

BEHIND THE BAR



Sara Hubbard has been with Montreux since March 2009.

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Take a break from the heat with Montreux in Summerville

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The heat index is so high at the moment, you may want to skip the outdoor bar and head for the cool darkness of Montreux.

As one of the best spots in downtown Summerville, it has a large menu with summer-friendly fare such as shrimp tacos plus friendly bartenders to make you cool drinks. Stop in and let Sara Hubbard fix you a rum runner on a scorching day.

Q: How long have you worked at Montreux?

A: Since we opened in March 2009.

Q: What's your bartending background?

A: I've been bartending about 11 years, but I started off in Florida. I've only lived in Charleston for a year and a half, so this is my first place.

Q: What's the best beer to

if you go

WHAT: Montreux Bar and Grill

WHERE: 127 W. Richardson Ave., Summerville

PHONE: 261-1200

WEBSITE: www.montreuxbarandgrill.com

order here?

A: Magic Hat #9 — it's a good summer beer.

Q: What's an awesome drink that you make?

A: I would say that I make a really good rum runner, and a really good margarita.

Q: What is your least favorite cocktail to make?

A: A mojito — those are just a pain when you're really busy.

Q: What's the best food on your menu?

A: The shrimp and grits are awesome. Also, our fish

'n' chips and our burgers — I'd say those are the top three.

Q: What is the best thing about working at Montreux?

A: Definitely the owners! They're the nicest people I've ever worked for.

Q: What is your favorite holiday to be behind the bar?

A: Halloween. That's always fun.

Q: Where do you like to go out?

A: If I do go out, I go to downtown Charleston. I like the Brick.

Q: What celebrity would you serve if you had the chance?

A: I would say Warren Haynes — the guitar player for Gov't Mule.

Q: What advice would you give other bartenders?

A: Treat all your customers the way you'd want to be treated. And always introduce yourself to make "new" regulars.

FROM THE BARSTOOL

Drop that zero and get with the Gyro

BY JACK HUNTER
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Last weekend, I found myself watching UFC 115 at Manny's Neighborhood Grille in West Ashley, and it dawned on me that I've probably been to that establishment at least as many times as Ultimate Fighting Championship has had pay-per-views.

Sitting at a table with a group of friends, Manny's always has been a perfect spot for watching men beat up on each other, kicking, hitting or throwing balls, driving fast cars and pretty much any other sport you can imagine.

One of the biggest reasons for this is that, like George's Sports Bar — Manny's and George's are two of the best



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Manny's is loaded with 48 TVs for viewing sports.

spots to watch sports in West Ashley — Manny's features individual televisions at many of its booths and tables. I've always appreciated this about both bars, in addition to the many large screen TVs (Manny's has 48 of them) located throughout the establishments.

Speaking of which, a

if you go

WHAT: Manny's Neighborhood Grille.

WHERE: 1680 Old Towne Road.

PHONE: 763-3908.

visit to Manny's is never complete without ordering the "Gyro Platter," which includes the delicious lamb meat in a nonsandwich form along with Greek potatoes. The pizza is always a very good bet, too.

Manny's is particularly nice in that not only is it ideal for a group of guys wanting to watch a UFC event (Manny's carries all UFC PPVs), which typically run late into the night, it is also a family-friendly establishment, conducive to lunch and dinner for all ages and at all times of the day.

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