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### **SEVEN DEL MAR RESTAURANTS WIN IN RANCH & COAST'S 2013 BEST RESTAURANTS LIST**

#### **Readers Award Seven Del Mar Village Restaurants Eight Top Titles in Coveted Categories**

DEL MAR, Calif. – February 14, 2013 – Seven Del Mar Village restaurants have earned eight top titles in Ranch & Coast magazine's Best Restaurants 2013 list. Each year, San Diego foodies and readers of Ranch & Coast vote for their top picks in more than three-dozen categories. Pacifica, Kitchen 1540, Del Mar Rendezvous, Board & Brew, Café Secret, Smashburger, and Prepkitchen were awarded highest honors in their respective categories, confirming Del Mar as a certifiable culinary destination and a hotspot to watch in San Diego's burgeoning food scene.

The village of Del Mar offers historic charm, ocean views, and convenient walkability, making it a magnet for casual or fine dining. One of the city's most beloved establishments, Pacifica Del Mar, won for Best Seafood. A local favorite for over twenty years, Pacifica boasts stunning views of the Pacific Ocean from its sought-after location atop the Del Mar Plaza. Known for its fresh coastal cuisine and oyster bar, Pacifica's Sugar-Spiced Salmon, Japanese Hamachi, and Pan Roasted Seabass are some of the eatery's most popular plates.

Centrally located within L'Auberge Del Mar, Kitchen1540's famous charcuterie placed first in the Best Charcuterie class. Chef Dolbee's menu focuses on contemporary California cuisine, and features seasonal menus made with organic ingredients.

With over one hundred items on its menu, Del Mar Rendezvous is a must for nutritious and exotic eats. Healthy dishes like seaweed salad and vegetable dumplings draw crowds to this Del Mar Plaza favorite, which took first place in two categories: Best Chinese and Best Vegetarian. The extensive menu features a wide array of Chinese fare complemented by a modern mix of Asian flavors.

Board & Brew, celebrated for its secret sauce and sandwich specialties, triumphed in the Best Sandwich category. Loyal customers have been frequenting the original Del Mar location since 1979.

In the heart of Del Mar is the village's best kept secret: Café Secret. The full-service restaurant, crowned Best Kept Secret, serves homemade Peruvian cuisine to locals who hoped to keep it their hidden gem. Tucked along the main street of Camino Del Mar, the quaint restaurant serves popular dishes such as empanadas, scallops, ceviche, and mussels.

In the battle for Best Burger, voters named Smashburger the victor. Located on the street level of Del Mar Plaza, the burger chain is known for serving 100% Angus patties dressed with high-quality ingredients.

In a special Editors' Picks section, Ranch & Coast editors included Prepkitchen in their go-to eateries list. Situated on a picturesque corner in Del Mar, 'PK' has become a quintessential neighborhood spot. The chefs prefer to work with seasonal and farm-to-table products, and make most of their food from scratch. Daily specials and fresh catches keep menus current and the customers coming.

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