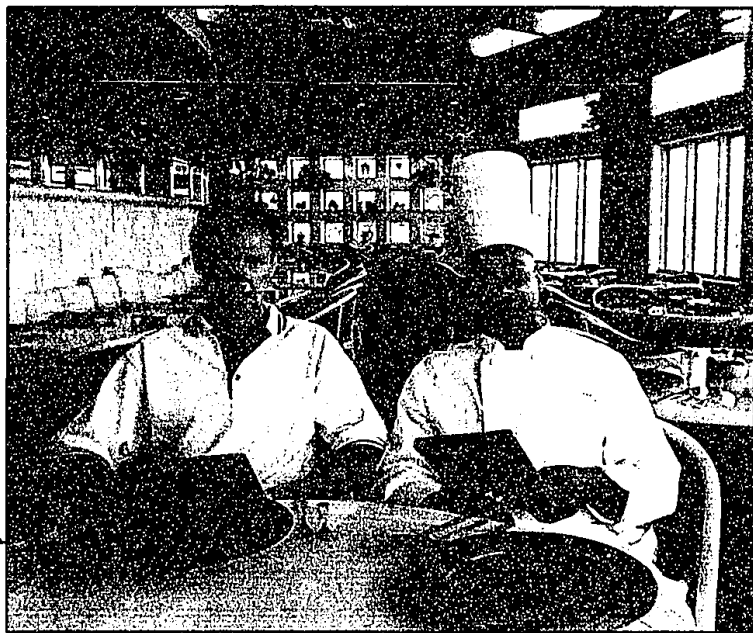


DINING

Committed to excellence: General manager John Gwathney (left) and Chef Calvin Williams at The Inn at Copper Creek.



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# Copper Creek offers chic

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Brothers Richie and Ken Cummins, best known in this area as golf course entrepreneurs, apparently know a little about the restaurant business, as well. Along with partner and general manager John Gwathney, the Cummins brothers have opened a new, contemporary restaurant at their nine-hole Copper Creek Golf Course in Farmington Hills. And, by all accounts, The Inn at Copper Creek, is scoring an ace. "I first heard about Copper Creek from an associate. She kept telling me I had to see this place," said interior designer Arlene Kageff, who works for Scott Shuprine in Troy. "The main dining room has an open, natural feel with the use of etched glass, whitewashed stone, cream-colored leather and African cork. "And the ladies room is a must-see. The stall doors are a shiny,

### The Inn at Copper Creek

- **Location:** 27925 Golf Pointe, Farmington Hills, (off 12 Mile one block west of Healed).
- **Hours:** Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday 4-11 p.m.; Sundays open for parties of 50 or more.
- **Music:** Contemporary American.
- **Price range:** Moderate to expensive.
- **Reservations:** Accepted (810) 489-1777.
- **Credit Cards:** American Express, Visa, MasterCard.

black lacquered Oriental-style." You wonder how a couple of guys with 30 years experience building golf courses in the Novi and Northville areas know so much about restaurant decor. Well, they know enough to call in an expert. Fort Lauderdale architect Breco provided the chic interior. Something else the brothers knew: It takes more than a pretty interior to make a restaurant work. You have to have the food.

The Inn at Copper Creek offers elegant moderate-to-expensively priced Continental cuisine from Chef Calvin Williams. The menu includes a wide array of appetizers from wild Morel mushrooms with shrimp in a cream sauce (\$9.50) to Beluga caviar (\$65). Among the more popular entrees are medallions of beef tenderloin del mar (\$21.55) and your choice of fresh seafood flown in daily from the East

Coast. You also find Sautéed Quail T.C., Smoked Breast of Cumberland Duckling, fresh Vegetable Stir-Fry Canton, baby back ribs, chicken and steak. But don't let the fine food fool you. The environment at The Inn is hardly stuffy. "I enjoy it because during lunch time I can grab a sandwich outside on the patio that overlooks the golf course," said Liz Yerky of Farmington Hills. "Even though The Inn attracts an upscale crowd, it's the kind of place where you feel comfortable rubbing elbows with your neighbors or the golfers at the bar." Luncheon items include a variety of salads - Chops, California, Spinach, and Chicken, soup, burgers, sandwiches and omelettes. Sylvia Abbate is a free-lance writer who lives in Farmington.

### RESTAURANT SPECIALS

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**Events**

**Ann Arbor Royal Seafood Co.**  
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The Golden Mushroom, Pike Street and Morals will team up to provide an array of culinary creations on the grounds of Dura Scotus, Evergreen at Nine Mile Road, 1 p.m. Saturday, July 13 before the Southfield Golf Cup Pro Competition. General Wine Liquor company will provide a full bar and wines. Standard Coffee Company will be serving cappuccino, espressos, coffee and various food teas. Cost is \$50 per person, includes lunch, cocktails, beverages. Held side seat for polo meet which begins at 2 p.m. Proceeds benefit National Restaurant Association. (810) 659-4230

**Ikwanji**  
Japanese restaurant and sushi bar, 2000 Town Center, Southfield, is celebrating their 10th anniversary. Open weekdays for lunch and dinner, and on weekends for dinner. Call for reservations, (810) 358-1011

### And the winner is...



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Contest winner Mr. B's president, Mike Nash and "Cuckoo for Cancun" contest winner Steven Wood of Waterford.

## Mr. B's customer 'Cuckoo for Cancun'

Steven Wood of Waterford, won Mr. B's "Cuckoo for Cancun Contest" — a one-week trip for two to Cancun, Mexico. The contest, which highlighted Mr. B's Mexican and Southwestern menu, ran in May during the restaurant's month long "La Cook-a-Rita Fiesta de Salinas" promotion. Wood, who manages the Alibi Bar, registered his winning entry at Mr. B's in Troy. "This is too good to be true," said Wood. "You never expect to win something like this, it's

usually somebody else who gets it. I just hope my boss doesn't ask me what I was doing at B!" Over 8,000 people entered the contest. "Sales of our Mexican and Southwestern specialties increased dramatically during the May promotion," said Mike Nash, Mr. B's president. As a result, Nash plans to permanently add to Mr. B's menu some of the new dishes introduced during "La Cook-a-Rita," including the popular Fried Ice Cream.

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- Pat Metheny Group
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- Las Vegas Spectacular - Hollywood Spectacular
- American Family Theatre's
- The David Sanborn Group

### AUG

- Dave Koz
- WEezer w/George Thorpe and The Dog
- An Evening with Barry Manilow
- Always...Foxy Chix - Stage Presentation
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