

C U I S I N E N E W S

Sizzle Dining, Southwest Florida’s premier restaurant week, has 94 restaurants lined up to participate Sept. 7-27. A final list with all the menus should be out next week. For details, visit <https://sizzle-dining.com/>. In the meantime, consider these Sizzle Dining summertime items:

DelMar, a Sizzle Dining 2023 restaurant, serves summer dining seven days a week. Celebrate early every day with a complimentary starter (choice of hummus, roasted red pepper, spicy feta, tzatziki, tabbouleh, tomato salad, mixed greens salad or golden beet salad) and dessert (olive oil cake, Turkish coffee mousse or baklava) with the purchase of any one of nine entrees on its Early Dining Menu, available daily from 4-5:30 p.m.

A new weekend brunch, available on both Saturdays and Sundays, begins at 11:30 a.m. starring customer favorites like Lobster Scramble, Mushroom Frittata and half-priced Veuve Clicquot by the glass and bottle.

Libations in the lounge Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. feature \$5 off selected cocktails and wines by-the-glass, \$5 beers and specially priced Turkish flat breads. Enjoy selected half-priced bottles of wine (priced at \$150 and less) every Monday night from its world-class wine list.

The restaurant opens at 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and at 11:30 a.m. on weekends.

494 5th Ave. S., Naples; 239-350-0134; delmarnaplesrestaurant.com

The Hangout with Two Guys offers two ways to beat the heat. Stay hydrated and refreshed with “Cool as a Cucum-



COURTESY PHOTOS
DelMar Executive Chef Alejandra Landin’s innovative fresh scallops atop a roasted pepper puree with romanesco and preserved lemon is one of nine Early Dining Menu entrees available at DelMar Naples.



LEFT: Brownie Shooter is a chocolate lover’s delight, blending triple chocolate brownie bits, Chantilly cream, chocolate mousse and fresh berries at The Hangout with Two Guys.

RIGHT: Stay cool this summer with the new “Cool as a Cucumber” craft cocktail at The Hangout with Two Guys. The cocktail features premium Bombay Sapphire Gin, fresh cucumber, mint and lemon.



ber” for chocolate lovers, the sibling duo debuts the “Brownie Shooter” — triple chocolate brownie bits plus Chantilly cream, chocolate mousse and fresh berries.

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11 a.m.-midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

2360 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; hangoutnaples.com; 239-384-9072.

USS Nemo has introduced The Sizzilito, based upon the mojito — a traditional Cuban cocktail mixture of rum, lime, mint and sugar topped with a little club soda — with the addition of Red Bull for an extra energy boost. A perfect balance of sweet and tart, this cocktail requires a bit more labor than many mixed drinks because it involves first muddling the fresh mint, lime and sugar together to release the flavors. The result is a refreshing, fizzy and mildly sweet rum cocktail.

Nemo’s owner Stephane (Stefan) Planete suggests pairing the Sizzilito with the restaurant’s signature dish: Ultimate Miso Sea Bass served with truffle-lobster risotto, grilled asparagus, bok choy tempura and USS Nemo’s secret citrus-ginger butter sauce.

The restaurant is open from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4:30-9:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 4:30-9:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

3745 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 239-261-6366; [https://ussnemorestaurant.com/](http://ussnemorestaurant.com/). ■

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Florida Weekly’s Writing Challenge returns

Mark your calendars, everyone, because the date you’ve been waiting for has finally been set. The annual Florida Weekly Writing Challenge will begin Wednesday, September 6. If you are unfamiliar with the contest, here are the basics about how it works: Every two weeks, the paper publishes photos as prompts to inspire readers to write short stories, which must be submitted via email. At the end of the contest, the newspaper prints the best stories, and the winners receive prizes, such as tuition to online writing workshops.

The contest is starting a little later than usual this year because the previous moderator has taken a much-deserved retirement from our newspaper. The Writing Challenge now has a new moderator as-

signed who has begun work to carry on the tradition of this popular competition. Please hold any questions you have until the paper publishes the Writing Challenge launch article in the September 6 and 7 issues. That article will contain the new email address for this year’s contest. Meanwhile, hone your grammar skills! ■

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