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In town for the OBS February 2yos Sale and feeling a little lost? Let TDN Ocala 'locals' and regulars direct you to their favorite dining haunts!

JON SIEGEL:

BARBIZON SPORTS BAR. 352-629-6100. 4361 NW Blitchton Road, Ocala.

The Barbizon Sports Bar on Highway 27 is a great place for people at the sale to swing by, have lunch and watch the races. They serve typical sports bar food. My favorite is the Philly Cheesesteak. They also have good wings, and it's just a real great sports-bar type of atmosphere. They've got tons of t.v.'s--big-screen t.v.'s around the room and t.v.'s at every booth. They have TVG and HRTV, so you can watch the races, enjoy a good lunch, and support a horseman. The owners, Joe and Helen Barbizon, own Pleasant Acres Farm, and they've created something near the sales grounds that's great for horsemen.

EDDIE WOODS:

SKY ASIAN FUSION. 3600 SW 38th Avenue. Sixth Floor, Ocala, FL. 800-725-4818. www.ocalasky.com

The best restaurant in town is Sky Asian Fusion. It's on top of the Holiday Inn. By its name, you can see it has an oriental flavor to it, of course. It's a New York-quality restaurant in Ocala. Very, very good food. I always get the specials; their fish specials are very, very good, particularly the grouper. It's very elegant, and a warm and welcoming place. You could sit in there when it's empty and feel okay. The Holiday Inn is a brand new hotel, and the restaurant is on the top floor. It's just on top of Rt. 200 on the west side of I-75.

MURRAY SMITH:

TONY'S SUSHI. 3405 SW College Rd., Ocala, FL. (352) 237-3151.

Tony's Sushi is on Route 200. Tony and Jane own the place, and they've been here for five or six years. The white toro and the yellowtail are absolutely delicious--best in the world. Everything's really fresh. Everybody who works there is really nice and friendly. What I like about it most is I go in there and I don't ever even order any food. I go in and Tony gives me something fresh, something new he's created, and you tell him what you like on a regular basis and he'll make up a new roll. He's really good. I like the sashimi, but they also have the grilled. They're open for lunch and dinner, and they've got a great wine list. It's casual. You can go right after the breeze show, but if you wanted to get dressed up, that would be fine, too. It's Ocala, though, so you don't have to get really dressed up. You can go in with friends casually and get a terrific meal. I've gone to sushi restaurants all over the country and I don't know if any of them compare to Tony's.

JACK GOLDTHORPE:

THE CROSSROADS COUNTRY KITCHEN. 7947 W. State Rd. 40, at 80th Ave. 352-237-1250.

When in Ocala, I have found the best meal of the day is breakfast. If, by chance, you were over-served the night before, the Country Kitchen has the cure. The horsemen's platter (or, as Mike Akers says, the heart attack special) is \$6.45 and it includes three eggs, a choice of potatoes (grits, home fries or hash browns), a choice of meat (steak, bacon, or sausage) served with toast or biscuits. The whole greasy platform. If you're really feeling bold, the Triple Crown adds pancakes. Another benefit of the Country Kitchen is the attached store that sells the *Daily Racing Form*-- not an easy item to find in Ocala. You're probably not going to get eggs benedict there, but you're in Ocala. Know what I mean?