

Restaurant Retrospective This Week The Dragon Garden Restaurant



We three intrepid food reviewers, along with several other *X-Press*'ers, walked down to this new Chinese food restaurant on a night out in late June. Unfortunately, the experience didn't live up to our hopes. The food was average, no complaints, but nothing outstanding either; however, the prices were above average, causing some scary moments as we contemplated the menu. The staff did their best to cope with our somewhat rowdy group, and the waitress was very nice, (albeit a bit absent-minded). We never did get the pitcher of water we requested, and some of our orders got mixed up. She was kind enough to let us play with chopsticks, though. In their defense, that was their first week open, and rumour has it that prices have dropped since then. I can only give the Dragon Garden 2 fortune

cookies, but they do have potential. Less adventurous souls may want to stick with their old favorites, but if you want a change, give them a try and let us know about it!

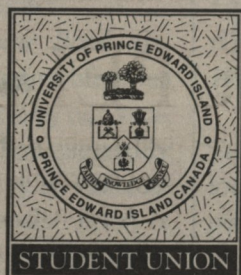
Jennifer: The Dragon Garden. Don't go. The prices are higher than everywhere else, the service was mediocre, the food was average. In June, we (most of the *X-Press* personnel from last year) decided we could afford to eat out; the natural place for us to do this was at Charlottetown's newest Chinese Restaurant. There were about 10 of us and it took a while for our waitress to figure out how to seat all of us. Finally seated, we peeked into the menu and then into our pocket books-- it was scary. The food was okay; nothing great, nothing exciting, but good enough that I ate all of

it. Surprise, surprise. The waitress had a good sense of humour, and hey, if I was presented with the same group of people I would probably turn tail and run. She handled our wants with style and dignity. But.....I never did get my water. I give the Dragon Garden Restaurant 2 Fortune Cookies, cause they let us play with chopsticks. Late-breaking rumour: My two colleagues tell me prices may have gone down, so maybe we'll go back soon and find out. Everyone deserves a second chance.

Shannon:--Basically I agree with my companions' assessment of the Dragon Garden restaurant on University Avenue. In my opinion, though, "average" Chinese food in Charlottetown is pretty darn good. The Dragon Garden may have been no better than the Golden

- Ratings
- 5 cookies: Better than mom's home-made
 - 4 cookies: Worth spending the last of your student loan on
 - 3 cookies: Jen's cooking on a good night
 - 2 cookies: Sorta like fast food
 - 1 cookie: Stay home and eat Kraft Dinner

Wok or the Canton Cafe, but they were certainly no worse. If the prices were above what I had expected, it was only by a few cents per dish. I found the Chinese food more reasonable than the Canadian side of the menu. As well, lunchtime specials are just as much food for less dough than eating at night. --As far as service is concerned, I have no complaints. We were a large party in a new restaurant late at night. The waitress was friendly and happy and to me that is what carries weight. It was their first week, and the Dragon Garden staff did well. --Like Jennifer, I would like to return to the Dragon Garden in the future -- so the food and service must have been pretty good! I am giving the Dragon Garden 3 cookies (I lived with Jen and sampled her cooking all last year, and now I miss it!).



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