

A Two-Step Process

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John and Lisa Durham moved to the area from Texas eight years ago. They felt the area lacked just one thing: a good place to do the Texas Two-Step. After logging many miles driving to various country dancing venues, and even flying back to Texas several times a year, they did what any romantic couple would do in this situation – they opened their own place!

Bull Durham's Texas BBQ•Steaks•Saloon opened last March. Named after John's father, who went by "Bull Durham" as an Air Force bomber pilot and entertainer, the restaurant has become known for its authentic Texas BBQ cuisine; which includes ribs, chicken, and beef brisket smoked for eight to 14 hours, chicken fried chicken or steak, and cornmeal battered southern fried catfish, all prepared by their "BBQ artist" from Austin.

Bull Durham's menu features "Saloon Starters" like Bull Durham's signature Fried Avocado, beer-battered avocado topped with pulled chicken or pork, mango pico de gallo, and wings sauce; Diablo Ancho, chicken stuffed with gouda cheese wrapped in bacon and grilled in a homemade spicy ancho pepper cherry glaze; and the kids will love these, Fried Pickles! Sandwich lovers enjoy "Between the Buns" entrées, and items like Blackened Salmon or Grilled Shrimp are sure to please sea-foodies.

However, it's the landlubbers who delight not only in the BBQ, but also in succulent dry-aged steaks. "We feature



Above: Bull Durham's Texas BBQ•Steaks•Saloon has become known for its authentic Texas BBQ cuisine. Pictured is the First Timers Sampler: pulled pork, pulled chicken, and lean brisket topped with homemade BBQ sauce.

excellent steaks because we feel there are not many local places to get steaks without paying a fortune," Lisa shares. "We get really good meat from our local butcher, Westtown Deli. Our Westtown Burger is named after him. It's juicy and SO good."

Lisa adds a sidebar about a side dish: "Our grilled asparagus is very well known. Customers who don't even like asparagus love it."



Breakfast is served weekends with some notable not-found-elsewhere fare. Crunch French Toast – the crunch comes from a frosted cornflake coating. Cream Chipped Beef made from smoked brisket, topped with white gravy on Texas toast. Sweet Potato Scramble – eggs scrambled with diced



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peppers and sweet potatoes. Migas – a southwest scramble topped with pico de gallo and cheddar cheese and served with tortilla chips.

A well-stocked children's menu includes standard kid-pleasers, along with chicken fried chicken, ribs, and – get this – peanut butter and marshmallow fluff sandwich (bananas optional) served on Texas toast. Birthday kids get to sit on a real saddle seat for their meal.

Bull Durham's is open daily for lunch and dinner. Live music, from country to rock and roll to R&B, is featured on Fridays and Saturdays along with a limited late night menu. The restaurant generously offers senior citizens a 10% discount on Sundays and everyday discounts to civil servants. On Mondays, enjoy all-you-can-eat ribs, then dance off dinner with country line dancing. Tuesday is Glee Family Night, a sing-

along where kids under 10 eat free. Wednesday is Acoustic Night. WXTU, who gifted the Keith Urban-signed guitar on the wall, visits on "True to Texas" Thursdays when couples can learn the two-step and the waltz.

There's a good chance you'll see John and Lisa kicking up their heels right along with you. After all, that's why John and Lisa started Bull Durham's. The sign near the entrance says it all: *Because two people fell in love*. They met in a country saloon in Breckenridge, Colorado, in 2002, and married that same year. Look for John working the room in his ten-gallon hat. Kids are enthralled by the "real cowboy" in their midst. Lisa might be behind the bar, inventing one of her myriad concoctions using *Tuaca*, a vanilla citrus liqueur. "The *TuacaLada* was my first concoction. It's my favorite," Lisa remarks. "My latest is the 'Moan-a-Lisa': Malibu rum, *Tuaca*, club soda, and splash of pineapple."



Concocting cocktails is one reason Lisa enjoys life at Bull Durham's (she also owns a

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which we change often,” she notes. John, a former air traffic controller, predictably has a funny answer when asked how he enjoys the restaurant business: “I like all the free food.”

They’re also saving money on airfare. “I’ve been hauling Lisa down to Texas for the last seven years just to go two-stepping!” John says. Speaking of which, they encourage couples to give two-stepping a try. Recently, Lisa offered a reluctant husband a free meal to give it a shot – his meal was comped; his wife was happy.

Yee-ha! •

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