

Restaurant Review 12 The Country Club November 2, 2014

FOOD: The Country Club...You Don't Have to Belong to the Club...But You Can Do Better: The Country Club Bar and Grill is located on the Clayton Road side of the Lamp and Lantern Shopping Center at Clayton Road and Woods Mill Road. The place reeks charm as a neighborhood joint where everyone at the right time of day might know your name.



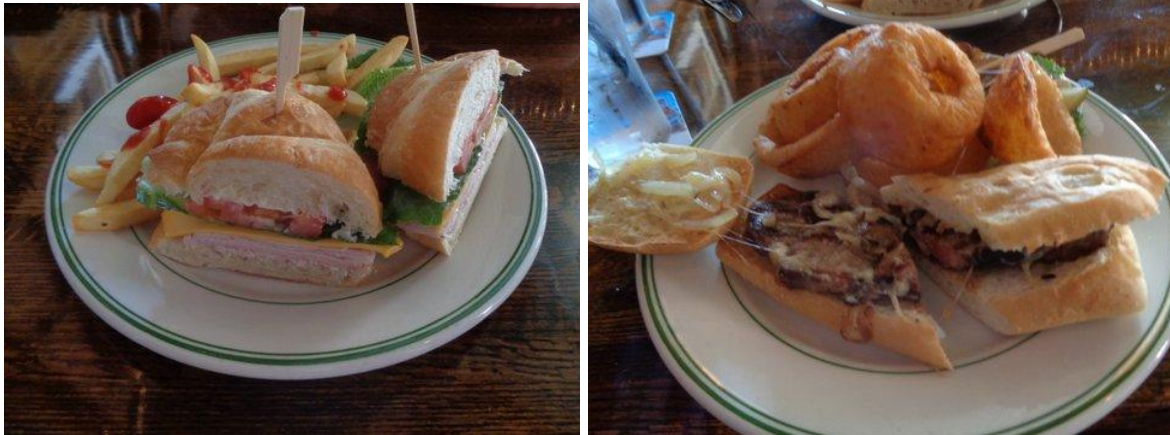
The inside of the place features dark wood tables, chairs and bar stools. It really looks inviting. I have to admit the last time I had eaten there was in 2010 where I was so involved with a conversation I didn't really pay much attention to the food.

Former Chesterfield Patch.Com editor Jean Whitney and I stopped in for lunch on a Friday in October. We started with the soup of the day, which was potato (\$4.99). It was hearty with lots of potatoes. It also had so much salt a football player on a hot Friday night could replace lost sodium by drinking this soup instead of sport drinks. If you were going to cheat on a low sodium diet...you would have overdosed after the first two spoonfuls. I'm saying this as a person who is routinely reaching for a salt shaker.



For the entrees Jean ordered the Turkey Club on a croissant roll (\$10.99). It came with a side of fries. I got the steak sandwich along with a side of onion rings. (\$13.48)

Jean rated her turkey club as "okay" with cold oven roasted turkey you might buy at the Schnucks' Deli. She was surprised it came with American cheese, especially since it was served on a croissant. The real downer was the fact that the French fries were stone cold. You could get a better sandwich for a lot less at Jimmy Johns or Subway.



My steak sandwich was perhaps the highlight of the day. It was cooked to order, the grilled onions added some favor. Unfortunately the undercooked onion rings took away from the experience. You could not bite through the undercooked onions causing the whole onion to pull out of the ring...leaving an onion hanging out of your mouth and an empty beer battered ring in your hand.

False Advertising: The Country Club also offered a "Philly Cheesesteak" on the menu that was merely roast beef with slices of cheese and some onions on it. In other words it was no where close to being a "Philly Cheesesteak" that consistst of flank steak that is chopped up while on the grill with onions, placed on a toasted hoagie roll then with hot cheese similar to Cheese Whiz poured on top of it.

"The Country Club" might sound cool when you tell a friend where to meet you. It might be a great place to meet for a drink. For food you can do better and probably cheaper.