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14TH ANNUAL READERS' CHOICE RESTAURANT AWARDS

Based on entries to this year's Readers' Choice Restaurant Poll here's what San Diegans think about dining out in 2006:

San Diego is a terrific restaurant town brimming with places to eat. There's much variety: Persian, Mexican, Asian, American, places with views, places that are kid-friendly, casual places, places that knock you out with great décor.

What needs to change? Service still needs work. It's getting better, but there's an epidemic of what some people call "New Yorking." That's when the server starts to yank your plate before you're finished eating.

Noise is still a problem. Some San Diegan have stopped going to some restaurants because they're so loud. And that's a shame, they say, because the food is good. Parking is getting harder, and the Gaslamp Quarter is especially tough.

Prices are growing out of control, and so are portion sizes. Sometimes the portions are too large, and sometimes they're too small. Prices are going up on both of them.

What do readers love? Below are the results for 2006.

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CATEGORY	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE	3 RD PLACE
Special Occasion	Marine Room	Mille Fleurs	Tie: Mr. A's A R Valentien
Service	Marine Room	El Bizcocho	Brigantine
Décor	The Prado	Indigo Grill	Bertrand at Mr. A's
New	Beaumont's	Island Prime	Jordan at Tower 23
Chef	Bernard Guillas	Chris Walsh	Jason Knibb
View	Marine Room	Bertrand at Mr. A's	Jake's Del Mar
Outdoor Dining	Island Prime C Level Lounge	George's Ocean Terrace	Prado
Caters to Kids	Corvette Diner	Sammy's Woodfired Pizza	Souplantation
Best-kept Secret	Sante	Blue Water Seafood	Ciccio's Trattoria Italia
Most Romantic	Marine Room	George's at the Cove	Top o' the Cove
All-time Favorite	George's at the Cove	Anthony's	Dobson's
American	Jake's	Sbicca	Hawthorn's
Chinese	P. F. Chang	Mandarin House	Emerald Chinese
French/Continental	Mille Fleurs	Thee Bungalow	Tapanade
Greek/Middle Eastern	Athen's Market	Bandar	Aladdin
Italian	Piatti	Baci	Old Venice
Japanese	Café Japengo	Today	Ono Sushi
Mexican	Casa de Pico	Miguel's	Tio Leo
Thai	Taste of Thai	Celadon	Spices Thai Cafe
Vietnamese	Phoung Tran	Pho Hoa Cali	Saigon
Vegetarian	Daily's	Ki's	Spread
Steak	Flemings	Ruth's Chris Steakhouse	Donovan's
Seafood	Oceanaire	Fish Market	Point Loma Seafoods
Sushi	Sushi Ota	Zenbu	Taka
Burger	In-N-Out	Hadad's	Islands
Pizza	Bronx	Pizza Nova	Sammy's Woodfired Pizza
Salad	Souplantation	Sammy's Woodfired Pizza	Cheescake Factory
Dessert	Extraordinary Dessert	Just Fabulous	Michele Coulon Dessertier
Breakfast	Hash House A Go Go	Café 222	Perry's
Happy Hour	Brigantine	Roppongi	Zenbu
Take-Out	Phil's BBQ	Pat & Oscars	In-N-Out