Stuffed Chicken Breasts with Spinach, Ricotta and Gorgonzola

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STUFFING:

10 ounces frozen spinach, thawed, drained, squeezed

1/2 cup ricotta cheese, whole milk or part skim 1/2 cup gorgonzola cheese, crumbled (not precrumbled)

4 slices bacon, cooked, crumbled salt and pepper to taste

1 large egg

SAUCE:

2 cups chicken broth, boiled down to one cup

1/2 cup dry white wine

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1/4 cup lemon juice

salt and pepper to taste

3 tablespoons Italian parsley, chopped

CHICKEN:

4 pieces chicken breast half without skin, boneless

1/4 cup flour

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

salt and pepper to taste

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Servings: 4

If you don't like Gorgonzola, try Feta, or a smaller amount (half as much)
Parmesan. The chicken can be stuffed earlier in the day but not cooked at all
(refrigerate). You can brown the chicken about an hour ahead, then finish the rest
of the meal. The sauce is thin, so if you prefer a thicker sauce, add some flour to
the saucepan when finishing up the sauce before it's poured onto the chicken.

- 1. Preheat oven to 350. For stuffing: combine squeezed spinach, ricotta and gorgonzola and bacon in a medium bowl. Mix well and season to taste with salt and pepper. Add the egg to the mixture and stir to combine.
- 2. SAUCE: Combine the reduced chicken broth (or use concentrate and make it thicker strength to start with) and wine in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook down THAT mixture by half. Whisk in the mustard and lemon juice. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside.
- 3. CHICKEN: trim and pound chicken breasts to an even 1/4 inch thickness. Divide filling evenly among the chicken breasts, spreading it over the center of each. Fold in sides and then roll up chicken. Secure with a skewer. Dredge chicken in flour to coat, shaking off excess. Heat oil in medium skillet over medium heat. Add the chicken and cook, turning occasionally, until browned, about 2 minutes per side.
- 4. Transfer chicken to a casserole dish and pour the sauce over the top. Cover with lid or foil and bake for 20-30 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through. Serve sprinkled with parsley.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 496 Calories; 27g Fat (50.8% calories from fat); 46g Protein; 13g Carbohydrate; 3g Dietary Fiber; 169mg Cholesterol; 1117mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1/2 Grain(Starch); 6 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 0 Fruit; 3 1/2 Fat; 0 Other Carbohydrates.