Dine & wine

LUNCH BUNCH

Find out what Suzanne Somers likes about Tyler's

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RESTAURANT: Tyler's at the La Plaza Center in the heart of downtown Palm Springs.

AMBIENCE: One thing a lot of people don't know about this informal, mostly outdoor restaurant — it's one of Suzanne Somers' favorite eateries. She likes it so much she's even mentioned it on "Larry King Live" and in her diet books.

It's a lunch place — no breakfast, no dinner. Locals and shoppers sit side by side at small tables under big umbrellas pushed together to form a makeshift roof. The service is speedy. Payment is fast too. No credit cards. Cash or checks only. And if you forget, there is an ATM machine nearby.

ON THE MENU: The menu is brief and to the point. It has your basic, yummy lunch choices that don't cost too much and are made fresh everyday. Hamburgers and cheeseburgers are the staples at $4.50 and $4.75. (You can get a veggie burger for $5.) There are hot dogs and a few sandwich items too.

Suzanne Somers has her popular hamburger plate called the Somersize. One of the waitresses said Somers regularly gets two cheeseburger patties with everything, including the grilled onions. The Somersize doesn't come with a bun and costs the same as the regular hamburger.

Sliders — three miniature hamburgers — are another popular, and filling, choice for $4.50.

Favorite sides include homemade potato salad, coleslaw and soups.

BEVERAGES: Tyler's offers beer and wine and your typical soda choices. It also offers fresh lemonade from $1.50, root beer floats for $2.50 and malts for $3.50.

HOURS: Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for lunch. Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday.

Lunch only — but what a lunch: Tyler's in Palm Springs has built up a loyal clientele of daytime diners.

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Know a great place to have lunch? Contact the Sunday editor Monday through Friday at 778-4645.