

# Community & Clubs: Lobster Fest in Newport

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The Rotary Clubs of Newport Beach (Sunrise) and Costa Mesa are organizing the inaugural Newport Beach Lobster Fest. The event, which organizers hope will be annual, will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Aug. 2, at the Newport Dunes Resort.

The Lobster Fest is a family-friendly event providing attendees a delicious dinner of freshly cooked Maine lobsters (flown in the night before) with top-grade tri-tip, delicious sides and beverages. Adults ticket prices start at \$75.

For the children, there is a kids' menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, sides and drinks cooked on the grill by local Newport Beach firefighters.

The children will have loads of activities, including a sandcastle building contest and puppet show. Children's tickets are \$25.

It is also ideal for an office party or a group event, notes Tim Brown, Newport Sunrise club president for 2009-10.

Dancing will be available for everyone, featuring classic surf music (fast and slow) as bargain hunters will seek a wide range of silent auction items, including sports memorabilia, Angels/Yankees tickets and his-and-her bicycles. Many "top of the line" restaurant certificates will be available for summer entertaining, hotel accommodations and more.

A live auction will feature a week at the five-star Club Cascadas de Baja in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The resort is set facing the famous El Arco where the Pacific and Sea of Cortez meet on the fabulous Medina Beach, a short walk from town.

The organizing committee includes Don Gregg, president of Costa Mesa Rotary, and Tim Brown and Kimberly McKinney, co-chairs of the Newport Beach Sunrise Rotary. Assisting at the event will be the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines from Camp Pendleton (adopted by Newport Beach), the Sea Scouts and cheerleaders from Costa Mesa.

To get more information and order tickets, go to [www.lobsterfestatnewportbeach.com](http://www.lobsterfestatnewportbeach.com) or call (949) 650-5504.