

5th Annual BEST OF SAN CLEMENTE

SC Times PEOPLE'S CHOICE OLE AWARDS 2010

BEST DRY CLEANER

Golden Ole **BONDED CLEANERS**
1225 N. El Camino Real, 949.498.1183,
www.bonded-cleaners.com

A five-time winner, Bonded Cleaners has as many Ole Awards as we do spots on our shirt after a spaghetti dinner. But the cleaner's ability to get those spots out is what keeps bringing home the gold for owner Scott English. "We're consistent, very nice to the public and we keep costs down," he says. —JV

Silver Ole **K & S CLEANERS**
114 S. El Camino Real, 949.492.5424,
www.sanclementedrycleaners.com

NOMINEES: Celebrity Cleaner • Cleaners 2000 • El Camino Cleaners • Hillside Cleaners • Nelson's Cleaners • Pico Cleaners • Presidio Cleaners • Seaside Cleaners • Silver Cleaners • Sunny Fresh Cleaners • Talega Cleaners • Thank You Cleaners
2009 WINNERS: Gold: Bonded Cleaners; Silver: K&S Cleaners

BEST LODGING



The San Clemente Inn. Photo by Jasmine Smith

Golden Ole **THE SAN CLEMENTE INN**
2600 Avenida Del Presidente, 949.492.6103,
www.sanclementeinn.com

A great location and good prices push The San Clemente Inn to the gold medal in this year's Oles. The Inn is a timeshare that rents rooms nightly as well. A past winner as "Best Breakfast," the San Clemente Inn qualifies as a best value—a special under way now has rooms at \$75, \$85 and \$95 a night. And now that they're on top, San Clemente Inn is working to stay there—one of the four buildings is undergoing renovation. —JV

Silver Ole **HOLIDAY INN**
111 S. Ave. De La Estrella, 949.361.3000,
www.holidayinn.com

NOMINEES: Always Inn San Clemente • Beachcomber Motel • Best Western Casablanca Inn • Casa Tropicana Inn at the Pier • Comfort Suites San Clemente • Hampton Inn & Suites • Holiday Inn Express • Patriots' Motel • San Clemente Cove Resort • San Clemente Little Inn by the Beach Resort • Sea Horse Resort • Villa Del Mar Inn
2009 WINNERS: Gold: Casa Tropicana Boutique Beach Front Inn; Silver: Best Western Casablanca

BEST SURFBOARD DING REPAIR

Golden Ole **DING DR. SURFBOARD REPAIR**
949.294.4741, www.dingdr.com

As a shop, the Ding Dr. is a newcomer, but they can make your board look new again, too. We took a Craigslist longboard in looking like it'd been dropped out of the back of a moving truck and the guys at Ding Dr. rebuilt the nose, patched the rails, matched the color and returned a stick we're proud to tote to Trails—they even left us enough money for parking. —JV

Silver Ole **COOLBREEZE**
1307 Calle Valle, 949.369.5469,
www.coolbreezesurfboards.com

NOMINEES: Aaron's Ding Repair • Basham's • BC Surf Shop • Bill Burns • Black Duck • Brad Howe • Catalyst • Chelu • Coolbreeze • Danny Brawner • Donald Brink • Jed Noll Surfboards • Paul Carter • Rip Curl Surf Center • Stewart Surfboards • T Patterson • Terry Senotte • The Factory/Basham's
2009 WINNERS: Gold: Coolbreeze; Silver: Stewart's Surfboards

BEST YOGA/PILATES STUDIO

Golden Ole **ASANAFIT**
204 Avenida Granada, 949.492.0110, www.asanafit.com

A Silver winner last year, AsanaFit grabs the gold this year after adding a second studio. AsanaFit uses dance, yoga, fitness and meditation to create not only a healthy body, but a "true health and deeper spiritual connection," too. But ancient practices don't mean there's no modern touches: Look for AsanaFit on Facebook, where the studio advertises great specials. —JV

Silver Ole **BELLA PILATES**
802 Avenida Talega, Ste. 104, 949.388.2747,
www.bellapilatesstudio.com

NOMINEES: A Sacred Space Yoga & Meditation • Body Awareness Physical Therapy • City of San Clemente Yoga with Jessica Seabern • City of San Clemente Yoga with Nicole Bailey • Fitness Elite for Women • Ole Hanson Beach Club • San Clemente Boot Camp • San Clemente Senior Center • The Yoga Spot
2009 WINNERS: Gold: Bella Pilates; Silver: AsanaFit

BEST SPA FOR MASSAGES, ETC.

Golden Ole **TALEGA DAY SPA**
1161 Puerta del Sol, Ste. 110, 949.429.5757,
www.talegadayspa.com

A back-to-back Gold Medal winner, Talega Day Spa mixes the atmosphere and appointments of Old Tuscany with modern massage techniques and equipment. The spa focuses on the "art of relaxation," and the concept of "giving back to oneself" through massage, skin care, and body care. They offer everything from foot treatments to whole-body rejuvenation. And some Valentine's Day specials, too. —JV

Silver Ole **C'SIREN DAY SPA**
312 Avenida de la Estrella, 949.498.7700,
www.csirendayspa.com

NOMINEES: 5th Elements Day Spa • A Beautiful You • AsanaFit • Asia America Acupuncture & Herb Institute, Inc • Deina Deal • Kim Lee-Thorp: Massage, Nutrition & Doula Service • Massage Envy • Now and Zen Wellness Center • Rancho San Clemente Tennis & Fitness Center • Richard C. Roth, DC Chiropractic • Salon Bamboo • Salon Zinnia and Lifestyle Boutique • Seaside Skin Care Medi Spa • Simple Touch Skin Care • Waves Beyond Skin Care
2009 WINNERS: Gold: Talega Day Spa; Silver: C'Siren Day Spa



Shadetree Automotive's (l-r) Will Curtis, Dan Shaw and owner Paul Huffman. Photo by Jasmine Smith

BEST CAR REPAIR

Golden Ole **SHADETREE AUTOMOTIVE**
1635 N. El Camino Real, 949.498.6470,
www.shadetreeautomotive.com

The old shady tree in back is gone, but the great service and trustworthy employees remain at Shadetree Automotive. Owner Paul Huffman, who bought the shop in 1975, credits his employees for the honors. The average employee has worked at Shadetree a decade, but they also continue to take classes and seminars to stay current on automotive issues. —JV

Silver Ole **BOB'S AUTO REPAIR (TIE)**
219 Calle De Los Molinos, 949.492.4004

Silver Ole **FRANK'S AUTO COLLISION (TIE)**
2101 S. El Camino Real, 949.492.4801,
www.franksautocollision.com

NOMINEES: A & R Auto Body and Paint • Arnold's Auto Repair • Auto Medic • Beach Cities Auto Collision • Big O Tires • Bill Brewster Automotive • Carlos Auto Repair • Christian Auto • Coastline Automotive • Dave Wert Auto Repair • Discount Tire Center • El Camino Automotive & Tire Center • Frank's Foreign Car Service • Jay's Car Repair • Jimenez Auto Center • Jimmy's Tire Center • Klink's Auto Repair • Littlepage Automotive • RJ's • Roy's Auto Repair and Detail • Ruben's Imports Auto Repair • San Clemente Auto Center • San-O-Mechanic • Shorecliff's Auto Services • Stanley's Exhaust Tech • Star Auto Glass/Windshield Replacement • Victoria Auto Repair • West Coast Automotive
2009 WINNERS: Gold: El Camino Auto & Tire Center; Silver: Shadetree Automotive



Nick Horbec and Randall Kramer own and operate Ding Dr Surfboard Repair. Courtesy photo