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CREAMY MARYLAND OYSTER – POTATO – LEEK SOUP SERVES 6

INGREDIENTS

2 tbsp unsalted butter

4 leeks, thinly sliced including an inch of the green

1 medium onion, thinly sliced

- 3 medium russet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 3 cups chicken stock

1 tsp fine sea salt

- ¼ tsp white pepper
- ¼ tsp nutmeg
- ½ cup half & half

18 freshly shucked oysters and their liquor

4 slices crisp cooked bacon, crumbled

Snipped fresh chives

DIRECTIONS

- 1 Melt butter in a Dutch oven or stock pot over medium heat. Add leeks and onion. Cover and cook 5 minutes, or until softened. Add potatoes, broth, salt, pepper, and nutmeg and simmer for 15 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. Puree in a blender or food processor.
- 2 Using a fine sieve, strain soup back into the pot. Add half & half and oyster liquor and bring to a simmer. Taste and correct seasoning with salt and pepper if needed. Add oysters to hot soup and cook for just 1 minute.
- **3** Scoop out oysters and place 3 in each bowl. Ladle in hot soup. Top with crumbled bacon and chives.