

Bloomfield's has a ducky decor

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staff writer

Just ducky is the motif for Bloomfield's, once Bedell's, at Square Lake Road and Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills.

Interior designer Ron Rea has used whimsical, art-deco styling, a color scheme of pink and beige, and color embellishments as duck cutouts for wall paneling.

Lunch and dinner menus, in gray and mauve, are in keeping with the light, tasteful and informal setting for enjoyment of good food.

Bloomfield's recently celebrated its official grand opening, although the restaurant under its new ownership has been open for some months now. It's another of Herb Schmidt's places — he also owns the Schmidt Haus in Warren, the 220 Merrill Street Restaurant in Birmingham and the Main St. Seafood Bar and Grill in Rochester.

Over a recent lunch, it was difficult to decide between the many daily specials and the menu's regular offerings. The specials included a selection of fresh fish, as well as seafood pasta, a Health Special (low-calorie, low-fat, no-salt chicken breast with wine sauce, apples and raisins), soup and club sandwich and French dip.

SEAFOOD CHOICES on the menu are saute brook trout, shrimp scampi, monk fish and fillet, and seafood and vegetable fettuccine. I tried the last dish, which combines whole shrimp and large chunks of scallops with fresh vegetables — broccoli and carrots — and the fettuccine noodles. Reduced tarragon cream, topped with Swiss cheese, is the finishing touch, both an attractive and flavorful complement to the seafood and vegetables.

Other entrees include a number of German dishes, a feature at Schmidt's restaurants, such as baked chicken strudel, wiener schnitzel, knackwurst, potato pancakes and grilled Canadian bacon, and Bavarian bratwurst.

For steak lovers there is chopped beef steak, stuffed with bleu or cheddar cheese, served with Bordelaise sauce, or beef tenderloin steak sandwich. Those who eat light might prefer the Oriental stir fry or the fresh vegetable plate.

Soups, salads and sandwiches are

other choices, as well as appetizers and desserts. A wine list offers a nice selection of sparkling, white and red wines, mostly French or California.

Dinner, of course, offers an even greater selection of entrees. Again, there are fresh-fish specials, a recent one was swordfish oscar — sauteed swordfish steak topped with asparagus spears and king crabmeat with sauce bearnaise at \$13.95.

OTHER ENTREES range from chicken teriyaki and chicken Pomme (breast of chicken with cheese and sliced ham over rice pilaf with Pomme mustard sauce), both at \$8.95, to wiener schnitzel at \$11.95, roast raspberry duckling at \$12.95 and provolone veal oscar at \$13.95.

There's also fillet mignon, New York sirloin, prime rib, and steak and lobster combination. More seafood dishes are baked seafood strudel, shrimp scampi, shrimp and scallops a la Werner, frogs legs roadhouse style, and broiled lobster tails.

All diners include salad, rolls and choice of baked potato, potato pancakes, vegetable or rice pilaf. Those who don't want a full meal may order from the portion of the menu designating a la carte dinners —

table talk

sandwiches and other light selections.

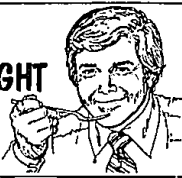
Again, appetizers, soups and salads may be ordered a la carte. Desserts are tempting — with a turtle sundae the house specialty and the German influence evident in German chocolate cake supreme and in apple strudel.

On Saturdays, a gourmet dinner for two is priced at \$21.95 and includes a half carafe of wine per couple with the entree. The gourmet meal changes each week and includes appetizer, soup, fish course, salad, entree, dessert and beverage.

A BUFFET is served Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., for \$8.95 adults, \$4.95 children. Make-your-own-sundae is a special feature. A family-style Viennese chicken dinner also is available on Sundays, served 3-10 p.m., for \$8.95 per person. Other Sunday dinners are served from 2 p.m.

Lunch and dinner is available Mondays-Saturdays from the regular menu. The large, Just Ducky's bar has reduced bar prices 4-7 p.m., with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and from 10 p.m. p.m. to 1 a.m.

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