



Seal Beach Fish Fry July *21st & 22nd, 2018 FAQ*



What is the Seal Beach Annual Fish Fry? The 74th annual Lions Fish Fry takes place on July 21st & 22nd in Eisenhower Park at the foot of the Pier. This “happening” is the single longest continuously operating, free to the public and non-profit fundraising special event that happens in Seal Beach. It is the primary fundraiser for the Seal Beach Lions Club! So glad you are going to be part of it!

When & who are the bands? Saturday begins at 11 am to 12:30 pm, enjoy Lucky Jack; at 1 pm, the John Grillo Band takes the stage; Robby Armstrong will play 3:00 to 4:45 pm; Damn Dirty Apes, back for the 2nd time, will be there to close out from 5:00 to 7 pm. **Sunday starts** with NXTricks from 11 am to 12:30 pm, Persons of Interest from 12:45 to 2:30 pm, King Salmon from 2:45 pm to 4:30 pm and finally, Sugar Lips closing out Sunday from 5:00 to 6:15 pm.

Can I still buy an Opportunity Drawing ticket for the car? Maybe! We might have a few, unlike last year, so snap them up on Saturday morning. They may be purchased at the Merchant Raffle booth ONLY. Remember your chances to win are amazing in comparison to so many other drawings. There are only 750 tickets at \$100 each, which includes two dinners and the winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday around 4:30 pm.

Where is lost and found? At the Information Booth at the entrance of the Fish Fry. Items are then transferred to the Jack Haley Safety Building at 820 Ocean, which is right next to the Fry each end of day for collection.

Where do I get a wristband to drink? At the beer/wine garden, along with your drink tickets. **YOU MUST** have a wrist band to have an alcoholic beverage in your hand!

What can I do to support the Lions? Buy stuff here, eat food, drink beverages, get Merchant Raffle tickets, support the Leos & become a Lion! We welcome you to join – grab anyone who is identified as a Lion.

Where are restrooms? They are located at the foot of the stairways behind beer garden with handwashing stations. There are additional public restrooms at the foot of the pier at the end of the ramps. There is one handicapped restroom located at the north east corner of the fenced area, closest to the corner of 10th and Ocean.



Where do I park? Parking in any beach city in California in the Summer can be challenging. We recommend you park in the beach lots located on 8th & 10th Street or in non-restricted parking areas

in Old Town. If possible, please walk, bike, run, skateboard or whatever to the Fry to decrease parking demand – particularly if you live in Old Town Seal Beach, even the Hill. Carpool whenever possible! Plus, it is good for the environment.

Do you only take cash? No. Cash is preferred. We can process most major credit cards at the ticketing booth and the beer garden.

How does the Fish Fry help the Lions? In 1951 Lions club secretary, Buell Brown wrote the club minutes, *"It is the only event of the year that brings the people of the town together for a good old fashion visit, and that one item make our Fish Fry a truly worthwhile Lions activity. The Fish Fry has never been operated with the idea of making any money, just friends, yet it has never failed to pay us for our effort, with a nice sum for the treasury."* Lunch that year was a dime (as in \$0.10). Whole fish dinners have gone for a bit more now (\$7), but it is still a great value. We also serve beer, wine and several non-alcoholic beverages. We also have the Merchant Drawing and the Car Opportunity Ticket draw at around 4:30 pm on Sunday.

When is the Fish Fry? Starting on Saturday at 11 am to 7 pm, and on Sunday 11 am to 6 pm enjoy the Fish Fry along with free musical entertainment, dancing and community camaraderie. We are so grateful to the Leos and Lions who help – it takes about 350 volunteers for the weekend.

Who founded the Lions Club and what is its purpose? In 1917, Melvin Jones, a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, asked a simple and world-changing question – *"what if people put their talents to work improving their communities?"* With this question and some vibrant leadership, over 100 years later, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization. Our "Pride of Lions" is over 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs and countless stories of Lions acting on the same simple idea: let's improve our communities. We are part of District 4L-4 and are delighted to support our sister clubs.

Don't Lions have something to do with vision and the blind? Yes! In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA and challenged Lions to become *"Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."* With that challenge, Lions all over the world have become the tireless advocacy and aid agency for the blind and visually impaired. Just last year alone, our Lions club has



processed and helped at sight clinics over 30,000 people, from Mexico throughout California and even in our town of Seal Beach.



Who are we? - We are the Seal Beach Lions Club numbering at 345 members (the largest club in the Western Hemisphere!). Our club was founded in 1939 and has been a dedicated local service organization for more than 79 years. Our mission is to help the less fortunate and improve our community. We also serve the communities of Rossmoor, Los Alamitos and beyond. “Where there is a need, there is a Lion!”

How do I become a Seal Beach Lion? - Membership is by invitation only. A current member must sponsor you into the club. To be eligible to join, you need to attend a club meeting, and at least one event or project. Once you have met this minimum requirement, your sponsor can bring you to a club meeting and present you for membership.

How much does it cost for membership in the Lions? – There is a one-time \$35 initiation fee. Annual dues are \$110 per year and are prorated through June 30th. The initial amount varies based on when you join. Ask your sponsor or the club Treasurer for the exact amount. Dues are collected when you join and then annually in May. You pay dues at the time you are voted in. As an alternative, they can be mailed in to:

*Seal Beach Lions Club
1198 PCH D305
Seal Beach – CA – 90740*

(Special Membership categories: Reduced dues for immediate family members. There is also a special dues rate for former Leos and full-time students)

Expectations - We have no attendance requirements but encourage members to attend meeting when they can (1st and 3rd Wednesday – 7pm). You can join in on projects, fundraisers and social events at any time – **Serve when you can**. You will officially become a Lion when the application and dues are received, and the board has voted you in. If you have any questions, ask your sponsor, an officer or one of the membership team members.