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7th Annual Newport Burger Bender is Back and Introducing New Burger Bender Hall of Fame

Ten days of the wildest burgers and introducing the first inductee into the

Newport Burger Bender Hall of Fame

The Classic Coast will once again play host to the biggest burger contest in the region with the return of the Zth Annual Newport Burger Bender, taking place February 16 - 25, 2024. The ten day battle of the burgers showcases the wildest, most creative burgers from over 50 restaurants throughout Newport and Bristol Counties.

Featuring three categories: beef, non-beef and plant based, the over 50 participating burgers run the taste spectrum from the 'Big Kahuna Burger' from the Wharf Fish House, to 'The Boujee Bison' burger at The Cafe at The Chanler, to the 'Bacon Beer Cheese Hopper' a plant-based burger from Basil & Bunny. "This is such a fun week for diners, and also for the restaurants. We love how passionate and creative they get with their burger creations, names and excitement amongst their teams," stated Julie Grant, Discover Newport Digital Marketing Manager and content organizer.

New this year, the <u>Newport Burger Hall of Fame</u> is honoring its first inductee, La Forge Casino, who was the 'Beef Burger Champion' in 2018, 2019 and 2020. This coveted title is adorned to burgers who won 'Best Burger' three times (non-consecutively) in the same category. Their happy retirement lands them into the Newport Burger Bender Hall of Fame where they are to be swooned (dare we say drooled over) for years to come. Hall of Fame Honorees can submit an entry into another category for the chance to win again.

Diners will vote for their favorite online at <u>DiscoverNewport.org</u> from February 16 - 25, or at participating restaurants using QR codes displayed on site. Diners, chefs, and restaurateurs are all encouraged to interact throughout the event by using the hashtag **#NewportBurgerBender** on Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, and Twitter. For an ongoing, real-time index of observations and images throughout the destination, users can include the hashtag **#TheClassicCoast** in their posts.

Visitors are also encouraged to check out all the fun at the <u>36th Annual Newport Winter Festiva</u>l, running over consecutive dates as Newport Burger Bender, from February 16 - 25, 2024.

View all the competing burgers at <u>NewportBurgerBender.org</u>. Images available upon request. Newport Burger Bender is proudly sponsored by Discover Newport.

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