and your cup, tumbler or flute of choice will certainly runneth over.

The new assortment of options at Splashes is available now on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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In Argentina, the end of each month is a time to scrape together whatever is left and maximize its meal potential, as money tends to be tight by then. It is (according to legend) this custom that led to the creation of a national “gnocchi day” that takes place on the 29th of each month as part of a celebration of good food, family and prosperity.

Enter Maro Wood Grill, Laguna’s own Argentinean stop for freshly grilled bites, which hosts “Noquis del 29” every month to bring this Argentinean tradition to hungry locals. Executive Chef Debra Sims makes all sorts of special seasonal gnocchi by hand for this traditional event, including ricotta, beet, three-cheese, spinach, shrimp and pumpkin gnocchi.

Locals can now treat themselves to this special menu item and celebrate the end of the month in delicious fashion. “Regardless of the origin,” owner Maro Molteni says, “the important part of the tradition is to enjoy the food, the place and the company.”

“Noquis del 29” happens on the 29th of every month, and early reservations are recommended. (1915 S. Coast Hwy.; 949-793-4044; marowoodgrill.com)



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Laguna's Little Italy

A NEW MENU AND CHEF BRING A TRUE AUTHENTICITY TO TI AMO'S CUISINE.

Ti Amo Ristorante, one of south Laguna's hidden gems, is making a splash in 2012. Although the restaurant has been charming residents and locals for many years, new owner Veronica Scala took over in January, bringing with her big plans for the beachside eatery.

"This is a new venture for me," Veronica says, noting that she has already introduced a new menu, happy hour and wine list to the intimate Italian restaurant.

Creating a truly authentic Italian experience, the new executive chef Pino Domicolo brings his Sicilian roots to Ti Amo cuisine: "Our new chef

is from Italy—he does all the desserts by hand every morning; the pastas, raviolis [are] all from scratch as well," Veronica explains.

In addition to menu changes, Ti Amo patrons will find enhancements to the restaurant's décor. The upper garden enjoyed a remodel, but the most dramatic change took place downstairs, where the bar and lounge area is now open with a new happy hour.

Ti Amo is open six days a week for dinner: Tuesday – Sunday from 5 p.m. to close. (31727 S. Coast Hwy.; 949-499-5350; tiamolagunabeach.com)

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and mushroom salads, thyme blue cheese French fries, pork medallions and savory chicken wontons. All of these small bites and more will be available both at the bar and at any of Nirvana Grille's tables, making this the perfect place to satiate your appetite after a night on the town. (303 Broadway St.; 949-497-0027; nirvanagrille.com)

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