GUASTELLO'S VILLAGE MARKET

Shrimp Creole Soup

Serves 6

Ingredients:

2 Strips Bacon, diced 1 C. Diced Yellow Onion 1 C. Diced Celery 1 C. Diced Red Bell Pepper 1 TB Minced Garlic 1/3 C. Flour 4 C. Chicken Broth 1 Can Diced Tomatoes in Juice (14.5 oz.) 2 TB Lemon Juice 2 TB Worcestershire Sauce 1 TB Tabasco Sauce 1 tsp. Dried Thyme 1 tsp. Sugar 1/2 tsp. Cayenne Pepper 1 Dried Bay Leaf 1 lb. Medium Shrimp, peeled & deveined Serve with Parsley-Scallion Rice (recipe follows)

Cook bacon in a large pot over medium heat until crisp.

Add onion, celery, bell pepper, and garlic; cook 4 to 5 minutes.

Whisk in flour; cook 2 minutes.

Stir in broth, tomatoes, lemon juice, Worcestershire, Tabasco, thyme, sugar, and cayenne. Add bay leaf and season with salt; simmer 10 to 15 minutes to thicken.

Add shrimp to soup and cook 3 minutes more.

Serve in shallow bowl, with a scoop of rice if desired.

Parsley-Scallion Rice 1 cup dry converted white rice (Uncle Ben's) – about 3 cups cooked ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley ¼ cup minced scallions

Cook rice according to package directions. Stir in parsley and scallions.

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