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Martini Park

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Well, if Martini Park is a playground for grownups, we want to go the playground every day! This 8,700 square foot adult playground has raised the bar for fun, food and creative martinis in Chicago. We blew in on a gust of below zero wind but were quickly warmed by the welcome of the staff and the glow from wood accents and great ambient lighting. When the martinis showed up, our toes started to thaw!

Of course, we had to try the signature Cucumber Martini. Cool as a cucumber with a sweet finish, this is one of the most refreshing martinis we have ever tasted! A Pomegranate Martini with fresh blueberries floating was a gorgeous red and a tart but smooth sipper. Martini Park has a LOT of martini choices, so be brave, try something different!

Once we had warmed up with our cocktails, we dove into the "Small Plates" menu. First on our list were the Mac & Cheese Stix. What is it with mac & cheese that makes even the true connoisseur of food melt into childhood memories? We LOVE it! And in all its different incarnations! At Martini Park, the elbow macaroni is combined with white cheddar cheese, smoked Gouda and smoked ham then shaped into logs, deep fried and served with a truffle dipping sauce. Not heart healthy, but heart warming!

As long as we were off our diet wagon, we tried the Spinach & Artichoke Dip. Yes, we know everyone has one... but this one is great! Real spinach, real artichoke chunks, creamy cheese and crisp parmesan crusted crostini to hold onto the dip. Yum!

Seafood is one of our favorites, so we could not pass up the Crab Cake Corn Dogs. You say "What?!?" Yes, luscious crab cakes in the shape of hot dogs (small ones) skewered and coated in a corn meal crust, deep fried and served with a Creole remoulade. Spicy Jumbo Shrimp Satay lived up to its name with a red chili rub and barbeque glaze. The mild chipotle sour cream on the side helped to cool the burn.

For the meat lovers, Martini Park has taken mini burgers or "Sliders" as they are named here to a new level. Take your pick of chicken, barbeque pulled pork, filet mignon and Kobe beef! What an assortment... you cannot go wrong with any of them! We decided that the brioche bun is what makes them extra special!

By this time we were ready for a nap, but no... dessert was presented, we suggested that our server make the choice. We were delighted to be on the receiving end of warm donut holes to dip in raspberry and chocolate sauces and fried wontons filled with chocolate chip cookie dough with Ghirardelli Chocolate drizzled over. But the real surprise was the BIG cone of pink cotton candy. Ahhh... yes - an adult playground that knows that some kids never grow up!



**During the month of February 2008, bring this flyer to Martini Park
and your table will receive one complimentary shareable plate.**



In addition to great shareable plates and an extensive specialty cocktail menu, Martini Park features live cover band music every night! Coming soon - the launch of Torch Tuesdays - a return of sultry glamour.

Welcome to a world where dining is... AS YOU WISH!

Claudia & Jane

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