

**What:** [Get Together for Lunch](#)

**Where:** [FOSTER'S BIG HORN](#)

[143 Main Street,](#)

[Rio Vista, Ca. 94571](#)

[\(707\) 374-2511](#)

**When:** [January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026](#)

**Time:** [11:30](#)

Please join us for an afternoon of eating and mingling with your fellow Healey owners. This is a chance to meet up with your friends where the focus will be to socialise and share stories, etc.

Feel free to drive your car, if you wish. There will be no scheduled drive. Just a chance to spend time sharing some food and great conversation. Since most of our events involve doing a little driving or a lot of driving, this time you can leave your AAA card behind and just bring your appetite.

I thought it would be nice to change up our activities a little bit and try something different.

Please RSVP the following people by Friday – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Mike Sonneman ([me.sonneman@att.net](mailto:me.sonneman@att.net))

Dave Nock ([events@goldengatehealeys.com](mailto:events@goldengatehealeys.com))

The menu provided is only for letting you know what is available for lunch.

The prices may not be completely accurate. I have no idea when this was posted online.

However, the story about Bill Foster is a very interesting read.

Website:

[Foster's Bighorn – Restaurant and Bar – Rio Vista, CA](#)



## SNACKS AND STARTERS

### Sliders

single shots with house made potato chips, of course!

- 4.45 each or 3 for 12.50
- Po' Boy Oysters
- Cheeseburgers (2 oz.)
- Pulled Pork w/ Cole Slaw

### Baja Fish Tacos

beer battered Alaska Pollock cabbage slaw, pico de gallo, 4.45 each or 3 for 12.50

### Six Shooter

6 oyster shooters and cocktail sauce • 17.00/6, 3.50 ea.

### Six Deep

6 oysters, a savory dusting, briefly fried • 17.00/6, 3.50 ea.

### Calamari Strips

tender strips cut from a whole steak, deep fried • 10.95  
add fries • 12.95

### Onion Rings

big wide crispy slices • 8.45

### Garlic Bread • 2.95

### Buffalo Chicken Wings

Buffalo or BBQ • 10.95

## DRINKS & WINE

FULL BAR SERVICE AVAILABLE  
IN DINING ROOM

### Cold & Hot Drinks

Coke, Diet Coke, Iced Tea, 7-Up, Root Beer • 2.50  
Coffee, Tea • 2.50

### Wines by the Glass • 5.- 9. ask server

### Draft Beer • 3.50 – 6.00

Bottled Beer • 3.25 – 4.50  
ask server

## SALADS & SOUP

### Caesar Salad

large chunks of crisp romaine, tossed with classic Caesar dressing, shaved Parmesan and garlic croutons • 9.45  
add grilled chicken • 12.95

### The Wedge

a big wedge of crisp iceberg lettuce with Thousand Is., bacon bits and blue cheese crumbles • 9.45

### House Salad

small salad of mixed greens • 4.75

### Asian Chicken Salad

oven-baked chicken, mandarin oranges, crispy won tons, toasted almonds with a light Asian Balsamic dressing • 12.95

### Shrimp Louie

bay shrimp, cucumber, tomato, egg and our own 1000 Is. dressing • 17.50

### Soup of the Day

always fresh, house made daily  
cup • 3.75      bowl • 4.95  
Cup of Soup & Salad combo • 7.95

## BIGHORN SPECIALTIES

### Fish & Chips

three large pieces of mild, cold water Alaskan Pollock • 13.50

### Baby Back Ribs

Foster's own dry rubbed ribs cooked tender and moist. Topped with our own BBQ sauce. Half-rack • 13.95      Full rack • 16.95

## BURGERS & SANDWICHES

CHOICE OF FRIES OR GREEN SALAD

### Bighorn Bison Burger

less fat and more protein than beef • 12.95      Bison Cheeseburger • 14.95

### Foster's Burger

a juicy handmade beef patty • 8.95      Cheeseburger • 10.95  
\*\*doubles available for seventeen year-olds, or truck drivers • 13.00/15.00

### Southwest Chicken Sandwich

pepper jack cheese and apple wood bacon, with a bit of BBQ sauce • 11.50

### Hot Pastrami Sandwich

lean pastrami with melted Swiss on dark rye bread • 11.50

### New York Steak Sandwich

8 oz. of Angus choice beef, grilled as you like, served open faced on warm French roll with crispy French fries • 16.95

### Foster's Oyster Po'Boy Sandwich

four deep fried oysters on a rustic French roll • 12.95

### Catfish Sandwich

A Delta specialty. Deep Fried catfish with Foster's special remoulade sauce on a French roll • 12.95

# F O S T E R ' S

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## B I G H O R N

Bill Foster came to Rio Vista from Alameda in 1931. He bought his bar and café to start his life over. Bill was a "bootlegger" from Alameda and was on "the run" from an assistant district attorney named Earl Warren. Bill changed his last name from Frates to Foster to begin his fresh start. Some years after prohibition, Bill went legitimate in the liquor business.

Bill's interest in big game began when he worked as an apprentice in a foundry in Newark, CA under Henry Snow, the first American hunter to bring movies of the African wildlife to the United States in 1918.

Bill's first big game safari to Africa in 1928 was his first of eight. In between his African trips he made ten trips to Canada and Alaska. Some of the more notable African trophies are the heads of a full grown elephant whose tusks weigh 110 pounds each and are mounted to the wall, and the giraffe – one of a less than a dozen like it in the world.

The pictures on the wall tell the story of a lifetime of commitment to the preservation of a world no longer available to us. Bill was as devoted to the picture taking as he was to the taxidermy. The labeled pictures typed by Bill tell the story of the people he met, the geography he traveled, and the exotic and familiar animals he brought back.

Bill was a fanatic about the taxidermy. His friend, John Jonas, was the world's premier African taxidermist. John accompanied Bill on most of his African trips and is proudly featured prominently on the walls. All the taxidermy steps to preserve these heads were properly done. From the moment of the kill to the hanging on the wall, these procedures were meticulously followed.

North American taxidermist, Al Hilbert, accompanied Bill to Canada, Alaska and Montana. Al had the same devotion to detail as Bill. The magnificent cougar above the bar, the bighorn sheep grand slam, and "the battling bucks" are awesome and inspiring.

Bill retired in 1953 from big game hunting and finally went to work in the bar that supported him so well for 22 years. With Bill in the bar, business really boomed – 300 martini days – 100 case shipments of gin – and excellent food.

Bill died of pneumonia in November 1963 and his wife Ethel died 12 years later. The trophy haven Bill Foster created in 1931 continues today with people coming from all over the world to see his famous collection.

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