

Chamber Spotlight Feature: Sea Bowl Entertainment Center

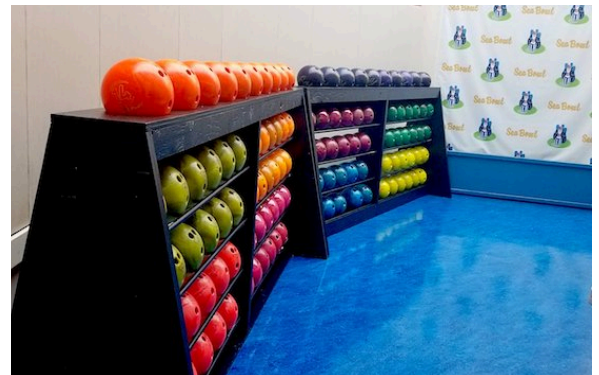
We pass by it all the time; in fact it has been here longer than most of us have lived in town. It has been a source of entertainment and fundraising activity for the community since the 1959. We're talking about the Sea Bowl Entertainment Center.

This family-owned business is now in its 3rd generation and operates by the current owner David Szeto, who took it over in 1996. David's grandfather opened the business in March of 1959 but it wasn't always named Sea Bowl Entertainment Center. The original name was Sea Bowl, and then changed to Pacifica Coast Lanes, then to its current name. The bowling alley originally had a pool hall and began with 24 lanes. With the reoccurring rowdiness of the Hell's Angels, the pool hall was eventually eliminated and 8 more lanes were added which have different pin setters.



The doors reopened on Monday, June 29th but during the Covid-19 closure David and his hard-working and dedicated staff were working diligently to put safety protocols in place. In preparation, 16 partitions were installed between each playing alley that are 54" high and 8' long, some of the arcade machines have been removed to allow for proper social distancing, the chairs on the concourse have been removed to prevent from close gatherings as well as the bowling ball wall. Temperatures will be checked and masks will be required upon entry. The new process will include customers to make a reservation by phone (and soon by a new online

system), pick up your bowling shoes, disposable gloves will be provided where you will then proceed to the "bowling ball room" to choose your ball and then to your alley. Walk-ins will be welcomed if lanes are vacant. In addition, cleaners will be disinfecting alleys between sets and at closing disinfectant foggers will be setoff overnight to further cleanse surfaces.



Bowling leagues have been suspended for the summer but will be revisited come winter. David's general manager, Mark, is working on plan to bring them back. In addition, there will be limited access to the bar and a modified food menu. No loitering will be permitted as a safety precaution.

While closed during the Covid-19 pandemic, David has taken the opportunity to recoat the roof and upgrade the website which will include a new online reservation feature. But, what David is most excited to introduce are two new partnerships. The first is with the owner of Craftsman's Coffee, Judy Hayes. Judy has purchased a vintage food truck that will setup shop in the Sea Bowl parking lot beginning at 5am, Monday-Friday for commuters to stop by and get a cup of joe. Then, you'll soon find a 16-stall, Tesla Super Charge-V-3 Station in the parking lot. David is in the process of finalizing this project and will be the first of its kind that can be found along our coast.

When asked if any of his children will take the business into its 4th generation, David said we would have to wait and see as they are currently and happily working in the real estate industry. Time will tell.

We'd like to thank David and his staff for their many years of providing entertainment to our community, being a dedicated chamber member and we wish them the best in moving forward.

Sea Bowl Entertainment Center:

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Current Hours:

Sunday: 9am-9pm

Mon-Tues-Thurs: 1pm-9pm

Wednesday: 12pm-2pm =seniors – then 2pm-9pm

Friday: 1pm-9:30pm

Saturday: 10am-10pm



David Szeto, seen here second from the right, at the 2016 Kops & Kids event. Each year David hosts the event in the Sea Bowl parking lot and the Pacifica Police Department coordinates the event.

Left to right: Chris Porter, Lynn Gallo, past Chamber CEO Vicki Flores, David Szeto and past president Victor Spano.



Happy League Players