

Open for Business

Richard's Restaurant & Lounge

by Jane Wood

Chef Richard Rettenmaier has bought the *Callaway Club* at the *Shawangunk Country Club* (photo, below), and is now owner and manager of *Richard's*, along with his wife Jennifer (photo, right). Luckily for all who have enjoyed his superb cooking over the years, he is staying on as chef. The sale was final on September 2nd, and the restaurant experienced no interruption of service.

Trained in Germany under the apprenticeship system common in Europe, Chef Rettenmaier has been cooking since he was 15. He has been in this country for 21 years, eight of them at this restaurant. His cooking covers a wide range of cuisines, including German, French, Italian, and American as well as other specialties. Chef Rettenmaier uses only the freshest ingredients, and all dishes are made on the premises, including the homemade desserts.

The Rettenmaiers may do minor renovations to the existing restaurant. They are offering Early Bird Specials for lunches as well as dinners, and have installed a computerized system which calculates the check and streamlines the payment process, and which can be used to notify customers by FAX about the daily specials. Many of the fine wait-staff who have served the public for years have stayed on under the new ownership.

The restaurant will continue to offer catering off-premises, and on-premises for parties of up to fifty. Customers are asked to book at least two weeks in advance for birthday, anniversary, Christmas, office, or small wedding parties.

Richard's plans to stay open for most of the winter. Customers are advised to call for reservations, especially on weekends and at peak dinner hours. The hours for lunch are **Monday-Sunday, 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM**, and for dinner **Monday-Saturday, 5:00 to 10:00 PM** and **Sunday, 4:00 to 8:30 PM**. The address is **14 Nevele Road, Ellenville**; the phone number is **647-1906**. ✨



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