Lumpia (Filipino style egg rolls)



60 pieces wonton wrappers

FILLING:

1 pound ground pork

1 cup cooked chicken, or turkey

1 large garlic clove, minced

1 cup shrimp, NOT canned

1 cup bean sprouts

1/4 cup soy sauce

1/2 cup onion, minced

SAUCE:

1/4 cup water

3 tablespoons maraschino cherry juice

1 1/2 tablespoons ketchup

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup vinegar

1 tablespoon cornstarch

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I spent about a month in the Philippines in 1965, and lumpia was a favorite dish amongst the military officer's clubs there. To me the sauce is what "makes" it special. I devised the sauce recipe myself, guessing from what I tasted there. Recipes for lumpia abound, but I combined what I thought were the best ingredients into mine.

- 1. In a medium-sized skillet, cook pork, onion and garlic in a little butter or oil for about 5 minutes. Add shrimp and bean sprouts and cook just a few minutes more. Set aside to cool for 10-15 minutes.
- 2. Place about a tablespoon of meat mixture in center of a won ton skin, fold in sides about 1/2 inch and roll up into a shape similar to a Tootsie Roll. Moisten last edge with water to seal and set aside while assembling others. Don't let egg rolls touch each other or they'll stick.
- 3. Deep fry lumpia for about 3-4 minutes until golden brown. Drain on paper towels and allow to cool for about 5 minutes before serving as they're too hot to eat. Serve with special dipping sauce.
- 4. DIPPING SAUCE: Bring water, juice and ketchup to a boil; add sugar, stirring until dissolved. Add 1/3 cup of vinegar and cook 1 minute longer. Blend cornstarch into remaining vinegar and add to mixture. Do not boil, but heat until thickened and clear. Makes about 1-1/2 cups of sauce. If you don't have maraschino cherry juice, you may substitute pineapple juice, but add some red food coloring to it.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 202 Calories; 9g Fat (40.3% calories from fat); 15g Protein; 15g Carbohydrate; trace Dietary Fiber; 68mg Cholesterol; 454mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain(Starch); 2 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 1 Fat; 1/2 Other Carbohydrates.