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Yard House offers great food, booze on demand

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Ninety-nine bottles of beers of the wall, whatever - that holds nothing compared to 130 beers on tap. Yard House, located in Kansas City, Kan., is a bar and grill that offers great booze and even better food.

Now I admit, when I heard the name Yard House I was hesitant, it sounded like the type of bar that offers nothing but a juke box or is some crazy Texas road house bar type - but it was nothing like that.

This restaurant pulls off a look few places have come even close to doing - modern and artsy meets sports bar and grill. The large Picasso-style art on the walls doesn't look out of place even with its 30 flat screen TVs on the walls and kegs all around. And the musical selection of classic rock brings in an additional mood to the restaurant, making sure that there is something for every guest to enjoy. Yard House even accepts musical requests via e-mail.

While "Shook Me All Night Long" played in the background, I started off my meal with the Spinach Cheese Dip. Now I have always been a complete sucker for spin dip, but this one stood out. With the creamy four cheeses the dip supplied, it brought out a richer taste which complimented the crisp flat bread that it was served with.

What was great about this restaurant was that none of the food served was the generic bar and grill type.

Each meal had Yard House's own spin on it.

The Parmesan Crusted Chicken wasn't an Italian meal. Nope, no spaghetti sauce here. Try a mushroom sauce with sun-dried tomatoes mixed in, served with garlic mashed potatoes underneath this masterpiece. The chicken was moist on the inside with a hint of Italian dressing seasoned within it.



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With 130 beers on tap and 110 of those being different beers, Yard House, in Kansas City, Kan., offers something for every beer lover. Break away from the norm and try a Draft Beer Float - a chocolate stout loaded with vanilla ice cream - now that's a dessert.

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But my favorite twist on average Joe food was (Mac & Cheese)2. This pasta upgrade has roasted chicken breast, applewood bacon, mushrooms and of course cheese. Everything in this dish came together perfectly to satisfy the little kid in every grown up.



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Enjoy fresh sushi with the Hawaiian Poke Stack - made with ahi, bean sprouts, crispy wontons, carrots, avocado and of course, wasabi soy sauce.

Looking for a place just to drink? No problem. Yard House provides a long two-sided bar with plenty of room and lots of great drinks. Break out of the norm and try one of its 9 percent alcohol content beers, such as Delirium Tremens.

And this staff takes its beer seriously. Store policy is that each glass of beer has to have a 1-inch head on it before it is served to a customer, not only for the presentation aspect but to also hold the flavor.

Yard House is a must with its great food, strong booze quantity and friendly staff. Located in The Legends by the Kansas Speedway, it is definitely worth the drive - you won't regret it.