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Tastes: Crosby's: Savor a meal outdoors

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There are more than five dozens items on Crosby's menu. That count doesn't even include fresh-squeezed juice vodka cocktails, all the tempting sides or scrumptious desserts. It does, however, include sandwiches, burgers, tacos, salads (and, taco salad), steaks, pork chops, eggs and waffles.

Call it your favorite place to watch the game (there are 11 new flat screen TVs, after all), the best casino bar in the region, an Irish Pub or even your family's spot for brunch. People may debate the factors that make Crosby's a great place. My take – hands down – includes two precise ingredients. One is the outdoor patio. The second? From the time the door opens, 11 a.m. during the week and at 9 a.m. on the weekends, Crosby's serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. That's right. Come in and get fueled by a satisfying breakfast burrito smothered in Crosby's award-winning Mexican Green Chile made with pork and tomatillos or something lighter like oatmeal and berries. Dive into a fresh salad or burger. Go with steak or baby back ribs. It doesn't matter – the choice is yours.

Or, do as I do, opt for English Fish and Chips. What I like most about the battered, deep fried, crunchy-on-the-outside healthy portion of fried cod is the girth. These are not skinny strips. The fish is moist and tender. The accompanying heaping bowl of freshly made cole slaw, more than 1 cup's worth, is crunchy, flavorful and has just the right level of sweetness. Don't resist the finger-licking-good house cut fries. I love ketchup. I mean love it, yet I easily gobbled up these tasty fries, one by one, without reaching for the ketchup.

Server Suze, one of the 16 employees at Crosby's, met me with a friendly greeting the moment I settled into a creekside seat on the patio where flowers are in bloom. The atmosphere is welcoming. The outdoors is delightful. The bar, lined with casino games, stays open until midnight and people keep coming back for more winnings.

Daily lunch specials are only \$6.99 and frequently change. Claw chowder is offered every Friday. Dinner specials also are popular and keep residents returning week after week for their favorites.

Jim Poulos and his wife Gina have owned and run Crosby's since 2000. Over the years, they have expanded on what they most liked about the menu. Based on the huge local following they've found a recipe that works year-round. Catering on-site and off also keeps them busy, as well as their support of small community schools and events.

And, if you're wondering, the answer is yes. Crosby's is worth the drive to Incline Village from Truckee or Tahoe City so head over, throw some cash into the casino games at the bar, and you just might walk away with a bigger wallet, even after your meal. At the least you'll walk away with a smile, satisfied after a tasty meal.

Crosby's Pub, located at 868 Tahoe Blvd. in the Christmas Tree Village in Incline Village, is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy discounted beer, wine and fresh squeezed well drinks from 3 to 6 p.m. Buy a drink during happy hour and also enjoy chicken wings for just 50 cents. Crosby's kitchen is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the weekends and beginning at 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. Visit www.crosbyspub.com to view the full menu. For more information, to-go orders and to plan on-site and off-site catering, call (775) 833-1030.

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