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The White Elephant Pub on Englewood Beach has a pretty extensive menu, but I always order the same thing. It used to be called "Broasted Chicken" referring to the method of frying chicken in a pressure cooker, resulting in a crispy skin, moist meat and no grease.

Now it's just Fried Chicken with a note about the preparation. It's been my go-to dish there for nearly two decades.

Susan Gibson said she and her husband Frank have been going to The White Elephant since they moved to Rotonda West five years ago and "almost always" order the chicken. "We find it consistently good, hot and juicy."

"People come from Sarasota just for that dish," said Desiree Hopkins, a server at The White Elephant. "It's one of our most popular dishes and one of the owner's favorites." Hopkins said the restaurant sells 30 to 40 four or eight piece dinners with potato wedges and coleslaw a day.

I went to The White Elephant and ordered the chicken this past weekend as I have so many times before. It tasted exactly the same. There'll always be a catch of the day.



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