



**George & Dale's Sports Bar \$ Grill**

by Rich Belmont



When you are partying to 2 o'clock in the morning it is good to know you can still go someplace for a delicious dinner. The kitchen at George & Dale's in East Dubuque, IL serves their full menu right up to 2:45 am and even then you can still get their famous chili dog right up to closing time at 3:30 am.

George Young and his brother Dale were in the bar business and understood there was a demand for late night nourishment in East Dubuque. So 35 years ago they opened George & Dale's Sports Bar and Grill. It quickly caught on because its purpose was to serve good food and drink for lunch, dinner, supper and late night snacks. George's son, also named Dale, had cooked in several supper clubs and finally joined his dad 15 years ago. About a year ago Dale became the sole owner when his father was elected Mayor of East Dubuque.

So now Dale is carrying on the tradition of being one of the few late night entertainment hot spots in the Tri-State area. Dale's entire menu is available day and night so if you want a hamburger or chili dog at 2:30 in the morning it's yours and if you feel like a 4 piece fried chicken dinner or 2 lbs of ribs at 11 am you can have that too.



All the meals are surprisingly good. The Foot Long Beef and Pork Chili Dogs are covered in a tasty chili and topped with cheese. The burgers are all made from Black Angus ground chuck. You can order regular ones in either 1/4 or 1/2 pound sizes and add all your favorite toppings. Then there are the Monster Burgers made with two half pound burger patties. Dale's creation, the Big "D", half pound burger with ham, lettuce, mayo, pickle, tomato, Swiss cheese and onion and the Build a Burger with one pound of burger with bacon or ham or roast beef and mushrooms, jalapeño or grilled onions round out the burger options.

When you look over the menu you will notice right away there are several items with roast beef. That's because the beef is slow roasted Flat Bottom Round basted in special seasonings and is a house specialty.

Dale is so proud of his beef you can order it as a Roast Beef Sandwich, or George's World Famous Roast Beef Deluxe with Swiss cheese, grilled onions and mushrooms. Or how about the Roast Beef Bacon Cheeseburger: a cheeseburger with bacon, and you guessed it, roast beef! And then there's my favorite, the Hot Beef with mounds of roast beef on white bread and mashed potatoes and gravy.



There are so many wonderful burgers and roast beef menu items it's easy to overlook some of the other delicious menu entrées. The Steak Sandwich, for example, is hand cut and flame grilled to your specifications. The Fried Chicken is fresh, never frozen, hand breaded with a homemade beer batter. I particularly like the flame grilled locally made specially seasoned brat patty.



The Reuben is sliced- to-order slow roasted corned beef brisket with Thousand Island dressing and sauerkraut on a nice rye bread. Whole pork tenderloins are cut into half pound slices and butterflied in-house and served either deep fried or grilled. You seafood lovers have your choice of beer battered cod or shrimp dinners.

**George & Dale's Sports Bar and Grill**  
32 Sinsinawa Ave., East Dubuque, IL, 815-747-8810  
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**HOURS:** 11:00 am – 3:30 am Seven Days  
Kitchen Closes 2:45 am – Chili Dogs till Closing

**DINING STYLE:** Come as you are

**NOISE LEVEL:** Conversational

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Foot Long Chili Dog, Fried Chicken, Roast Beef Bacon Cheeseburger, Hot Beef, Reuben, Roast Beef, Brat Patty, Angus Burgers

**LIQUOR SERVICE:** Full Bar

**PRICE RANGE:** Lunch: \$3.45 - \$7.95, Dinner: \$3.45 - \$19.95

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:** Cash, Debit, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, AMEX, ATM on premises

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Front Door and Restrooms

**KIDS POLICY:** Menu, High Chairs, Boosters

**RESERVATIONS:** Yes **CATERING:** Yes **TAKE OUT:** Yes

**DELIVERY:** No **PARKING:** On Street



Of course no self respecting sports bar and grill would be without pizza. Here they are made from scratch when you order them and come in 9 and 12 inch sizes. They are truly satisfying and real good deals considering the prices are only \$6.95 to \$12.95 for the deluxe.

For those of you looking to add a little adventure to your lives try ordering from the Man versus George n Dale's section of the menu. Here you will find the One Pound Double D Burger with 2 half pound patties, 2 slices of ham and other toppings. Other items are the Two Pounds of Chili Cheese Fries and the Homewrecker which is a monstrous half pound all beef foot long hot dog topped with chili, cheese and onions. And lastly, for the super heroes seeking a new challenge: the Two Pound Cheeseburger served with one pound of fries. Eat it all in ten minutes or less and you get your face memorialized on the wall of fame. Oh, and by the way, so far no one, not one person, has been able to do this.



Sometimes you might not want to have a big dinner and would rather watch a game and munch on a few snacks. Here again Dale has you covered. There are about 19 different appetizers including fried pickles, chicken strips, onion rings, mini tacos, chicken wings, fries with cheese sauce, fries with chili and potato teasers just to name a few. Since I usually can't decide which ones to order I just order the Munchie



Basket that has a whole assortment all for just \$7.95!



George & Dale's is a full-on entertainment destination. Several times during the year there are awards banquets for many local organizations like firemen associations and basketball teams. A dart tournament was held there just last week-end and starting April 1st there will be live music on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. A beer garden is a work in progress and already people are enjoying good food and drink under the stars.

This will be the 4th year George & Dale's has sponsored Gary's Graffiti Nights. On Thursday evenings from mid May to mid September come down and see the weekly cruise for cars and trucks manufactured in 1972 or before. There are always 150 to 250 vehicles on display and their owners are only too happy to show you all their customizing and restoration accomplishments.

While you are having all this fun don't forget dessert! Dale knows many of us have a sweet tooth so he has teamed up with the Chocolate Shoppe from Madison, WI. They make ice cream with 14% butterfat and cream supplied from farms in Southwestern Wisconsin and Northeastern Iowa. Their super-premium ice cream is not low fat or low calorie or low anything. So now when you are at George & Dales you can usually pick from six to eight decadent flavors guaranteed to make you happy!

