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## George Martin 1989 in Syosset and more Long Island restaurants to try this weekend

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The clubby dining room of George Martin 1989 suits the steak-centric restaurant in Syosset. Photo Credit: Daniel Brennan

The definition of American cuisine, whether prefaced “new” or “traditional,” is constantly changing. Here are three restaurants that combine classic and modern with flair.

**George Martin 1989** in Syosset is the newest member of the group that started with George Martin The Original in Rockville Centre. It has a bistro style, superior-service, standout food. Recommended: scallops Rockefeller, Korean barbecue chicken tacos, macaroni and cheese, cauliflower ravioli, mustard-and-pretzel crusted salmon, Amish country organic chicken, dry-aged ribeye steak, GM burger, salad of arugula, watermelon, and feta cheese.

*George Martin 1989, 33 Berry Hill Rd., Syosset, 516-364-2144, [georgemartintheoriginal.com](http://georgemartintheoriginal.com) \$\$-\$\$\$*

**Left Coast Kitchen & Cocktails** shows imagination and big flavors. The approach is casual, the result savory and very satisfying. Recommended: fish tacos with cod, the “Mediterranean nosh” including hummus and olive-feta salad, charred linguica sausage with chimichurri and sweet potato fries, crab and smoked sausage ramen, baked beets with goat cheese, chicken and waffles, pork trio with couple-cut chop, braised belly, and smoked slab bacon. \$\$-\$\$\$

*Left Coast Kitchen & Cocktails, 1810 Merrick Rd., Merrick, 516-868-5338, lckny.com*

**Sandbar in Cold Spring Harbor** is bright, sleek, dependable, and currently very summery. Guy Reuge of Mirabelle is the executive chef; Eric Werner, chef de cuisine. Recommended: grilled octopus, chickpea fries, duck tacos, crab cake, Manhattan clam chowder, charcuterie-and-cheese board, raw bar seafood tower, seared scallops with panzanella salad, seared swordfish with squash “pasta,” pork porterhouse with corn-and-tomato salsa and tempura squash blossoms, cheeseburger with bacon-onion marmalade, dry-aged strip steak, all desserts. \$\$\$

*Sandbar, 55 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor, 631-498-6188, lessings.com*