

RESTAURANT REVIEW 55 THE SLIDER HOUSE August 27 2017

THE SLIDER HOUSE: I have heard from different people that the food at the Slider House in Rock Hill on the southwest corner of Manchester Road and McKnight Road is great and from others that it is overpriced. We tried it out recently at 8 pm on a Wednesday night. After the normal dinner rush the place was still 40-50% full with the patio being full.



When you first walk in it appears to be just another sports bar with big screen television screens in view of every customer. They do have a beer menu, but the place is family friendly that includes a kids' menu with five items that most kids would like, such as a hot dog, grilled cheese, and chicken fingers.

All the regular sliders were \$4.75.

The Slider Specials were \$7.75 and included just two; The Lobster Slider that consisted of grilled lobster tail, pickled green tomato, arugula, red onion and smoked tomato remoulade. The other special was a Black and Bleu Double. It was a double burger, crumbled bleu cheese, crisp bacon, rose tomato, grilled onion and blackened sauce.

We decided to try none of the hamburger menu items. My wife ordered the BLFGT, which was a Bacon, Fried Green Tomato, lettuce and garlic aioli. She also got a side of sweet potato waffle fries (\$4).

I ordered the Southern Comfort Slider, hand breaded fried chicken, lettuce, tomato and a honey glaze, plus a second slider. The second slider was a Bay of Pigs, which I ordered saying, "I'll take a Kennedy Administration Disaster. I was impressed that our 23-year-old waitress Ginn got the reference. This slider consisted of sliced pork tenderloin, smoked ham, Swiss cheese, Guinness dijonaise on a pretzel bun.

Before our food arrived the manager, Amy, came over to our table and said she was sorry, they ran out of bacon and were frying more but my wife's Bacon, Lettuce, Fried Green Tomato slider would take a little longer. She said she would like to sub a different slider free of charge and then deliver the BLFGT slider when the bacon was done. My wife picked the Rueben Slider on a pretzel bun.

Now I don't care how good a sweet potato dish is, I'm not eating it. When the food arrived the sweet potato waffle fries looked like the ones I have seen in lots of bar and grills. However, my wife proclaimed they were better than any she has ever had in an establishment with eight TVs on the wall.



Amy, the manager delivered our order and explained that the bacon was done faster than she thought so my wife's BLFGT and Rueben were both delivered on the platter along with my Southern Comfort chicken. The Bay of Pigs was on a separate plate.

Frankly I have reached a time in my life where I no longer want to eat a ½-pound burger and a side. I know some younger people who don't want to pack away calories. Both of these are reasons why I actually appreciated this place.

My wife ate the BLFGT and took the Rueben home. She really enjoyed the BLFGT Slider. She liked the reheated Rueben the next day. I then asked our waitress and Amy the manager if they were familiar with Fannie Flagg. They said they were not. But admitted they both were aware of the movie Fried Green Tomatoes. The screenplay was by Fannie from her novel Fried Green Tomatoes and the Whistle Stop Café. I promised that I would return with a Fannie Flagg book.



I started with my Southern Comfort chicken slider. It did not look that big, but actually it took four bites to finish and it was delicious.

My Bay of Pigs Slider was even better. The pretzel bun was soft and the pork was very tender and flavorful. I was told you can substitute a pretzel bun instead of a regular bun for any menu item.

The two sliders without any sides were perfect. I left no longer hungry but not stuffed. My cost was \$9.50 plus tax and tip.

We skipped the desserts or milk shakes at \$6 each.



The Southern Comfort Slider.



The Bay of Pigs AKA The Kennedy Administration Disaster Slider.

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When you say "slider" most people think of White Castle, a place many used to go to during the day if they did not have much money and late at night because it was the only place open and alcohol reduced the effectiveness of your taste buds. Now there is a place where you can get Sliders that are really very good